Ukraine Officially Declares Russia an Enemy, Vows to Join NATO
Constitutional changes don’t threaten national sovereignty, experts say

Ukraine's National Security Council has approved a new military doctrine that declares Russia to be a military opponent and calls for the country to pursue NATO membership. [Link](http://goo.gl/iYPpqV)

Despite the fears of Ukrainian nationalists, constitutional amendments on the decentralization of power in Ukraine will not undermine the country’s sovereignty. [Link](http://goo.gl/3y3qwc)

Poroshenko: Ukraine will not give Russia privilege on debt issue. Russia did not join Ukraine debt restructuring talks. [Link](http://goo.gl/33vYXf)

IMF chief urges Ukraine's creditors to accept debt restructuring programme. Christine Lagarde praises Ukraine's reform efforts, says she is pleased with progress. (Video) [Link](http://goo.gl/vbrJMV); [Link](http://goo.gl/QGmJhH)

Poroshenko points finger at Russia for murder of 3 policemen in Kyiv. [Link](http://goo.gl/sDYjlO)

Ukrainian president says Russia should lose its UN Security Council veto. [Link](http://goo.gl/jE40fU)

The National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy initiated a Psychological Center in Sloviansk to treat post-traumatic stress. The Center will provide free professional counseling and guidance to children and adults who suffering trauma after experiencing or witnessing violence and war. [Link](http://goo.gl/B1ec8A)

How to survive: psychologists at work with displaced children. [Link](http://goo.gl/a3YBCk)

Russian firms suffer huge losses from Ukrainian boycott. [Link](http://goo.gl/F80b8M)

Ukrainian journalists expose fake 'Ukrainian' and 'US' websites managed from Russia. [Link](http://goo.gl/OGDN2a)

Ukraine's Klimkin sides with Germany in refugee crisis debate. [Link](http://goo.gl/zAmW04)

Will there be a third Maidan in Ukraine?
Why does Ukraine need to remove communist symbols?

Why does Ukraine need to remove communist symbols from the public sphere? [Link](http://goo.gl/v7vNZN)

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What's Behind This Week's Deadly Violence In Kyiv? [Link](http://goo.gl/JDMd4G)

A few facts which explain why Ukraine may benefit from convergence with the EU and what obstacles can prevent the country from fulfilling its Eurointegration aspirations. [Link](http://goo.gl/NakQl0)

Moscow using non-Slavic soldiers in Donbas to prevent Russian-Ukrainian fraternization. [Link](http://goo.gl/NZdgMT)
WW2 victim donates 2,000 euros to Ukrainian fighters: “I would give them my heart”

Sep.7. No use of heavy weapons observed along the frontline, Ukrainian troops incur no loss. (Map) http://goo.gl/2miim1

Sep.5. Militants became more active and shelled Mariinka. Terrorists violated the truce roughly 19 times, eighteen of which were registered near the city of Donetsk and one in the Luhansk region. http://goo.gl/su9N8P

WW2 victim donates 2,000 euros to Ukrainian fighters: “I would give them my heart”. http://goo.gl/kXhkWW

The bloodshed in eastern Ukraine will change its people forever. It is unclear when the conflict will end, but the issue of healing their psychological wounds must be addressed already today.

http://goo.gl/YU7AEF

Ukrainian troops develop new 120mm caliber mortar. http://goo.gl/gjC3Pj

Pensioners from Khmelnytskyi region repaired four APCs for Ukrainian army. (Video) http://goo.gl/Owrs3z


Russian mercenaries who fought in the Donbas “militias” are returning home not only with their weapons but with increasingly violent dispositions. According to three experts, they now represent a threat not only to public order but also to political stability. http://goo.gl/4B0ETi

“They do not have the idea of republic. They are just a gang,” SBU detained militant from Russia (Video). http://goo.gl/wcb6AN

A soft annexation in Donbas
Human rights watchdogs release list of forced disappearances in Crimea


They use the Russian Ruble and may soon be issued Russian passports. In a few months, there may be a stage-managed referendum to formally join Russia. Is this the beginning of an annexation in Donbas? http://goo.gl/64Sfqz

September 4 news reported a shift in power in the “DNR” Moscow proxy authorities, with Denis Pusshin replacing Andrey Purgin as speaker of the “DNR’s” “parliament”. http://goo.gl/b9fOjk

An apparent power struggle among Russia’s proxy authorities in separatist-controlled parts of Ukraine’s Donetsk Oblast has left experts speculating about its causes, and what the Kremlin’s future intentions for the region now might be. http://goo.gl/GbzmYB

Immediately after the Russian occupation of Crimea, kidnapping and disappearances began with the help of the Russian army which continue to this day. Human rights watchdogs issue list of forced disappearances in Crimea. http://goo.gl/WY1dVp

If the Crimean occupiers can’t get you, they’ll go for your elderly mother. http://goo.gl/FpXU0R

Months after Russia invaded and annexed Crimea, not one class of the over 18 thousand children beginning school on Sept 1 will be taught in Ukrainian. Even in traditionally Crimean Tatar schools, instruction is now in Russian or Crimean Tatar, with Russian predominating. http://goo.gl/If2asD
Summer Summary: 10 most notable reforms. [Link]

At present, the government’s proposed new radical tax policy is the main issue of economic discussion. The fundamental problem with Ukraine’s public finance is that public expenditures have persistently been far too large. In 2014, Ukraine had public expenditures of 53% of GDP, while successful fast-growing countries in the neighborhood (Lithuania, Latvia, Slovakia, Bulgaria and Romania) had public expenditures of about 35% of GDP, which should be Ukraine’s target. [Link]

Agriculture booms despite unpunished corruption. [Link]

Ukraine's international reserves rise to USD 12.6 bn in August. In July Ukraine's international reserves increased by 1% to USD 10.4 billion. [Link]

Unemployment hits record levels in Ukraine. 23% of young adults are jobless, according to the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine. [Link]

Anti-Corruption Bureau launches training of detectives. Experts from Canada, US, Georgia will train Ukrainian detectives. [Link]

The election campaign for local elections scheduled for October 25 started in Ukraine on Saturday, September 5. [Link]

Parties say they will remain in Ukraine's governing coalition. [Link]

Radical Party exits governing coalition, creating uncertainty. [Link]

Ukraine moved a step forward into the digital future when parliament passed a new law to encourage e-commerce on Sept. 3. [Link]

"Ukraine's government is not controlled by oligarchs": Yatseniuk and Saakashvili debated reforms. [Link]

Mikheil Saakashvili lashed out at Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk and his Cabinet, saying that they are sabotaging economic, customs and other reforms and serve oligarch interests. [Link]

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How Ukraine rebuilt Crimea from ruins in 1954
Remembering Vasyl Stus, a voice raised against tyranny

Daria Shapovalova is the main ambassador of Ukrainian fashion in the Western world. Her photos have appeared in popular magazines and blogs, and she made it to the Business of Fashion’s list of 500 most influential people in 2014. [http://goo.gl/ttTQDj]

6th International Meridian Czernivtsi Poetry Festival. [Video] [http://goo.gl/0RKpSX]

Remembering Vasyl Stus, a voice raised against tyranny. [http://goo.gl/hoqijx] Thirty years later, mystery surrounds the death of Ukrainian dissident poet Vasyl Stus. [Video] [http://goo.gl/VTGiJG; http://goo.gl/0aXXgM]


Left: Talianki, the largest Trypillian settlement (c.3700 BC), Ukraine – up to 15,000 inhabitants, up to 2,700 houses, and covered an area of 450 hectares (1100 acres). [http://goo.gl/iCp2g9]


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