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The state of Ukraine's armed forces

Ukrainians who live abroad highly educated, speak many languages

Ukraine struck a critical debt deal Thursday with creditors that averted a default and opened the door to continued international support for its struggling economy. <http://goo.gl/CPh9Wl>

The parties of Ukrainian President P. Poroshenko and Kyiv's Mayor V. Klytschko merged ahead of local elections in October. <http://goo.gl/tmgGgz>

Grenade explodes outside Kyiv parliament after decentralization vote. <http://goo.gl/WV3ZUC> ; One killed, at least 100 injured, 30 arrested in violence after decentralization vote. <http://goo.gl/JgIEHM>

Ukraine poll shows support for independence rose during the past year of conflict. More Ukrainians now support independence than at any other time in the last 15 years. <http://goo.gl/wmnWr0>

The state of Ukraine's armed forces. <http://goo.gl/qMQqj2>

Hollande and Merkel warned Putin that separate elections in eastern Ukraine are unacceptable. <http://goo.gl/wJcLGi>

Spain refuels Russian attack submarine headed for

Crimea. <http://goo.gl/XFX6nu>

The Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area agreement between Ukraine and the European Union will take effect on January 1, 2016, despite Russian threats to impose embargos on Ukrainian products. <http://goo.gl/ntGbIP>

Head of Odesa Police arrested for bribery. <http://goo.gl/tb5jF2>

Oleksandr Shchegolev, the former head of the Kyiv SBU (National Security Service) has been remanded into custody on charges related to the killing of Euromaidan activists. <http://goo.gl/dN9I6Q>

Estonia says it plans to build a fence along part of its eastern border with Russia to safeguard its security and protect the EU's passport-free Schengen Area. <http://goo.gl/grVdtM>

Russia's 37th 'humanitarian convoy' arrives in occupied parts of east Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/1Y79FU>

Google research reveals locations of several "troll factories" in Russia. <http://goo.gl/cBB569>

Left: Ukraine's Security Council identified the commanders of Russia's hybrid army in East Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/uq3nHB>

Right: Ukrainian children in frontline villages prepare for school despite shelling. (Video) <http://goo.gl/gWd2Ng>

Identified Russian generals directly involved in forming and organizing combat actions of Russian regulars and their proxy forces on the temporally occupied territories of Ukraine.

Commanders of 1st Army Corps „DNR militia“



Since Spring 2015
Major General
Aleksey ZAVIZYON
Chief of Staff
41st Army
Central Military District
of Armed Forces of RF

Commanders of 2st Army Corps „LNR militia“



Since Spring 2015
Major General
Evgeniy NIKIFOROV
Deputy Commander
58th Army
Southern Military District
of Armed Forces of RF



Autumn 2014 - Winter 2015
Major General
Sergey SOLODCHUK
Commander
7th Landing Assault Division
Airborne Troops Rus AF



Autumn 2014 - Winter 2015
Major General
Sergey KUZOVLEV
Commander
20th Army
Western Military District
of Armed Forces of RF

Serve on the occupied territory of Ukraine in 3-6 months shifts



500-Year-Old History of formal self-governance in Ukraine

The West is pressuring Ukraine, not Russia

The West is finding it easier to demand the implementation of peace agreements from Ukraine than to increase pressure on Russia. Ian Bond. <http://goo.gl/6Wv267>

Many in the West have convinced themselves that Vladimir Putin will not launch a major war. But Putin is preparing to launch a major war sooner rather than later, Felshtinsky says <http://goo.gl/diH4wL>

The Kremlin-controlled hybrid army again increases the intensity of fighting in the Donbas. How has the nature of the Russian-Ukrainian war changed?

<http://goo.gl/u9SE4g>

The paradox that is Russian "justice".

<http://goo.gl/bhT3w8>

Back in the USSR. A.Motyl. <http://goo.gl/TyPyd3>

Eight Russians Who Have Taken A Stand.

<http://goo.gl/sSt9pz>

A response to "Tax Reform – What's on the Table".

<http://goo.gl/kkP7Be>

Andrei Kirilenko: There is a 500-Year-Old History of Formal Self-Governance in Ukraine.

