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Ukraine's decentralization amendments mirror European standards

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The Venice Commission stated that decentralization-related changes to Ukraine's Constitution compare to those in European Charter. <http://goo.gl/rIwSwT>

Europe pressuring Ukraine to meet Kremlin's demands. Despite the EU's apparent support of Ukraine, Brussels wants Kyiv to enact the Minsk agreement fully despite Russia's and militants' continued aggression. <http://goo.gl/yigYtn>

John McCain: The Russia-Ukraine cease-fire is a fiction. <http://goo.gl/SRoggw>

When Russia invaded Ukraine in February 2014, the well-organized Canadian-Ukrainian community was perhaps the best positioned to help. <http://goo.gl/CKJ5Nj>

Canada has allocated Ukraine more than 15 million Canadian dollars for democracy support, especially for judicial reforms to help Ukrainian courts become more independent, fair and efficient. <http://goo.gl/HEfKag>

For the first time in decades, speaking Ukrainian is seen as fashionable rather than backward. For the first time, Ukrainian pop music is outselling Russian. This burgeoning popularity of Ukrainian, especially among the youth and the middle class, is having unifying effects on the country's social structures.

<http://goo.gl/EFfm59>

30% of Europeans think Ukraine should become part of the EU to deter Russian aggression. The Institute of World Policy presented the results of the opinion poll on Ukraine's European aspirations conducted in Germany, France, Italy, Spain, the United Kingdom, and Poland. <http://goo.gl/2pfp2K>;

<http://goo.gl/HKvgKw>

Russian legislators look set to pass a bill virtually eliminating environmental impact analyses to enable fast-track construction of a bridge across the Kerch Strait linking Crimea with Russia.

<http://goo.gl/hR10eS>

Left: President Poroshenko and other Ukrainian political leaders lay flowers at a monument to Pylyp Orlyk to mark Constitution Day. A Cossack nobleman and graduate of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Orlyk signed a pact in Ukraine in 1710 that is often considered to have been the first constitutional document in Europe.

<http://goo.gl/EVibvP>

Right: Second week of Armenian "Maidan". <http://goo.gl/Dv5QwB> ;

(Rus) <http://goo.gl/OV0mGf>



Unchecked, Putin's aggression may lead to continental war in Europe

Moscow fails to understand Yerevan protests

While investing in Russian peace, Europe has prepared Russia for war; while Russia may be able to win parts of Ukraine, it's losing Europe. <http://goo.gl/ZoLSPH>

Olivier Vedrine: If Putin's aggression isn't stopped, it may cause a continental war in Europe.(Video) <http://goo.gl/MaeMlk>

Former Georgian President and current Governor of Odesa Mikheil Saakashvili sees his new job as a continuation of the fight against Russia and for Western values. <http://en.censor.net.ua/r341447>

Decentralization: The Wrong Solution to the Wrong

Problem? <http://goo.gl/e4unYt>

Many Russian analysts are hurrying to suggest that this week's protests in Yerevan and their suppression by the Armenian government are the opening round of a new Maidan, an anti-Moscow action that is being promoted and exploited by the West as part of a broader geopolitical struggle. <http://goo.gl/uzgrMf>

It is High Time for Italy to Step Forward in the Ukraine Crisis. <http://goo.gl/nPQh3P>

Garry Kasparov: 'Putin doesn't need friends any more. He needs enemies'. <http://goo.gl/QRJMFp>

The intensity of shelling by pro-Russian militants unchanged

Terrorists fire at "Red Cross" humanitarian convoy

Jun.29. Russia-backed militants fired at the Ukrainian troops 20 times from 120-mm mortars, two times with 122-mm and 152-mm artillery pieces and six times from tanks. <http://goo.gl/qDsVPE> Five Ukrainian soldiers were wounded in east Ukraine over the last 24 hours. <http://goo.gl/76PD1S>

Jun. 28. The intensity of the shelling of ATO forces positions by pro-Russian militants has not changed. Russian-militant groups fired on Ukrainian soldiers and civilian communities 85 times over the past 24 hours. <http://goo.gl/y2vprV> ; <http://goo.gl/NFfmGl>

