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Independence Day parade to demonstrate Ukrainian readiness

Ukraine Calling – a new way to stay informed with the latest happenings

Aug 24th Independence Day [parade to show Ukraine can maintain peace](#), tranquility - Poroshenko

[Ukraine at 25](#): Leaders in Ukraine share their thoughts.

[Manafort, Trump's campaign chairman, is under the microscope for his dealings in Ukraine](#), but he is part of a much larger consulting industry that serves the interests of autocrats.

[Manafort 'received cash' payments through Party of Regions MPs](#)'.

[Deutsche Welle is continuing to mislead the](#)

[public](#) about Russia's Crimea land-grab.

US Ambassador Geoffrey [Pyatt leaves Ukraine](#). New Ambassador Marie [Yovanovitch to arrive this week](#).

[Trump is already helping Putin consolidate control of Ukraine](#). The candidate's pro-Russia comments have become must-see TV in both countries – and they're demoralizing Ukrainians.

[Ukraine Calling!](#) A new weekly English language roundup of what's been happening in Ukraine, with a focus on the main story. (site and podcast)

Left: 25 years of [Ukraine's independence](#)

Right: Oleg Sentsov: [I would like to be a nail in the tyrant's coffin. This nail will not bend.](#)



The West has a Ukraine challenge that's not going away

Who owns the banking system in Ukraine?

[The West has a Ukraine challenge, and it's not going away](#). The bitter truth is that political elites in both the EU and the US mistakenly think there is not much at stake for them in the Ukraine conflict. – A. Cohen

[Manafort is the immoral political operative](#) who cleaned up Yanukovich. Commentary.

Jan Tombiński: [Europe needs Ukraine to](#)

[understand its own destiny](#).

Who [owns the banking system in Ukraine](#)?

[Trivializing Genocide](#): A Dangerous Distraction
Alexander J. Motyl.

[Putin underestimated Ukrainians](#) and overestimated his ability to divide NATO – Pyatt.

Hacktivists uncover Russian provocation plot in Lviv

More separatist attacks on Ukrainian military

Aug 22. More separatist attacks on Ukraine. Forty-six in the last day. In Mariupol sector, [militants target houses of civilian](#).

Aug 21. Russian [proxies attack Ukraine 71 times](#) in past day. Militants [attack vehicle carrying Ukrainian JCCC observers](#).

Aug 18-20. Escalation in attacks in Donbas. Heavy artillery used day and night in every sector with hundreds of shells fired. Russian proxies [kill three Ukrainian soldiers](#) on Aug 18 and [two soldiers](#) on Aug 19, with dozens more wounded in the past week.

Almost 40 [Russian nationals prosecuted in Ukraine for waging war](#).

The Ukrainian military and Russian-backed separatists in eastern Ukraine continue to [accuse each other of violating a cease-fire agreement](#).

[Ukraine besieged: an infographic](#). Reports of Russian military build-ups near Ukraine's borders have raised fears that Moscow might be preparing for full-scale war.

Once a tourist resort, the village of Shyrokyne near the southeastern Ukrainian city of Mariupol has been the scene of fresh clashes between Ukrainian government forces and Russia-backed separatists. ([Video](#))

[3,080 Ukrainian captives have been released](#) since the onset of the anti-terrorist operation in eastern Ukraine; 80 of them have been freed this year.

[Hacktivists uncover preparation of Russian provocations](#) in Lviv.



Putin underestimated Ukrainians, former U.S. Amb. Pyatt

Russia resurrects Soviet repression, punitive psychiatry in occupied Crimea

Deputy Head of the Crimean Tatar Mejlis was on August 18 forcibly taken [from the cardiac unit to a psychiatric hospital](#).

[Ukraine demands Kremlin releases Tatar leader Ilmi Umerov](#) being held in psychiatric ward.

40,000 Russian [troops preparing for war in Crimea](#).

[Why Russia manufactured Crimean “terrorism”](#), five versions.

Russia denies alleged [‘Ukrainian Crimea saboteur’ access to a lawyer](#).

[Promised prosperity never arrived](#) in Russian-held Crimea, locals say.

[Russian judge in Savchenko case resigns](#).

Ukraine to launch 5-year tax holiday for small businesses

Ukraine's medical bill slashed by 25% after UK firms handles procurement

[Ukraine turns corner on recession](#). GDP has grown by 1.3%.

Justice minister announces [radical reform of judiciary](#).

Finance minister Danyliuk to launch [5-year tax holiday for small businesses](#).

[National Anti-Corruption Bureau \(NABU\) opens case against Ukrainian Prosecutor General's Office \(PGO\) staff. SBU accuses NABU department's deputy head of corruption.](#) NABU director insists all NABU [investigatory actions are lawful](#).

Freedom House urges Poroshenko, Lutsenko to [monitor investigation of NABU-PGO conflict](#).

[For Polish top manager for Ukraine Railways](#), corruption in the company was beyond his imagination.

Showjumping Ukrainian [MP facing](#)

[embezzlement charges flees](#) to London.

New online [income declaration system flops](#) in Ukraine. ["Faked reform" on electronic declarations](#) lets Ukrainian officials steal with impunity.

The goal was to make Ukraine more friendly for investors by reducing red tape. But [reforms have left companies prey to fraudsters](#).

Ukrainian Court gives permission for [former Defense Minister Mykhailo Yezhel's arrest](#).

Ukraine's [medicine bill slashed by 25%](#) after UK firm brought in to handle procurement.

[StopFakeNews #96](#) debunks Russian media distortions of Ukrainian poll results, claims about Western Ukrainians, and allegations about Ukrainian politicians supporting Crimea sabotage.

Left: Ukrainian [sock maker dazzles world](#) with its brighter colors.

Right: Soldier uses disability compensation to launch [eco-friendly business - a factory producing biofuel](#) made from straw and sunflower waste.



Ukrainian Olympic athletes make Ukraine proud

On Aug. 19, [Pavlo Tymoshchenko](#) won a silver medal in the modern pentathlon, while [Ganna Rizatdinova](#) won bronze in rhythmic gymnastics, bringing Ukraine's medal count up to 11.

Rio 2016: Who is Ukraine's Olympic [wrestling prodigy Zhan Beleniuk](#)?

[Verniaiev wins gold in parallel bars](#), Ukraine's first at Rio 2016. (video)

Ukrainian canoeist [Cheban set new Olympic record](#), wins gold.

Left: [Flower exhibition](#) in Kyiv honours prominent Ukrainians.
Right: The [Sorochynsky Fair](#) is an annual gathering of entrepreneurs, craftsmen, catering and children's entertainment organisations as well as artists and musicians.



Cities bathed in yellow and blue for National Flag Day Play about Euromaidan wins top award at Edinburgh Festival Fringe

[Play about Euromaidan](#) protests wins top award at Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

Handmade tourism. Where to go for [authentic and unusual experiences in Ukraine](#).

Cities bathed in yellow and blue as [Ukraine celebrates National Flag Day](#). (article, video)

[Museums of enthusiasm](#). From a collector of pieces by Malevich and Repin that were worth less than bread during war to a representative of the soviet “hippy” and dissident culture – amateurs who could be museums themselves create noteworthy collections or art and artefacts in their hometowns.

Left: Michel Jacobi and his [Carpathian buffaloes](#).

Right: Unusual geometry of Lviv [buildings](#) (fotos)



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