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'Mr. Putin, This Is Your Aggression'

Transparency International names Yanukovich most corrupt

Speaking at the annual Munich Security Conference, Ukraine President Poroshenko spoke out against what he called Russian "aggression" and "propaganda," and demanded that the Donbas region and Crimea be returned to Ukrainian government control. (Video) <http://goo.gl/7xCMBK> ; <http://goo.gl/34AK9f>

Poroshenko assured the IMF that he's committed to reform after warning. <http://goo.gl/p8hv6S>; IMF warns it may halt cooperation with Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/S1R40K>

Transparency International names Yanukovich world's most corrupt. <http://goo.gl/hQg4WF>

'We can be proud, my friends! After Depardieu, Nadine Morano, and Thierry Mariani, France has brilliantly produced a new useful idiot: Paul

Moreira.', Iegor Gran, a writer at the satirical French weekly Charlie Hebdo. <http://goo.gl/v56gw5> ; Scandalous French 'Masks of the Revolution' film gets Russian 'human rights' award.

<http://goo.gl/Fyr0rU>

Ukraine's grace period for tackling cronyism may have run out. <http://goo.gl/94hMSm>

How one Ukrainian teenager declared war on post-traumatic stress. "The war will end some day, and we will need to move forward." <http://goo.gl/g3fF4T>

Activists block Russian trucks from crossing Ukraine's border into EU. <http://goo.gl/aaGh7n> ; Russia blocking Ukraine trucks in response to protests. <http://goo.gl/tbRlf4>

Left: Nine regions block Russian trucks. <http://goo.gl/loXJCA> ; <http://goo.gl/atPIEP>

Right: Action in Zaporizhzhya "Give a Soldier your Gift of Love" <http://goo.gl/PiTtMj>



Ukraine is really changing

Why did Russian Sberbank sell its assets in Ukraine?

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The Russian organizers of a "Third Maidan" in Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/6Px4pN>

As pope and Russian patriarch meet, Ukraine fears a 'shaky' Vatican. <http://goo.gl/X5dS1X>

A book by Alexander Gogun offers a refreshingly objective look at Stalin's partisans in Ukraine during World War II—and it seems to parallel Putin's commandoes in the Donbas today. A.Motyl. <http://goo.gl/XjFqck>

That Russian Sberbank is selling its assets in Ukraine cannot make us sorrowful. On the other hand, such a move may indicate intent to withdraw money prior to a big war launch. <http://goo.gl/rb2gtZ>

Ukraine's former Economy Minister Pavlo Sheremeta opens up on the topic of the resignation of Aivaras Abromavicius. <http://goo.gl/AZ5owo>

What's behind the resignation of Minister Abromavicius? B.A. Kalymon, O. Havrylyshyn. <http://goo.gl/Q20FxH>

50 Russian tanks and 40 missile systems rolled into Ukraine while Putin talked peace

Feb.14. Russian curators ordered terrorists to intensify shelling of ATO forces' positions using large-caliber mortars. <http://goo.gl/PcRPfN> ; Clashes reported at Marinka as militants violated truce 69 times. <http://goo.gl/AujCRi> . Two more echelons with military aid for militants arrive in Ilovaisk. (Map) <http://goo.gl/hvT5EU>

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Russia has placed heavy artillery and Grads missiles at the border of Crimea and Kherson oblast. <http://goo.gl/30FrKy>

The war comes to Kherson . <http://goo.gl/Z9nL3l>

Moldova indicts, sentences individuals who fought as mercenaries in Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/J1VzG0>

Lost love: Soldiers' widows grieve their husbands. <http://goo.gl/Qsj5uq>

Pro-Russian separatists in Donbas deliberately flood coal mines and destroy industrial companies.

<http://goo.gl/OVKU4K>

“Russian soldiers are in Donbas – that’s a given. Without them, the Ukrainian Army would leave separatists in tatters in a few hours” - Russian ‘DPR’ militant Raevskiy. <http://goo.gl/cwgteW>

42 Russian servicemen killed in Donbas since the start of the year. <http://goo.gl/e5aBMa>

Russia’s chief military prosecutor has refused to investigate the death of 159 Russian soldiers who are believed to have been killed in Russia’s undeclared war against Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/rEjKat>

Kremlin-backed Donbas militants threaten to execute Ukrainian prisoners. <http://goo.gl/NnDR9u>

12 months of Minsk-2. Examining a year of violations. <http://goo.gl/YFhOy6> ; Ukraine needs alternatives to the Minsk II “time bomb”. <http://goo.gl/skOCft> ; Minsk Agreement: A Report Card. Who's fulfilling the terms of the February 2015 Minsk agreement aimed at ending the fighting in eastern Ukraine? <http://goo.gl/6K0nIO>

Left: HRW: Hundreds of schools destroyed in Ukraine war, military use must stop.

<http://goo.gl/uNvngt>

Right: The 'angel' who speeds through war zone in an ambulance.

