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### We didn't face terrorism unless Russia started exporting it Russia faked MH17 evidence to accuse Ukraine

"[We didn't face terrorism unless Russia started exporting it](#)," - Poroshenko commemorates two years after the MH17 tragedy.

The Ukrainian Canadian Congress ([UCC](#)) [calls on the international community to recognize the Russian Federation a state sponsor of terrorism](#).

Ukraine urges global community not to cooperate with Russian museums. Valuable [artefacts transported from annexed Crimea to Russian Museums](#) belong to Ukraine.

They were "cut into pieces and hidden in Kyiv," – MP Ariev shows [weapons employed by former Berkut commandos against Euromaidan protesters](#).

Ukraine's Supreme Court says [judges in Maidan rulings broke judicial oaths](#).

Bellingcat claims [Russia faked MH17 evidence to accuse Ukraine](#).

[Russia illegally explores natural resources](#) from Ukraine's marine economic zone.

[StopFake 91](#). Russian mockery of Ukrainians' grasp of Canadian history, fake claims of a Swedish EU exit, inaccurate interpretation of Ukrainian poll results and more.

Left: [MH17 was hit by a Buk surface-to-air missile fired from territory controlled by Russian-backed separatist forces in eastern Ukraine](#).  
Right: [Joint U.S. – Ukrainian military exercises "Sea Breeze – 2016" start in Black sea](#).



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The dangerous decade: [Russia-NATO relations 2014 to 2024](#).

Paul Niland: What life in Ukraine would be like [if Yanukovich had stayed in power](#).

Why does [Moscow need religious processions in Ukraine](#)?

Despite the critics, the [success of a Ukrainian-language bookstore chain](#) shows there is great demand for the language, and this linguistic and cultural differentiation works against Vladimir Putin. A. Motyl

Taras Kuzio: [Is Ukraine really winning the 'information war' with Russia?](#)

## Rebels shell 53rd Brigade, inflicting heavy losses

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A UN agency says the [number of civilians who died as a result of the fighting in the Donbas was higher in June than at any time since August 2015](#). The OSCE reports that the number of ceasefire violations there last week was twice as high as the week before.

While warning that there must be accountability for all killings, and pointing out that some may constitute war crimes, [UN monitors prefer to ignore substantial evidence of direct engagement by Russian military personnel in the fighting](#) in Donbas and in shelling from military positions in Russia.

Jul 18. Rebels [shell 53rd Brigade inflicting heavy losses](#). The pro-Russian militants [launched 64 attacks](#) on Ukrainian troops and [shelled Avdiivka residential quarters](#). One civilian was injured.

Jul 17. Rebels use 152-mm howitzers. [Moscow moves more artillery to Donbas](#).

Ukrainian [women can now serve in military combat roles](#) as scouts, snipers, and armoured vehicle

commanders.

Ukraine [adopts law protecting the rights of volunteer soldiers](#) and aiding the identification of those killed.

Soldier Volodymyr defending Avdiivka: [Zero tolerance for Russian proxies!](#)

"[We shelled both Ukraine and our positions](#)," says [captive Russian mercenary](#) Sedikov speaking of provocations in Donbas.

There is a [growing discontent among the residents in rebel-held territories](#) over the presence and actions of rebel troops.

"[This war is useless](#)" says [Russian mercenary](#) captured by Ukrainian troops in Donbas.

The [useless "heroes of Novorossiia"](#).

Russia sends [S-400 surface-to-air missile system to the occupied Crimea](#). Moscow intends to deploy S-400 Triumph on the peninsula in August.

Left: Ukraine's [Sentsov 'Victim of vindictive system'](#), says Mike Downey, a film producer and the deputy head of the European Film Academy.

Right: New war [documentary shows post-war life of Ukrainian soldiers and volunteers](#).



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[Occupants taught children to defuse bombs](#) in Sevastopol.

Crimean [Tatars respond to persecution with collective prayer](#).

Kremlin-loyal 'observers' arrive to rubberstamp [Donbas 'primaries' in breach of Minsk Accord](#).

