



CIVIC SECTOR OF EUROMAIDAN GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT

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Parliament passes law granting more local authority

Investigative report blames Russian separatists for downing MH17

"The highly technological weapon used to shoot down the aircraft could have come into the hands of the terrorists only from Russia. That would not have happened... without a direct order from the highest political and military leadership of the neighboring state. Exactly a year ago, the camouflage of the ugly hybrid war launched against Ukraine was taken off" President Poroshenko's address on the anniversary of the Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17 disaster. <http://goo.gl/rsN1UU>

Parliament passed constitutional changes that give more power and authority to regional and local governments. The adopted bill also fulfills a key obligation toward implementing the Minsk II peace agreement that was brokered in February. <http://goo.gl/OUiGKk>

The Dutch Safety Board's draft investigative report on Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 blames pro-Russian separatists for shooting down the Boeing 777 nearly a year ago, killing all 298 passengers and crew members. <http://goo.gl/JMjpl8>

One year later, what do we know about the MH17 tragedy? <http://goo.gl/pNC8hw>

Within minutes of the downing of Malaysian Airline MH17 Russian television and other media reported that the militants in Donbas had downed a Ukrainian military airplane, and even showed the video footage. It was removed later in the evening as Moscow realized its grave error. <http://goo.gl/ISBcxI>

Russian President Vladimir Putin has said that setting up a UN tribunal to prosecute suspects in the downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17 in eastern Ukraine would be "premature" and "counterproductive." <http://goo.gl/owaAFf>

Large-scale international military exercises begin in Ukraine. 2,000 servicemen from 18 countries will participate in the drills until July 31. (Video) <http://goo.gl/Wn5DvY>

War brings big uncertainty to class of 2015. <http://goo.gl/7OC5Cp>

The war between Russia and Ukraine is also on Facebook. <http://goo.gl/YkXq0p>

Russia calls Ukrainian constitutional changes inadequate. <http://goo.gl/IRULnq>

Left: 35 km from Mariupol, South Ukraine. A soldier's photo: "we know we defend our land" (ICTV)

Right: Solomia Lukianets awes the judges with "Con te partirò/Time To Say Goodbye" at "Voice - Kids" in Germany. (Video) <http://fit4brain.com/9227>



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President Barack Obama sold out Ukraine in order to get Vladimir Putin's support for a nuclear deal with Iran, according to Andrey Illarionov. Other commentators, including at least one Ukrainian one, disagree. But almost all expect that Putin will expect gratitude from the US and fear that he may get it. <http://goo.gl/KUv3aW>

"Who are Ukrainians and what do they want?" <http://goo.gl/wN9H8F>

Analysts fear that vigilantism and violence, like the kind that took place in Mukacheve on July 11, will become more common if authorities don't do more to

stop corruption and punish crimes. <http://goo.gl/WUhMwB>

Many believe that online communication during Euromaidan led to offline social activity. Tymofiy Brik's study, however, shows that the role of the Internet in generating social capital was limited compared to face-to-face interaction. <http://goo.gl/BsAJpz>

"Pope Francis is fundamentally a man of peace. There should be no question about the fact that he is sanguine, he is aware; he knows exactly who started the war, who is funding it, where the army is coming from. The propaganda around the Russian aggression is not fooling anyone". Borys Hudzyak. <http://goo.gl/XX1Atz>

"We are all demobees, but we'll stay here"

Shelling in Donetsk raises fear of return to full-scale hostilities in east Ukraine

Jul. 20. The situation in eastern Ukraine remains tense. Despite the declared ceasefire, Russian-backed terrorists continue to fire at Ukrainian army positions and settlements in Donbas. (Map) <http://goo.gl/h7pjCh>

Jul.19. Donetsk, the city in eastern Ukraine under control of the "DNR," is under fire from within the city. Donetsk residents reported that the shelling began at 8PM on 18 July 2015. <http://goo.gl/iya0bS> ; Ukraine and militants trade blame over shelling. (video) <http://goo.gl/11ZTda>

Jul. 18. Three civilians and one Ukrainian soldier were reported killed over the past day in fighting in the country's east. <http://goo.gl/5URKFW> ; <http://goo.gl/99ihXj>

Jul.17. The terrorists shelled the Army checkpoint in the town of Avdiivka. The shells hit private houses, killing three civilians. (photo, video) <http://goo.gl/JrGRMv>

Jul.17. The SMM observed that the number of ceasefire violations at and around Donetsk airport decreased. In Shyrokyne no ceasefire violations were observed. The repair at the water pipeline north-west of Horlivka was suspended due to ceasefire violations. The SMM in Kyiv as well as on the crash site in Hrabove observed a minute of silence in honor of the victims of the downing of Malaysian Airline Flight MH17.

