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Ukraine is marking the [30th anniversary of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster](#) on April 26th with a memorial service and a series of events in remembrance of the world's worst-ever civilian nuclear accident. [Chornobyl 30 years later](#).

[The prime cause of Chernobyl disaster](#) was the Soviet society's deep paternalism and the principle of "loyalty guarantees survival".

International [Criminal Court in The Hague](#) begins reviewing report on Russian crimes in Donbas.

On April 28th the United Nations raised its [estimate of the total killed during the conflict in eastern](#)

[Ukraine](#) to 9,333 from 9,160 in March.

[Restrictions placed on Odesa demonstrations](#) two years after 48 people killed.

How the [Moscow Patriarchate](#) is creating a separatist Lavra "republic" in Kyiv.

Ukraine with [Canada's assistance trained 97 military doctors](#).

Kyiv sees [no elections in Eastern Ukraine until Russians leave](#).

[Kremlin's infowar in the Baltics](#). Moscow switches from unfriendly rhetoric to state-sponsored lies.

[Nord Stream-2 should comply with European](#), not Russian, rules.

Left: [Ukrainian Easter celebrations](#) are a beautiful melding of traditional Christian practices, folklore, and ancient pagan symbolism. "Dear Ukraine! We warmly congratulate you with Easter. Be sure that enemy will not pass," - [Congratulations from Ukrainian soldiers](#)

Right: [Odessa May 2. Years of investigation bring no progress.](#)



Chornobyl: the secret tragedy which led to the collapse of the USSR Moscow tries to divide and weaken Europe but instead unites and expands it

Despite all of Vladimir Putin's efforts to divide and weaken Europe, [no one has done more to "strengthen European unity"](#) and prompt all but a handful of Russia's former allies to look to Brussels rather than Moscow as their desired goal. - G. Gudkov

Eventually [a hybrid president](#) and a hybrid country run into un-hybrid realities.

With so [many opposing troops massed in close proximity along the line of separation](#), you can expect more civilians to be caught in the line of fire in eastern Ukraine. RFE/RL spoke to International Crisis Group adviser Paul Quinn-Judge about the scale of the problem.

Many who study the post-Soviet world show an understanding or even sympathetic deference to Russia and Russian feelings while ignoring those of the peoples living in countries near Russia and having a tendency to [forget or downplay the crimes of communism](#).

Vladimir Putin has out-Putined himself by [awarding Vladimir Zhirinovskiy, a brazen fascist, 'For Service to the Fatherland'](#). Putin's goals are imperialist and methods dictatorial.

Chornobyl: [the secret tragedy](#) which led to the [collapse of the Soviet Union](#).

Russia is increasing its military presence in Luhansk region

10 things you need to know about Ukraine's crisis

10 things you need to know about Ukraine's crisis. UN mission publishes [key facts about 'forgotten war'](#) in Ukraine.

Ukraine accuses Russia-backed separatists of [breaking Easter cease-fire](#).

May 2. [Militants' armistice violations decrease](#), only six armed provocations take place. Convoy of Russian military trucks carrying [soldiers entered occupied Luhansk](#). Russia is increasing its military presence in Luhansk region. [Kremlin supposedly wants to toughen its influence on separatist leaders](#).

May 1. [21-year-old Ukrainian soldier](#) Roman Svirzhevskiy killed in ATO area.

Apr 30. [Russia moves 24 tanks](#) and 1,000 tons of diesel fuel to Donbas.

Fighting spikes as [unity over European economic sanctions against Russia begins to fray](#).

Russian [aggression against Ukraine and international law](#): 25 key theses.

[Seventy percent of militants in Donbas are Russian](#) citizens, 25 percent are regular troops and 45 percent are so called "volunteers" – military intelligence

[Police found three grenades](#) in an underground walkway near Kulykove Pole in Odesa. [Other weapons](#) - three grenade launchers, 42 hand grenades, and 1,500 cartridges found – were found in a cache near Odesa.

Two years later, Kremlin's lethal lies about Odesa fire [still motivate Donbas recruits](#).

[Russia targets NATO](#) during air force drills.

[Orlando Bloom pays a humanitarian visit to Donbas](#) (photos, video). The Hollywood star has unexpectedly arrived in eastern Ukraine.

McDonald's investigating [copycat burger joint](#) in "LNR".



Left: Russia [hybrid war](#). (video)
 Right: Ukraine commemorates 30th anniversary of [Chernobyl nuclear tragedy](#). To date, the exact number of victims is unknown.

