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Cease-fire may be holding, but Russia still a threat

Ukraine accepts International Criminal Court jurisdiction

Cease-fire may be holding, but Russia is still a threat, European and Ukrainian leaders say. Yalta European Strategy forum in Kyiv. <http://goo.gl/MgHEpl>

European leaders opened the 12th annual Yalta European Strategy forum by praising Ukraine's progress in shedding its Soviet ways and moving out of Russia's orbit, but warned the nation is still not doing enough to root out corruption. <http://goo.gl/iL9pBO>

UN Security Council launches mechanism on depriving Russia of veto. <http://goo.gl/9sjX14>

The United Nations has voted overwhelmingly for a new global framework for sovereign-debt restructuring aimed at avoiding cases like Argentina's grinding legal battle with "vulture" creditors. <http://goo.gl/OlqR4T>

The EU extends sanctions against Russia for six more months. Asset freezes and visa bans will continue until at least March 2016. (Video) <http://goo.gl/7UeyHB>

Ukraine is accepting the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court, opening the way for the prosecution of

any war crimes committed in Ukraine since Russia launched a war against the nation in February 2014. <http://goo.gl/yXjTdg>

Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, and Landmines: Mariupol Schoolchildren Learn To Avoid Explosives. <http://goo.gl/Hx146U>

The Russian annexation of Crimea and invasion of Donbas have put strains on Ukraine that have led to a dramatic rise in mortality rates countrywide. <http://goo.gl/gP6Utr>

Former Italian Prime Minister Sylvio Berlusconi met with Russian President Vladimir Putin in the Russian-annexed Ukraine Black Sea region of Crimea. <http://goo.gl/UUIAk2>

Moscow has started building a major military base in Belgorod Oblast, which abuts the Luhansk region of Ukraine, a hotspot of conflict between Ukrainian forces and separatists trained and reinforced by Russian troops. <http://goo.gl/Ze2IMG> ; <http://goo.gl/ysZWx1>

Left: Life goes on for Ukrainian soldier who survived Debaltseve battle. <http://goo.gl/aL3FN9>

Right: Poroshenko hands British singer Elton John a T-shirt with a portrait of film director Oleg Sentsov (Kyiv, Ukraine). <https://goo.gl/kTh0vL>



Economic freedom indices track post-Maidan changes

How the UK Greens got into bed with Putin

Russian propaganda has become efficient in Ukraine and elsewhere by sowing confusion and destroying the border between facts and fiction. Peter Pomerantsev, a Kyiv-born media expert at the Legatum Institute, a British think-tank. <http://goo.gl/ErwAu9>

How the UK Greens got into bed with Putin. <http://goo.gl/kRniHR>

Ukraine Should Have Been in Ashes by Now Under

the Weight of Adverse Factors. <http://goo.gl/25tFmG>

Ukraine's Labor Force: Producing Little with Lots of Education, or Why Comprehensive Reforms are Needed. <http://goo.gl/hlQ2Nb>

What has changed since Maidan? VoxUkraine exams economic freedoms in Ukraine across multiple indices. <http://goo.gl/nzjkdh>

Crimean Tatars call for a Civil Blockade of Occupied Crimea

Ukrainian civilians undergo military training to defend capital

Sep.14. Two Ukrainian soldiers were killed in the past day despite a lauded ceasefire. <http://goo.gl/zGBzLV> ; Russian proxies attack ATO forces eight times overnight. <http://goo.gl/7Q8Jcu>

Sep.11. The SMM recorded 44 explosions in the Donetsk region and over 38 explosions in the Luhansk region. The SMM revised heavy weapons holding areas for the Ukrainian Armed Forces, "DPR", and "LPR". <http://goo.gl/yU5tsd>

Ukrainian civilians undergo military training to defend the capital. Participants range from office employers and IT specialists to lawyers and entrepreneurs. <http://goo.gl/5lIIIJ>

Lost again? Two Russians detained in Luhansk region. Kremlin says the men were abducted. <http://goo.gl/qEBOZn>

Refat Chubarov, the leader of the Crimean Tatars, called for an economic blockade of Crimea, saying part of the food sold by Ukrainian companies goes

to feed the Russian army on the peninsula. <http://goo.gl/r3wIOI>; <http://goo.gl/W2Nt9C>



Top: "Winter on Fire: Ukraine's Fight for Freedom" chronicles the 93-day period in 2013-2014 that saw a civil rights movement morph into a millions-strong revolution and civil unrest. The film, directed by Evgeny Afineevsky, premieres Oct. 9.

<http://goo.gl/lQw2Di>

Bottom: "Why we will win." 9 photos by Max Levin from the front line.

<http://goo.gl/LK5UpW>



Less than 1/3 of locals in "DPR" voice support for separatists

UN monitors report mass killings of civilians by militants in Donbas

Less than one third of residents of the self-proclaimed Donetsk People's Republic (DPR) support the separatists, according to the results of a survey carried out on request of the local authorities. <http://goo.gl/8WUKwO>

The UN Human Rights Council to Ukraine has recorded facts of mass killings of civilians, abductions, torture, sexual abuse, forced labor and extortion by Russian-backed militants in Donbas. <http://goo.gl/zqJZbf>

The Russian Security Service (FSB) attempt to intimidate the friends and neighbours of Ali Asanov, one of the Crimean Tatars in custody on legally absurd charges together with Crimean Tatar leader Akhtem Chygoz. <http://goo.gl/5bZ5o9>

Russian Investigative Committee claims that Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseny Yatsenyuk once fought against Russia in Chechnya aroused hilarity and some excellent flights of Photoshop fantasy but ignored one chilling detail. The allegations are based on 'testimony' obtained from two Ukrainians facing 15-year sentences although they, like Yatsenyuk, never set foot in Chechnya. <http://goo.gl/fRlv82>

