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Poroshenko welcomes Belarus president amid concerns

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Military [exercises in the Black Sea are the "most realistic" ever staged by the 17 participating nations](#), according to the U.S. commander there. The 20th annual Sea Breeze exercises come amid ongoing tensions with Russia.

[Who is who in the Minsk process](#) | Infographics.

President [Poroshenko rolled out the red carpet for his visiting counterpart from Belarus](#), President Lukashenka, but some Ukrainians were critical, especially of the timing of the authoritarian leader's visit.

Poroshenko: Lukashenko said territory of [Belarus will not be used for aggression against Ukraine](#).

U.S. allies in Eastern Europe and Ukraine are worried that [Russia's planned September war games](#)

[in Belarus could be a "Trojan horse" aimed at leaving behind military equipment brought into the country](#).

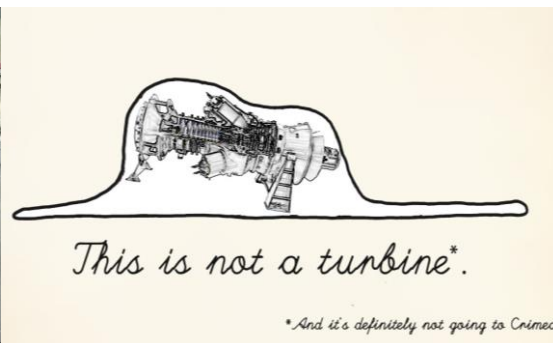
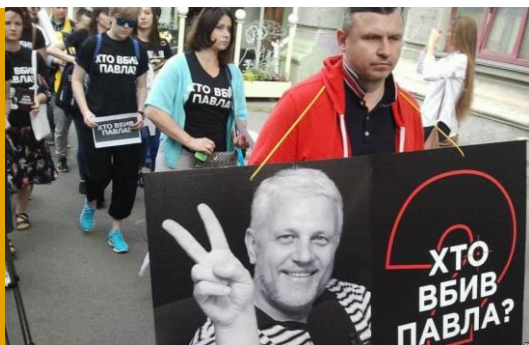
Over 500 Russian mercenaries [who fought in Donbas currently participating in hostilities in Syria](#).

15 Berkut [fighters involved in Maidan execution granted Russian citizenship](#).

[Siemens cuts some Russia ties over Crimea turbines scandal](#).

[StopFakeNews #141](#) with Peter Dickinson. We show how Russia reacted to the recent EU Ukraine summit, debunk a dubious Russian analyst who says Ukraine is poised to abandon the EU in favor of Russia

Left: A year after journalist's death in Kyiv, [activists ask 'Who killed Pavel?' People remember slain journalist Pavel Sheremet](#).
Right: [How Siemens chose to ignore the obvious](#).



"Malorossiya": yet another Russian imperial myth

The Kremlin changes its Donbas war narrative

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The US has expanded [sanctions over Russia – but will it stop the torture in Crimea?](#)

[Moscow tends to increase military confrontation](#), turning the conflict into a hot one – to force peace talks negotiators to make concessions to the Kremlin.

"[Malorossiya](#)": yet another Russian imperial myth salvaged from the garbage dump of history.

Vladimir [Putin "defends Ivan the Terrible and Stalin 'from excessive demonization'"](#) because unconsciously he feels himself to share with them a common approach. Igor Eidman.

[Pavel Sheremet](#): the life and violent death of a journalist.

[MH-17 flight downed 3 years ago](#). How much do we know now?

Why did [Russia close its airspace near Donbas one day before flight MH17](#) was downed?

“This is not a frozen conflict, this is a hot war”

Ukrainian attitudes harden against Kremlin’s positions on Donbas

Ukrainian [attitudes harden against Kremlin’s positions on Donbas](#): 60 percent of Ukrainians favor the introduction of international peacekeepers in the Donbas; and 55 percent oppose any special status for that region.

U.S. special envoy Volker on Donbas: [“This is not a frozen conflict, this is a hot war”](#)

Recent [days have been the bloodiest in 2017, - Poroshenko](#) held conference call with Normandy Four leaders.

[Poroshenko blames Russia for recent deaths of eight soldiers](#) in country’s east.

Jul 24. [Zaitseve village shelled](#) by pro-Russian militants.

Jul 20. Details of large scale [attack by pro-Russian terrorists on Ukrainian positions in Krasnohorivka](#).

[Why did the Russian-militant forces attack Krasnohorivka?](#)

MFA: [Kremlin deliberately disrupts “harvest ceasefire” regime](#).

Russia-backed [militants in eastern Ukraine’s Donetsk region have announced what they say is the creation of a new state called Malorossia, or Little Russia](#), a declaration that was swiftly condemned by Kyiv.

OSCE SMM [monitors prevented from entering DPR-controlled Novoazovsk](#).

The [involvement of criminals in “L/DNR” terrorist groups](#) can be explained by a catastrophic shortage of personnel.

