



# CIVIC SECTOR OF EUROMAIDAN GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT

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### EU extends sanctions against Russia

#### NATO support for Ukraine comes to a new level

Allies [will adopt a comprehensive package of political support and practical assistance to Ukraine](#) at the Ukraine-NATO Commission meeting on July 9<sup>th</sup>.

[Ukraine, European Organization for Justice sign Agreement](#) on Cooperation.

The European Union has officially decided to extend its economic [sanctions against Russia to January 31, 2017](#). Sanctions are [great motivation for Russia to fulfill Minsk accords](#) – Poroshenko.

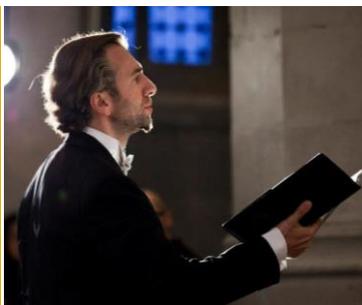
[NATO-led training exercise has kicked off in western Ukraine](#). "Rapid Trident" exercise brings together troops from 11 countries, including

NATO members such as the United States, Canada, Britain, and Turkey. It also includes non-NATO countries in the alliance's Partnership for Peace program, such as Ukraine, Georgia, and Moldova. The exercise will focus on "peacekeeping and stability operations.

On July 13, Brussels will host the [presentation of Russia and Hybrid Warfare book](#) by Yuriy Fedorov, expert in Russian foreign and security policy.

Russia imposes new [restrictions on transit of Ukrainian goods](#).

Left and centre:  
[World-known Paris Opera singer Wassy Slipak shot dead on 29 June 2016 near Debaltseve in Donbas while defending Ukrainian positions.](#)  
Right: [Ukraine receives 14 radar systems from US.](#)



### Transformation of Donbas identities

#### Separatism Putin is promoting will come back to destroy Russia

The separatism Putin is promoting elsewhere [will come back to destroy Russia](#).

The [Great Orthodox Council](#) ended. Now what for Ukraine?

Even though Russia's war against Ukraine is in its third year, [banks located in the country with Russian ties have managed to avoid sanctions](#), unlike other Russian-owned businesses.

Although his [powers as president of Ukraine are quite limited](#), over the last two years Petro Poroshenko has learned to use them like a

virtuoso, allowing him considerable influence over the legislature and Government.

[Transformation of Donbas identities](#) after liberation by the Ukrainian army.

A comprehensive statistical survey of church competition and [religious participation of Ukrainians](#). (below)



## Escalation in Donbas with 69 attacks a day

Ukraine pays tribute to French Opera Singer and Ukrainian soldier

Jul 3. [Escalation in Donbas with 69 attacks against Ukrainian forces](#). Russian semistrategic drone spotted in eastern Ukraine with six flights of separatist drones detected.

Jul 2. [Russia paratroopers deployed](#) to Donbas. Militants used banned guns and mortars.

Jun 29. War report: [Wassyl Slipak's and Anatoly Koval's last combat mission](#). [Eulogy to Wassyl](#) by Volodymyr Omelyan, Minister of Infrastructure of Ukraine. Paris opera singer and volunteer soldier [Wassyl Slipak laid to rest in Lviv](#).

As Ukraine pays tribute to Slipak, [Russian TV interviews sniper said to have killed him](#).

Oleksandr Tymoshenko risked his life to defend Ukraine from a hybrid Russian invasion. Now [Canadian volunteers are helping him get back up](#) on his feet.



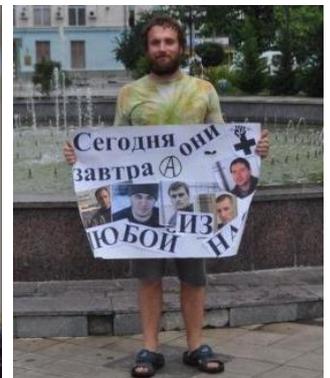
(above) Kyiv-Mohyla Academy establishes [centers for psychological rehabilitation](#).

Ukraine's troops at the front lines complain Kyiv is needlessly [hampering their ability to fight](#).

How Eastern Ukraine [IDPs succeed in business](#) after escaping the war.

Left: Viktoria Gorodinskaya: "We found out that [the world is so cool and so huge](#)". How war changed a teenager's life for the better.

