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## EuroMaidan Newsletter # 84

### Ukraine says 'record number' of Russian troops on border

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Ukraine says 'record number' of Russian troops on border. 50,000 Russian troops and over 30,000 militants massed on Ukraine border. <http://goo.gl/NOMJ3C>

Why is the conflict in east Ukraine more important than the Greek debt crisis? 'Ukraine far more strategically important to Europe' <http://goo.gl/qFZVUu>

The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly has approved a resolution condemning Russia's "unilateral and unjustified assault on Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity." <http://goo.gl/jfqNJa>; <http://goo.gl/ui6CU6>

On July 13, President Petro Poroshenko called an extraordinary session of the National Security Council in an effort to end a confrontation between fighters from the radical nationalist group Right Sector and police following a deadly shootout in the western city of Mukacheve. <http://goo.gl/f1vVxQ>

Three killed and at least nine injured in clashes between Right Sector and a team of ex-Yanukovich party MP Mikhail Lanyo. (Video) <http://goo.gl/12S2i7>; timeline

<http://goo.gl/jPhCmv> ; live updates

<http://goo.gl/AohYoP>

More than a year later, Euromaidan activists still demand justice for victims. <http://goo.gl/CfLCHO>

Will Ukraine Change the Law on Local Elections? An Update on Legislative Initiatives and Debates.

<http://goo.gl/eAFUBP>

Ukraine's former education minister Tabachnyk added to country's wanted list. <http://goo.gl/MBJqzF>

Gradual russification continues in Ukraine. The Ukrainian language strengthened only in certain areas according to NGO "Prostir Svobody" analysis.

<http://goo.gl/r1aecX>

SBU detains moderator of 500 anti-Ukrainian groups on social networks. Mariupol resident conducted anti-Ukrainian propaganda on social media.

<http://goo.gl/xLROzY>

Russia demands payment for secret shipment of weapons against Maidan. <http://goo.gl/DzP2Gh>

Left: Ukraine at war with Russia in 100 seconds (Video)

<https://goo.gl/RXXIFF>

Right: President grants Ukrainian passports to Juliana and Marco Suprun. "Your efforts saved thousands of lives." <http://goo.gl/IYO8DI>



### Russian footprints in Mukacheve

Why Ukraine needs quick and more than revolutionary reforms

Reform laws, though well-intended and potentially far-reaching, are often slow in implementation and in serious danger of being watered down.

<http://goo.gl/qMl1jg>

Russian footprints in Mukacheve.

<http://goo.gl/iUzxcT>

Has the war in Ukraine moved to a second front?

<http://goo.gl/MITHkK>

To improve city governance, Ukraine could allow or even stimulate the development of 'private cities'.

Tom Coupe. <http://goo.gl/JXIN6q>

Corruption in Ukraine: What Needs to Be Understood, and What Needs to Be Done?

<http://goo.gl/HyvwFO>

Ukraine vs Greece: Spotting the Similarities and Differences. <http://goo.gl/ogJK3J>

A number of challenges and opportunities are coming Ukraine's way as the European gas market undergoes a major restructuring.

<http://goo.gl/uqUbdm>

## Situation escalates after arrival of Russian "humanitarian convoy"

### Work, but no freedom, for Ukrainian POWs in Russian-occupied Donbas

Jul 13. Militants attack Ukrainian army positions 40 times overnight. <http://goo.gl/sj1QzP>

advance against government-held positions. (Video) <http://goo.gl/tg0FTY>

Jul 11. Situation in ATO area intensifies as Ukrainian soldiers rebuff two terrorist attacks. The militants fired at Ukrainian troops 43 times along the demarcation line from 6 p.m. until midnight. <http://goo.gl/aAN2Y8> ; <http://goo.gl/MRTsXM>

In Shchastya, a city 24 kilometers north of occupied Luhansk, Ukraine's volunteer Aidar Battalion has been given its marching orders. The soldiers have held this city since capturing it from Russian-separatist forces in June 2014. <http://goo.gl/G4Z2BI>

Jul 11. The SMM observed 617 ceasefire violations at and around the Donetsk airport. The situation around Shyrokyne was relatively calm. The SMM continued to facilitate repairs at a major water pipeline between Maiorsk and Horlivka. <http://goo.gl/6um8mG>

Ukrainian prisoners of war sent on work details are among the more than 300 Ukrainians still being held prisoner in Russian-occupied zones. <http://goo.gl/VbGwvo>

Jul 11. Ukraine's Right Sector fighters and their supporters have vowed to stay in Shyrokyne in Donetsk Oblast and ignore any orders to withdraw, which they said would effectively invite Kremlin-backed separatists to invade the nearby port city of Mariupol, with nearly 500,000 people. <http://goo.gl/33oo0A>

Several dozen contract soldiers in a Russian motorized rifle brigade based in Maikop have deserted in order to avoid being sent to fight in Ukraine. They now face up to ten years in prison, are being kept in "inhuman" conditions, and are constantly urged to agree to go to Ukraine as "volunteers". <http://goo.gl/IOltX1>

Jul 10. The situation in east Ukraine escalated after the arrival of another Russian "humanitarian convoy". <http://goo.gl/BFJ2MN>

Nationwide survey has found that Russian propaganda about an 'illegal armed junta' in February 2014, 'widespread discrimination of ethnic Russians', etc. has not convinced the majority of Ukrainians who are certain that the Ukrainian army is fighting Russia and pro-Russian terrorists. <http://goo.gl/A6Hhdu>

Russian-backed militant forces have built up a large concentration of military equipment along the front line in eastern Ukraine, sparking fears of another