Russian opposition leader [A. Navalny and a former commander of Russia-backed separatists sparred over patriotism and the war in Ukraine in a debate](#) that stoked widespread discussion and criticism.

[Ukraine helps Moldova regain control over border in Transnistrian region](#).

‘Russian intelligence works to [destabilize Ukraine through organizing provocative protests](#)’: SBU

SBU says they [prevented Russia-staged attempts to seize public receptions of Ukrainian PGO](#).

Left: [Ukrainian military suicides reach 500](#) in three years

Right: Indigenous peoples and [human rights organizations express solidarity with indigenous peoples of Ukraine](#)



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Crimean Tatar Ferat Saifullaev [imprisoned by Russia for religious and political views](#).

[Crimean Tatar jailed for Facebook reposts](#) critical of Russian occupation of Crimea.

[Russia inadvertently gives proof for international courts](#) in trial of Crimean Tatar leader Akhtem Chygoz.

[Barbarous actions began on Kalga-Sultan Palace area in Crimea](#).

[Mother of a schoolboy murdered by DNR militants appeals](#) to the public.

Russia possibly implicated in [latest armed abduction by Donbas militants](#).

[Children are sick from Russian "humanitarian aid" in Donetsk](#).

U.S. Helsinki Commission puts [Roman Sushchenko on list of Kremlin’s political prisoners](#).

Ukraine's economy has turned a corner

President Poroshenko signs law on Energy Efficiency Fund

Week's balance: IMF allows postponement of land reform, prime minister finds hub for low cost air carriers, Ukraine boosts trade.

Ukraine's economy has turned a corner and started to grow. But there is much more work to be done. Vladimir Osakovsky, Chief Economist for Russia and CIS at the Bank of America Merrill Lynch talks to Marta Dyczok about the accomplishments and challenges in Ukraine's economy.

Poll: 42% of Ukrainians support decentralization reform.

Hroisman's Cabinet reported on the country's gas production, increase in salaries, and road repair.

Ukraine's Interior Ministry gets EUR20 mln under

new Ukraine-EU project.

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Ukroboronprom increases arms exports by 25%.

IFC supports Ukraine's SMEs with \$15 mln investment in new private equity fund.

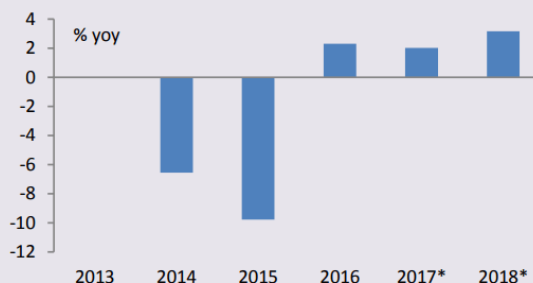
NABU Lawyer: A mere 15% of judges who prosecuted Maidan activists dismissed.

Garbage is becoming an ecological threat in Ukraine. Every year, more than 27 thousand garbage dumps are unofficially created in Ukraine.

Left: Ukrainian economy continues its recovery path.

Right: Ukrainian military pilots win prize for best aerobatics at air show in Britain

Real GDP growth



Source: IMF, *Forecast



New app could make Ukraine more enticing for tourists

Mobile ID technology coming to Ukraine in late 2017

AccorHotels group launches the first Mercure hotel in Kyiv.

Three Ukrainian ice cream producers to enter EU markets soon.

New app could make Ukraine more enticing for tourists.

PassivDom 3D prints smart homes that run off-grid on solar power.

International tech investor lists 199 top Ukrainian industry figures.

IT outsourcing market review: Czech Republic vs. Ukraine.

LycaMobile, one of world's largest virtual operators, announces start of work in Ukraine.

Mobile ID technology to be introduced in Ukraine by late 2017.

Left: [Honey festival](#) starts in Ivano-Frankivsk.

Right: Ukrainian fencer Olga Harlan became the world champion in sabre fencing!



Film "War of Chimeras": Realistic as never before Steampunk superheroes of Ukraine's early 20th century struggle

Film "War of Chimeras": Realistic as never before.

Ukrainian [ice breaker opens the way to the Arctic](#).

15-year-old Kharkiv native Mykola Miroshnychenko grew up a [skilled pianist despite disability and being refused by 19 music schools](#).

Introducing the [Steampunk Superheroes of Ukraine's Early 20th Century Independence Struggle](#). Authors of comic book blockbuster seek to bring epic events of 1917 Ukrainian Revolution to post-Maidan audiences.

Ukrainian [national team has already won 37 medals](#) at Deaflympics 2017.

Ukrainian [schoolchildren win five medals at International Mathematical Olympiad](#) in Rio de Janeiro.

Ukrainian builds [life-sized wooden robots](#).

Left: The first [teaser to Ukrainian full-length animated feature film Mayka](#). Forest song has been released.
Right: [Sculpture above the Kharkiv conservatory](#) dedicated to Kharkiv people of culture.



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