Right: The [organizer of a small picket calling for the release of O. Sentsov and O. Kolchenko](#) was detained in Russian-occupied Crimea. His sign reads "today them, tomorrow us."



## Militants "nationalize" Ukrainian property

OSCE slams Russia's violations of human rights in Crimea

[Militants "nationalize" Ukrainian property](#) in occupied Donbas. Armed separatists take control of Ukraine's state power company office in Horlivka, force staff to work for them.

It's time to scrap the Minsk Agreement – [a debate](#).

Those praising Minsk [don't notice dead Ukrainians](#) – Macierewicz

[OSCE resolution](#) "On violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms in Crimea, and

violations of Crimean Tatars' rights"



## New mechanisms in customs services will eradicate smuggling

### Two new parties form as liberal camp splits

[Two new parties form](#) as liberal camp splits. MP Sergiy Leschenko: [New political party to be created](#) on the basis of the Democratic Alliance party.

Ukrainian [GDP growth is expected to reach 1%](#) this year and 3% next year.

[Week's balance](#): macroeconomic optimism, separatist coal, and Naftogaz reform.

Ukraine continues to take [leading positions in grain export](#). A record total of 39 million tons was exported as of the end of June 2015/2016 marketing year.

[IFC will continue to focus on agriculture](#) sector this year.

NABU released details of investigation into "[Onyshchenko's gas scheme](#)".

Ukraine to attract [EUR 300 mln German loan for energy, infrastructure](#) projects – Groyzman. Prime Minister says German businesses are also ready to invest in Ukraine.

Ukraine, Bulgaria launch joint [infrastructure projects](#).

Ukraine's National Police Chief stages two [wars: against criminals and against corrupt officials](#).

New [police service centers to be established across Ukraine](#). Interior Minister says the reform must be accomplished by next spring.

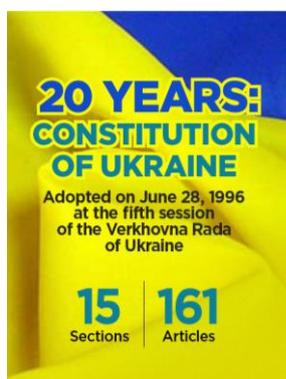
After [reforms of Ukraine's customs offices](#), which are expected to begin in September of 2016, new mechanisms for customs services will be introduced to eradicate smuggling at customs.

National Bank of Ukraine Governor Gontareva says that [corrupt legal system is biggest obstacle to fighting bank fraud](#).

Ukraine's [MPs block last chance of justice for tortured prisoners](#) in Ukrainian prisons. Long prison sentences based solely on 'confessions' tortured out of people. Lawyer: [Karpyuk was tortured the most](#).

Left: 20 years:  
[Constitution of Ukraine](#)

Right: Ukraine to host one of the [biggest tech conferences in Eastern Europe](#).



## Ukraine's venture market resumes growth

### Ukraine to host one of biggest tech conferences in Eastern Europe

[Ukraine's venture market resumes growth](#); local startups targeted by global tech giants.

[Uber starts operating](#) in Ukraine.

[Ukraine and India mulling launch of joint aircraft production](#).

Ukrainian [money lending startup gets into Italian fintech accelerator](#), launches in Europe.

Lviv, dubbed the information technology capital of western Ukraine, launched a new conference to bring top business leaders, investors and state officials together to discuss [the country's up-and-coming IT industry](#).

Left: [Ukrainian photographic duo named world's best](#) by Vogue Italia.

Right: [The official Ukrainian coat of arms](#) is the Tryzub. What exactly is it and where does it come from?



## Ukrainian festival to be held in Ottawa Odessa called The Pearl on the Sea

[Ukrainian festival will take place in Ottawa](#) on July 21-24.

Ukrainian Rizatdinova won [gold at stage of Rhythmic Gymnastics World Cup](#).

Andriy Hovorov has won [two gold medals at the](#)

[French Open swimming](#) championship.

[Odessa](#) called The Pearl on the Sea.

[Like a River from Its Course](#) – Kelli Stuart's epic novel exposing the ugliness of war and the beauty of hope in 1940s Kyiv.

Left: Hunters' cabin, Zhytomyr region, Ukraine.

Right: On [Eliza's farm](#), Maysternya Treti Pivni



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