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Poroshenko: [Repressions of Crimean Tatars and Ukrainians by occupation authorities of Crimea](#) cannot be ignored by the Council of Europe. [Ukraine calls on the U.N. and E.U. to condemn violations of human rights](#) committed by the Soviet Union and by Russia.

[Ukraine ranks fourth in IDPs](#), following Yemen, Syria and Iraq. 1.7 million people have been displaced by conflict in eastern Ukraine.

[Ukraine has joined the global declaration against corruption](#) at the Anti-Corruption Summit, the Ukrainian State Fiscal Service reports.

U.S. Vice President Joe Biden has told Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko that [the United States will move forward with a third 1 million loan guarantee](#)

agreement to support reforms against corruption.

April 28, the National Assembly of France passed a draft resolution against continuing economic sanctions previously imposed on Russia. Although this text is only advisory, the [Federation of Ukrainians of France is deeply concerned about such open manifestations of allegiance vis-à-vis the Kremlin](#), which have lately become more and more widespread in France.

On 12 May 2016, the Ukraine president's ally Yuriy [Lutsenko was appointed to the post of Prosecutor General](#). The appointment was made possible by the controversial passing of a law that abolished requirements for a law degree and work experience in the Prosecutor's office, said to be tailored specifically to appoint Lutsenko.

Ukraine [recovers 17 paintings stolen in Italy](#), including works by Peter Paul Rubens, Pisanello, Caroto, Tintoretto, and Mantegna. [Russia's FSB said to have set sights](#) on paintings.

Left: Ukraine's [Jamala wins the 2016 Eurovision song competition](#) with the song '1944' about the deportation of Crimean Tatars under Josef Stalin.

Right: Jamala returns to a [hero's welcome](#) in Ukraine.



The US and EU underestimate the danger of Russian disinformation Putin, Kremlin 'really thinking about occupying Baltic countries'

The West needs to stop panicking about Russia's "hybrid" warfare and [get tough](#) instead.

How to [win the battle for a new Ukraine](#): Reforms, new elites, and old structures.

The US and EU still underestimate the danger of Russian disinformation. Putin's hybrid war tactics rely heavily on a veil of disinformation but [Western nations remain vulnerable](#) despite Ukraine experience.

Kremlin '[really thinking about occupying Baltic countries](#),' former RISI expert says.

[Russia's economic woes](#) are the result of structural defects and over-reliance on oil, not Western sanctions. The EU will lose credibility if sanctions lifted now.

[Free of charge, but not for nothing](#). What's wrong with international aid to Ukraine.

How top Ukrainian [politicians manipulate the gas issue](#).

[Health care reforms](#) that have been started must not end with the replacement of the minister.

[How the BBC tried to stop me](#) from writing about Russia's campaign against the Crimean Tatars.

Militants tried to break through contact line

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May 16. Situation in the ATO zone worsens as [militants attempt to break through the contact line](#) resulting in damages and casualties. Intelligence reports prove militants plans to expand area they occupy. One Ukrainian soldier killed, one wounded in Donbas in last day. [Russian-backed militants continue to violate](#) Minsk agreement.

May 16. Ukraine [war updates](#) and daily briefings

May 14. [The situation in the anti-terrorist operation \(ATO\) area continue to escalate](#). 20 militant attacks reported.

Enemy [attack drone with explosives on board](#) leaves Ukrainian soldier shell-shocked. There is no sign of ceasefire on the frontlines in eastern Ukraine.

Although fighting was less than in recent weeks today, [violence in Donetsk and the presence of mines meant more casualties](#).

[Drones disseminated Ukrainian leaflets over parade](#)

in occupied Donetsk.

[Russians are building infrastructure](#) enabling them to deploy tactical nuclear weapons to Crimea,

“I am no hero. [I am a part of a heroic nation](#),” Adriana Susak from Ukraine’s Aidar battalion comments when receiving the National Hero of Ukraine order.

[Satellite images released by Stratfor](#) show Russian SAM Buk in eastern Ukraine five hours before MH17 downing.

Ukraine's parliament urges international journalists to 'call a spade a spade'. [BBC asked not to use term 'civil war'](#) when it comes to Russian aggression in Ukraine.

[Cross-European charity cycling tour](#) to start in Lviv. Participants aim to raise funds for families of injured and fallen Ukrainian soldiers.

Left: “[If not for the war](#)”: 12 photo reports about maternal love and heroism

Left: Tamara Platmir and son Yaroslav wounded near Donetsk Airport on January 30, 2015

Right: [Ukraine's next generation](#), a series of 35 1-minute videos about how Ukrainians changing their country.



Life in annexed Crimea: Protesting Russia’s brutal occupation

Persecution of Crimean Tatars ongoing on Russia-occupied peninsula

[Persecution of Crimean Tatars](#) ongoing on Russia-occupied peninsula. Vice Chairman of Mejlis released after detention by Russian FSB agents.

Crimean [Tatars detained](#) as 'terrorists'.

Under Putin, Circassians and Crimean Tatars at [greatest risk of repression](#).

Despite the nearly-omnipresent and brutal neo-KGB secret police structures established by Russia in annexed Crimea, pro-Ukrainian Crimeans find the [clever ways to protest occupation as well as](#)

[share news from the peninsula](#).

[8 years for integrity](#) if you’re Crimean Tatar.

Crimean Tatars find [new home in traditional Lviv](#).

