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75% of Ukrainians want NATO. <http://goo.gl/YEOD4l>

Poroshenko announces reload of Cabinet. <http://goo.gl/TpxhFi>

U.S. and Russia trade accusations at U.N. over Ukraine conflict. <http://goo.gl/qipCiu> ; <http://goo.gl/D19YU4>

Biden stands by Ukraine but warns on corruption. (Video) <http://goo.gl/UzeB8C> ; Joe Biden's Dec 8th speech in Ukraine's parliament. (video) <https://goo.gl/ym3XxL>

Ukraine-EU Association Agreement endangered by Dutch referendum. <http://goo.gl/HbuLcL>

Ukraine invites Netherlands to help search for stolen art. <http://goo.gl/fONSCo>

Ukraine starts to resume power to Crimea.

<http://goo.gl/OqRUo8> ; Dzemilev: electricity to be resumed due to West's pressure. <http://goo.gl/Jbu6Hq>

Thousands protest vote-rigging in Kryvyi Rih, demand change in oligarchic rule. <http://goo.gl/R5uOVs>

Ukraine '3%' away from EU visa-free green light depending on anti-corruption reform progress. <https://goo.gl/eo9yAO>

First prison sentence for crimes against Euromaidan activists. <http://goo.gl/Vky0Dc>

Women in Ukraine walk a new beat, changing social attitudes. <http://goo.gl/iSGKzb> ; <http://goo.gl/a7JHIe>

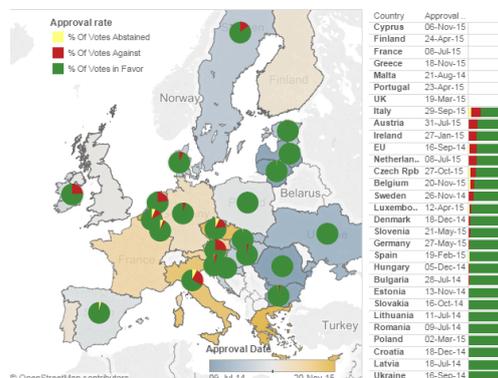
Lie: US paid \$5 bln for the Maidan. Truth: US spent \$5 bln over 22 years in Ukraine, including help to remove nukes. <https://goo.gl/gdXxl>

Putin demands Russia's nuclear weapons be enhanced. <http://goo.gl/CRErB3>

Russians go home! London based singer calls on Putin to get out of Ukraine (Video) <http://goo.gl/WUOkZI>

Left: EU-Ukraine Association Agreement supported by 87% of MPs (Interactive map) <http://goo.gl/pq9h60>

Right: Lviv declared UNESCO City of Literature. <http://goo.gl/9jfwzy>



What's behind Italy's step back on extending sanctions against Russia? Putin's nuclear blackmail indicates his bankruptcy

Putin's words on using nuclear weapons to resolve conflicts indicate the Kremlin's bankruptcy. A. Piontkovski. <http://goo.gl/b7KdrP>

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USA prepares unpleasant surprise for Putin's agents in Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/cFW6d3>

RISI: "a new phase of war" is now "inevitable." <http://goo.gl/R27KWb>

M. Wynnyckyj: until Ukraine's politicians begin to listen to their own people, the revolution will continue. <http://goo.gl/HmyTKY>

A. Wilson: three reasons why the West should not forget about Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/qDEhOa>

A. Åslund: on Ukraine, the IMF outfoxes Putin. <http://goo.gl/sXiLep>

Editorial: Don't use Ukraine as a bargaining chip in the fight against ISIS. <http://goo.gl/4MBk48>

December 10-11 marked the second anniversary of the attempted night-time clearing of Maidan by Yanukovich's Berkut forces. M. Wynnyckyj. <https://goo.gl/kEFohU>

All who help Ukraine from abroad do so because they have faith in it. It is important that Ukrainians have faith in themselves – French volunteer N. Tacussel. <http://uacrisis.org/38527-tacussel>

Transforming Kyiv's development through Public-Private Partnerships. <http://goo.gl/hzsJIF>

Myth and Realities: the level of the shadow economy in Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/YueZdA>

Facing the past: in defense of Ukraine's new laws. A. Motyl. <http://goo.gl/V4ifs6>

Militants attacked Ukraine more than 13,500 times since Minsk Agreements

Ukraine appeals to UN to send peacekeepers

Militants attacked Ukrainian soldiers more than 13,500 times since Minsk Agreements were signed – Klimkin, MFA. <http://goo.gl/HOC7E7>

Dec 14. Militants did not let UN humanitarian aid enter occupied territories. Situation in the ATO's Donetsk sector remains tense (Map). <http://goo.gl/wmRJwK>