The EU's security environment has changed dramatically
 Instability on the EU's doorstep threatens peace and security



Russia officially bans Crimean Tatar Mejlis

Ukraine, Turkey to coordinate actions to protect human rights in Crimea

On 26 April 2016, the self-proclaimed authorities of Crimea banned the representative organ of the Crimean Tatars, the Mejlis, effectively [declaring war on the indigenous population of the peninsula Russia occupied](#). A Russian-run court in the annexed Crimean Peninsula has [branded the executive council for the region's Tatar minority an extremist organization](#) and ordered it banned.

[Ukraine and Turkey will coordinate actions](#) via international organizations and forums to protect human rights in Russian-occupied Crimea.

Crimean [journalist faces 5-year sentence](#) for

'separatism'.

No end in sight to [Russia's revenge against imprisoned Mайдan activist](#).

"[The expectation of death is worse than death itself](#)". What war captives and kidnapped civilians go through in the occupied territories, and how exchange mechanisms work.

[25 Ukrainians are held in captivity in Russia](#), accused of committing serious crimes. Yet international rights organizations still have not recognized them as political prisoners.

The new Cabinet is a mix of the old and the new

Introducing ProZorro, an electronic system for state procurement

On May 1, the [law on civil service entered into force](#), which is aimed at jumpstarting public administration system reform.

The new Cabinet of Ministers headed by Prime Minister Volodymyr Groysman, who was voted into office on April 14, is a [mixture of the old and the new](#).

The introduction of ProZorro, an electronic system for state procurement, has been heralded as [one of the biggest steps ever taken to bring transparency to Ukraine's public sector](#).

As Kvit departs, problems linger in [education system](#).

On April 26-28, an all-Ukrainian [congress of prosecutors elected loyalists](#), handpicked by acting Prosecutor General Yuriy Sevruk, to serve on internal regulating bodies, critics say.

Former Ukrainian Prosecutor [Vitaliy Kasko joins Transparency International](#).

Ukraine's [foreign trade turnover in 2015](#) dropped by 28.5%, or by more than USD 35 billion, compared to 2014.

New reformer Minister of Infrastructure Omelyan emphasizes his stance of [maximum transparency and no tolerance for corruption](#).

In spite of current ups and downs, [achieving a prosperous economy](#) in a reasonable time span remains a realistic prospect for Ukraine. The macroeconomic stabilization project has seen its first positive results, but economic modernization is still lagging.

'Highly likely' Ukraine will [receive next IMF loans in June](#) – finance minister

Authorities say [the illicit amber trade](#) costs Ukraine hundreds of millions of dollars a year in lost taxes as well as untold environmental damage. "The land is ruined," says Mykhaylo Boyarkin, the head of the geology committee. "Nobody will want to invest here."

Left: [Europe's first electronic computer](#) was created in Ukraine.

Right: [Ukraine builds its first electric car](#), presented by Electric Marathon Int. company at the 11th international conference on ecological vehicles and renewable energy, EVER 2016, Apr. 6-8 in Monaco



Investors select Ukrainian startups for challenge

How easy is it to do business in Ukraine?

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How easy is it [to do business in Ukraine](#)? Ukraine is ranked 83 out of 189 countries in the world for enabling businesses to work, a position four places higher than in 2015.

Ukrainian startup for [temporary pet care](#).

Real estate developers implement [trade-in program to activate sales](#).

[Lustrated Ukrainian naval officer founded the startup UaRpa](#), which produces high-tech military gear, including battlefield control and intelligence equipment, and training simulators, with the aim of "improving the army's performance."

Left: “[Little sheep](#)” by 9 y.o. painter received top price in Japan out of 26,000 works.

Right: [Ukrainian neck ornaments](#): history and symbols.



The surprising story behind Ukraine’s 'Tunnel of Love' Benefit in Chicago to support PTSD victims in Ukraine

Archeologists have found [old church under statue of Lenin](#) in Ukraine's Kryvyi Rih.

Ukrainian NGO helps parents accept their [LGBT children](#).

Even if you aren't in Chicago, you can still

support this [benefit to support PTSD victims](#) in Ukraine.

[Ukraine seeks ways to recall its Jewish heritage](#). Cities, towns erect memorials, plan events to commemorate once-thriving community, wiped out in WWII Holocaust.

Left: The surprising story behind [Ukraine's 'Tunnel of Love'](#)

Right: History of the [Ukrainian village](#).



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