



# CIVIC SECTOR OF EUROMAIDAN GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT

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### “Stop Putin’s war in Ukraine” global rally

#### Europe's indecisiveness during Georgian war led to Ukraine conflict

'Stop Putin's War in Ukraine!' [rallies held in Europe, US, Canada.](#)

Poll: [56% of Ukrainians support joining EU](#) and 44% support NATO membership.

NATO will agree this week to send four multinational battalions to Poland and the Baltic States to boost their defense and show that [NATO is "ready to defend any ally."](#)

EU Ambassador Tombinski: [No progress in settlement of Donbas conflict.](#)

'France has forgotten [Europe's indecisiveness during Georgian war led to Ukraine conflict](#)'.

The European Union intends to [extend economic restrictions against Russia for further six months](#) despite signs of the mood towards Moscow softening in some of the bloc's member states.

The EU is [slowing down the process on abolition of visa requirements](#) for Ukrainians, in spite of the European Commission's positive recommendation.

Vatican will establish special ['The Pope for Ukraine' committee.](#)

Ukrainian troops participate in [Anaconda 2016: NATO's massive military drills](#) in Poland.

[Recovering stolen assets during Yanukovich regime](#) is impossible without Ukrainian court decisions, says Head of Transparency International.

No end in sight for the 2013 Euromaidan beatings trial. Former [Berkut officers face up to 5 years](#) in prison if convicted.

SBU [checks Medvedchuk's Ukrainian Choice](#) for involvement in separatism, terrorism, and treason.

Left: 9-10 June 2016, the international protest Stop Putin's war in Ukraine in Rome (Italy) [and other places](#)

Right: Transparency International chief Jose Ugaz reminds that [corruption can bring down regimes.](#) Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, June 7



### Guarantee of no new weapons in East key to lasting peace

#### Clusters may facilitate industrial and economic strength in Ukraine

While part of the Russian-Ukrainian border remains without monitoring, no one can [guarantee the absence of new weapons.](#)

Giving up on values and arguments, that is, the decadence of western elites, is [threatening world peace.](#)

[Clusters, seen as drivers of economic growth,](#) resulted in a world wide policy fashion. Its application in Ukraine may facilitate industrial and economic strengths.

[OSCE role in Ukraine makes Russia both aggressor and mediator.](#)

Ukraine must let the Donbas go and implement the reforms needed to rebuild itself, and [return to the Donbas question from a position of strength.](#)

Large-scale escalation in [Donbas is possible only with the participation of Russian](#) forces. For [Russia, the price of a large-scale attack](#) at Ukraine is now much higher than two years ago.

## Militants bring 36 Grad systems back to the contact line

“If there are no talks, we will never have peace” - Savchenko

Russian [OSCE appointee implicated in Russia’s fake Crimea referendum & war propaganda](#).

Militants brought [36 Grad systems back](#) to the contact line. [Kremlin deploys more tanks](#) to eastern Ukraine.

Jun 13. [Fighting flare-up in Donbas](#) with big losses on both sides. Ukrainian positions near [Leninske, Novhorodske, Opytne mortared](#).

Jun 12. Militants fired about [400 shells at Ukrainian soldiers near Avdiivka](#). [Three militants killed](#), six injured in ATO area. [Four fighters from the Right Sector killed](#), up to 20 wounded.

Two years of [war in Ukraine in two minutes](#). How the border line has changed.

Poroshenko creates [National Cybersecurity Center](#).

President Poroshenko [permits foreign nationals to serve in Ukraine’s Armed Forces](#).

“DPR” militants confirm taking [OSCE mission driver hostage](#).

The Security Service of Ukraine registered several incidents where [Ukraine politicians were funded by Russia’s FSB to destabilize](#) the situation in the country.

"If there are no [talks with terrorist leaders](#), we will never have peace on our Ukrainian land," – Savchenko. The withdrawal of Russian soldiers and the sealing of Ukraine's border with Russia must precede such negotiations.

"DPR", "LPR" just don't exist. They are [terrorists](#). [any talks excluded](#), - Parubii, Parliament Speaker.

Shocking [statistics of non-battle casualties](#) of Ukraine's army. Accidents, suicides and diseases top the list.

"Alive. Forgotten. Captive," - [relatives of Kirovohrad fighters seek their release after 481 days](#). Ukraine demands [Russia return Afanasyev, Soloshenko](#).

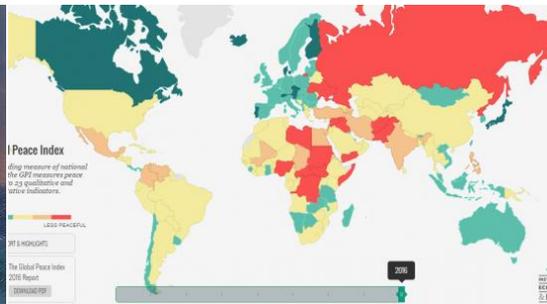
Grads, tanks, trenches: Air surveillance of Victory Sisters Foundation shows [Russian equipment in occupied territories](#).

28th brigade of [Russian Army from Yekaterinburg redeployed closer to Ukrainian border](#) in Bryansk oblast.

Ukrainians [gather in Maidan to remember fallen soldiers](#). Six volunteer fighters killed near Avdiivka over the weekend.

Left: Painting by [Aivazovsky held in occupied Crimea sold at Russian art auction at Christie's](#).

