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Putin finally admits Russian military active in east Ukraine Ukraine 'ready to pay price' for EU deal as Putin suspends trade zone

Putin finally admits: Russian military active in east Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/iQWVQB>; <http://goo.gl/MRBVdn> ; A day after the Russian President clearly stated that “we have never denied that there are people [in Ukraine] resolving various tasks, including in the military sphere”, his Press Secretary has claimed that the President was “misinterpreted”. <http://goo.gl/TTCblj>

EU to extend anti-Russian sanctions over Ukraine until July 2016. <http://goo.gl/oJgoIv>

Prime Minister of the Russian Federation, Dmitry Medvedev, has signed a resolution on the introduction of sanctions against Ukraine <http://goo.gl/CIDFFA>; and Ukraine is 'ready to pay [the] price' for a EU deal. <http://goo.gl/KOdXAv>

European Commission approves report recommending visa-free region for Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/ShlKTm>

Stolen paintings, the Netherlands and Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/XNHZDO>

Ukraine has accused Russia of looting two of its oil rigs. Russia is also preparing to drill for oil in Ukraine's marine economic zone. <http://goo.gl/Wu42pT>; (Map) <http://goo.gl/TrMbdY>; <http://goo.gl/EhyEJ4>

Polish parliamentarian published report on Russian war crimes in Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/g8izkY>

Germany's Siemens produces turbines for annexed, Crimea bypassing sanctions. <http://goo.gl/FNm6jE>

StopFake English Digest: Most discussed false news of the week debunked. (Video) <http://goo.gl/kOvqp3>

Volunteers bring Christmas presents to disadvantaged children in western Ukraine. (Video) <http://goo.gl/vD0Tzg>

Left: Orwell Art: lessons on democracy, civic engagement and global citizenship. <http://goo.gl/mAKgDx>

Right: Militants shell kindergarten and school in east Ukraine's Donetsk region. <http://goo.gl/ozXvG7>



Russia's secret war in Ukraine repeat of old Kremlin tactic Is Maidan 3.0 possible, and what would it look like?

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Minsk Peace Deal: What are the prospects of the agreement being fully implemented? Systematic attacks, Russian troop presence and still no control over the state border – is Ukraine any closer to peace? Dr. O. Haran. <http://goo.gl/EX5gaH>

East Ukraine is nothing new: Kremlin has long history of sending Russian soldiers abroad incognito to fight in unofficial offensives.

<http://goo.gl/wLmxTf>

The IMF made two new decisions about financing even in times of arrears and Ukrainian bond debt. What does it mean for Ukraine?

<http://goo.gl/pG9ITp>

Andreas Umland: The IMF, Ukraine's debt to Russia, and the international order.

<http://goo.gl/TwNcNz>

Putin got what he really wanted from Kerry meeting. <http://goo.gl/hgA3Jg>

Russian nuclear weapons have arrived in Crimea

Women in Ukraine's military face barriers and abuse

Dec 21. Russia-backed militants violated ceasefire in all sectors, firing 120-mm mortars near Stanytsia Luhanska. <http://goo.gl/DK0mdr> ; Three Russian servicemen killed in Donbas. <http://goo.gl/N15TTm>

Women in Ukraine's military face barriers and abuse, study. <http://goo.gl/n7MhzU>

NATO training in Ukraine deepens defense cooperation. Defense ministers of Ukraine, Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia want Ukraine to join NATO. <http://goo.gl/roGv8K>

Crimean Tatar Battalion created as part of Ukrainian Armed Forces. <http://goo.gl/mg7JDa>

Svitlana from Cherkasy enrolls in army after her son's death in Donetsk. <http://goo.gl/RPxku7>

2 million museum objects lost as a result of Russian occupation in Crimea and Donbas. <http://goo.gl/U3qIZn>

Russian nuclear weapons have arrived in Crimea, Crimean Tatar leader Mustafa Dzhemilev. <http://goo.gl/njI0pq>

Russian mercenary Alexander Kuchersky unveils evidence of weapons supplies to Donbas by Putin's 'Voentorg'. (photos) <http://goo.gl/a4twWG>

A new 155-page report on war crimes in eastern Ukraine has singled out top separatist leaders for perpetrating torture and murder, in a bid to hold them accountable before the International Criminal Court in The Hague. <http://goo.gl/q6mXvG>

NATO and Ukraine co-signed a Roadmap for NATO-Ukraine Defense-Technical Co-operation. <http://goo.gl/2t7adK>

Withdrawal of weaponry and troops from Donbas is the only guarantee of lasting peace in eastern Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/LVPDWe>

Left: Kyiv-Mohyla Academy opened a Centre for Psychosocial Rehabilitation in Kyiv. <http://goo.gl/jPYsJU>

Right: Six-year-old Misha makes film with plasticine models for Ukrainian troops fighting in Donbas. <http://goo.gl/aIaRvJ>