<http://goo.gl/s1mJFw>

More killings follow yet another bid for peace

Anniversary of Ilovaisk tragedy - grave crime, still unsolved

Aug.31. The ceasefire in the east of Ukraine held. For the first time in many days, no shelling was recorded. <http://goo.gl/rLWKJ6>

Aug.30. Russian proxies attack ATO forces 19 times overnight. <http://goo.gl/tddhM7>

Aug. 29. OSCE confirms militants bringing their weapons closer to Mariupol. <http://goo.gl/zCrWEh>

Aug. 28. Ceasefire violations were recorded in numerous locations, says SMM. <http://goo.gl/XUJj1m>

Aug. 27. As a new cease-fire was announced on Aug. 26, residents in certain parts of eastern Ukraine were forced to hide in their basements amid intensified shelling. <http://goo.gl/OEYpR2>

Ukraine army returned fire Aug. 27 during a night rebel attack near Mariupol in which the army lost 6 servicemen. Ukrainian artillery destroyed 4 trucks and 80 tons of ammunition in the village of Styla. <http://goo.gl/v2UDKk>

Anniversary of Ilovaisk tragedy - grave crime still unsolved. <http://goo.gl/6uDUAr>

Hundreds gather in Dnipropetrovsk and other Ukrainian cities to mark anniversary of fierce battle. (Video) <http://goo.gl/GRDKbg>; (Photos)

<http://goo.gl/VWdWva>

A squad of European soldiers is fighting along Ukrainians at Donbas front lines. <http://goo.gl/Tqzh7F>

The origin and transformations of the Right Sector through the Maidan and war. <http://goo.gl/54SQ1K>

Youtube clip by Ukrainian soldier goes viral. <http://goo.gl/J9wAtc>

Commander of the Ukrainian Volunteer Corps, a paramilitary unit of the Right Sector, speaks about risks in the Minsk accords, the pressure on the Right Sector, and things to be done to win the war. <http://goo.gl/apwsPf>

Professional Russian Army in Ukraine. Database and Visualisation. <https://goo.gl/RrHD4k>

Number of Russian troops killed and injured in Ukraine is no longer a secret. "The Russian government ... approved compensation for families of military personnel who were killed taking part in military action in Ukraine... A payment of 1,800 rubles is envisioned for contract "fighters" for every day of their presence in the conflict zone." <http://goo.gl/4xezWd>

"Rebel" leaders in control of Donetsk's economy (infographic). <http://goo.gl/xqSLNx>

Left: Big changes needed to help Ukraine's injured soldiers.

<http://goo.gl/82Oi9x>

Right: Dog therapy program launched for Ukrainian soldiers returning from war. (Video)

<http://goo.gl/6d0Mg6>



Ukrainian defendants sentenced in Russia, sing national anthem

A Russian court on August 25 sentenced Ukrainian film director Oleh Sentsov and his co-defendant Oleksandr Kolchenko, to long prison terms on terrorism-related charges. The two men, who say the charges are politically motivated, sang the Ukrainian national anthem at the court hearing in

Rostov-on-Don.(Video) <http://goo.gl/I9BkB7>; The case in a nutshell: <http://goo.gl/IuZtHt>

Three Crimeans sentenced for taking pictures with Ukrainian flag. One of those arrested sentenced to 15 days in prison. <http://goo.gl/vJbMEk>

Ukraine buys debt relief, bringing some good news

Constitution, civil service reform, budget on new lawmakers' agenda

After five months of talks with private creditors and the unpredictable consequence of a debt moratorium looming, Ukrainian Finance Minister Natalie Jaresko triumphantly announced on Aug. 27 that she had achieved a write-down of up to \$3.8 billion of the nation's debt. <http://goo.gl/ZLdb2Z>

International rating agency Fitch Ratings announced it downgraded Ukraine's long-term foreign currency Issuer Default Rating (IDR) to 'C' from 'CC'. <http://goo.gl/pNmYIV>

Ukraine to earn \$4 bln from agricultural exports by year-end. <http://goo.gl/wLxvOd>

Consolidating villages around towns will encourage them to actively participate in socio-political life. <http://goo.gl/ak7zYq>

Constitution, civil service reform, budget are at top of agenda for lawmakers starting Aug. 31. <http://goo.gl/d7WMVK>

