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Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko says his country shares France's pain following a deadly attack against the satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo. <u>http://goo.gl/FpyjpQ</u>

Europe needs to wake up and recognize that it is under attack from Russia. Assisting Ukraine should also be considered as a defense expenditure by the EU countries. George Soros. http://goo.gl/Ye5G9A

The European Union is considering Soros' suggestion to give \$50 billion in aid to Ukraine. <u>http://goo.gl/NXxbXw</u>

Lithuania, UK, Denmark and Estonia call for EU plan against Russian propaganda. <u>http://goo.gl/JzB2O3</u>

Vladimir Putin's aggression in Ukraine has largely disappeared from the lead stories of Western media, due in part to short attention spans. As a result, governments are less pressured to oppose Russia's actions allowing the Kremlin leader to win. <u>http://goo.gl/wbsMQ9</u>

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EU leaders have talked up the prospects of a breakthrough with President Vladimir Putin over Ukraine amid a divisive debate over whether to ease or lift European sanctions on Russia. <u>http://goo.gl/s7Vmor</u>

A report released today by German investigative group Correct!v concludes that a Buk surface-to-air missile launcher operated by the 53rd Russian Air Defense Brigade shot down passenger jet MH17. <u>http://goo.gl/FOISCL</u>

Lithuanian officials instruct public on what to do if Russia launches a hybrid war. <u>http://goo.gl/PrdLbL</u>

Former top terrorist leader urges Russia to admit it is fighting a war against Ukraine. <u>http://goo.gl/56jv60</u>

Russian Orthodox Activists Say Charlie Hebdo Shooting Was 'Just Punishment'. <u>http://goo.gl/ayn0AA</u>

Putin condemns 'Charlie Hebdo' attack but his ideological allies support it. <u>http://goo.gl/jSGtcN</u>



"ISIL is not a fully independent force... Many analysts concur tha the Moscow is interested in shifting the focus of France's foreign policy from the activities aimed to oppose the Russia's aggression towards Ukraine to anti-Islamic trends and, possibly, even to the split of the European Union".

## Putin Is Especially Dangerous Right Now

The Risks of Terrorism in Ukraine—Hype or Reality?

Seeing his realm and power shrinking or collapsing, Putin is utterly unpredictable. He might react militarily and up the ante or back off. He is a small man of enormous self-regard, serious skills and a steely will — a retreat now would be an almost inconceivable humiliation. That makes Vladimir Putin the most dangerous man in the world. http://goo.gl/qPWk3J

The Risks of Terrorism in Ukraine—Hype or Reality? <u>http://goo.gl/rjG47P</u>

If Ukraine attempts to spread liberal values to the Donbas Deep South, the region's "white" elites and Ku Klux Klan will, once again, rebel. Moscow will claim that their rights are being violated by the Ukrainian racists and fascists in Kyiv! <u>http://goo.gl/6JU2xS</u>

Why and How Brussels May Help Kyiv: Ten Western Policy Proposals to Save the Ukrainian State from Failure - See more at: <u>http://goo.gl/z0QkRC</u>

## **Bombing Campaign Opens New Front in Battle For Ukraine**

Military attacks escalate after another Russian "humanitarian" convoy

Jan 12, ATO headquarters: Illegal armed groups have increased the number and intensity of attacks on Ukrainian Armed Forces' positions and settlements in the Donbas. http://goo.gl/T6hp5x

Jan 11: Militants shell Ukrainian positions, residential areas 18 times overnight. <u>http://goo.gl/RZYrdY</u>

The Joint Centre for Control and Co-ordination reported an increased number of ceasefire violations, the majority occurring in and around the Donetsk airport. OSCE 10.01.15 report. http://goo.gl/veP2Q6

Terrorist Attacks' Escalate After Russian "Humanitarian Convoy" Invades Ukraine. <u>http://goo.gl/305TF4</u>

Jan 9: Spot Report by the Observer Mission at the Russian checkpoints of Gukovo and Donetsk: Russian convoy of 62 vehicles crossed into Ukraine and returned back through the Donetsk Border Crossing Point. http://goo.gl/Kj0xfe

Jan 9: 31<sup>st</sup> "day of silence". In Donetsk, three "warehousedistribution points" have been created as part of a single supply system of Russian-terrorist forces. Units of local insurgents and Russian mercenaries are supplied with ammunition, spare parts for armored vehicles, and fuel at [these points]. Issuance of material resources is carried out exclusively to the formations that are subordinated to the single command. <u>http://goo.gl/qdJF48</u>

Concern is mounting after attacks in both Odessa and

Kherson targeted pro-Ukraine volunteer organizations. They follow other terrorist attacks, with the main targets in Odessa and Kharkiv. <u>http://goo.gl/2SMyxK</u>

In recent weeks there have been dozens of small bombings across the country, with the epicenters being Kharkiv, Odesa, Mariupol, and Kyiv. There were at least six bombings in Odesa in December alone. http://goo.gl/MkcTht

The leadership of the Kremlin-backed unrecognized Luhansk People's Republic is now facing a violent crisis, waging an effective war with rival insurgent groups in the same region. <u>http://goo.gl/7iPi53</u>

On Jan. 6, Ukraine's State Security Service (SBU) released a recording of a phone conversation that suggests that Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev promised one of the Cossack leaders of Luhansk People's Republic to equip them with heavy weaponry and provide military experts. http://goo.gl/qONHvi