## Savchenko faces up to 25 years in prison

### Russia places human rights NGOs on "Patriotic STOP list"

Investigators in Russia have increased the seriousness of charges against captive Ukrainian pilot Nadia Savchenko, accusing her of direct participation in the killing of two Russian reporters who died last year while covering the conflict in Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/0QP6tF> ; <http://goo.gl/7qPehS> . Ukraine's Foreign Ministry demands immediate release of Savchenko. <http://goo.gl/PACqZ3>

occupied Crimea. <http://goo.gl/3HQ5zT> ; <http://goo.gl/vWNdjl>

On June 9, judicial hearings against the citizens of Ukraine were held in Crimea. <http://uacrisis.org/28480-krym-2>

Trial begins of Sentsov and Kolchenko as OSCE demands their release. <http://goo.gl/FdvwWQ>

The vital Crimean Human Rights Field Mission has been placed on a "patriotic stop list" of foreign NGOs likely to be deemed 'undesirable' and effectively outlawed in Russia and Russian-

occupied Crimea. There is no functioning rule of law in eastern Ukraine militant-controlled territory according to Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights Nils Muiznieks. (Video) <http://goo.gl/4mPf92>

## Kyiv welcomes a new police force as one of many reforms in process

Monitoring the progress of reforms to speed up their implementation

Deputy Head of the Presidential Administration of Ukraine and Secretary of the National Council of Reforms Dmytro Shymkiv introduced a reform progress monitoring system. <http://goo.gl/Js1gkd>

Ukraine continues to make progress in ensuring the country's financial stability, accelerating anticorruption efforts and implementing energy sector reform. Both Ukrainian authorities and IMF executives confirmed their willingness to continue co-operation within the framework of the Extended Fund Facility program (EFF). The "Ukraine Macroeconomic Situation - June 2015" analytical report. SigmaBleyzer. <http://goo.gl/9eFnk9>

Reforms in Progress, 1 – 10 July: Ukraine's new police service was launched in Kyiv. One hundred centers for free legal aid started their operations in Ukraine. The Ministry of Education created a core educational institution, The Institute for the Modernization of Education Content. The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine simplified and improved the work of Ukrainian seaports. <http://goo.gl/7Z1Yvu>

The iMoRe value for the 13th monitoring period (June 22nd – July 5th, 2015) decreased to +0.4 points out of a possible range from -5.0 to +5.0 points. This is one of the lowest index values since the start of monitoring. <http://goo.gl/xUOMYA>

Economic Development and Trade Minister of Ukraine Aivaras Abromavicius hopes that President Poroshenko will veto the bill on restructuring foreign currency loans which may cause financial

instability in Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/SdlOGq>

Ukraine's judicial system came under renewed criticism on July 9 after a court acquitted a university president on bribery charges in the same city where the educational institute is located and where he has various business interests. <http://goo.gl/IQ1ynG>

The entire senior management of the Zakarpattia region customs was suspended from duties while an anticorruption investigation is underway. <http://goo.gl/58oSRr>

Interview: New Kyiv police patrol officer tells his story. (Video) <http://goo.gl/2lktjx>

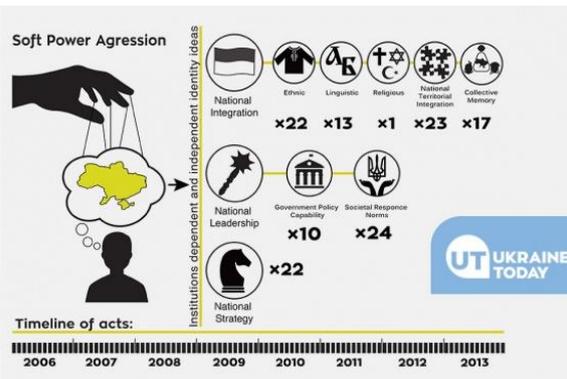
Experts: Ukraine's energy efficiency reforms to target consumers, suppliers and government. <http://goo.gl/oSVoQM>

Unreformed courts protect corrupt officials. A court in Irpin, near Kyiv, has acquitted the former rector of the national tax service university Petro Melnyk, lifting the hold on his property. <http://goo.gl/pGsJYZ>

Enigmatic British native likely to become the new chairman of Uknafta. <http://goo.gl/wWFLIc>

Left: "Open for U" video to attract international investment to Ukraine. <https://goo.gl/hdbi88>

Right: 2006-2013 actions of the Ministry of Education and Science under former head Dmytro Tabachnyk that threatened Ukraine's national security. List is not exhaustive. <http://goo.gl/T0vA6F>



Wives, children, mothers of Ukrainian warriors in Ukrainian folk costumes. Project from Maisternya "Treti Pivni".  
<https://goo.gl/3aFsXB>



## Ukrainian developers offer rival player to Apple's iTunes 6th Odessa International Film Festival opens in Ukraine

Two Ukrainian students are among the winners of the Google Anita Borg Scholarship.  
<http://goo.gl/xSVVrO>

Ukrainian developers offer rival player to Apple's iTunes. <http://goo.gl/x3LFb6>

Folklore and Fashion: The Story of the "American" Ukrainian Kerchief.  
<http://goo.gl/oXU311>

6th Odessa International Film Festival opens in Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/HAPxKs>

Left: Jul 7. Flower Wreaths And Fire-Jumping At Ukrainian Midsummer Fest (Video)  
<http://goo.gl/46W8Jh>

Right: Street art commemorating first Euromaidan victim revealed in Kyiv.  
<http://goo.gl/3nUvw6>



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