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Almost 7,000 Civilians Killed In War

Merkel in Moscow describes annexation of Ukraine's Crimea as "criminal"

While in Moscow, Merkel described the annexation of Crimea as "criminal". <http://goo.gl/lmtp1S> ; Merkel to Putin: Ukraine's territorial integrity should be restored. <http://goo.gl/mE24Cw>

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko says that nearly 7,000 civilians have been killed in the year-long war in eastern Ukraine between government forces and Russian irregulars. <http://goo.gl/ucXN0W> ; (video) <http://goo.gl/rpEf9G>

500 young soldiers took an oath to Ukraine in the presence of President Poroshenko and veterans of two wars: WWII and the current war in eastern Ukraine. (video) <http://goo.gl/2pYWqn>

In eastern Ukraine, Russia and the separatists have capabilities that enable them to launch new attacks with very little warning time. NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg (Video) <http://goo.gl/HVpQN9>

May 8. The UN chief and Ukraine president lay flowers at World War II memorial in Kyiv. Ban Ki-moon, UN Secretary-General: *"The United Nations stands in solidarity with the people of Ukraine. I am here to reaffirm my strong support for peaceful resolution of the conflict in a manner upholding*

Ukraine's sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence." (Video) <http://goo.gl/Cwrkdj>

Snubbed over aggression in Ukraine, Putin applauded by UN Secretary General? After attending Moscow's Victory Day parade from which virtually all leaders of democratic countries abstained, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon reportedly praised Vladimir Putin and said that he deserved the pride of his people". That, at least, is what the Russian President's website claims, with the Secretary-General's words given in both Russian and English.

<http://goo.gl/b6fF62>

On May 8th, the current war in Ukraine overshadowed the past. Mychailo Wynnyckyj. <http://goo.gl/OjIWJf>

For Victory Day, Post-Soviets showed their colors, just not the orange and black associated with Russian aggression in Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/AjyMLP>

Soviet-Nazi Collaboration and World War II. Alexander J. Motyl. <http://goo.gl/OJ8pyz>

Canada announces another USD 1.2 million in aid for Ukraine. <http://24today.net/open/404745>

Russia to send another illegal aid convoy to Donbas on May 14. <http://goo.gl/T9GBuw>

Left: May 8. A five-year girl received a bravery medal in place of her father killed in action defending Ukraine from Russian invasion. <http://goo.gl/jp4ocn>

Right: "We remember. We are proud. We will win." series of posters that links Ukraine's current struggle to WWII. <http://goo.gl/xSZLK0>



Ukraine has lost control of 28 towns, villages since truce

97-year-old Ukrainian World War II hero loses his grandson to war

May 11. Ukrainian soldiers stopped a pro-Russian militant attack near Pisky. Schiasta and Krymske are shelled. (Rus) <http://goo.gl/ncE4kU>

May 10. Militants step up artillery fire, two Ukrainian soldiers wounded. <http://goo.gl/VQ8g6O>

Ukraine's Security Service prevented terrorist acts in Kharkiv, Sumy regions and Dnipropetrovsk in the days marking the 70th anniversary of victory in World War Two. <http://goo.gl/uJZPLo>

May 7. Five Ukrainian soldiers were killed as a combined Russian-separatist force of over 3,000 soldiers and several dozen armored vehicles faced the Azov Sea coastal city of Mariupol in Donetsk Oblast. Kyiv has completely or partially lost control of 28 towns and villages since Feb. 18. Ten additional towns were listed as being on the front line and are only partially controlled.

<http://goo.gl/3LPfIE>

Pro-Russian rebels in eastern Ukraine have released two U.S. aid workers captured some 10 days ago. <http://goo.gl/ggAwZt>

World War II veteran Ivan Zaluzhnyi, born in 1918, dreamed of celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Great Victory with his grandson in 2015. Those dreams were not destined to come true: his 23-y.o. grandson died defending his homeland from Russian aggression. <http://goo.gl/e9HDtH>

Interview: Commander of Chechen volunteer battalion fighting for Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/Am2ahT>

Putin Says "Minsk Process is Moving Forward," Evidence Says Otherwise. <http://goo.gl/GrvXrf>

Some Russian soldiers are quitting the army because of the conflict in Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/Z2P1rz>

Ukrainian military release video of thwarted attack by Russian-backed militants. (Video)

<http://goo.gl/cxncGe>

Left: "Military exercises" for day care children in the city of Gorlivka in the Russian-occupied Donbas.

<http://goo.gl/RS71GZ>

Right: The sign in the city of Kaluga, Russia says "Crimea Today - Rome Tomorrow! Happy May 9th Victory Day!"

<http://goo.gl/F8OZ2x>



One message to FSB: You didn't break me, and Ukraine cannot be broken

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<http://goo.gl/AId4cP>

Investigators claim they questioned 108,000 people over the Savchenko case. Nadiya Savchenko was, the investigators now admit, captured in Ukraine by Kremlin-backed militants. They claim, however, that the militants released her; and she promptly sped, not back to areas under Kyiv's control, but to the Russian border in order to cross it illegally. "Sped" is the operative word since she is alleged to have covered up to 75 kilometers in just one and a half hours.