Jun.25. DPR militants fired at a Red Cross humanitarian convoy using under-barrel grenades and small arms near the village of Berezove, Volnovakha district, Donetsk region. <http://goo.gl/Y14T0f>

Rebels mounted surveillance cameras on the roofs of civilian houses to follow the movements of the

Ukrainian army. <http://goo.gl/B15KIb>

Russian troops disguised as mercenaries deployed weapons in residential areas despite the protests of local Russia-based militants. Conflicts between the Russians and locals are growing stronger. <http://goo.gl/UYDIvS>

Jun. 26. The SMM continued monitoring the implementation of the "Package of measures for the implementation of the Minsk agreements". Its monitoring continues to be restricted by third parties and security considerations. The situation as observed at and around the Donetsk airport and Shyrokyne was relatively calm. The SMM observed the movement of heavy weapons on both sides of the contact line. The majority of violations of the Minsk agreements are committed by 'DPR' and 'LPR' terrorists. <http://goo.gl/54zS6Z>

Left: Life under fire: Luhansk militant shelling destroys Ukrainian village homes. (Video) <http://goo.gl/WSq6j5>

Right: Ukrainian soldiers create art work after returning from the frontline. Demobilized Ukrainian soldiers have been receiving art therapy in order to cope with their traumatic experiences. (Video) <http://goo.gl/3LSsqU>



Few in Crimea now view themselves as Russian patriots

Russian NGO in trouble for warning tourists about visiting occupied Crimea

A Russian NGO is in trouble for warning tourists about the risks of visiting occupied Crimea. <http://goo.gl/mUN166>

A 17-year-old Crimean has been charged with 'extremism' for social network entries. <http://goo.gl/ag2KPP>

Many of the hopes that some Russians in Crimea had for their homeland after the Russian annexation have not been realized, and as a result, polls show

and occupation officials concede that "the majority of young Crimeans" regardless of ethnicity "do not consider themselves to be patriots of Russia." <http://goo.gl/00B3cq>

After banning traditional events to mark Crimean Tatar Flag Day, the occupying regime has been busy issuing Crimean Tatar and Ukrainian activists with 'warnings' and trying to convince Crimean Tatars to take part in copycat events organized by pro-regime organizations. <http://goo.gl/7TC4zE>

Three hundred judges to be dismissed in Ukraine

Constitutional Commission approves draft amendments to Constitution

After the High Council of Justice began work, it concluded that about 300 judges should be dismissed, according to Ukrainian President Poroshenko. <http://goo.gl/Xu3DKm>

Constitutional Commission approved draft amendments to Constitution on decentralization. <http://goo.gl/TvU59m>

Ukraine is facing a solvency and liquidity crisis and will likely miss a bond payment next month and default on its debt, according to Goldman Sachs Group Inc. <http://goo.gl/yz4cdS>

The Minister of Education and Science Serhiy Kvit received the highest rating of ministerial effectiveness in nine parameters: professionalism, fight against corruption, openness to media, cooperation with NGOs, lustration, openness to reforms, adequate action plan, teamwork, and fulfilment of promises. (Rus) <http://goo.gl/NWxvxj>

The Ministry of Economy began auditing 100 major state enterprises. <http://goo.gl/frnOZK>

The Presidential Administration has so far failed to divulge a list of 2,702 former officials that President Poroshenko says were convicted of corruption over the past year. <http://goo.gl/VNUix9>

Ukraine's police reform under the guidance of Eka Zguladze, former Georgian Minister of Interior and now first deputy Minister of Interior of Ukraine, has been one of Ukraine's most ostensible reforms.

<http://goo.gl/2hTrF9>

The pace of reforms has been disappointingly slow for three consecutive periods. The only exception has been monetary policy, which has seen incremental progress. IMoRe. <http://goo.gl/T5zDaP>

Denys Antonyuk has been suspended as chief of the State Aviation Service after rising criticism that he is using his powers to preserve the near-monopolistic grip of billionaire Igor Kolomoisky's Ukraine International Airlines. <http://goo.gl/LyLxQi>

Despite 16 months of war against Ukraine, Russia remains the country's single largest trading partner, with \$3.4 billion exchanging hands in the first quarter of this year. <http://goo.gl/yQCHAJ>