Predictable cruelty, [worrying news on Savchenko’s 2nd birthday](#) in Russian captivity.

[Alibis as inadmissible evidence](#) in Russia’s ‘trial’ of tortured Ukrainians.

[Ukrainian taken hostage](#) and tortured for Russian propaganda.

Poroshenko appoints Lutsenko as prosecutor general

EU to help Ukraine elaborate legislation on energy efficiency

On May 12th, [President Poroshenko appointed Yury Lutsenko](#), head of the Poroshenko Bloc's faction in parliament, as prosecutor general. The President called changes to the law connected with Lutsenko's appointment as [necessary "innovations" to increase public confidence](#) in the office.

Impossible to have meaningful [reforms in Ukraine when borders unstable](#), U.S. State Department.

Transparency International: More Ukrainians ready to report corruption to police. [National anti-corruption campaign unfolds with success](#).

[Reforms digest April 30 – May 13](#). Expectations after the holidays. Macrofinancial stabilization. Anticorruption and financial sector reforms.

[Unian week's milestones](#). Holiday provocations, prosecutor general with ambitions, and hasty premier.

[iMoRe 34](#): Unification of gas prices and deregulation of pharmaceutical market failed to speed up overall reform progress.

Unian [week's balance](#): IMF mission in Ukraine, Groysman's "Black Hundred," and battle for

Ukr gasvydobuvannya.

The European Union intends to help the Ukrainian Government to conduct [further reform of the country's energy efficiency](#).

On May 11th, [First Deputy Interior Minister Ekaterina Zguladze-Glucksmann](#) resigns. The Georgian-born reformer who revamped Ukraine's distrusted police [remains in the Interior Ministry reformers team](#) despite her resignation. Yet another blow to those who hope Ukraine can shed its corrupt ways.

The National Anti-Corruption Bureau (NABU) accepting applications of candidates to a [new Council of Public Control](#).

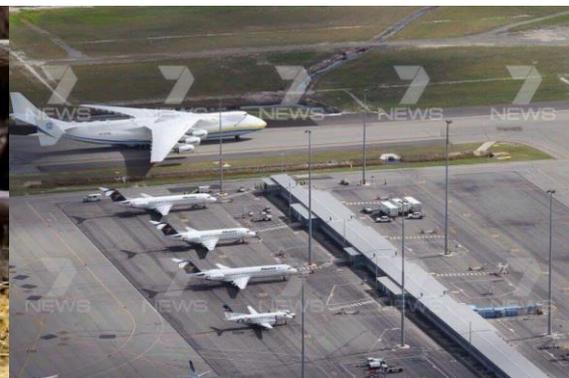
Moskal, fed up with smuggling, finds [Zakarpattia harder than war zone](#).

65% of [Ukrainians aged 14-35 want to go abroad temporarily or permanently](#), - poll.

"Panama Papers - 2": [Ukraine's major confectionery "Konti" registered in tax haven](#), former PM Azarov's son possesses 26 offshore firms.

Left: one-of-a-kind [buffalo farm](#). Zakarpattia region offers perfect conditions to raise buffalos.

Right: Ukrainian [Mriia An-225](#), largest world's aircraft, landed in Australian Perth.



MarsHopper plane designed by a team from Kyiv

BLOOMBERG: Ukraine Wheat Outlook Perks Up With `Marvelous' Crop Weather

More than half of the world's [sunflower oil supply](#) comes from Ukraine.

Ukrainian [agriculture sector](#) is among most interesting to international investors and crucial to country's balance of payments.

Ukrainian startup claims to make [content loading four times faster](#) to enhance mobile apps.

Ukrainian project leading in NASA Space Apps

Challenge. [MarsHopper plane designed by a team from Kyiv](#).

The American Economic Association awarded the [John Bates Clark medal](#) to 37-year-old economist of Ukrainian origin Y. Sannikov.

Ukraine's arms manufacturer boasts military products in [impressive video](#).

[Rare flight for Mriya](#), the biggest plane in the world.

Left: Spring/Summer 2016 Ukrainian [Valentino](#)

Right: Estonia hands over stolen [Viking-era sword](#) to Ukraine.



The Ukrainian who saved Krakow from destruction

'Heavenly Hundred' Garden among finalists of European competition

The [Ukrainian who saved Krakow from destruction](#) and other little-known WWII stories.

When [Ukrainians came to the aid of Finland against USSR](#) — recalled and celebrated.

[French Ambassador takes to the stage](#) in Kharkiv. Isabelle Dumont plays cello with the Symphony Orchestra of the Kharkiv Regional Philharmonia.

Record-breaking [military concert underground](#). Ukrainian army brass orchestra performs national anthem at a salt mine.

Ukraine Exists: [Unique art exhibit arrives in](#)

[Toronto](#). Project curator Taras Topolya aims to tell the world about war and peace in his home country.

Ukraine's 'Heavenly Hundred' Garden among [finalists of European competition](#).

Italian artist completes [the world's highest mural](#) wall in Kyiv.

Ukraine Paralympic swimmers [win a record number of medals in Europe](#)

Ukraine wins and wins in [diving](#), [synchronized swimming](#), [karate](#), and [gymnastics](#).

Left: [Synevyr National Nature Park](#) is home to many endangered species

Right: Ancient [seal dated back to X century returns to Ukraine](#). Artifact is said to belong to Prince Svyatoslav



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