<http://goo.gl/tL94bP>

"We are all demobees, but we'll stay here," - 95th Brigade paratroopers appealed to the Ukrainian military. In their video message, the fighters reminded viewers that military duty was not only in serving their term, but also in defending their country regardless for oath and military honor. <http://en.censor.net.ua/n344226>

Black Tulip volunteers halt work recovering bodies of slain soldiers in eastern Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/yBltrR>

Disorder spreads among Russian-backed rebels in Eastern Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/cTvn55>

Ex-Yanukovich party MP Mykhailo Lanyo involved in Mukacheve incident tries to flee country. <http://goo.gl/vzlf0A>

Russia's 32nd 'humanitarian convoy' of 100 military trucks arrived in Ukraine. The white-painted military trucks supply Russia's proxy army. <http://goo.gl/QDec85>

Moscow exploiting Mukachevo despite the dangers for Russia as well as for Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/DPq9MA>

Last fighting in Shyrokyne (Video) <http://goo.gl/3gMq6S>

Left: Nadiya Savchenko has been transferred from the Moscow detention facility to Rostov region, Russia. <http://goo.gl/N83ooV> ; (Video) <http://goo.gl/hUBcnf>

Right: A building burns after the shelling in the eastern Ukrainian city of Donetsk, July 18. <http://goo.gl/tLSvnM>



Crimean Tatars exiled again, but within their homeland

New attempt to keep Nadiya Savchenko trial secret

Documentary shows Crimean Tatars exiled again, but within their homeland. <http://goo.gl/oShSsU>

Pro-Russian separatists in eastern Ukraine, widely blamed for shooting down Malaysian airliner MH17, held ceremonies at the crash site to mark the first anniversary of the tragedy. (Video) <http://goo.gl/E9eUfY>

Anti-Semitic attacks are being used as part of an internal struggle for power between various militant leaders. <http://goo.gl/T4jG7j>

Donetsk residents complain to self-proclaimed officials. A group gathered on July 18 for a meeting with a local official, as people say they are not getting any support from rebel authorities. (Video) <http://goo.gl/Jn39Kr>

Decentralization bill sent to Ukraine's Constitutional Court

Ukrainian and American businessmen and officials discuss ways to expand trade, cooperation

The Verkhovna Rada voted on July 16 to send to the Constitutional Court of Ukraine President Poroshenko's bill on decentralization.

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

First Ukrainian-American business forum. Ukrainian and American businessmen and officials discussed ways to expand trade and cooperation.

<http://goo.gl/o3x6vT>

Ukraine's parliament passed the laws needed to receive more financial aid from the IMF.

<http://goo.gl/4dlwPZ>

Ukraine calls local elections for Oct.25, but not in Crimea, rebel-held East. <http://goo.gl/9vMqvp>

Avoiding lustration in Ukraine: Senior Prosecutor evades wweep of Yanukovich-era officials.

<http://goo.gl/2gKn73>

For possibly the first time in Ukraine's history, top officials in the Prosecutor General's Office, one of the country's most corrupt agencies, have been arrested: Main Investigative Bureau Director Volodymyr Shapakin and Kyiv Oblast Deputy Prosecutor Oleksandr Korniyets.

<http://goo.gl/HPe1Xa>

Russian politician to be appointed Odesa deputy governor. <http://goo.gl/s5u1Ib>

Artem Sytnyk, the director of the National Anti-

Corruption Bureau (NAB): "Our task is to break the stereotypes of society accustomed to living in a corrupt environment". <http://goo.gl/YXFE3a>

Arseniy Yatseniuk ordered the dismissal of all employees of the Zakarpattia customs office.

<http://goo.gl/xvfNYb>

Hennadiy Moskal, the foul-mouthed hardline governor of war-torn Luhansk Oblast, has been chosen to take control of Ukraine's westernmost Zakarpattia Oblast in a bid to bring order to a region rocked in recent days by a bloody conflict between Right Sector nationalists and police.

<http://goo.gl/pWtwKz>

On July 17, lawmakers made changes to this year's budget, reducing their salaries and social benefits by Hr 172 million, of which Hr 131 million will be used to purchase schoolbooks for needy children studying in the 4th-7th grades.

