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Ukraine's new [prime minister will retain "core reformers"](#).

[Week's balance](#): PM Hroysman, Rada's sabotage, and disappointing IMF forecast.

The [European Commission plans to go ahead](#) with visa liberalization for Ukraine -- despite a Dutch referendum last week that rejected Ukraine's Association Agreement with Kyiv.

[Russia is more dangerous than Islamic State](#) says the Polish Foreign Minister.

Kremlin said to be organizing [secret military units in Germany](#) and other Western countries. A new book

by C. Vaissie of the University of Rennes 2 describes the ways Moscow has used the media, political [lobbying and hidden financing](#) to develop an influence network in France.

Russia starts recon and [strike drills in Black Sea](#) ahead of NATO-Russia meeting.

[Russia provides Syria with weapons](#) produced in Ukrainian separatist-held town.

[Savchenko slips into critical condition](#). 46 members of the EU Parliament demand that [Putin immediately release Nadiya Savchenko](#).

Dutch art mystery solved. [Ukraine's security service locates four paintings](#).

Left: Kyiv [charity run](#) attracts thousands of participants from 43 countries.

Right: Chyhyryn, old Ukraine's capital. [Fotos of 11 capitals of Ukraine](#)



'Putin doesn't want democracy in neighbouring states' Alliance for mutual defense against Moscow needed

Ukraine will not join NATO or the EU in the foreseeable future and should thus seek a neutral role as a trade and communications [bridge for Russia and the West](#) rather than as a bulwark.

['Putin doesn't want democracy in neighbouring states'](#) - Freedom House ex-president.

Many [Europeans want to focus on their own problems](#) rather than broaden the EU and are convinced that "they are paying for their support of Ukraine" with a worsening of relations with Russia.

Ian Brzezinski: ["Ukraine has to keep on pressing its](#)

[case"](#).

Groysman vs Hroysman: Spelling out [Ukraine's identity crisis](#), why clarity on English-language names would be good start.

NATO won't be expanding east anytime soon. Militarily weak countries between the Baltic and the Black Sea should form an [alliance for mutual defense against Moscow](#).

[Selective prosecutions](#) as weapon in Prosecutor's war against reform?

[Party switching](#): to ban or not to ban.

On Apr 14, the number of ceasefire violations exceeded 4000 Geography of violence has been extended

Chief Monitor of the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine (SMM) expressed his dismay at a [sharp increase in fighting](#) in the east of the country. On 14 April the number of ceasefire violations recorded by the SMM exceeded 4,000, with over 500 of them being explosions.

OSCE reports the [geography of violence](#) has again been extended to areas in the southern Donetsk region.

Apr 18. [The situation in the area of anti-terrorist operation remains complicated](#). The number of attacks on the positions of Ukrainian soldiers equals that of April 17th, making 18 cases. [Map](#).

Russian-backed separatist forces launch [attacks on frontier checkpoints](#).

Apr 16. [Russian proxies attack](#) Ukraine troops 61 times in last day.

[Russia evacuates 38 dead](#) servicemen at night.

Ukraine state arms manufacturer ships [501 pieces of military hardware to army](#).

10-year-old [schoolgirl makes inventions](#) for Ukrainian army. Anastasia Livochka from Donbas now living in Lviv has devised several easily implemented solutions to common problems.

A Ukrainian [court has sentenced two Russian nationals to 14 years in jail](#) each on charges of fighting alongside Russia-backed separatists in eastern Ukraine.

Nearly [10,000 Russian regular forces](#) stationed in Donbas - Stratfor analyst.

[Pastor Oleksandr Khomchenko from Donetsk was tortured](#) by Kremlin-backed militants who staged three fake executions by firing squad.

Two years of changing frontlines in the Donbass in two minutes. ([Video](#))

Left: [War claimed lives of 50 children](#), 140 children were wounded, 20 became orphans, about 70,000 were forced to leave their homes and seek safety in other villages and towns of Ukraine.

