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Ukraine's war -tested military reform can be utterly effective Defensive weapons are not provocative unless you're an aggressor

Ukraine celebrated its [Independence Day with an elaborate military parade](#) through central Kyiv. U.S. Defense Secretary Jim Mattis was among the guests for the event, which included columns of Ukrainian forces and their weapons, along with troops from the United States, Canada, Britain, Poland, and other countries from the region.

US defense chief in Kyiv: [defensive weapons are not provocative unless you're an aggressor](#). Jim [Mattis comes to Ukraine for Independence Day](#) and promises closer cooperation.

Ukraine's [military reform can be utterly effective as it's tested by war](#), - US defense chief Mattis to Poltorak.

Relatives of soldiers killed in Donbas war march in [alternative "parade" for Ukraine's independence](#).

Two injured in [Independence Day blast in central Kyiv](#).

Restrictions for ships in the Sea of Azov introduced by the Russian Federation in connection with the Kerch bridge construction are [breaching the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea](#).

[SWIFT software producer stops](#) working with two Russian banks.

[StopFake #146](#) with Matt Kriteiman. Among the disinformation debunked this week: Ukrainian independence is a sham! Nothing has been achieved in 26 years; High tech and innovation are finished in Ukraine; the Health Ministry is wreaking medical genocide in Ukraine;and; Ukrainian veterans who fought in the Donbas are not allowed entry to Poland.

Left:
[Ukrainians celebrate 26th anniversary of Independence.](#)
Right: Map of Ukraine entitled "[World Peace in Ukraine!](#)" published in Vienna in 1919(20).



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Life [under communism was no liberation](#) for women.

How to run [Zapad-2017 with 13 000 people: To dispel Russian propaganda theories](#).

Militants break "school year" truce, fire on civilian homes

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Normandy Four agrees on [truce in Donbas ahead of new school year](#).

Russian-backed militants [break "school year" truce](#), fire on civilian homes.

[Last week the number of armed provocations](#) and heavy weapon use decreased.

Ukraine launches [Identigraf system for facial recognition of militants](#) and terrorists.

[Probe into Ukraine's largest military defeat at Ilovaisk pins blame on Russian invasion](#), admits mistakes.

Ukrainian-born actor [Anatolii Pashinin, who lived and worked in Moscow, came to his motherland to fight against militants](#) and Russian mercenaries.

Recreational [camp for 20 children from the "grey"](#)

[zone – Maryinka and Maryinka district of Donetsk region](#) – has been held in children's recreational and rehabilitation camp "Karamel" near Kyiv. The camp was held within "Helping Hand for Ukraine" project implemented by "HOPE worldwide Ukraine".

Ukrainian doctors use [cutting-edge biotechnology to treat wounded veterans](#).

Almost [4 mln residents of eastern Ukraine in need of health care](#) – WHO.

Ukrainian [rescue daschund excited to save lives](#).

Court quashes 13-year sentence, orders [retrial of Brazilian for fighting with Russian-backed Donbas militants](#).



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Ukraine activists mark [two years since filmmaker Sentsov's conviction](#) in Russia.

Horribly tortured and [murdered, or imprisoned in Crimea and Donbas for the Ukrainian Flag](#).

Yevhen [Panov illegally remains under arrest](#) in Crimea.

[Tortured for TV Confessions](#). Russia's first aborted 'Ukrainian Crimea Saboteur plot'.

Evidence emerges of [torture in Russian prisons](#) in

Crimea.

62-year-old Crimean Tatar activist [jailed for trying to speak at a public hearing](#).

[Crimeans must go to Kyiv to apply for American visa](#), - US Embassy in Russia.

In the occupied Crimea, Independence Day of Ukraine began with the [detention of two activists of the Ukrainian Cultural Center](#).

Ukraine's credit rating improves, predicting economic improvement

Hitting back at The Economist's ranking of Kyiv

[Ukraine's credit rating improves](#), predicting economic improvement.

[Week's milestones](#). Independence Day Parade in Kyiv showed just how significantly the Ukrainian army has changed. A newly-installed TV tower in Bakhmutivka the Ukrainian government restored TV broadcasts across the areas of Luhansk region temporarily controlled by pro-Russian terrorists. Rada Speaker Andriy Parubiy vowed "autumn reforms" in Parliament.

[Week's balance](#): LPG prices soar, state sector mired in losses, while Firtash comes into spotlight, again The National Bank of Ukraine this week continued to strengthen the hryvnia rate; the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade estimated the profits and losses of state companies for 2016; the prices of LPG set a new record.

[Day of Donetsk and miners](#) celebration reminds the world that Donbas is Ukraine.

Criminal [gangs remain in control of much of Ukraine's amber business](#). The business is worth as much as \$500 million each year. Nine Ukrainian companies are licensed to mine amber legally, but the vast majority of production takes place outside the law.

Ukraine's capital city does not deserve to be branded "unlivable". [Hitting back at The Economist's ranking of Kyiv](#).

[Free trade area with Israel](#): an incentive or a threat to Ukraine's foreign trade surplus?

Left & Right:
Ukraine
Inside Out: a
[Travel App](#)
[showing the](#)
[world what](#)
[Ukraine](#)
has
to offer.



Ukraine: the next startup nation

Beautiful mechanical models attract undreamt amounts via Kickstarter

Ukraine: [the next startup nation](#). Ukrainians already put a stamp on Silicon Valley with outstanding companies like Whatsapp (Jan Koum), Paypal and Affirm (Max Levchin).

New [chain of bakery cafes employs Ukrainian war veterans](#).

[Ugears, a Ukrainian startup offering wooden 3D puzzles for adults and kids](#), has raised nearly \$300,000 from 2,954 Kickstarter backers – far above its crowdfunding goal of \$15,000.

Left: Imaginative ways Ukraine has dealt with Lenin statues.

Right: Yana Belomoina, an absolute champion of UCI Mountain Bike World Cup 2017



Donbas war veterans showcase their artistic talent Celebrating Ukrainian independence and identity through dance

Koktebel Jazz Festival on the Black Sea showcases Ukrainian and international talent.

Celebrating Ukrainian independence and identity through dance.

Independence Day concert highlights cooperation between US and Ukraine.

Life in the Ukrainian countryside. Peter Santenello is embracing his six weeks in one Ukrainian village. The San Francisco native is giving his blog viewers a chance to see the everyday joys and hardships of life in Osypenko.

Veterans of the war in Donbas showcase their artistic talent.

Old and storied literary and folk fair at Sorochyntsi dedicated to Gogol.

Lutsk town crier welcomes visitors to the ancient city.

Left: Crimean open air united the hearts of Ukrainians in Kyiv. "Tatar Ishleme" - sewing with two-sided satin stitch.

Right: Fair of folk art: Handicrafts and master classes.



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