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President Poroshenko hails NATO's support for Ukraine

EU rejects Dutch voter –requested changes in Ukraine Association Pact

[Comprehensive Package of Assistance](#) is a "unique" set of measures to bolster Ukraine's defenses.

[NATO stands in 'solidarity' with Ukraine](#), condemns Russia's war as Warsaw summit ends. [White House fact sheet on US, NATO assistance](#) to Ukraine.

[There is nothing to offer Putin as all he needs is conflict](#) - Polish Foreign Minister Waszczykowski

Despite Brexit and despite lingering divisions over whether to confront or engage Russia, [NATO took big steps forward](#) at a summit in Warsaw.

[The NATO-Ukraine relationship](#) and the Warsaw Summit, expert opinions.

Canadian PM Trudeau: [Canada to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with Ukraine](#).

EP [Committee of Foreign Affairs votes for easing visa rules for Ukraine](#), Georgia, and Kosovo.

[The EU will not make any changes in its association agreement with Ukraine](#) to address Dutch voters' concerns, but may issue a declaration clarifying that the agreement brings Ukraine no closer to membership.

[Russia lied about MH17 crash](#) and forged 'proofs' of Ukraine's fault from very beginning - Bellingcat founder.

Left: [Ukraine's big moments at the NATO Summit](#) in Warsaw comes on the second and last day.

Right: [Sloviansk, in Donetsk region, celebrates second anniversary of liberation from Russia-backed militants](#).



The President's power in Ukraine: a comparative analysis

Russia fights Ukraine's sovereignty through "silent federalization"

[Elections in America and Ukrainian-American Issues](#). Askold S. Lozynskyj

The successes and downfalls of [Ukraine's war against corruption](#).

Why [Ukrainian corruption is not a reason to lift sanctions on Russia](#).

"We've hit rock bottom and are seeing initial signs of growth. In terms of the people, we see good people coming into ministries, people who are genuine, who are coming in for the right reasons." - [AmCham President assesses business climate](#).

US Ambassador to Ukraine [Pyatt: High hopes, some regrets, one big question](#).

Banking expert: [Sector needs prosecutions, more](#)

[transparency](#).

In 2014 Poroshenko presented an ambitious strategy for Ukraine's development. Since then he has repeatedly assumed responsibility for the direction the country takes. Ukraine has a premier-presidential system of government, which usually limits the role of president to foreign policy and defence. [How powerful is the President? A comparative analysis](#)

[High tariffs and huge subsidies](#). Who benefits most from the new rules.

Historian and diplomat Dmytro Ishchenko on [politicized myths in East European history](#).

[Culture and corruption in Ukraine](#). A. Motyl

Russia [fights Ukraine's sovereignty through "silent federalization"](#).

NATO concerned about escalation in Ukraine's east

Number of explosions triples from previous week, reaching 3000

[NATO is concerned about escalation in Ukraine's](#) east, insists on implementation of Minsk agreements.

Jul 10. [Sharp escalation in Donbas](#): 94 attacks, including heavy artillery and mortar strikes.

Jul 9. [Three Ukrainian soldiers were killed](#) in the anti-terrorist operation (ATO) zone. Russian-backed militants [launched 72 attacks](#) on Ukrainian troops in eastern Ukraine.

The total [number of explosions the OSCE SMM recorded tripled compared to the previous week, reaching over 3,000](#). "This is just one component of ceasefire violations".

[Civilian casualties in Donbas](#) in June reached the highest number since August 2015 - UN.

The [UK will train 4,000](#) Ukrainian soldiers. Ukraine will [buy weapons from Canada](#). [Ukraine and Poland sign](#) protocol on military technical cooperation. [Kerry announces additional humanitarian aid](#) for Ukraine.

[Ukraine may start manufacturing lethal arms](#).

Ukraine's Ambassador to US on possible ways of obtaining weapons.

Three [children killed in a grenade blast](#) in militant-occupied Yenakiieve. Children reportedly found the grenade on July 3 and brought it to their home.

"It's not for money. If hostilities reach our homes, no weapon will help," - [demobilized ATO fighters return to the front](#).

[Desertions on the rise](#) from Moscow's hybrid military force in Donbas.

'[Atamanshchina](#)' spreading among Russia's hybrid military force in Ukraine's Donbas.