University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy sociology professor Dr. T. Martsenyuk explains gender quotas in local elections. (Video) <http://goo.gl/3ioXmA>

Russia's war against Ukraine is no excuse for the lack of reforms, representatives of American, Canadian, Dutch, Georgian, and Lithuanian

businesses emphasized at a roundtable on judicial reform. <http://goo.gl/EqHQmv>

Civic activists and lawyers say politicians are not willing to go far enough in depoliticizing and strengthening the independence of Ukraine's corrupt judiciary. <http://goo.gl/McH4Lz>

Prosecutor General Viktor Shokin, embattled prosecutor general, faces new accusations of scuttling Anti-Corruption Bureau's work, prompting a backlash from civic activists. <http://goo.gl/7GdKLa>

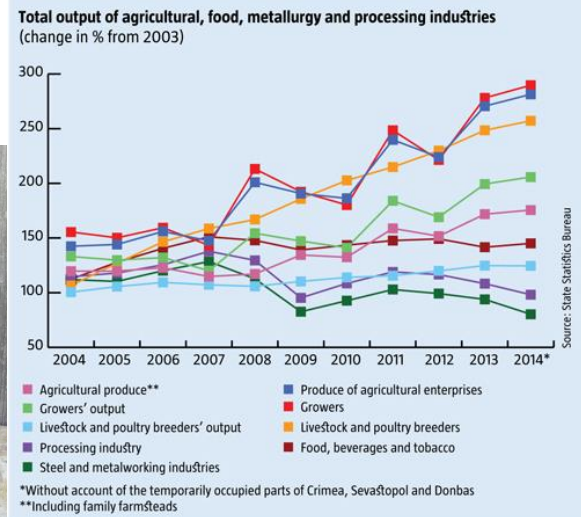
Energy Corruption in Ukraine: Causes and Cures. <http://goo.gl/e4M17K>

Residents of Artemivsk in Donetsk Oblast decided to return to the city's historical name, Bakhmut, following a series of public hearings. <http://goo.gl/QVaLQg>

Illegal coal deliveries from Ukraine to Russia continue, reports OSCE. The Russian-backed terrorists transferred at least 120 trucks of stolen coal to Russia on Ukrainian Independence Day. <http://goo.gl/cWmvnQ>

Left: 12 new Ukrainian brands of hand bags. <http://goo.gl/VC5L4m>

Right: Agribusiness becomes the biggest component of Ukraine's economy. <http://goo.gl/XTbZn5>



Big data firm bridges Silicon Valley with Ukraine's Kharkiv

Could Ukraine be the Next Best Place? Yes!

Despite the war and related negative news, can Ukraine still be the best place for startup talent in the near future? According to Teleport, the short answer is yes. The Estonian/U.S. startup collects data about living conditions around the globe to provide recommendations on the best place to live and work for so-called tech-nomads. <http://goo.gl/YXGQCK>

'Falling Walls Lab' in Ukraine: An opportunity for young startupper. <http://goo.gl/Lf7Tmg>

Private kindergartens in Kyiv offer English- and

other- language teaching environments and the latest educational techniques. <http://goo.gl/72eRjT>

Budding American technology companies with Ukrainian research and development teams are becoming the norm, rather than the exception. Newly launched Galactic Exchange, a big data platform development firm co-founded by Kharkiv native Konstantin Kladko, recently raised an undisclosed investment from two well-known Silicon Valley venture capitalists.

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

Left: There is no distance for music and souls. International music project “Only Good Will Save Us”
<https://goo.gl/rHYTDx>

Right: Ukrainian boxer from Crimea won against Johnny Muller. (Video)
<https://goo.gl/o8u6G7>



Ukrainian journalist shortlisted for Emmy award

Ukrainian producer Viktoria Butenko has been nominated for an Emmy, the Oscar of the television industry. She was shortlisted for the 36th annual award in the field of news and documentaries, nominated by America's CNN television station for the report “Ukraine: Shooting in Independence Square.”

<http://goo.gl/j3DIfv>

According to the 2015 InterNations survey, Ukrainians who leave their homeland are better educated and know more languages than other expatriates. And many of them make much more in other countries than they did in Ukraine.

<http://goo.gl/wWcypE>

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