Right: [Global Peace Index](#): Ukraine ranks 156 out of 162 countries.



## More activists arrested in Crimea

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More [activists arrested on the Russia-occupied Crimea](#). [10 years in prison](#) for supporting Ukraine.

Putin’s [Kerch bridge to Crimea: no money](#), dodgy insurance and no accountability.

Money's running out in Crimea. Russian authorities [cut salaries for state employees](#) on the occupied peninsula.

Crimea occupation authorities plan [“Islamic extremist” show trial against Crimean Tatars](#) –

Mejlis head.

20-year-old Crimean Tatar Meliasanov [found dead](#).

Lone [Russian lawmaker who opposed Crimea annexation stripped of mandate](#). Ilya Ponomaryov also faces criminal investigation into fraud allegations.

Russian [lawyers face reprisals for defending tortured Ukrainian prisoners](#).

Tortured [Ukrainian demands formal apology](#) from Russia for insane prosecution.

## Ukraine surpasses pre-recession peak, more growth expected

### Second phase of police reform has begun

Ukraine surpasses its pre-recession peak – World Bank Group. [GDP growth expected](#).

GDP growth by three percent, more than eight percent inflation rate, and 27.2 hryvnia for USD, - Finance Ministry dwells on [draft budget resolution-2017](#).

Police chief: the [second phase of police reform](#) has begun.

[National Anti-Corruption Bureau](#) of Ukraine lacks resources, faces pressure on all sides, but will retain its independence from political pressure. Oleksii [Hrytsenko assumes chair of NABU's Public Control Council](#).

“[No grounds to accuse Poroshenko of tax evasion](#). All allegations turned out to be ‘soap bubbles’,” Prosecutor General.

“[Party dictatorship](#)” law contradicts international standards, - Venice Commission.

The Business Ombudsman Council ([BOC](#)) signs [cooperation memorandum with Ecology Ministry](#).

[Swedish ambassador](#): “I’ve probably spent as much time promoting Ukraine in Sweden as I have spent promoting Sweden in Ukraine”.

[Donetsk National university renamed](#) after Soviet dissident Vasyl Stus.

Reforms has accelerated slightly in late May, but proceed slowly. [iMoRe 36](#): Electronic procurement in defense sector, deregulation of foreign exchange transactions.

The National Energy and Utilities Regulatory Commission has agreed to almost [double tariffs for thermal energy, centralized heating, and centralized hot water supply for private consumers](#) starting July 1, 2016.

Activists clash with National Guard during attempts to enter Lviv City Hall. [Protesters demand mayor resign after landfill tragedy](#).

O. Sukhomlyn, a former deputy economy minister, has become the [first ally of Ukraine’s ousted ex-President Viktor Yanukovich to be arrested](#).

Anti-corruption organizations [demand action on Yanukovich regime prosecutions](#).

[Deputy governor of Mykolayiv Oblast walks free](#) after arrest on suspicion of taking \$90,000 bribe.

Ukraine [lost over 800 children’s recreation centers](#) because of occupation of Crimea.

Left: Yevhen Erik invented [window blinds that supply power to living quarters](#)

Right: [Quadcopter competition](#) flies over obstacles in Dnipro.



## e-commerce resumes growth, but hindered by legal barriers

### Swedish companies are making a comeback on Ukraine’s market

Ukrainian [e-commerce resumes growth](#), but is still hindered by legal barriers.

[Swedish exports increased by 20 percent](#) to \$267 million in 2015 compared to the previous year, and around 100 Swedish companies are now active in Ukraine.

Swedish [IT firms find land of opportunity](#) in Ukraine.

Ukrainian [Aircraft Corporation set up](#) combines all Ukraine's aircraft manufacturing enterprises into a single cluster. CNN ranks Ukraine planes among [world's iconic aircraft](#).

Online [tutoring platform Preply raises \\$1.3 million](#) to expand across Europe.

Left: The ruins of [Chervonohorod Castle](#) is planned for restoration by Polish investors

Right: [Oleksandr Tulin](#). Accorion



## LGBT/ Equality March successful in Kyiv

### Anna Ushenina became new European women's chess champion

For the first time, [a planned Gay Pride march](#) has taken place in the very centre of Kyiv with few incidents. The parade transformed into a [demonstration for equality](#).

Historians claim that the [phrase "Slava Ukrayini!" \(Glory to Ukraine!\)](#) first appeared in the Black Zaporozhtsi cavalry regiment which fought for the independence of Ukraine in 1918-1920.

[Malevich's Days to be held in Kyiv](#) for the first time.

Kyiv Zhulyany Airport to be named after Ukrainian [aircraft design genius Ihor Sikorskyi](#)

who fled Kyiv for U.S. after Soviet revolution.

In sports: [Virsky dancers show off](#) their skills in support of their favourite team.

Ukrainian [duo wins world break-dance](#) competition. Ukrainian boxer Vasyl [Lomachenko won his second world title](#).

The Ukrainian Anna Ushenina became new [European women's chess champion](#).

[PORTO Franko Gogol Fest festival](#) of contemporary art kicks off in Ivano-Frankivsk, western Ukraine, on June 8.

Left: Olga Lisovska with her daughter, a [folklore photo session](#). Photographer Anna Senyk.

Right: Less concrete, more flowers in future - on roofs, walls, bridges. The show ['City of Future'](#) opens in Kyiv.



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