



# CIVIC SECTOR OF EUROMAIDAN GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT

## EuroMaidan Newsletter # 310

### Prisoner exchange and the case of Euromaidan massacre US voices deadline for companies involved in Nord Stream 2

Zelenskyy's prisoner swap: [should Ukraine rescue its hostages at any cost?](#)

'Values that Ukrainians fought for turn to dust' – Oleg Sentsov on prisoner exchange.

[Case of Euromaidan massacre may never be solved](#) as Berkut suspects freed for prisoner exchange with Russia.

[Russia claims Ukraine promised to terminate the trial of suspected Maidan killers](#) freed in prisoner exchange.

[EU expects continuation of investigation](#) into shooting on Maidan.

Russia's 'all for all' exchange: [those who were not returned](#) to Ukraine.

U.S. voices [deadline for companies involved in Nord Stream 2](#), threatens with sanctions.

[Ukraine-Russia gas transit talks](#) completed.

[Russia pressuring, "tightening grip" on Belarus](#), Lukashenko complains.

[Russian church cuts ties with Alexandria](#) Patriarchate over Ukraine church recognition.

2019: The [Russian disinformation roller coaster](#).

New [book "The ruthless Russian hacking unit that tried to crash Ukraine"](#) cites Russian cyber warfare by 'Kremlin's most dangerous hackers'.

[Pro-Kremlin TV shows](#) got 26 million views on Youtube in 2019.

[StopFakeNews](#) with Marko Suprun (No.267). Fake: Polling proves that Ukraine is ready to capitulate because reporting by Russia's Defense Ministry TV channel Zvezda never lies and Ukraine violated the Budapest Memorandum.

Suspected [Maidan Berkut killers freed](#) on eve of Donbas hostage exchange



### Who is behind the "No Capitulation!" movement?

Ukraine should ensure West knows who Russia-held prisoners are

Robert Brinkley: "Ukraine should [ensure that Western countries are aware which prisoners are being held by Russia](#)".

Movement to restrain. [Who is behind the "No Capitulation!" movement, why they are doing it](#), and how it could actually help Zelenskyy.

[In combatting Russian disinformation, BBC news standards don't work](#), Tsybulenko says.

Portnikov: [Who in Ukraine is being bribed by Putin and Gazprom?](#)

Former Ukraine rep in TCG [Marchuk on Donbas conflict resolution and Minsk Agreements](#).

Ukrainians place [more hopes on Government than on civil society](#): Survey.

## Ukraine swaps 127 prisoners for 76 Ukrainians

### Deployment of peacekeepers is a chance to settle situation in Donbas

Dec.30. [On prisoner swap day, enemy seven times](#) opens fire on Ukrainian troops in Donbas.

Ukraine [swaps 127 prisoners, including defendants of Maidan massacre, for 76 Ukrainians](#) held in occupied Donbas.

Ukraine's SBU publishes [lists with names of Ukrainians freed](#) in Donbas prisoner swap.

“[Not a single Crimean Tatar or Ukrainian from Crimea](#)” — Chubarov, on list of prisoners for exchange.

Ukrainian [journalists Aseyev and Galaziuk return home](#) during prisoner exchange.

Russian-controlled forces [violate Minsk Agreements by storing weapons in civilian areas](#). In addition to weapons, the forces also set up firing positions.

Taylor: [Deployment of peacekeepers is a chance](#) to settle situation in Donbas.

[U.S. Navy destroyer Ross](#) enters Odesa port.

Ukraine says it has new contracts for [second batch of U.S. javelin missiles](#).

[Militants restrict SMM's freedom of movement](#) in Donbas six times.

[Year in review](#): disengagement on Ukrainian front line.

The [basis for a peaceful resolution of the war in eastern Ukraine](#) – trends at the end of 2019.

JIT published [recordings of intercepted conversations and made a reference to SurkovLeaks](#).

Zelenskyy signs [law on combatant status to volunteer soldiers](#).

Ukraine simplifies granting of [citizenship to foreigners who fought in Donbas](#).

[Christmas for children on the front line](#). It's the season of giving, and volunteers from the city of Kharkiv, Ukraine have gathered donations and presents for children living in areas in the combat zone.

Left: Ukrainian troops make ["Christmas tree" of enemy ammo](#).

Right: Lawyers in Hizb ut-Tahrir case in Crimea plan to [appeal to the ECHR and UN](#)



## Russia moves to hide its political trial of Crimean Tatars

### “People get nabbed every day,” says ex-Donbas prisoner

Russian court extends [arrest of three Crimean Tatars for another six months](#).

Russia reduces horrific [sentences against five Crimean Tatar political prisoners](#) by just 6 months. Russia's Supreme Court has taken a mere two hours or so to consider the flawed charges against five Crimean Tatar political prisoners, and the lack of any evidence to back them, before upholding each of the men's convictions.