Canadian businesses look at Ukrainian energy, real estate, logistics and aerospace. <http://goo.gl/UfNNDc>

Canada is keen to provide more backing for Ukraine. "Russia is isolating itself economically, Ukraine is opening itself economically," states Canada's Citizenship and Immigration Minister Chris Alexander. <http://goo.gl/8Scx7q>

In March 2014, Forbes estimated that Ukraine had nine billionaires (measured in U.S. dollars). This year, that number has dropped to five. The war has caused social and economic dislocations across Ukraine, making many ordinary Ukrainians poorer than before. <http://goo.gl/dK9ypM>

Jun. 28. President Poroshenko congratulates graduates of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy on Constitution Day: "I am proud that this university is associated with professionalism, reforms and the absence of corruption". The University is celebrating its 400th year.

<http://goo.gl/2IRrCc> ; (Video)
<http://goo.gl/BSEIB8>



Top security officials accused of links to Yanukovich, Kremlin

Ukraine's Dual Life: War sacrifices not shared evenly throughout nation

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Video footage appears to show Vitaly Malikov, a deputy chief of the Security Service of Ukraine (SBU), supporting Kremlin-backed separatists in Crimea and a referendum on the peninsula's secession from Ukraine (Video) <http://goo.gl/5vuaSm>

High-ranking Berkut officer charged over Euromaidan killings. <http://goo.gl/xy4Ny7>

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Every third Ukrainian directly or indirectly affected by torture – Amnesty International in Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/jxdcPj>

Wives, children, mothers of Ukrainian warriors in Ukrainian folk costumes. Project from Maisternya "Treti Pivni".

<https://goo.gl/3aFsXB>



Ukraine won 46 medals at the first European Games

Ukraine won 46 medals at the first European Games (eight gold, 14 silver and 24 bronze) and came in eighth overall out of the fifty competing countries.

Ukraine took gold in judo, wrestling, swimming, gymnastics, archery and fencing.

<http://goo.gl/Vue2mt>

The National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, the first higher educational institution in Eastern

Europe, is celebrating its 400th anniversary this year. "KMA400 fest: welcome home!" street festival gathered more than 2,000 graduates on June 27.

<http://goo.gl/ff5SMf>

Ukrainian scientists have invented an ecological rechargeable battery that charges in seconds. (Ukr)

<http://goo.gl/h2jbVo>

UKRAINIANS IN SCIENCE

SERGEI KOROLEV

Designed the rockets that took the first artificial satellite into space.

Born: Zhytomyr, Ukraine. Lead Soviet rocket engineer and spacecraft designer in the Space Race between the United States and the Soviet Union during the 1950s and 1960s. He is considered by many to be the father of practical astronautics. Although Korolev was trained as an aircraft designer, his greatest strengths proved to be in design integration, organization, and strategic planning. Following his release from Kolyma labor camp during Stalin's Purges, his rocket designs made him a key figure in the development of the Soviet ICBM program. He led the Soviet space program, overseeing the Sputnik and Vostok space projects, including famous launch of Yuri Gagarin into orbit on April 12th, 1961.

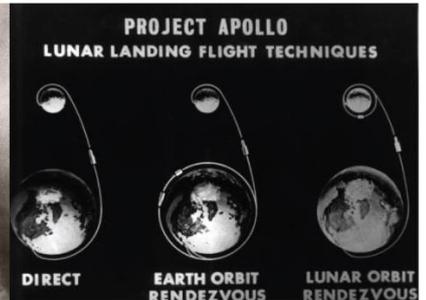


UKRAINIANS IN SCIENCE

YURIY KONDRATYUK

Developed the Lunar Orbit Rendezvous.

Born: Poltava, Ukraine. Engineer and mathematician, a pioneer of astronautics and spaceflight, and a theoretician and visionary who, in the early 20th century, developed the first known Lunar Orbit Rendezvous (LOR) – a key concept for landing and return spaceflight from Earth to the Moon. The LOR was later used for the plotting of the first actual human spaceflight to the Moon. Kondratyuk made his scientific discoveries in circumstances of war and repeated persecution from authorities – that's why he used a stolen identity by which he became known to the scientific community.



Awesome Ukraine, Part 1: Scientists and innovators. <http://goo.gl/LfR7zU>

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