Russia's most prominent human rights defenders call the trial of Sentsov and Kolchenko ideologically motivated state terror aimed at suppressing any peaceful resistance to Russia's occupation of Crimea. <http://goo.gl/IW7ZoN>

EBRD remains a believer in Ukrainian investment

Corrupt law enforcement, bureaucrats block reforms and justice

The Parliament will consider the resignation of Verkhovna Rada Chief of Staff Valentyn Zaichuk, as well as Health Minister Aleksandr Kvitashvili and Deputy Prime Minister Valeriy Voshchevskyi. <http://goo.gl/5vKY9v>

Government ministers have described reforms in Ukraine as almost a suicide mission, with corrupt officials in top law enforcement positions blocking the way. <http://goo.gl/hmv3DL>

Despite war and recession, the European Bank of Reconstruction and Development sees value in Ukrainian assets and continues to invest. The EBRD is Ukraine's single largest investor with a portfolio of €5.1 billion and involvement in 344 projects, ranging from agriculture to energy and high technology. <http://goo.gl/jKGZjT>

The head of Lviv's Patrol Police talks about the challenges facing the newly formed force. (Video) <http://goo.gl/BeUOcD>

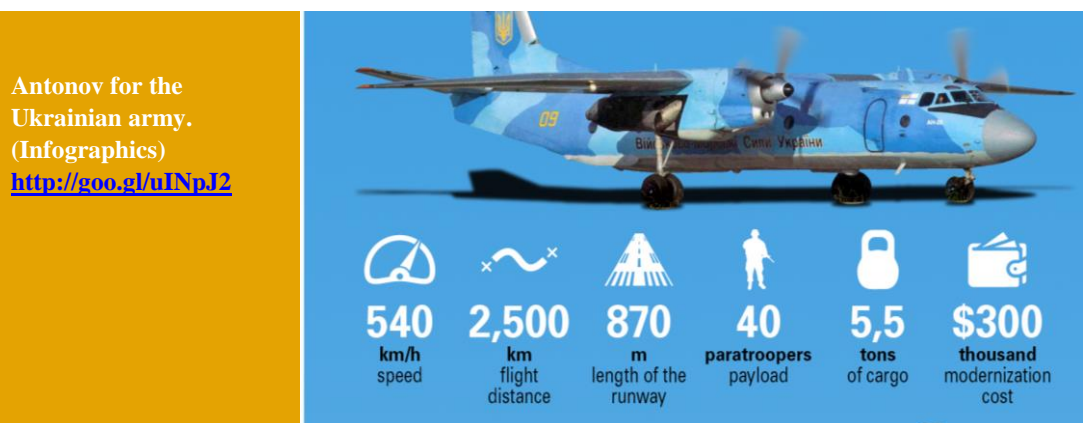
Ukrainian Economy Minister Aivaras Abromavicius argued on Sept. 12 that delays in

privatization were due to the need to ensure the transparency of auctions. <http://goo.gl/CK1NFt>

The Ukrainian state-owned aircraft design bureau Antonov is exiting from the joint Ukrainian-Russian enterprise UAC-Antonov, according to the resolution of the Ukrainian Government from September 8, 2015. <http://goo.gl/V40GX5>

Ukraine is de facto run by a "shadow government" whose strings are pulled by oligarchs behind the scenes, Mikheil Saakashvili, ex-president of Georgia and governor of Odesa Oblast, said on Sept. 12. <http://goo.gl/5C4nst>

Ukraine's dependence on Russian gas is often stressed - but the importance of Ukraine as a customer of Gazprom is less well known. In fact, Ukraine is one of the biggest gas customers in the world, and Gazprom has already lost est. \$2.5 billion in 2015. <http://goo.gl/Q4b1pT>

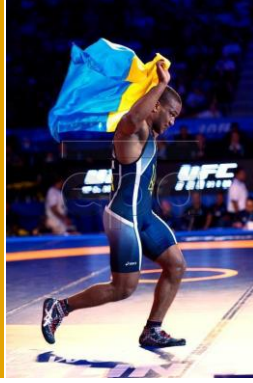


Ukrainian science takes a leap toward Europe

Ukrainian Science Takes a Leap To Europe. "Participating in the program 'Horizon 2020' provides great opportunities by making available the financial resources which Ukrainian scientists have never had". <http://goo.gl/OEmqQF>

Vitol CEO Taylor: Ukraine could be 'independently successful energy producer'. <http://goo.gl/sdgnfM>

Left: Jean Belenyuk, a Ukrainian who won the gold medal in Greco-Roman wrestling in the Wrestling World Championship.
<https://goo.gl/qsv5sM>



Right: Steven Spielberg parents were from Ukraine. 23 other famous diaspora from Ukraine (Ukr) <http://goo.gl/t4Fsn1>



Mission of culture during crisis

There Showcasing Literature in Lviv: Book fest draws book lovers. Publishers and writers descend on western Ukrainian city for annual forum.
<http://goo.gl/ttBTwG>

'Mission of culture during crisis' - slogan of Third Eastern Partnership Culture Congress.(Video)
<http://goo.gl/xu6OEW>

Ukrainian fashion designer Anton Belinskiy is going to take over the world. <http://goo.gl/krDZ4A>

VILKOVE: A UKRAINIAN VENICE

THIS PICTURESQUE TOWN IS LOCATED RIGHT OF THE DANUBE DELTA, WHERE THE RIVER FLOWS INTO THE BLACK SEA. THE CHANNELS TAKE UP HALF OF THE CITY SO YOU CAN GET TO ANY PART OF IT BY BOAT.



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