[Russia moves to hide its political trial](#) of Crimean Tatar civic activists.

["People get nabbed every day"](#) – ex-Donbas prisoner, on realities in occupied areas.

## Ukraine's 2019 in review

### Doubts mount over Sheremet murder arrests

Review of 2019: [new government, weak reforms, and expectations](#) for brighter future.

Ukraine's financial performance in [2019: strong hryvnia, leaky budget, and billions of dollars in debt](#).

Looking back at [Ukraine's 2019: a new government](#) at the center of attention.

[2019 Ukraine firsts](#): single-party majority, bullying fines, and more.

Presumed innocent until a police briefing in Ukraine. [Doubts mount over Sheremet arrests](#).

[Pediatric surgeon Kuzmenko suspected of Sheremet assassination to be held in custody](#) for two months as appeal rejected.

Sheremet Case: [Suspect Kuzmenko files lawsuit against Ukraine's MIA](#).

Impeachment, MP immunity, plastic bag ban, and Constitutional amendments. [Ukraine's latest major laws](#).

Ukrainian [farmers fret over Zelenskyy's land reforms](#).

The Cabinet of Ministers has approved a [bill on the labor market reform](#).

[Naftogaz receives \\$2.9 billion](#) payment from Gazprom with new agreement.

One step away from a new contract: [Ukraine and Russia to agree on gas transit](#).

Cabinet transfers [530 state-owned enterprises for privatization](#).

Zelenskyy signs [law on control over electricity prices](#).

iMoRe №122. The [Law on protection of intellectual property](#) during import and unbundling.

[State in Smartphone project](#): official names gov't services to go online next year.

Oleh Bakhmatyuk, the owner of the largest Ukrainian agricultural holding Ukrlandfarming, [accuses the head of the President's Office Andriy Bogdan of taking over his business](#).

Left: Ukrainian Christmas tree decorations are [exported to 27 countries](#).

Right: Yuzhnoye state design office [completes satellite assembly](#). The Earth remote sensing satellite Sich-2-1 should be ready for launch in 2020



## Ukraine's top 15 startups launching the wall of fame

### Ukrainian IT specialist finds eco-friendly way to make instruments

A Ukrainian [IT specialist has found an eco-friendly way to manufacture musical instruments](#). He uses a variety of woods including oak, beech, maple and others.

[Programmer develops silent boxes for IT companies](#). These single-seat soundproof boxes allow an employee to shut themselves off from the noise of open space and work in silence. One costs

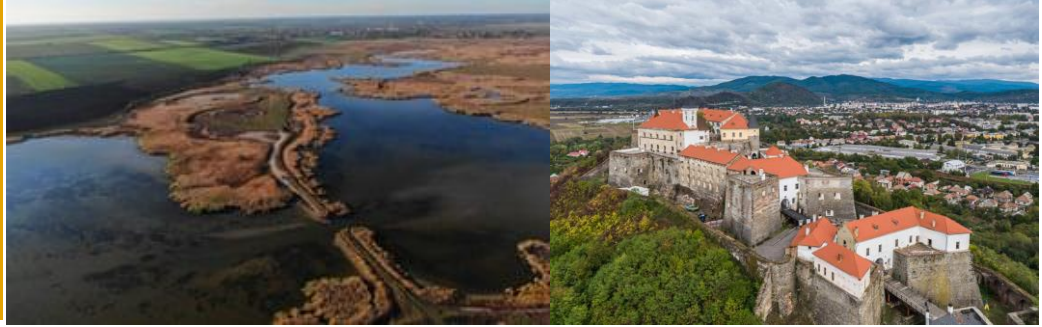
UAH 97,000 which is 3 times cheaper than comparable models.

[Britain interested in Ukrainian IT professionals](#).

Ukraine's [top 15 startups](#) launching the wall of fame.



Left: ['Mother Nature recovers amazingly fast': reviving Ukraine's rich wetlands](#)  
Right: [Top 100 photos of Ukraine in 2019](#)



## Visit the Lviv Museum of Retro Technology

### Fresh take on the Ukrainian national anthem

"Caroling in Turya", "Prayer for Ukraine. The Virgin of Mercy" and other [pictures were exhibited in the RSA atrium](#) (PHOTOS)

[Online movie theatre Takflix](#) featuring Ukrainian movies kicks off in Ukraine.

[Lviv Museum of Retro Technology](#). Listening to modern music on vinyl, receiving an FM signal

on a radio made in the 1960s, or looking at the earliest video games. All of this is on display at the "Technarnia" museum in Lviv.

[Fresh take on the Ukrainian national anthem](#). The Youth Symphonic Orchestra joined forces with a Ukrainian pop star.

Left, Right:  
[Christmas by Ukrainian painters](#)



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