Russian electronic warfare station discovered in Donbas. http://goo.gl/0xzx9Z

The internet project Open Russia is working on establishing identities of Russian soldiers KIA in Ukraine who, according to Putin, were never there in the first place. http://goo.gl/5EnEnv

How Russians Are Sent to Fight in Ukraine. <u>http://goo.gl/Bp5e8P</u>



### Thousands of scientists—along with entire universities—have fled wartorn eastern Ukraine Russia Puts Ukrainian Pilot Savchenko in Solitary Confinement

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Russia Puts Ukrainian Pilot Savchenko in Solitary Confinement. <u>http://goo.gl/sg2rpI</u>; Savchenko loses 10 kg in month-long hunger strike. <u>http://goo.gl/1PKh4H</u>

Nadia Savchenko: The most controversial prisoner of the war in Ukraine. <u>http://goo.gl/VMaktp</u>

Freed Ukrainian Journalist Says Separatists 'Being Trained For An Offensive'. <u>http://goo.gl/0FPE5J</u>

The scale of destruction in the city of Pervomaisk, Luhansk Oblast, recalls wartime Grozny. Such devastation is not to be found in either Donetsk or Luhansk, not in Debaltseve and not even in Ilovaisk, which suffered heavy artillery fire during the summer's fighting. <u>http://goo.gl/8FQ6ej</u> Jan. 5 An explosion in Ukraine's Black Sea port of Odessa. A series of explosions qualified as terrorist attacks struck a number of strategic Ukrainian cities, overshadowing the winter holidays. http://goo.gl/tHwQzV



### **European-style Police Force: Strategy for Reform**

**Russia May Demand Kyiv Pay Loan Early** 

Moscow threatens Kyiv with recall of \$3 billion loan ahead of peace talks. <u>http://goo.gl/0IFC1z</u>

For the first time in 18 years the government has adopted a package of proposals for reforming the Interior Ministry and, most importantly, a Police Reform Development Strategy written by human rights activists. <u>http://goo.gl/dLJ6bF</u>

The Ukrainian economy is in grave need of cheap energy to survive. But the war in eastern Ukraine cuts the country out of its main energy source – coal. In fact the brutal armed conflict is not the only major problem that threatens the main energy bloodline of Ukraine. <u>http://goo.gl/aj2oB3</u>

In the latest Gallup poll about Ukraine, Ukrainians approval of the Russian leadership has plunged from 43% in 2013 to a mere 5% in 2014. In the South and East of the country where the figure in 2013 was higher (57%), the percentage has fallen to 12%.

#### http://goo.gl/lb34nh

George Soros: Impact of sanctions on Russian economy has been stronger than anybody expected. http://goo.gl/2LaZhw

Ukrainian NGO "Union of Mothers" has filed an appeal to the SBU for criminal prosecution of Vladimir Putin for the military aggression on the Ukrainian territory and the annexation of Crimea. (Rus) http://goo.gl/V6L9nh

Survey: 81.4 % of Ukrainians are against Russian intervention in Donbas conflict. <u>http://goo.gl/SSZXQ0</u>

#### One Million Tweets for #FreeSavchenko

Give Ukraine a voice on the 26th January!

Let's join efforts to generate one million tweets for Nadiya and make the whole world talk about her and demand her release, as well as that of other political prisoners illegally held in Russia! See event on Facebook at http://goo.gl/EU9Y7h

Send an email demanding Savchenko's release! <u>http://khpg.org/en/index.php?id=142</u> 0765288



Ukraine's composer Valentin Silvestrov concert in France on January 15 in Collège des Bernardins Right: Carol of the Bells – 7 best versions of popular Ukrainian Christmas carol "Schedryk" (Videos). <u>http://goo.gl/YuFPIm</u>; (videos + texts) http://goo.gl/GTqZMO



## Ukrainian magazine launched in Chicago

Ukrainian carol "Shchedryk" is performed in the US

#### A Night of Faith: Ukrainian Christmas Eve. http://goo.gl/Q2gL1H

Ukraine's volunteer fighters sing 'Carol of the Bells'. The first draft of "Shchedryk" music was written by Ukrainian composer Mykola Leontovych in 1901-1902 and finalized in 1919. In 1936, Peter Wilhousky, an American composer and conductor of Ukrainian ethnic motives, wrote lyrics in English for the "Shchedryk" melody. The song then became known as "Carol of the Bells." (VIDEO) <u>http://goo.gl/JFbk2j</u>

A Ukrainian community in Chicago has launched a new publication covering life of Ukrainians there. The first issue of Ukrainian Chicago, as the magazine is named, went on sale on Jan. 7. http://goo.gl/DdOvwR Ukrainian wartime glossary: "Ukrop", "Vatnik" and more. <u>http://goo.gl/Yt5Ic5</u>

Mother of four commits herself to helping refugees. http://goo.gl/TcUN3K

"Ukrainian soldiers and Ukrainian civilians are not fighting on Russian territory; Ukraine is not supplying Russian separatists with arms and is not calling the Russian government 'fascists' and 'a junta'. Yet Kuban students (and probably not they alone) are taught that Ukraine presents a threat to Russia's national security, and not vice versa. http://goo.gl/PWdwRG

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