Donbas rebels and their Russian patrons are preparing a massive provocation to give them a pretext to launch an offensive in Donbas, says the head of intelligence. <http://goo.gl/ax655n>

"I am urging the Security Council to send down its peacekeepers to Ukraine to ensure the implementation of the Minsk agreements," Klimkin. <http://goo.gl/vf6ubb>

Dec 11. West Ukrainian city of Ivano-Frankivsk plagued by several bomb threats. <http://goo.gl/dWB9mF>

Ukraine's Security Service (SBU) disrupted a 'separatist congress' reportedly planning to declare a so-called 'Zaporizhya people's akin to the Kremlin-backed 'Donetsk and Luhansk people's republics' Links to Viktor Medvedchuk, a close associate of Russian President Vladimir Putin. <http://goo.gl/flc3xh>

Russia operating several terrorist groups in Ukraine, SBU Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/7SvCsQ>

US troops show solidarity with Ukraine through training. (video) <http://goo.gl/srwze6>

Chaos and corruption on demarcation line in east Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/7rTyKP>

Militants get back to tactics of large-scale use of heavy weapons. <http://goo.gl/YnuOzi>

Alpha officer dies protecting 7-year-old boy, whose father was preparing terrorist attacks. <http://goo.gl/qK68Iv> ; <http://goo.gl/zhBdDR>

Captain who changed the course of war. <http://goo.gl/OJWNxF>

Swiss volunteers using puppets to warn children about mines. (video) <https://goo.gl/UDbdhM>

Maksym Ilchenko was shot in the face during a combat mission and has undergone eight major operations. However, he refuses to stay home and live on his disability pension; he has decided to study and learn a new profession. <http://goo.gl/KEOhiQ>

Even after separatists fought for quasi-state, the mining region still needs Ukraine to buy its coal. <http://goo.gl/Du3inP>

Russian human rights activists are demanding an official answer about the death of 159 Russian soldiers, and note the sharp increase in unexplained deaths during the second half of 2014. <http://goo.gl/vW2r7o>

Left: Keeping Tatar Traditions Alive With A Crimean Wedding. <http://goo.gl/SqIbMZ>
Right: Ukrainian women at war: from Women's Sotnya to Invisible Battalion (Study) <http://goo.gl/LiqJwf>



Human rights violations rampant in Russian-held Crimea

Separatists have destroyed or stolen more than 50% of businesses in occupied territories

The Donbas Paradox: Russia prepares to 'gift' Ukraine a 'poisoned chalice'. Russian-backed forces have plundered Ukraine's industrial heartland and created an economy stricken with fear, hypocrisy and contradiction. <http://goo.gl/QLHKS>

Human rights violations rampant in Russian-held Crimea. <http://goo.gl/RZdjhT> ; at least 150 interrogations, 100 searches, 100 detentions and 70 court hearings over the last 6 month. <http://uacrisis.org/38489-crimea-7>

Russian-based separatists have closed, destroyed, or stolen more than 50% of large-scale businesses

in occupied territories. <https://goo.gl/DN7xtj>

Nadiya Savchenko says does not want to give impression that there is 'any justice' in Russia. Savchenko will not submit an appeal, regardless of the outcome of her trial in Russia. <http://goo.gl/qaaBfn>

Russia's crimes in Crimea, not ending sanctions, should be on the West's agenda. <http://goo.gl/QpqVeo>

Another Crimean Tatar sentenced over meeting with Mustafa Dzhemiliev. <http://goo.gl/mnrCg8>

Government defends record as frustration mounts

Ukraine's infrastructure minister resigns, says the ministry can't rely on volunteers

Ukraine's leadership skirmishes may undermine efforts for true democracy. <https://goo.gl/QHe8Ag>

Dec 11. In his report on the government's progress in 2015, Prime Minister reported that financial stability had been achieved – the nation has more than Hr 100 billion in state coffers, inflation is under control and the currency has stabilized. <http://goo.gl/vuKP5y>

Yatsenyuk denies responsibility for corruption, gets attacked by lawmaker. <http://goo.gl/i8kUHN> ; Lawmaker who hoisted Yatsenyuk has history of fighting (video) <http://goo.gl/4pNNwo>

Progress after Euromaidan: 'Values have changed even if we haven't seen concrete reforms'. (Video) <http://goo.gl/PCsGYj>

Ukraine's unpopular minister of information policy resigns. <http://goo.gl/cK82qI>

Ukraine's GDP to fall by 4.5-4.7% in 2015 due to occupation of eastern territories. <http://goo.gl/1Us7Os>

Standard&Poor's affirms 'B-/B' long- and short-term credit ratings for Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/fEvyhL>

Ukraine's state budget next year may amount to only \$38 billion. Spending represents 40 percent of the official \$94 billion GDP expected in 2016. Political battles over taxes and public spending are fierce. <http://goo.gl/e8mskb>

