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Canadian-Ukrainian Business forum achieves economic and political goals PACE's call to lift sanctions against Russia undermines its credibility

Assistant Secretary [Victoria Nuland visits Kyiv and Moscow](#) continuing conversations and efforts for full implementation of the Minsk agreement.

[PACE undermines its credibility](#) with call to lift sanctions on Russia.

Participants in the [Canadian-Ukrainian Business Forum](#) were able to achieve both the economic and the political goals set by the organizers.

[Europe is morally responsible for Ukraine's fate.](#) Donbas conflict is 'confrontation of civilizations', claims, says Vatican Secretary of State Pietro Parolin.

Council of Europe's annual [human rights reports fails to mention rights abuses](#) in Russian-annexed Crimea and occupied Donbas.

Poll: [45% of Ukrainians ready to provide evidence](#) of corruption incidents.

Ukrainian authorities have [arrested four former "Berkut" riot police officers for their alleged roles in the violent dispersal of pro-European protesters](#) in Kyiv in early 2014.

[Kremlin "trolls" have launched a massive campaign to discredit](#) Ukraine and Ukrainians in the Polish Internet space.

Former [Russian lawmaker granted residence permit in Ukraine.](#) Ilya Ponomaryov was the only Russian Duma deputy who opposed annexation of Crimea.

[StopFake News #88](#) includes claims Ukrainians are flocking to Crimea for vacation and that Bukovina, Romania plans to seek territorial autonomy.

Left: [The largest Crimean Tatar Flag in the world](#) was unfurled in Kyiv on June 26.

Right: The [largest Ukrainian national flag](#) in the world - 40x60 meters - was unfurled in Dnipro.



Why Ukrainians are speaking more Ukrainian

"Anti-terrorism" law means Putin preparing for war at home and abroad

Draconian "anti-terrorism" law means [Putin preparing for war at home and abroad.](#)

[Brexit and new challenges](#) for Ukraine.

[Brexit a gift to Putin](#), the far right Trump, a blow to democracy.

[Russia's plans to create new "republics"](#) in southwestern Ukraine.

Why [German politicians want to make peace with Putin.](#)

Why [Ukrainians are speaking more Ukrainian.](#) Speaking Ukrainian is seen as fashionable rather than backward.

Ukrainian households are reducing gas consumption in response to increased gas prices. But how much is [energy conservation or energy substitution?](#)

Ukrainian women receive right to serve in combat positions NATO starts drills in Western Ukraine

Since the beginning of the year those in control in areas outside government control [have restricted SMM's freedom of movement six times more than governmental forces](#) – OSCE SMM.

Jun 27. Militants [shelled Ukrainian positions for 36 times](#). Fired anti-tank missiles near Popasna.

JCCC, OSCE confirm that [militants shelled children's hospital in Donetsk to compromise Ukrainian troops](#).

Krasnohorivka [under fire for 710 days](#): town's industry on hold, people survive on social payments and humanitarian aid.

At the forefront of civil society: how Ukrainian [volunteers serve their country](#).

Why [veterans of the anti-terrorist operation are reluctant to go back](#). The decisions that veterans face are not as simple as they might first appear.

Russian military in Donbas [continue submitting resignations](#).

Russia supplies terrorists with [banned mines, new types of weapons](#) and explosives.

Dozens of dead soldiers transported to Russia. [Death toll is rising](#) for both sides of the conflict.

Ukraine's intelligence reports dozens of [flights of Russian assault and reconnaissance drones](#).

Rapid Trident 2016 [NATO drills started in western Ukraine](#) on June 27. Troops from 14 nations are taking part in joint military exercises.

[Helping children from eastern Ukraine](#) deal with war.

Left: Jun.27. [Militants open fire around Avdiivka industrial zone](#).
Right: [Ukrainian women receive right to serve in combat positions](#).



Russian FSB jails Crimean Muslims, terrorizes their children New 'anti-terrorist' law to unleash terror on Russia and Occupied Crimea

The human rights and economic situation in the occupied peninsula and Russia itself has been slowly deteriorating. [Week in review](#).

Russian FSB jails Crimean Muslims, then [terrorizes their children](#).

Ukrainian [political prisoner is being forced to take Russian citizenship](#). Crimean activist Kolchenko

refuses to sign a Russian passport.

Authorities ready to [demolish the only Ukrainian church in Russia](#).

New 'anti-terrorist' [law to unleash terror](#) on Russia and occupied Crimea.

[Neglected stories](#) from Russian-occupied Crimea, week of June 20th.

Ongoing war not an excuse for slowing reform

UAH 700 mln to be invested in Ukrainian energy efficiency this year

Natalie Jaresko: [Ongoing war not an excuse for slowing reform](#).

[Digest of reforms](#) 18.06-24.06.2016 Time for a quick comprehension of the situation regarding the internal processes of the EU and any adjustments to Ukrainian government policy.

