Russia vetoes UN resolution on MH17 tribunal
Ukraine's Constitutional Court approves decentralization bill

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On August 1, participants at the second World Congress of Crimean Tatars in Ankara, Turkey condemned Russia's illegal annexation of Crimea. http://goo.gl/gz87A8; Mustafa Dzemilev: The Crimean Tatars are facing another occupation and a worse repression than during the Soviet regime. http://goo.gl/2k5rDC

Poroshenko: Crimea to have status of national-territorial autonomy within Ukraine. http://goo.gl/IOy131


The United States has imposed further Russia and Ukraine-related sanctions, including on Crimean port operators, former Ukrainian officials, and a former Russian gas trader. http://goo.gl/aU0TL1

Ukraine designs uniform invisible to night vision devices for its soldiers. http://goo.gl/7kDqjT

Ukraine has issued a statement thanking Hollywood celebrities for supporting the country in its fight against Russia. http://goo.gl/ElvV1g

Ukraine’s fugitive Prime Minister created the “Committee for the Salvation of Ukraine” in Moscow. http://goo.gl/4CUoJX

Russia Duma’s vice speaker Vladimir Zhirinovsky proposed to put half of the world on its knees and rename Russia into the Russian empire. http://goo.gl/PNc8xL

Following on the footsteps of French legislators, a group of Italian politicians will visit the Russian-annexed Ukrainian territory of Crimea without permission from Kyiv. http://goo.gl/YIKQBY


The dangers of the Shyrokyne withdrawal. http://goo.gl/uJJfIt

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The history of Europe itself is enriched by this country (Ukraine). - Timothy Snyder, on Ukraine's contribution to European history, at the Bundestag. (Video) https://goo.gl/p05Eyn


The dangers of the Shyrokyne withdrawal. http://goo.gl/uJJfIt

Transatlantic Free Trade Area. Challenges and Opportunities for Ukraine. http://goo.gl/2DrJmQ

None of the eight myths in Putin’s ‘Crimea is Ours’ ideology stands up to close examination. http://goo.gl/Krql5r

Do Ukrainians want reform? http://goo.gl/Cm71bz

Aug. 4. Russian proxies attacked Ukrainian troops 99 times overnight. [link]

Aug. 2. The situation in east Ukraine tense as militants attack 51 times in 24 hours. [link]

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The Ukrainian military’s decision to pull volunteer fighters from the obliterated village of Shyrokyne, located just 20 kilometers east of the strategic port city of Mariupol in Donetsk Oblast, has raised a frenzy of fears that the move will gift the Russian-separatists more territory. [link]

Death toll approaches 7,000 in Russia’s instigated war against Ukraine. [link]

Ukraine says pro-Russia militants building a dirty bomb. [link]

Jul. 31. The SMM monitored the implementation of the “Package of measures for the implementation of the Minsk agreements.” Its monitoring was restricted by parties and security considerations. The overall security situation at and around Donetsk airport was tense. The situation in Mariupol was calm. In Luhansk region, the SMM did not record any ceasefire violations. [link]

Ukraine's Heroes: Ex-soldier starts veteran association after losing arm in war. [link]

Dozens of women between the ages of 16 and 20 learn to assemble Kalashnikov rifles. These young Ukrainian women say they are not easily intimidated. Some of them who are as young as 16 have joined a military training course called ‘Youth fighter’ in the Ukrainian capital Kyiv. [video] [link]

Ukraine's state security service identified a Russian army major who was detained with a cargo of military explosives in eastern Ukraine on July 26 and said he has been charged with terrorism. [link]

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Lawyers say Savchenko has alibi

The lawyers of jailed Ukrainian pilot and parliament member Nadia Savchenko said on July 28 that they have proof she was already captive when the two Russian journalists she is accused of killing died in shelling. [link]

Savchenko’s trial adjourned shortly after it began behind closed doors in Russia's Rostov region on July 30. [link]

Dzhemilev: 10,000 Crimean Tatars have fled Crimea since Russian annexation. [link]

Threats, bans and Soviet methods against Crimean Tatar Congress. [link]

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IMF approves $1.7 bn loan to Ukraine after 'strong start' on reforms
Groups battling bureaucrats win several fresh victories

The IMF executive board said on July 31 that it would immediately disburse $1.7 billion, part of a $17.5 billion support program awarded in March that is linked to economic reforms which Ukraine has started to carry out. http://goo.gl/JJ8521

Ukraine’s maturing community of advocacy groups has seemingly won several victories in its battle with Ukraine’s powerful bureaucracy. http://goo.gl/n0AaCJ

Ukraine's banking system had $3.8 billion in losses in the first half of the year, the central bank reported this month. The second half of the year hasn't been any kinder so far. http://goo.gl/yF4kMh

Ukraine hasn't implement reforms for decades. In spite of one hundred complaints in the past six months, the former Lithuanian minister of finance and current Business Ombudsman for Ukraine's Anti-Corruption Initiative Algridas Semeta doesn't seem to be giving up.(Video) http://goo.gl/elSu7a

The Kyiv Economic Court reversed the sale of a 25 percent stake in Dniproenergo, the nation’s largest thermal power generating company, which belongs to Ukraine’s richest billionaire Rinat Akhmetov. The court ordered his DTEK energy conglomerate to return quarter ownership of the power company to the State. http://goo.gl/qr1JsC


The iMoRe value for the 14th monitoring period (July 6th –19th, 2015) has reached +1.3 points out of a possible range from -5.0 to +5.0 points. The moderate increase in the index value was driven by the adoption of two laws strengthening the independence of the National Bank, amendments to the law on the prosecutor’s office, and important anti-corruption initiatives. http://goo.gl/3bouGY

On July 15, the Working Group of the Constitutional Commission prepared amendments and additions to the human rights section of the Constitution (entitled Chapter II). Read the specific wording and details here: http://goo.gl/8sZHxN

Ukraine’s revolutionary technology startups hit the UK

The first Ukrainian Startups Roadshow was held in London on 23-25 July 2015. Ten innovative and creative technology projects – startups and young companies – were presented to the UK business and investment community. http://goo.gl/zswFoS
Generation Maidan - film about a year of revolution and war
Ukrainian folk art on display in New York City

Blood testing without blood was invented by
Kharkiv scientist Anatoly Malakhin. This and 22
other Ukrainian inventions in the article (Ukr)
http://goo.gl/R9rNGR

Unique Ukrainian folk art on view at NYC
museum. http://goo.gl/y0XVgQ

Generation Maidan: eight-time Emmy winner
Andrew Tkach’s video tells about the year of
revolution and war in Ukraine. http://goo.gl/G9c95t

27 reasons to never visit Ukraine (PHOTOS/VIDEO)
http://goo.gl/j95T1D

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