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### ECHR sets date to consider illegal annexation of Crimea We need cold peace with Russia – Poroshenko

[Ukrainian Orthodox Church enthrones Epifaniy](#) as its leader.

[We need cold peace with Russia](#) – Poroshenko.

MH17 tragedy: [largest class-action lawsuit filed against Putin](#).

[ECHR set the date of Feb.27](#) for considering Ukraine’s claim against Russia on the illegal annexation of Crimea.

The French connection: [Donbas fighters don Yellow Vests](#). French citizens who joined Russia-backed separatists in eastern Ukraine have now resurfaced among the Yellow Vest protesters in Paris.

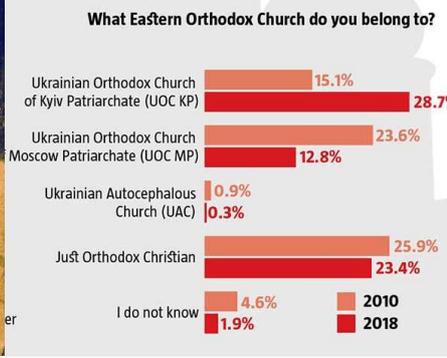
[Russia, Bulgaria to build gas pipeline](#) bypassing Ukraine.

Russian propagandist [invented six West-staged attempted revolutions](#) in Belarus.

Study discloses web of [Kremlin’s “hybrid analytica”](#) that advances pro-Putin narratives in the West.

[StopFake #220](#). Fake: Combatting deep fakes with audio detection. How to get 146% of the vote in an election. The European Court for Human Rights and its Ukraine caseload.

Left: The 1918 [Battle of Kruty](#) remembered. It’s seen as a symbol of Ukrainian heroism and sacrifice. Photo: solemn reburial of students in Kyiv on March 19, 1918  
Right: Social and political [implications of an independent Ukrainian Orthodox Church](#).



### Evil legitimized: who benefits, loses from US withdrawal Hundreds of UPA documents found in Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast

[Evil legitimized](#). Who benefits and who loses from US troops withdrawal from Syria.

[How to get a 146% election result](#): Background of Kremlin propaganda classic case explained.

Is [Tymoshenko a pro-Russian candidate](#)? The facts, the fiction, and the mysteries.

Hundreds of [UPA documents found](#) in Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast.

[January 29th](#) in Ukrainian history.

New Siberian website provides data on [Russification of non-Russians and repression of Russians](#).

## Life under fire in Kriakivka

### Russia's illegal blockade of Azov Sea caused UAH 10 bln damage

Feb.4. The [Avdiivka industrial zone comes under constant fire](#) from Russian Hybrid Forces.

The U.S. special envoy for Ukraine says [Washington and Europe are considering measures against Russia for its detention of 24 Ukrainian crew members](#) captured in the Kerch Strait.

[Poor conditions for captive sailor](#) Tereschenko.

Russia's illegal [blockade of Azov Sea caused UAH 10 bln damage](#).

[242 children killed](#) since start of Russian aggression against Ukraine.

UNICEF: About [500,000 children in Donbas are in urgent need of protection](#).

President signs [law on arms purchases abroad without intermediaries](#).

[Life of combats medics on frontline](#). Continuous duty, alarms at any time of the day, and trips to the front line - these are the realities of life for combat medics in eastern Ukraine.

[Life under fire: Kriakivka](#). Residents of this village in Ukraine's Luhansk region can see the positions of Russian-led militants from their windows. They live under constant shelling and can find the way to shelters with their eyes closed. Recently the village was once again attacked with weapons banned under the Minsk agreements.

[OSCE spots amassing of heavy weapons](#) in Russian-occupied Donbas.

[Russia deploys at least 28 battalion tactical groups](#) near Ukrainian border. The groups are 100% staffed by contract servicemen and equipped with modern (modernized) weapons and military hardware.

[PMC Wagner is a unit of Russian military intelligence](#), mercs' IDs show – SBU chief.

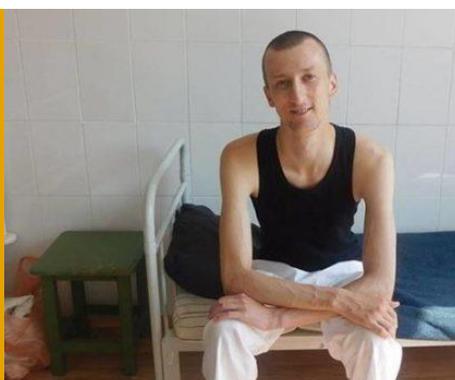
Eleven [assassination attempts on Ukrainian president prevented](#) last year.

