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EU formally approves Ukraine Association Agreement

EU Foreign Ministers endorse favorable trade measures for Ukraine

Almost four years after Yanukovich walked away from it, the EU formally [approves Ukraine Association Agreement](#).

European Union foreign [ministers have unanimously backed a decision to grant Ukraine temporary trade preference for some agricultural and industrial products](#), following a similar decision by the European Parliament earlier this month.

[Week overview](#): Rex Tillerson becomes the first high-ranking official from Trump administration to visit Ukraine. Kurt Volker shapes his idea of Ukraine through meetings in Kyiv. Jens Stoltenberg stresses that NATO's doors remain open to Ukraine. The Ukraine-EU summit ends with no final declaration. Russia shows its unscrupulousness to long-time partners from Siemens.

[Email chains and other Russia's propaganda tools](#) in

central and Eastern Europe.

[A British man was sentenced to prison](#) after a court in Britain ruled he illegally entered eastern Ukraine in 2015 to fight alongside Russia-backed separatists against the central government.

The German government demanded [answers on July 12 from Siemens, after two of the group's gas turbines were delivered to Russian-annexed Crimea despite sanctions](#) imposed by the European Union.

Russia reportedly [detains power executive connected with Siemens project](#).

[StopFakeNews #140](#) with Marko Suprun. This week we debunk claims that Ukraine is violating the Minsk agreements; a Yugoslav scenario for Ukraine; the IMF and pensions, who loses what and more.



Left: [Relatives of Ukrainian hostages held by Kremlin picket Ukraine-EU Summit, demand more release efforts.](#)

Right: [MH17 memorial unveiled in The Netherlands. 298 trees planted in a green ribbon pattern.](#)

Flight MH17 three years on: getting the truth

The true cost of Siemens' collaboration in violating Crimea sanctions

[International leaders came to Kyiv](#) and left. What's the take away? Political Scientist Olexiy Haran.

[Flight MH17 three years on](#): getting the truth out of Eastern Ukraine.

[Is Russia getting ready to launch a nuclear strike from Crimea?](#)

Putin's [Donbas tactics won't work in Baltic countries](#) for economic reasons.

Pastukhov: Any [successor to Putin likely to be a dictator](#).

Flurry of Kyiv assassinations a [new Russian front in Ukraine](#).

The [true cost of Siemens' collaboration in violating Crimea sanctions](#).

82 artillerymen from 291st Brigade carrying out Kremlin's orders Ukrainian combat units already trained under NATO standards

[Militants attempted minor advancement](#) last week.

[Ukraine](#).

Members of the self-proclaimed Donetsk People's Republic ("DPR") [have declared a "special entry-exit status"](#) at the Russian-occupied town of Siedove in Donetsk region, having denied the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission (SMM) access to the town.

[Russian contract soldier captured in Donbas](#) confirms he was on active duty.

Russian soldiers captured in Ukraine: [an exchange pool for Ukrainian hostages](#).

82 [artillerymen from the 291st Brigade carrying out Kremlin's criminal orders](#) in Ukraine.

[25% of children in Eastern Ukraine show high levels of post traumatic distress](#) and only 10% have not personally witnessed the war. They can access mental health support at schools now thanks to programs developed by the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy and UNICEF.

Twenty-eight Ukrainian [combat units already trained under NATO standards](#).

Seventy percent of [Ukrainians believe that peace in Donbas requires a compromise resolution](#). However, only 18% are willing to accept peace at any cost.

Russian [secret services agent detained while receiving classified information](#) from Ukraine's Armed Forces General Staff.

Russian Airborne [Colonel Gratov detained in](#)



"Driven out to a wasteland at gunpoint"

Donbas militants admit to holding journalist Stanyslav Aseyev prisoner

[Navalny to debate with Russian Crimea and Donbas war criminal](#) for nationalist votes.

[betrayal](#).

["Driven out to a wasteland at gunpoint"](#): Crimean man tells of his abduction by FSB.

The Moscow [City Court has rejected a complaint filed by the defense team of Ukrinform correspondent Roman Sushchenko](#), who was illegally detained in Russia. His team had protested against the extension of his arrest for another three months - until September 30.

Crimean Tatar leader Ilmi Umerov faces [5-year sentence over FSB rigged translation](#).

Donbas militants admit to [holding journalist Stanyslav Aseyev prisoner](#) for "spying".

FSB [officer attempted to provoke Zeytullayev to](#)

Decentralization reform can be Ukraine's success

Ukraine has implemented 60% of anticorruption requirements

Week's balance: EU completes ratification of Ukraine Association deal; Rada amends state budget before going on vacation.

Ukraine has implemented 60 percent of anticorruption requirements by foreign partners.

iMoRe #63 Summer is cold, only a few reforms. autumn is coming.

Ukraine's parliament has adopted a law on the Constitutional Court of Ukraine.

Decentralization reform can be Ukraine's success, if it doesn't stop halfway.

Experts estimate the losses to Ukrainian business from hacker attacks on computer networks at \$8 billion, according to the website of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Ukraine.

The adoption of the draft law on basic principles and requirements for organic production, handling and labeling of organic production (No. 5448) will open new markets for Ukrainian producers.

Ecology ministry creates Reforms Office consisting of 20 people using EBRD funds.

EBA poll: Ukraine becoming more attractive for investors, leaves negative area first time since 2011.

CPJ slams Ukrainian police for stalled probe into murder of journalist Sheremet.

Ukraine's draft law on reintegrating Donbas finally says it's under Russian occupation.

The very costly secret. The pitfalls of Yanukovych's \$1.5bn case.

Ukraine is breaching international standards with new laws regarding NGOs.

Lifting immunity on Dovhyi, Poliakov, Rozenblat, and lack of votes for Deidei and Lozovyi, - drama unveiled in Rada on July 11.

Rada supported lifting Opposition Bloc MP Dobkin's immunity, his detention and arrest.

The growth and future of Ukrainian IT, according to Google

Textbook "English for NGOs" developed, available free to any

Ukrainian-American Kitcast raises \$500,000 to create "the data-driven future".

Ukraine's tech sector is growing, and attracting some of the biggest companies in the industry to the country. The Ukraine Country Manager for Google, Dmytro Sholomko, talks about Google's projects in Ukraine, and the growth and future of Ukrainian IT.

IT outsourcing review: Belarus vs. Ukraine.

For any non-profit anywhere in the world, writing in English is essential. Now, the NGO Forum of Ukraine and partners developed a textbook "English for NGOs" available free to any organization that needs it.

Left: Donbas beyond the war. [Preserving the steppe marmot](#).
Right: [Salt Lake in Kherson Region](#) in the South of Ukraine goes pink. The reservoir gets peculiar colouration from salt-loving microorganisms



Odesa International Film Festival kicks off

Reenactors at Hetmanate Museum show visitors 16th century life

[Odesa International Film Festival](#) launched Saturday.

Reenactors at Hetmanate Museum show visitors [life in the 16th century](#).

Hundreds of Ukrainian bikers show their skills at the [Moto Open Fest](#).

Cyclists at [Kyiv's CycleChic show](#) what it means to be both active and stylish.

Left: National Historical and Archaeological Reserve "Stone Tomb" (Kamiana Mohyla).

This stone hill served as a holy site for the ancient steppe people, who have left thousands of images in petroglyphs



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