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has changed a rule that would have blocked its financial aid program to Ukraine in the event the country defaulted on its debt owed to Russia. <http://goo.gl/Gnw0Ti>

Power struggle for control over Ukraine's nuclear energy sector. <http://goo.gl/MK9Lac>

Ukraine's infrastructure minister resigns, says the ministry can't rely on volunteers. <http://goo.gl/RL6TdJ>

Ukraine's revolutionary civil service law. <http://goo.gl/HDxbO3>

ProZorro: How to save billions of Ukrainian money. (Infographics) <http://goo.gl/d5eJhd>

Ukraine has always had a bewildering number of banks, many functioning as nothing more than giant piggybanks for the companies and tycoons that set them up. The National Bank of Ukraine's tightening of regulations has already led to many of them closing. <http://goo.gl/Bnfw4e>

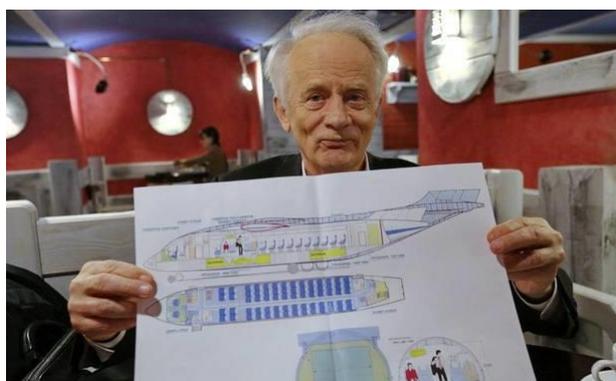
The Donetsk industrial basin has died, the main result of the Russian occupation of the industrial region. <http://goo.gl/1ex2zk>

Anticorruption newsletter #2. November 2015 results. <http://goo.gl/bywWn0>

Ukraine Reform Monitor, December. <http://goo.gl/LghFbh>

Left: Ukrainian engineer invents passenger escape capsule for aircraft. <http://goo.gl/nRUZ3I>

Right: Pizza made by Ukraine's war veterans is taking over Kyiv. <http://goo.gl/J5N1F>



Lviv attracts foreign investment beyond IT and tourism

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Ukrainian tech experts release factbook on vibrant tech industry in 2015. <http://goo.gl/rU33GJ>

China continues to depend on Ukrainian aero engines. <http://goo.gl/DySVUi>

Ukrainian IT professionals benefit from Germany's Blue Card program. <http://goo.gl/54lsaa>

A lot done, more to do in Ukraine's infrastructure

sector. <http://goo.gl/iB1F14>

Ukraine has become a new hi-tech hub for Europe with over 70000 IT professionals. (photos, graphics) <https://goo.gl/B55sx1>

Ukraine's "greenest" smartworking opens in the capital. <http://goo.gl/dhQfO3>

Life on the Edge. What is happening with microbusiness in Ukraine today? <http://goo.gl/nB4TWg>; <http://goo.gl/2mycS1>

Left: People from all over the world are taking selfies to protest the publication of an atlas by the French publisher Larousse where Crimea is pictured as part of Russia. <http://goo.gl/pLDXfb>

Right: "Ukrainian London" calendar was published in the UK. (photos, Ukr) <http://goo.gl/fQjOZR>



UNESCO ranks Ukraine's film Zemlya among world's best

The struggle to shake off the Soviet era mindset in education

UNESCO ranks Ukraine's avant-garde film Zemlya among world's five greatest masterpieces
Watch it here <http://goo.gl/5gVxkU>

The struggle to shake off the Soviet era mindset in education. <http://goo.gl/3DMfln>

Ukraine's Oleksandr Usyk knocks out Pedro Rodriguez in his fourth WBO Inter-Continental cruiserweight title defense in Kyiv on Dec. 12. <http://goo.gl/uDpaV4> ; (Video) <http://goo.gl/EGYWEz>

Incredible Jingle Bells on bandura, Ukrainian national instrument (Video) <https://goo.gl/yzfjql>

Citizens in Ukraine making a difference, one person at a time. (video) <https://goo.gl/EEF3IL>

East Village Ukrainian Eatery Veselka emerges victorious at the 7th Annual Latke Festival. <http://goo.gl/1Ph147>

Kharkiv scientists received State Prizes for works on galactic and cosmological, electronics, and technology and nanotechnology. <https://goo.gl/taYju8>

Antonov. The state-run company's cargo transport planes are renowned globally, despite tough competition. <http://goo.gl/RwPYMB>

Left: The destruction of Ukraine's folk singers. 1930. <http://goo.gl/R92nqB>

Right: A Girl from Donetsk makes unique Christmas decorations. <http://goo.gl/MpK9c1>



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