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#### Ukraine's top five wins in 2018

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Ukraine's <u>top five wins in 2018</u> (uacrisis media centre)

2018: <u>a challenging year for Ukraine</u>. (EuromaidanPress)

Most Ukrainians named President Poroshenko the politician of the year 2018 and said that granting the Tomos of autocephaly to Ukraine was the event of the year 2018.

Justice Ministry <u>submits documents to ECHR on</u> annexation of Crimea, human rights violations.

StopFake #216 with Marko Suprun. Fake: Ukraine refuses Christmas truce and prisoner exchange in Donbas. Ukraine does not have enough gas for the winter. Distortion: OSCE Secretary General calls creation of new Orthodox church in Ukraine a provocation.

Left: Send holiday greetings to the Kremlin's Ukrainian hostages.

Right: 2018 Russian disinformation in figures: Ukrainerelated narratives and Western pushback





#### Should Ukraine change its system of government?

The effectiveness of sanctions on Russia

Euromaidan Press: top-10 articles of 2018.

Polish-Ukrainian history: time for a reset.

The mark of Russia in international political organizations.

Ever <u>more Russians want to go 'back to the USSR'</u> but ever fewer Ukrainians do.

<u>Putin regime – West's 'existential' enemy</u> and West must stop his aggression in Ukraine by force, Skobov says.

International <u>sanctions on Russia: how effective</u> are they? Russia's continuing and increasing aggression against Ukraine since 2014 has not gone

unpunished

A budget and the reforms: is there <u>a chance for a country to develop during the election year?</u>

Finding the balance: <u>should Ukraine change its</u> system of government?

History of OUN-UPA: the <u>Bandera controversy</u> that eclipsed 200,000 people who fought for the independence of Ukraine.

100 years ago: the decline of the Austro-Hungarian Empire & <u>birth of the West Ukrainian National Republic</u>.

Court in Russia allows <u>FSB Chief to whitewash</u> Stalin's Terror.

#### New Year truce announced, largely holding

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Volunteers prepare gifts for children of Ukrainian military and political prisoners.

Martial law <u>ended in Ukraine</u>, <u>but not Russia's</u> <u>military buildup</u> near the border.

Jan.1. 4 ceasefire violations in Donbas over last day. Two militants killed, and three wounded.

<u>Ukraine announces New Year truce</u> in Donbas from Dec 29. Truce is largely holding.

<u>Ukraine tightens security</u>. Approximately 53,000 Russian troops are estimated to be stationed at Ukraine's border.

Russian-backed forces limit access for OSCE monitoring mission.

Medvedev announces <u>Russian ban on Ukrainian</u> goods.

Moscow media outlets today with disturbing unanimity say Ukraine readying chemical weapons attack against Donbas.

Ukrainian intelligence: Russia <u>plotting terrorist</u> attack in Donbas using toxic chemicals.

Both <u>Russia and Ukraine ready for new expansion of war</u>, Felgenhauer says.

International Military Tribunal threatens Russia for Ukrainian seamen capture. Russia has violated the rules and customs of war.

Moscow rejects French, German appeal to release <u>Ukrainian sailors</u>. Russia would "act in accordance with Russian law".

<u>Russia's Azovian knot</u>. What are the military and informational dimensions of the attack in the Black Sea?

Poroshenko signs <u>law on adjacent zone of Ukraine</u>. The law is aimed at preventing smuggling and illegal entry of ships into the officially closed ports of the Ukrainian Crimea.

Militants fire at civilian homes in Donetsk, try to blame Ukraine.

Left: Russia's plans
foiled as all 24
imprisoned
Ukrainian sailors
declare themselves
POWs.
Right: Detainees of
"Hizb ut-Tahrir"
case transferred back
to Crimea.



### Sushchenko placed in disciplinary cell

Stories of three civilian hostages in occupied Donbas

Russian newspaper publishes <u>New Year's</u> messages from jailed activists.

<u>Sushchenko placed in disciplinary cell</u>, subjected to inhuman treatment.

Kremlin's Ukrainian political prisoners ordered to pay a million in 'compensation' for invented crimes.

Ukrainian lawyer who went to Russia to get medicine for his child sentenced to 8 years for 'spying'.

Russia brings <u>up to 1 mln Russian citizens to occupied Crimea</u> – Crimean Tatars' Mejlis.

A businessman, nurse & food technologist: <u>stories</u> of three civilian hostages in occupied Donbas.

Blogger who wrote of MH17 and Russia's undeclared war against Ukraine <u>held prisoner in occupied Donetsk.</u>

<u>Donetsk Pastor speaks out about Ukrainian</u> <u>Donbas' struggle</u> against Russian aggression.

#### Presidential campaign season kicks off in Ukraine

Sociologists reveal what worries Ukrainians the most

<u>Year's balance</u>: Reconciliation with IMF, bills for Russia, and new investors.

Presidential campaign season kicks off in Ukraine.

Actor Volodymyr Zelenskiy says he'll run for Ukrainian presidency.

<u>iMoRe №98</u>. Compromise for used cars importers. The laws provide for increased liability for violating the rules of importing cars into Ukraine and reducing the excise tax on customs clearance.

Over 20 parishes of UOC MP in Vinnytsia region join Orthodox Church of Ukraine.

The National Agency on Corruption Prevention (NACP) has revealed <u>violations in the reports of</u> 13 political parties.

More than 7,300 km of roads built in Ukraine over past 4 years.

Government approves <u>Strategy for Information</u> Reintegration of Crimea.

Sociologists reveal what worries Ukrainians the most. About 70% of respondents of the poll conducted by the Drahomanov Sociological Center worry about the armed conflict in eastern Ukraine and its cessation, while only 2% of Ukrainians are concerned about the protection of the Russian language.

<u>Disorder on the tracks</u>. Why Ukrainian Railways is unable to drive Ukraine's development.

Left: Number of Green enterprises in Ukraine tripled in 2018. More than 6 thousand Ukrainian households installed solar power plants over 4 years. Right: Elon Musk: Superchargers will come to Ukraine in 2019





## Traditional Crimean Tatar embroidery in modern fashion

Summing up the year: the largest investments in Ukrainian startups, companies

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Ukrainian entrepreneurs <u>raised over \$2 million</u> from crowdfunding in 2018.

IT outsourcing trends for 2019.

Labor market 2018 according to DOU: salaries and

number of IT Specialists are increasing.

Traditional <u>Crimean Tatar embroidery in modern fashion</u>. Every ornament on fashion designer Kamila Saadat's clothing has a special meaning.

Nova Poshta Group signed the 5-year contract with IKEA in Ukraine for logistics and goods storage.

Left: Restoring the equilibrium: wild nature is making a comeback at the Chernobyl exclusion zone.
Right: Pop band KAZKA has presented the English version of its song "Cry" ("Plakala")



# How Ukraine's African community celebrates the holidays

Online guide on Ukrainian memory places in the Czech Republic

Embassy plans <u>online guide on Ukrainian</u> memory places in the Czech Republic.

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The opera-requiem IYOV, which was produced

by the musical and theatre formation NOVA
OPERA and directed by Vlad Troitskyi, is named
among ten winning projects of Music Theater
NOW competition.

Around the world in 79 days: how a Ukrainian engineer visited 40 countries for \$100 a day.

Left: Choose your <u>favorite</u> <u>Christmas</u> <u>Tree</u> in Ukraine.

Right:
Austrians in
Galicia: the
Hirsch family







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