<http://goo.gl/bX9rLh>

Bloomberg: Ukrainian bonds jump as debt talks progress. <http://goo.gl/OOZJsu>

Billionaire partners Igor Kolomoisky and Gennadiy Bogolyubov are not giving up their fight for control over majority state-owned Ukrnafta, Ukraine's largest oil producer and operator of the biggest chain of gas stations. The two are joint owners of Ukraine's largest privately-owned bank PrivatBank.

<http://goo.gl/pmrFzc>

Left: Lviv developer Nravo adds free-to-play children's games to its product line.

<http://goo.gl/CGZZFe>

Right: A unique Antonov aircraft for Ukrainian Army was displayed at annual Paris Air and Space Show.

<http://goo.gl/WtkPCA>



Ukraine has enormous human potential

Ukraine has enormous human potential — Danish businessman. <http://goo.gl/vHB5Ct>

US company Frontera to build gas terminal which will help Ukraine gain energy independence.

<http://goo.gl/6Xqt2q>

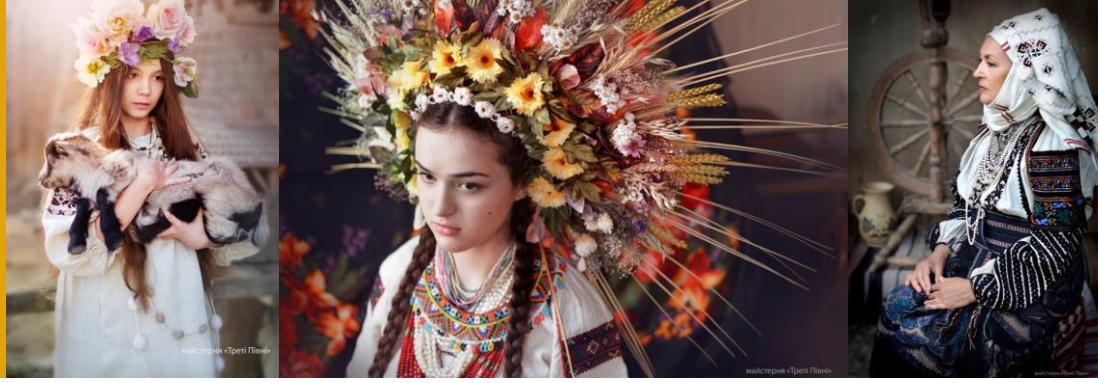
ArcelorMittal in Kryvyi Rih plans to invest 1.2 billion USD in the company's development.

"Kryvyi Rih is the symbol of Ukraine's industry revival". <http://goo.gl/gNTJ1Q>

Estonian startup to make money transfers cheaper for Ukrainians. <http://goo.gl/yzuuvH>

Ukraine last week racked up more than a billion dollars-worth of investment pledges from big multi-nationals in the space of a few days, according to the country's top officials. <http://goo.gl/5kYS2z>

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



Ukrainian mathematics students best in Europe

Odessa International Festival draws crowds to Ukraine's Black Sea resort

Ukrainian mathematics students are some of the best in Europe with one Ukrainian team placing 11th place out of 104 countries in an international mathematics olympics. <http://goo.gl/XDpaay>

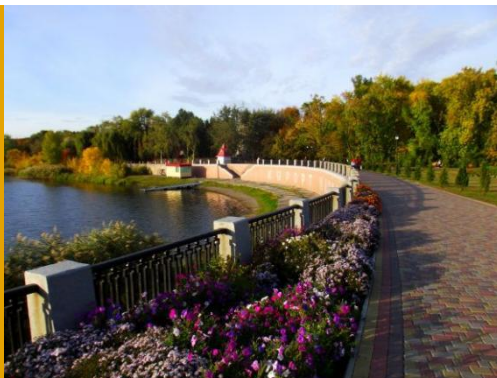
Alexandre Farto, a Portuguese artist known as Vhils, came to Kyiv to create a mural of slain Maidan activist Serhiy Nihoyan on the wall of a downtown building. The portrait of Nihoyan, one of the first victims of the EuroMaidan Revolution,

overlooks the Heavenly Hundred Garden, which was planted by activists and is dedicated to those who were killed on the Maidan in January and February 2014. <http://goo.gl/ffqtIQ>

Odessa International Festival drew crowds to Ukraine's Black Sea resort. 100,000 movie fans, critics and VIPs attended one of Eastern Europe's biggest film festivals. <http://goo.gl/1gaMwv>

Left: "Amazing town Myrgorod", Mykola Gogol. Ten vacation attractions in Ukraine (Photo, Ukr) <http://goo.gl/gnctLw>

Right: Rozhirche cave monastery. 9 unusual places in Western Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/j2rbs9>



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