

# CIVIC SECTOR OF EUROMAIDAN GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT

## EuroMaidan Newsletter # 208

## EU extends economic sanctions against Russia

Crimean judges and prosecutors placed on "Magnitsky list"

European Union leaders have <u>agreed to extend</u> <u>economic sanctions against Russia for six months</u> over Moscow's aggressive actions in Ukraine.

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has said that he and his Polish counterpart Andrzej Duda have a <u>clear understanding that historical conflicts</u> <u>between the two countries are beneficial to Russia</u>.

International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development to be held in Ukraine in 2018.

What Ukrainians really think: <u>10 key insights from Ukraine's 2017 opinion polls</u>.

StopFake #162 with Marko Suprun. Fake claims that Ukraine's autumn recruitment was a complete washout, that refugees will be resettled from Bavaria to Ukraine and how Ukrainian film is making the propaganda machine apoplectic.

Crimean judges and prosecutors to be placed on "Magnitsky list" of sanctions.

#### RUSSIAN DISINFORMATION Left: Russian propaganda **DEMONIZING ITS OPPONENTS** RIDICULING ITS OPPONENTS FRACTURING UNITY OF THE WEST operates by Law CRIMINALITY IN UKRAINE IS NOW WORSE THAN DURING THE 1990S THE EU MIGRATION CRISIS IS AN INVASION ORGANIZED of War. Guide. THE U.S IS TURNING UKRAINE INTO A BIOLOGICAL BOMB Right: Vedzhie NATO AND THE EU ARE THREATS TO THE NATIONAL SECURITY IN THE USA AND EUROPE, CHILDREN ARE BECOMING Kashka: "Is it OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC UKRAINE SELLS UKRAINIAN PASSPORT TO ISIS FIGHTERS MORE AND MORE STUPID really such a crime THE US IS ATTEMPTING to be Crimean THE KYIV REGIME TURNED ITS SOLDIERS INTO GUINEA <u>Tatar</u>? THE BALTIC FOREST BROTHERS WERE MEMBERS OF WAFFEN-SS TO DESTROY RUSSIA

## Ukrainian journalist asks Putin same question every year

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Russian presidential hopeful Ksenia <u>Sobchak</u> reportedly won't face separatism charges for her <u>criticism of Moscow's 2014 annexation</u> of Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula. Other critics have been less fortunate.

State Reserve Fund running out, ruble collapse predicted' and other neglected Russian stories.

<u>Putin's export of corruption</u> — a key part of his

hybrid war against the West. Babchenko.

<u>Ukrainian journalist asks Putin same question every year</u> at annual news conference.

Non-Russian nations of Russia to defend themselves from Putin because their elites won't.

Why <u>I am optimistic about Ukraine</u>. Dirk Mattheisen.

<u>Ukrainian politics and the Saakashvili effect</u>. Interview with Paul Niland.

## Largest number of ceasefire violations since March 2017

Ukrainian servicemen restore control over two east Ukraine villages

Dec 18. <u>Three soldiers were killed amid multiple cease-fire violations</u> by Russia-backed separatists in eastern Ukraine. Illegal armed formations <u>attack Novoluhanske with MRLs</u>, <u>causing civilian casualties</u>; evacuation under way.

OSCE records the <u>largest number of ceasefire</u> violations since March 2017.

SBU detains agent of Russian special services.

Militants have created a <u>new fake and are</u> developing another false flag operation.

Lieutenant-Colonel Kristopher Reeves: "Ukraine is a battle laboratory. <u>If you want to understand hybrid</u> <u>warfare, you need to study Ukraine</u>. You can see the whole spectrum of hybrid warfare in action here."

Children of war: 17-year-old Misha and Artur talk

about their fathers, childhood and war.

Report says <u>land-mine casualties up in 2016</u>, record number of child victims share.

Ukraine <u>drops crucial charge against confessed</u> Russian soldier caught in Donbas.