<http://goo.gl/0TfWlh>



Tatars held after raids in Crimea

OSCE official warns of worsening human rights in Eastern Ukraine

A top OSCE official has warned that the human rights situation in eastern Ukraine is worsening and the organization is still barred from entering the Russian-annexed Crimean Peninsula to investigate alleged abuses there. <http://goo.gl/rmsX2R>

Police in Crimea arrest Crimean Tatars after home raids. <http://goo.gl/TA0F9l> ; <http://goo.gl/PluUWA>

Ukrainian sentenced for civic stand after farcical trial in Russian-occupied Crimea. <http://goo.gl/YXCpRQ>

Last prisoner released by Donbas armed groups says he was ‘kept in hell’. <http://goo.gl/qCgbD7>

Lawmakers and ministers clash over future of Cabinet

Abromavichus wants Yaresko to head cabinet

The Ukrainian priorities in 2016 will be anti-corruption reform, judicial and public administration reforms, and decentralization. <http://goo.gl/vD3ysR>

Ukraine's revolving door of reform and corruption. <http://goo.gl/KMqwF9>

Ministers and lawmakers bickered over the future shape of the government this week, putting essential reforms in limbo and cooperation with Western donors at risk. <http://goo.gl/XUUrXo>

Economy Minister Aivaras Abromavichuk, who recently resigned decrying corruption in the cabinet, believes Ukraine must have a technocratic cabinet headed by the present Finance Minister Natalia Yaresko. <http://goo.gl/tkyeVO>

Poroshenko submits to parliament package of "urgent visa-free" bills. <http://goo.gl/wF6uXT>

The competitive selection of Ukraine's first rank-and-file anti-corruption prosecutors earlier this month was hailed by the authorities as a major step towards the rule of law. <http://goo.gl/4VR390>

The past year has seen changes designed to simplify and lower Ukraine's taxes to spur greater

compliance in a nation with a habit of tax dodging. <http://goo.gl/Yvsp75>

Ukraine sees GDP grow by 2% in Q4 – Economy Ministry. <http://goo.gl/VKSgZU>

Political developments overshadowed progress in economic reforms. IMoRe +0,6. <http://goo.gl/XAKj5I>

With the hryvnia weaker than Hr 26 to the dollar at the close of trade on Feb. 10, Ukrainians are asking themselves "How low will it go?" <http://goo.gl/Hpacja>

Odessa customs in January exceeded its plan by 124 million. Of this, 62 million UAH will be injected into the regional budget for road reconstruction. <http://goo.gl/SBixHY>

Sunset of Klyuyev Empire: The Klyuyev brothers' Vienna-based company Activ Solar has gone bankrupt. Who will take over the assets of the disgraced brothers? <http://goo.gl/nFTPzr>

Entire factory illegally transported from Ukraine to Russia resumes operations. <http://goo.gl/EpwyGo>

Left: Software developer Ciklum's Odessa office. Ukraine's booming IT sector makes it an outsourcing nation.

<http://goo.gl/9AHkvH>

Right: Sharovka is looking for an investor.

<https://goo.gl/TdBrRi>



Danish companies favor western Ukraine

Ukrainian startup makes affordable DNA tests for healthcare advice

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When it comes to setting up shop in Ukraine, west seems to be best for Danish businesses. <http://goo.gl/NfUcXL>

Open-source data incubator chooses startups to train, give support in non-commercial projects.

<http://goo.gl/2Tq6f7>

Ukraine moves towards PayPal: Residents can now receive e-payments from abroad. <http://goo.gl/anZkaN>

Ukrainian launch vehicle to be used for flights to the ISS. <http://goo.gl/9zx0fn>

Left: Ukrainian combat Hopak takes off in Poland. Dancers in Warsaw learn the ancient martial art. (Video) <http://goo.gl/IKdn5q>

Right: Ukrainian Mysterious Folk Art: Maria Prymachenko's creations go on display in Kyiv. <http://goo.gl/Pgbtg9>



St. Valentine's at a militant princess' castle

Crimean Tatar singer, a people's tragedy, and Eurovision

A Crimean Tatar singer hopes to take a people's tragedy to Eurovision. The leading contender to represent Ukraine in this year's Eurovision song contest is a 32-year-old Crimean Tatar with a heart-rending song recalling how Soviet dictator Josef Stalin ordered the mass deportation of her entire nation to Central Asia in 1944.

<http://goo.gl/xm7J19>

Ukrainian-American Marta Kuzma named first-ever female dean of Yale School of Art.

<http://goo.gl/joMrOc>

Ukrainians like to celebrate Valentine's Day in an old castle in Transcarpathia "Castle of Love" - Fortress St. Miklos (village Chynadiyev). <http://goo.gl/pv127b>

Rank	Name	Place of Birth*	Birth Year	Gender	Occupation
1	Leon Trotsky	Ukraine	1879	Male	Politician
2	Nikolai Gogol	Ukraine	1809	Male	Writer
3	Leonid Brezhnev	Ukraine	1906	Male	Politician
4	Joseph Conrad	Ukraine	1857	Male	Writer
5	Roxelana	Ukraine	1506	Female	Politician
6	John III Sobieski	Ukraine	1629	Male	Politician
7	Golda Meir	Ukraine	1898	Female	Politician
8	Mikhail Bulgakov	Ukraine	1891	Male	Writer
9	Sergei Prokofiev	Ukraine	1891	Male	Composer
10	Kazimir Malevich	Ukraine	1879	Male	Painter

Left: Ivan Marchuk, Ternopil artist who Britain has placed on the list of "hundred geniuses of our time". <http://goo.gl/coUJrE>

Right: Globally Famous 'Ukrainians', an analysis. <http://goo.gl/PHaAxf>



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