Right: [Ukrainian students present drones](#) and anti-crash systems at tech expo.



7 myths driving Russia's assault against Tatars

Russia-occupied Crimea suspends Council representing Tatar minority

[Russian soldiers to be swapped for Savchenko](#) as long as she is alive – lawyer.

Russia-occupied Crimea [suspends Council representing Tatar minority](#). The self-proclaimed prosecutor of Crimea Nataliya Poklonskaya decided not to wait for the predictable decision of the “court” and [immediately “suspended” the activities of the Mejlis](#). Crimean Tatar leader calls for an [extraordinary UN Security Council](#) meeting as Mejlis banned.

7 [myths driving Russia's assault](#) against the Crimean Tatars.

Stark warning of [bloody provocation planned](#) against Crimean Tatars.

[More arrests in Russia-occupied Crimea](#). Russian authorities detain two Crimean Tatars.

Draconian laws [set scene for mass arrests](#) in Russia & occupied Crimea.

Corrupt justice system, impunity of security forces, torture and abduction in Russian-occupied regions. [Annual U.S. State Department report](#) paints grim picture of human rights situation in Ukraine.

Hroysman confirmed as Ukraine's new Prime Minister

One billion-dollar deal for Ukraine

[Hroysman and new ministers](#) take charge of government. Bloomberg: [Five challenges](#) for the new faces in Ukraine's government.

Hroysman confirmed as [Ukraine's new Prime Minister](#). [Five facts about](#) Ukraine's new Prime Minister Volodymyr Hroysman.

Eyes on [new finance minister](#) in Ukraine.

Kubiv wants to bring Ukraine to the [TOP-20 ranking of Doing Business](#).

11 newest members of the [president's faction](#) in Ukraine's parliament.

Ukraine's experiment with [bringing foreign reformers](#) and private sector professionals into the government is now officially over, and it has failed.

Parubiy [appointed Rada Speaker](#).

Ukraine's [civic activists](#) are trying to build a new country. The victory of Ukraine's civil-society movement is far from guaranteed.

One billion-dollar deal for Ukraine. Washington promises [to help Kyiv implement reforms](#) and protect itself against Moscow's aggression.

IMF is ready to complete the second review of the [Extended Fund Facility on cooperation with Ukraine](#), endorsed in March 2015.

[Ukraine exported 32 million tonnes of grain](#) so far in 2015/16

[Decommunization](#) is about removing ideological 'layers of old paint' and creating environment that allows drawing own conclusions.

[Ukraine is fighting three wars](#), all of which are getting hotter. This week's news on all three fronts.

Left: A [first solar tree](#) in Ukraine. People can now charge their mobile devices in the middle of the city.

Right: Ukrainians suggest [producing energy using sea waves](#).



Fujikura opens automotive factory in Lviv region

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Dnipropetrovsk startup raises \$400,000 to develop its [targeted-advertising algorithms](#).

Japanese company [Fujikura opened a factory](#) for the production of automotive components in Lviv region.

German company [Leoni AG will build a second plant](#) in Ukraine.

Young architects [transform Lviv's public space](#) to make the city a better place for its residents.

Social initiative of ATO soldiers, Pizza Veterano, creates [franchise to open similar cafés](#) in other cities.

Left: World's largest urban art project [#ArtUnitedUs](#) launches in Kyiv.

Right: "You are a [cosack!](#)", BBC documentary



Cossack cemetery restored in Odesa

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How does [Chornobyl attract tourists?](#)

Emerging youth culture spurred by CXEMA, Kyiv's foremost [underground techno rave](#).

Ukraine is mentioned for the first time in the Tale of Igor's Campaign against Polovtsy in 1185. Other historical facts about [Ukraine and Russia's origins](#).

Left: ['Mythical' Takin](#) (goat antelope): Ukraine's zoo presents a unique animal.

Right: Carpathian Mountains. When [Chervona Ruta blooms](#).



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