<u>Ukrainian servicemen restore control</u> over two east Ukrainian villages after 3 years.

Good food and some comfort in <u>frontline soldiers</u> café.

The invisible people of Shyrokyne. This Ukrainian village near Mariupol is the only one in the ATO zone where people did not return after evacuation.





## Russia-imposed court in Crimea upholds journalist Semena's verdict

Russian occupiers now hold at least 70 political prisoners in Crimea

The top <u>court in Ukraine's Russia-controlled</u>
<u>Crimea region has upheld a separatism conviction</u>
<u>against journalist Mykola Semena</u> in a case that has been criticized by media freedom advocates and Western governments.

Youth in occupied Crimea inducted into Stalinist organization.

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Crimean Tatar <u>political prisoner Bekir</u> Degermendzhy is dangerously ill.

Kyiv protests against <u>prolongation of illegal arrest</u> of Ukraine's Hryb in Russia.

<u>17 years for pro-Ukraine photos</u> and burning the flag of an unrecognized Russian-backed 'republic'.

You are not alone: <u>Send a letter of support online</u> to Oleg Sentsov, a writer at risk.

## Ukraine Cabinet abolishes over 300 business regulations

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<u>Week's balance</u>: hope for cheaper air tickets, unrestrained inflation and hryvnia drop.

Easing business climate, <u>Ukraine Cabinet abolishes</u> over 300 regulations. The package of decisions is a deregulation effort. In addition, it's an attempt to improve the system of state supervision and control over businesses in 2018.

Ukraine's central bank seeks to start <u>talks on new IMF program</u> in 2018. The current program will soon expire.

<u>Saakashvili refuses questioning</u> at Ukrainian Prosecutor's office.

Group of <u>Saakashvili supporters trying to break</u> into <u>Zhovtnevy Palace</u> concert hall.

Canadian, British <u>ambassadors condemn</u> Saakashvili for Zhovtnevy Palace storming. Ukraine not to change language article of education law – minister. The Venice Commission's opinion on the language of instruction article in Ukraine's law on education does not oblige Ukraine to amend this article.

IMoRe 78. The president's desire for the concentration of power prevents the growth of the index of reforms.

Second <u>eyebrow-raising acquittal on corruption</u> charges for former Ukrainian Tax Academy Head.

<u>Ukraine's new low-cost airline "SkyUp"</u> to hit airports in the coming spring.

"If a doctor saves one life at war, he saves an entire world." The story of a military surgeon in Ukraine. Oleksandr Danyliuk



## PassivDom brings new technology to an old industry

Ukrainian IT brain drain: where IT professionals go, and why

<u>PassivDom</u> brings new technology to an old industry.

Ukrainian IT brain drain: where IT professionals go, and why they leave. The majority of IT specialists who have left Ukraine currently live in Poland (26%), Germany (19%), the USA (13%) and the Netherlands (6%).

Left:
Lomachenko
tops ESPN's
ranking of
world's best
boxers.
Right: Hutir
Savky Experience the
18th century like
never before





## Museum in Crimea keeps Ukrainian culture alive

Ukrainian children's moving rendition of 'Carol of the Bells'

This Ukrainian <u>children's rendition of 'Carol of the Bells'</u> will move you to tears (Video)

How one highly acclaimed New York <u>museum</u> <u>preserves Ukrainians' heritage in the USA</u>.

Kharkiv participates <u>in Christmas Market in Nuremberg</u>.

Filming begins on "Only a Miracle", a winter fairytale film, about a boy who saves his father's life and fights for the love of a young girl.

Museum <u>in Crimea keeps Ukrainian culture</u> alive.

<u>Days of Crimea held in the Chernihiv</u> region of Ukraine.

Left: Rediscovering the forgotten Ukrainian genius of French Impressionism.
The Bolsheviks whitewashed Kharkiv artist Mykhailo Tkachenko from history. Right: 9 reasons why Ukraine is a new trending travel destination.





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