<http://goo.gl/Zq1Mwl>

Moscow Court Extends Savchenko's Pretrial Detention To June 30. <http://goo.gl/vkLi9u>

Lviv student Yury Yatsenko was welcomed home in

his native Lviv on Friday, May 8, a year after being detained in Russia, tortured and then convicted on fabricated charges. He spoke of the direct threats he and his friend received if they didn't 'cooperate' with Russia's FSB. <http://goo.gl/QtZfic>

Whose 'mass provocation'? Crimean Tatar Deportation Remembrance gathering banned.

<http://goo.gl/zyfD8A>

Natalya Poklonskya, installed as Crimean prosecutor after Russia's invasion of the peninsula, has warned that there is plenty of room in Crimean SIZO, or remand prisons, for all "Ukrainian nationalists and radicals" should they get to Crimea. She believes, however, that the said Ukrainians will "draw the correct conclusions" and not try to come.

<http://goo.gl/LZLIib>

5.5% economic decline with inflation at about 30%

In numbers: 5.5% decline in the economy with inflation at about 30% is the Finance Ministry's forecast for Ukraine in 2015. Twenty-seven new political parties have been registered in Ukraine since the beginning of this year. 209 Ukrainians are still in earthquake-hit Nepal. \$16 billion is the total amount Ukraine is demanding from Gazprom in the Stockholm arbitration court. <http://goo.gl/pcP8Wz>

The Ukrainian government has started implementing major structural economic reforms agreed upon under the IMF Extended Fund Facility. More details are in SigmaBleyzer report on Ukraine's macroeconomic situation in April 2015.

<http://goo.gl/uMteXA>

Deputy Minister of Finance: In Ukraine there are few banks with no problems. <http://goo.gl/Tc0kBl>

Russia should compensate Ukraine \$350 bln in Donbas' losses alone – Economy Ministry. <http://goo.gl/BeH7oY>

Ukrainian President Poroshenko has set a task of boosting the export potential of Ukraine's defense industry and becoming one of the top five global modern arms exporters.

<http://en.censor.net.ua/n335671>

Left: Army SOS volunteers successfully tested new UAVs.

<http://goo.gl/UwOqmO>

Right: Remembrance Day celebration, where UPA veterans, veterans of the Soviet Army and representatives of volunteer battalions first sat shoulder-to-shoulder in Kyiv.

<http://goo.gl/9c17sz>



After 70 Years, Ukraine at war again Millions of Ukrainians sacrificed their lives to defeat Nazis

Ukrainians carried at least 40% of the USSR losses in WWII. The Soviet historical concept of the “Great Patriotic War,” however, discounts the role of Ukrainians and is now being used as a propaganda instrument fueling the war in Donbas. The series “Understanding the Ukrainians in WWII” uncovers the underreported role of Ukrainians living both in Ukraine and abroad in the most deadly war of the 20th century.

<http://goo.gl/QEHxsi>

Ukraine had the supreme misfortune of being stuck between Adolf Hitler and Josef Stalin during World War II. And Ukrainians paid a heavy price that is still felt today: More than eight

million killed; the entire territory fought over by competing armies; and, tragically, instances of Ukrainians fighting on both sides – although most took part on the Soviet side. To this day, the soldiers in the Ukrainian Insurgent Army are vilified by the Kremlin for waging war against the Soviets in hopes of an independent Ukraine, a struggle that lasted into the 1950s. But independence would not come to Ukraine, of course, until 46 years after the war.

<http://goo.gl/lSr8w1>

Ukraine in World War II: A Timeline.

<http://goo.gl/ZPq2WY>

Left: Ukrainian Chicago Fashion Show. Apr. 26
<http://goo.gl/Ub5cg9>

Right: Ukrainian activists occupy Russian pavilion at Venice Biennale. "On Vacation" art-project made visitors experience 'Russian occupation'.
 (Video) <http://goo.gl/dLdBNd>;
<http://goo.gl/IB7AU>



Ukrainian film festival premieres in Hollywood

Ukrainians win 5 Rings of Moscow cycling race

Ukrainian cinema arrives in Hollywood. The first ever film festival is showcasing some 20 movies, including both Soviet and modern classics.
<http://24today.net/open/404784>

May 9. Ukrainian riders Oleksandr Polyvoda from the Kolss BDC team and Andriy Khripta from the Kyiv Capital Racing team have triumphed in the

international Five Rings of Moscow cycling race, having occupied the first two places in the overall standing. <http://goo.gl/52BNmb>

Ukrainian Opinion: Which aspect of Ukrainian culture do you think should be promoted overseas? <http://goo.gl/Jl8ZLk>

Legendary Ukrainian roofer decorates 62-meter Motherland statue in Kyiv.
<http://goo.gl/3XSwIw>



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