[iMoRe 37: Reforms Gained Momentum](#) – Customs Service Reform, Currency Liberalization, Deregulation of the Pharmaceutical Market.

U.S. to grant \$220 mln on Ukrainian [customs service modernization](#).

Ukraine [cuts key interest rate](#) for third month.

UAH [700 mln to be invested in Ukrainian energy efficiency](#) this year.

The National Bank of Ukraine (NBU), Ukraine's Economic Development and Trade Ministry, Deposit Guarantee Fund and Transparency International Ukraine (TI Ukraine) [plan to create a new electronic trading platform using the](#)

[ProZorro](#) electronic procurement system.

Gennadiy Zubko has two things on his mind – [decentralization and energy efficiency](#).

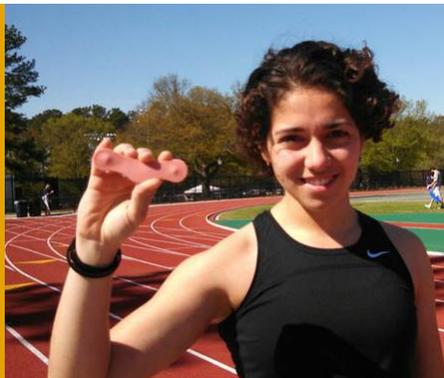
Many factors indicate that the [presidential institution is once again winning the fight against the parliament](#) and the government and is continuing to consolidate power.

Former political prisoners Nadiya Savchenko and Petr Pavlensky, a Russian artist, met to draw attention to those who are still held captive by the Kremlin. They discussed prison, war, peace and the price of apathy. ([video](#))

At the forefront of civil society: [how Ukrainian volunteers serve their country](#). Research studies plus personal stories showing how Ukrainians are changing to be more aware and responsible.

Left: Ukrainian entrepreneur [Ivonna Dumanyan](#) has won a \$100,000 grant from the prestigious Thiel Fellowship to start a technology or IT company in the United States. BioMetrix prototype sensor.

Right: Ukrainian startups attract \$132 million in 2015.



Private Equity Investments in 2010-2015, \$ million



- Total capital invested: \$132 mln, 237% up over 2014
- Venture stage: \$31 mln, -20% y/y
- Growth stage: \$101 mln
- Local investors*: 52%

* Local investors are defined as those either managed from Ukraine, or their funds are sourced from Ukraine, or both

Source: "Dealbook of Ukraine 2014-2015" by Ukraine Digital News and Allentures Capital

Ukrainian startup partners with international movie giant

A Ukrainian startup has become [partners with an international movie making giant](#). Universal Studios and Ukrainian company Petcube are to cross-promote each other in the latest comedy animation "The Secret Life of Pets" by the U.S. film studio.

Kaharlyk by Oleh Shynkarenko, [a novel that began as Facebook posts to evade censors during Euromaidan 2014](#), gets English translation.

Left: Ukrainians [win all medals](#) at European Aquathlon Championships.

Right: [Relax park](#) open close to Poltava.



Alfa Jazz Fest in Lviv

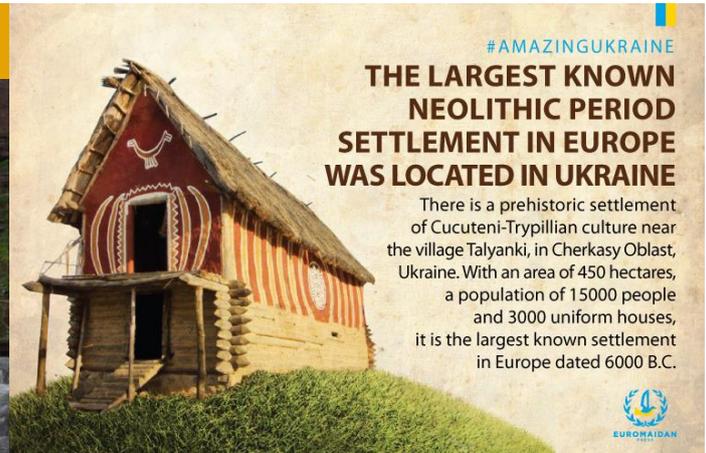
Renowned musicians from [14 countries gather for the Alfa Jazz Fest](#), which has kicked off in Lviv, western Ukraine.

Ukrainian readers are avidly awaiting the release of a new [book called Ya Like Ukrayinu \(I Like Ukraine\)](#) with 25 stories by celebrated Ukrainian writers Serhiy Zhadan, Yuriy Vynnychuk, Andriy Kurkov, Iren Rozdobudko, Andriy Kokotyukha, Larysa Denysenko and others.

Ukraine's [DakhaBrakha perform at Glastonbury Festival](#). This highly rated band stages a top act with 'ethno chaos' rhythms and melodies.

[32-year-old message in a bottle found](#) in a train compartment that was turned into a playground attraction.

Left: Dzurynsky Waterfall. Ternopil Region



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