[Czech national charged with terrorism](#) after fighting for Russian-backed militants in Ukraine.

Left: Oleksandr [Kolchenko looks pale, thin, unhealthy](#).

He was detained along with Oleg Sentsov on the territory of the annexed Crimea on May 10, 2014, and later convicted to 10 years of imprisonment

Right: New Russian [laws can stifle any information about environmental disasters](#) in occupied Crimea



## Ukrainian hostages in occupied territories under threat

### Russia-held Ukrainian Hryb might die without immediate surgery

Animals are dying: [Russian occupation authorities provoke new ecological disaster in Crimea](#)

(Photo, video). Chemicals are drained directly into the canal connecting the site with the sea.

[Landslide threatens traffic](#) at the approach to the Kertch bridge.

'[Iron Lilya](#)': human rights defender challenges authority in Crimea.

Russian [FSB rejects imprisoned Crimean Tatar activist's alibi](#) in favour of their 'secret witness'.

Ukrainian [hostages, excluded from swap lists, could be tortured to death](#) in occupied territories, - Iryna Herashchenko.

Ukraine [calls on EU to help save Pavlo Hryb](#).

Russia-held Ukrainian [Hryb might die without immediate surgery](#), father says.

## International implications of Ukraine's decentralization

### Pre-election dismissal at Ukraine's public broadcaster sparks outcry

[Hacked documents, Public television in Ukraine and more](#) – uacrisis weekly update #4, 28 January-3 February.

[Week's balance](#): war over gas bills, NBU forecast, and new transport projects.

Poroshenko presents [5-year Economic Strategy](#).

Pre-election [dismissal at Ukraine's public broadcaster](#) sparks outcry.

Demands mount [to revoke non-transparent dismissal of Ukrainian Public Broadcaster CEO](#).

[Sociologists call on media not to spread fake surveys](#).

CEC [registers 30 presidential candidates](#).

Ukraine Election Commission receives [83 filings for presidential candidates](#).

[Anti-Corruption Court](#) in Ukraine: so far, so good, but dangers lie ahead.

[iMoRe №101](#). Medium-term budget planning and

a new instrument for the banks capitalization.

[Ukrainian Orthodox Church and Orthodox Church of Ukraine](#) are now legal synonyms, Kyiv says.

New independent church and Moscow Patriarchate [vie for parishes](#) in Ukraine.

[Over 200 parishes](#) of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the Moscow Patriarchate (UOC-MP) have already joined the newly created Orthodox Church of Ukraine.

[FSB, SVR divide control of Moscow Patriarchate church](#) at home and abroad, Ukrainian intelligence official says.

International [implications of Ukraine's decentralization](#).

Ukraine ranks [fourth in the world in NFC payments](#).

[Tourism fee for foreign tourists in Kyiv](#) to be 1%, for domestic tourists – 0.4% of minimum wage.

Left: Edible packaging and paper from leaves: [six green startups from Ukraine](#).

Right: Water from air: how [Ukrainians built a "smart oasis" on the beach of Dubai](#).



## Ukraine's attractiveness for U.S. investors grows

### Ukrainian startups shine at Las Vegas CES and Davos WEF

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[Danish Fund invests EUR 5 mln in solar power plant](#) in Zhytomyr region.

USUBC president: [Ukraine's attractiveness for U.S. investors grows](#) significantly.

UNIT.City presented a report on the [IT sector of Ukraine: main figures and indicators](#).

Left: [Odesa to restore](#) historic city center.  
Right: Ukrainians present [national culture and cuisine at Festival of Nations in Iceland](#).



## Ukrainian startup lets you 3D print chocolate desserts

### The disappearing art of Postoli in Ukraine

The [disappearing art of Postoli](#) in Ukraine. Traditional Ukrainian postoli shoes are becoming a rare commodity as one of the last Carpathian Hutsul shoemakers struggles to continue the craft.

Winter blues? [Ukrainian startup lets you 3D print chocolate desserts](#). And according to the startup, the machines can print everything from sweet snacks to savory dishes such as hummus or pasta.

Ukraine takes silver in Long Jump. [Marina Beh-Romanchuk broke her own personal record](#).

Left: [Rare postcards](#) depict Ukrainian village life at turn of 20th century

Right: [Royal Canadian Mint](#) to release new Ukrainian Easter egg coin.



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