Large [protest in occupied Horlivka](#) against crippling militant 'taxes'.

## UK's new foreign secretary bad news for Ukraine

### Russia's Gazprom Loses \$3.4 Billion Court Battle In Ukraine

[Johnson's appointment as UK foreign secretary](#) is bad news for Ukraine.

Crisis Media Centre [Reforms digest](#) 9.07-15.07.2016. A draft law was proposed by which payment cards become a digital signature tool; registration of civil status was simplified; ProZorro procurement advanced.

Ukraine makes first step towards [reforming its judiciary](#).

UA Today on this week's developments: [Trudeau brings FTA, Hahn promises visa-free travel, chaos still dominates Ukraine's parliament](#).

[EBRD to open 15 business support offices across Ukraine](#) to help develop small and medium-sized companies in Ukraine.

Unian [week in numbers](#): 40 directions of assistance to Ukraine on its reform path were supported by NATO leaders; 249 Ukrainian MPs voted to pass the law on SpecOp Forces; UAH 10,200 will be the minimum penalty for driving under the influence of alcohol.

IMF) could discuss [a new tranche for Ukraine](#) in July, and Ukraine could receive \$4.3 billion by the

end of this year.

Ukraine [elects seven lawmakers during mid-term elections](#).

[IMF staff concludes review mission to Ukraine](#).

Polish CEO of Ukraine's Railways: "[I'd like to start with an unprecedented modernization program](#)". Wojciech Balczun is tasked with revamping the Soviet-era monopoly.

[Tax cuts on imported used cars will benefit](#) the Ukrainian economy.

[California governor invites Poroshenko to visit](#) and see state's economic potential.

Russia's [Gazprom loses \\$3.4 Billion court battle](#) against Ukraine.

Ukraine and Canada to set up [joint locomotive production](#).

[Young architects transform Lviv's public space](#) to make the city a better place for its residents.

Left: Ukrainian startup [Sixa](#) develops a service that hooks up over the internet to a powerful virtual PC from practically any device connected to the web.

Right: First [cybercops graduate](#) in Ukraine



## Hope for Ukrainian small- and medium-sized businesses

### Ukraine is Europe's new frontier market

No longer a secret: [Ukraine is Europe's new frontier market](#).

USAID study: there is [hope for small- and medium-sized businesses](#) in Ukraine.

Ukrainian startup [PromoRepublic attracted EUR 500,000 worth of investments](#) from Finnish and Ukrainian investors. PromoRepublic is a service, which allows small and medium-sized businesses

to create content for social media.

[MasterCard launches e-wallet](#) in Ukraine.

US [neuroscience startup Thync launches R&D](#) in Ukraine.

Ukrainian [e-commerce export still embryonic, but potential exists](#) in 20 foreign markets

Left: Giant [modern art gallery opens in Kyiv](#) old Soviet factory.

Right: [Unofficial Top of Summer](#): NYT highly recommends Ukrainian vyshyvankas.



## Is Ukraine worthy of chance to show its cultural identity? Lviv's International Ukrainian Dance and Culture Festival

[Creative Europe Project](#): Is Ukraine worthy of a chance to show its cultural identity?

[Artists painted multi-story murals in Kyiv for Mural Social Club](#) this week with water as the primary force.

City of [Kirovohrad renamed to Kropyvnytskyi](#) in honour of Ukrainian playwright.

Ukrainian [photographer wins prestigious IAFOR documentary award](#).

Molodist [Kyiv International Film Festival](#) receives record number of applications.

[UNESCO urges Kyiv to free its buffer zones of outdoor advertising](#).

A proposal [to rename Kyiv's Boryspil International Airport after Ivan Mazepa](#) gained the largest number of votes during an online voting.

Lviv holds the first [International Ukrainian Dance and Culture Festival](#).

Left: Volunteers from Donetsk region travel to the Carpathian Mountains to [learn how to play the trembita and take these instruments to the Donbas](#).

Right: [The White City on the Dniester](#), Bilhorod Dnistrivsky



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