Two outrageous Russian charges signal new dangers for Ukraine

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Monument to Joseph Stalin unveiled in militant-controlled Luhansk. <http://goo.gl/FINq4Y>

Two new and completely outrageous Russian charges – that the Crimean Tatars are under the control of Turkish intelligence and that the Ukrainian library in Moscow was involved in the

preparation of terrorist actions in the Russian capital – point to a new round of increased dangers for Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/xQBawq>

Myths about the "Donetsk People's Republic". <http://goo.gl/ypaJnr>

Ukrainian refugees say Russia not so welcoming anymore. <http://goo.gl/aVNYoZ>

The Cabinet is to be reshuffled

Tax reform postponed until next year

Ukraine Cabinet releases annual report (Infographics) <http://goo.gl/vVvy6b>

The Verkhovna Rada and the Government have agreed to postpone tax reform until 2016. The 2016 budget will be adopted on the basis of the current tax base, which will be amended. <http://goo.gl/M97NwN>

The Cabinet is bound to be reshuffled. The bargaining is already underway. The new one is unlikely to be a government of technocrats. <http://goo.gl/NMQpgM>

Ukraine's economy, although improving, remains in a parlous state. Reform-minded officials are fed up and have privately threatened to resign. Some already have. Despite some improvement, Ukraine is still at risk of long-lasting stagnation. <http://goo.gl/HhF8da>

Yatsenyuk announces moratorium on repayment to Russia. Ukraine will effectively default on Russia's USD 3 bln loan. (Video) <http://goo.gl/nr9gZ9>

The Ministry of Economic Development and

Trade of Ukraine has canceled almost 13,000 Soviet state standards which had been developed before 1992. <http://goo.gl/lewWPG>

A session of the National Reforms Council ended with Odesa Oblast governor and ex-Georgian president Mikheil Saakashvili getting a glass of water thrown in his face by the Ukrainian Interior Minister. <http://goo.gl/RMFb4E> ; (Video) <http://goo.gl/vxdB4H>

Ukraine sees slower decline in industrial production in November. <http://goo.gl/hd4IEE>

The Western NIS Enterprise Fund will provide scholarships for 40 Ukrainian students to study at top American business schools. <http://goo.gl/bjTDeM>

Ukraine finds personal archive of ousted former president Viktor Yanukovich. <http://goo.gl/FIfnSv>

Ukraine's fired policemen protest police reform. <http://goo.gl/FjsZrm>

Left: Think you know Ukraine? Take this quiz and find out.

<http://goo.gl/Q26X0r>

Right: A taste of Crimea far from the frontline. Restaurant in Kyiv.

<http://goo.gl/rBru3L>



An aerospace cluster created in Kharkiv

Smart cafe, where you can learn to make robots

Summing up 2015: the biggest deals in the Ukrainian IT market. <https://goo.gl/Hs1PAj>

Scientist from Donetsk presented in Kharkiv a project on the development and technical modernization of Ukraine's regions. <https://goo.gl/MIQtgh>

Ukraine-founded Depositphotos raises \$5 mln from EBRD with the aim of becoming the market leader in its field. <https://goo.gl/kec9gs>

A resident of Kharkiv has opened a smart cafe, where you can learn to make robots. <https://goo.gl/16wQkP>

Left: Ukrainian Kharkiv artist Hamlet Zinkovsky turns ruined Mariupol plant into gallery (photos)

<http://goo.gl/7VqLTz>

Right: "Rafting" 1958. Ukraine. Transporting wood from highlands Carpathians (Video)

<https://goo.gl/2cjtdk>



Paintings by Kharkiv soldiers exhibited in London

Ukrainian cultural platform forced to flee from Donetsk works in Kyiv

Ukrainian scouts handed the Peace Light of Bethlehem to President Poroshenko.

<http://goo.gl/eF49Y0>

Ukrainian cultural platform forced to flee from Donetsk continues work in Kyiv.

<http://goo.gl/cpCdZM>

Paintings by Kharkiv ATO soldiers were exhibited in London.

<https://goo.gl/w4S1Hz>

His works are presented at fashion shows

Givenchy, on the pages of Vogue, in videos of Metallica and Korn. His style is quite specific – steampunk. Yet he is unknown in his hometown Kharkiv. <https://goo.gl/VxQoXY>

Filmmaker on documentary 'The Ukrainians': Filming took place in the village of Peski and at the Donetsk Airport terminals during the violent clashes between Ukrainian soldiers and pro-Russian separatists in the spring of 2014.

<http://goo.gl/GpLjcy>

Merry Christmas!
The famous Carol of the Bells, a Ukrainian carol

<https://goo.gl/I9Gz9D>

Saint Nicholas: who really gives the presents. (Infographics).

<http://goo.gl/x3r4Wh>



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