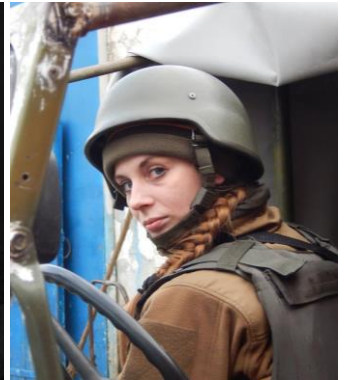
Militant [prisoners in Donbas warzone pleasantly surprised by Ukrainian soldiers' treatment](#). Eight Russian-backed separatists were captured on June 27, 2016.

Pro-Moscow [church procession is another provocation by FSB](#) – Shkiryak.

20 residents of occupied Horlivka, Donetsk region, [banned a group of OSCE Special Mission monitors from fulfilling their tasks](#).

Left: [Ukrainian colonel freed after two years in captivity](#).

Center and right: [Maria Burdun and Natalya Kotskovich. Women in war](#)



Twenty-nine Ukrainian political prisoners held in Russia

Russia's new repressive legislature affects not only Russians

[Twenty-nine Ukrainian political prisoners](#) are being held in Russia – human rights activists.

Russia continues to strengthen control over its media space. On July 7, President Putin signed a so-called "[antiterrorist](#)" legislative package.

[Abduction turns to FSB 'Search'](#) in Russian-occupied Crimea.

Crimean journalist placed on Russian '[List of Terrorists & Extremists](#)' for his article.

Held prisoner and [tortured by Kremlin-backed militants for wanting to see his parents](#).

Back in the USSR: All '[dissidents](#)' in occupied Crimea under FSB surveillance'.

Ukraine, Canada sign free trade area agreement

Public's confidence in government still low, but grows under Groysman

Top [twelve biggest achievements in Ukrainian reforms](#).

Ukraine, Canada sign [free trade area agreement](#) which will [remove 99% of barriers](#) in international trade over the next seven years.

EC to give Ukraine [15 million euros to help the country fight against corruption](#).

EU allocates [EUR 3 mln for agriculture](#) development in Ukraine. National Reform Council of Ukraine approved the 2020 Agriculture Development Strategy in December 2015.

[iMoRe 38](#): Green light for judicial reform and effective management of state-owned enterprises.

Unian week's balance: [trade war with Russia and NBU's billions](#).

[Ukraine ahead of CIS countries in Social Progress Index](#) – study.

Public's [confidence in government still low, but grows](#) under Groysman, poll.

Ukraine's [new police force celebrates its first anniversary amidst high confidence](#) among Ukrainians.

[Parliament has stripped lawmaker O. Onyshchenko, accused](#) of misappropriating more than \$60 million, of his immunity. Onyshchenko [flees for shelter to Russia](#).

Deputy Health Minister R. Vasylyshyn has been [arrested while allegedly receiving a bribe](#).

Ukraine declares [full-scale war on 'amber mafia'](#). Prosecutor General [Lutsenko reveals "amber mafia" schemes](#) in Rivne region.

Secret Service (SBU) released video clip of [seizing amber sacks, jewelry, and expensive watches](#).

Ukraine extends [sanctions on imports from Russia](#). Restrictions prolonged until the end of 2017.

[Ukraine jointly with US launches space rocket](#) Antares.

Left: Airship producer Igor [Pasternak building blimps for the whole world](#).

Right: Ukrainian IT company pioneers [digital dining with smart tables](#).



Grants for top universities to go to Ukrainians students

Live audio broadcast mobile app Roopor wins international contest

Poroshenko [promises IT community better business climate](#).

US gives \$1 million in [grants to Ukrainian students to study in the best American, UK universities](#).

Ukraine's [IT-startup live audio broadcast mobile app Roopor wins international contest](#), EUR 100,000 investment. The Ukrainian team is the only Publicis90 contest winner from Eastern Europe.

Left: Ukrainian athlete becomes European champion. Nataliya Pryshchepa wins 800m race.



Right: Wearing embroidery, Kelly Osbourne calls Ukraine a 'heart of fashion'.



Ukrainians break the silence on sexual violence Hopes are high as 'Ukrainian Louvre' gets new chief

Hopes are high as the 'Ukrainian Louvre' gets new chief. Culture minister's advisor Olesia Ostrovska-Liuta vows to turn Mystetskyi Arsenal into Ukraine's major creative cluster.

Moscow avenue in Kyiv renamed after S.Bandera.

Cute rescued baby owl enters ranks of Ukrainian police officers.

Kyiv unveils art installation on pedestal of former Lenin statue.

Ukrainian social media users break the silence on sexual violence.

Left: Red Hot Chili Peppers bassist plays the bandura.



Right: Ukrainians strive to find love, discover their destiny and test feelings on Kupala night.



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