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### French lawmakers violate sanctions, law to visit Crimea

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Ten days after [journalist Pavel Sheremet was murdered by a car bomb in central Kyiv](#), the sinister, cold-blooded nature of the unsolved killing keeps hitting home.

"Any conversation about the [future of European security will have to start with Crimea](#)," - US ambassador to OSCE.

[Moscow mis-reporting its military expenditures](#) to the UN.

Ukraine has condemned the [visit of a group of French lawmakers to Russia-annexed Crimea](#).

In addition to breaching Ukrainian law and international sanctions, 11 French MPs took part in a [propaganda show, denying flagrant human rights violations under Russian occupation and slandering](#)

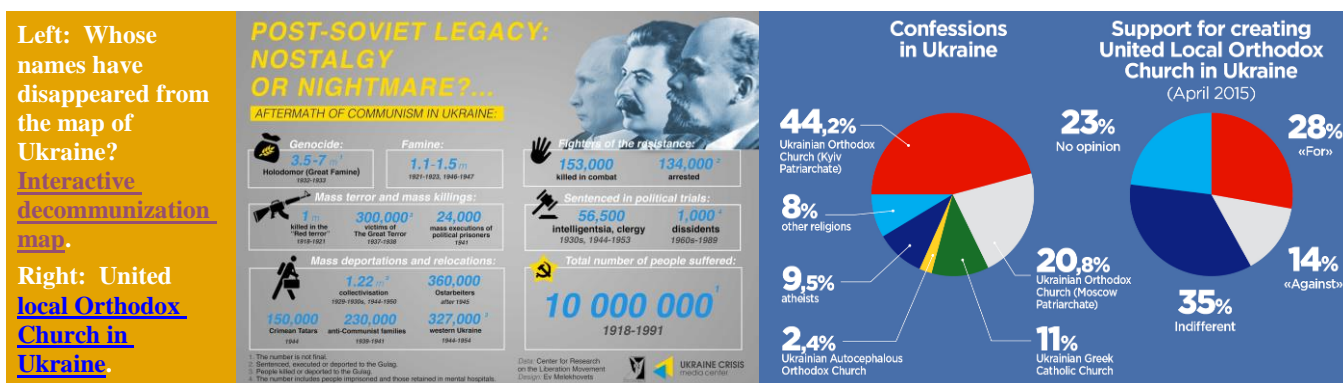
[Crimean Tatars](#) who have been abducted, and very likely murdered.

The [United States has presented Ukraine with a batch of drones](#) worth \$12 million.

Russian [trolls attack Americans](#). LinkedIn banned the accounts of several people who had dared oppose those who posted pro-Putin comments.

Russian aircraft [violating international rules while flying over the Black Sea – Bulgaria](#). Polish fighter jets [intercept Russian aircraft near Krakow](#). Russian pilot enters restricted aerial zone, is forced to land.

[StopFake 93](#) with political consultant Brian Mefford: this week's fakes claim Ukraine is soliciting funds to help finance Eurovision 2017 and more.



### US: if the Republican candidate wins, Kyiv will have to confront Russia on its own Kremlin's losing battle: Next stage of disintegration of Soviet space

If the [Russian president could design a candidate to undermine American interests](#)—and advance his own—he'd look a lot like Donald Trump.

Whether or not Donald Trump is elected, the [tone and substance of the Republican nominee's campaign has already damaged U.S. national security](#). – Madeleine Albright

US elections and their impact on Ukraine. If the [Republican candidate wins, Kyiv will have to confront Russia on its own](#), experts say.

Kremlin's losing battle: [Next stage of disintegration of Soviet space](#).

Putin's [shell game with Crimea](#) intended to cut

importance and costs of the Anschluss.

An [Orthodox procession with political aims?](#)

What role does [religion play in a hybrid war](#)? Two orthodox pilgrim marches in Kyiv. Primate of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the Kyiv Patriarchate, [Patriarch Filaret believes that the Russian President hopes to subjugate Ukraine through the Russian Orthodox Church](#).

A. Motyl. For the first time since Ukraine achieved independence in 1991, the [country has an opportunity to break out of Russia's orbit](#) and transform into a genuinely self-reliant and democratic state.

[Kyiv shouldn't give agreement to Moscow's proposed "ambassador."](#) Ohryzko

## Keeping bankers' hours, EU observers miss most of Ukraine war 50,000 Russian citizens fought in Donbass war: separatist ex-leader

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You need to go back nearly a year to find [another month as deadly as July](#) -- and the month isn't even over yet. But despite all the death and destruction, almost nobody is noticing.

Jul 30. [Fighting escalated](#). 80 militant attacks. Two militant subversive units stopped near Marinka.

[Russia supplied terrorists](#) in Donbas with three Grads, 27 tanks, 15 combat vehicles, and two SP guns.

["DPR" members threaten SMM](#) at gunpoint near Lukove.

[Attack on school is too much](#), - OCSE's Hug on shelling of Krasnohorivka.

[50,000 Russian citizens fought](#) in Donbass war: separatist ex-leader.

[Forty Russian "instructors" have arrived in the self-proclaimed DPR to train militants](#), according to NGO Information Resistance.

Jewish commander: When Russian troops [invaded my native Donbas, I rushed to the front!](#)

[Children of fallen ATO soldiers](#) from Vinnytsia region to spend vacations in Poland.

UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) estimates the [number of inland refugees to be around one million](#).

"My [fear is that people will forget the suffering taking place in Ukraine](#)". Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights Nils Muižnieks.

NATO representative killed in [blast at Ukroboronprom testing station](#).

Putin dismisses Russian Ambassador to Ukraine Zurabov. "If Ukraine agrees to the appointment of [Mr. Babich, then you will get a guaranteed spy web in terms of coordination of the Russian intelligence services in the country](#)".

Left: Photos of [Russian military base](#) near Ukrainian border.

Right: [Oleksandr the Good Shepherd](#). Until very recently, Oleksandr was held captive and tortured in a dark cellar in the so-called "LNR"



## Google bows to Russian pressure

### Russian sentenced to forced psychiatric treatment for support of Ukraine

Radicals [attack pro-Ukrainian activists](#) in Moscow.

[Punitive psychiatry appears to have returned in Russia](#) with a recognized political prisoner being forcibly held in a psychiatric hospital. 36-year-old Alexei Moroshkin has been receiving psychiatric 'treatment' against his and his family's wishes.

Chillingly [secret Crimean 'Azov fighter' trial](#) ends in 6-year sentence.

Jailed Crimean [human rights activist isolated as 'dangerous' prisoner](#).

Putin [strips occupied Crimea of its status of Russian Federation's federal district](#). So-called governor of Sevastopol goes to Siberia.

[Google bows to Russian pressure](#), reverses changes to names of Crimean towns on its maps.

## Ukraine's central bank cuts key interest rate

### Archives open to reveal lost lives of victims of Soviet secret police

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Ukraine [customs switches to 'single window' operation](#).

The Cabinet of Ministers has entrusted [newly appointed Deputy Minister of Health Ulana Suprun to serve as the minister of health](#) from August 1.

Poroshenko signs [law toughening penalties for drunk driving](#).

[Archives open to reveal lost lives](#) of victims of Soviet secret police.

Lack of progress in fight against corruption, media freedom, justice in Ukraine: [Freedom House survey](#). Ukraine holds the 18th position out of 29 in the ranking of democratic progress among post-communist countries.

Ukrainian authorities [arrested Oleksandr Yefremov, former key member of ex-President Viktor Yanukovich's Party](#) of Regions. He was [remanded to a 60-day custody](#). Yefremov is suspected of helping in the creation and the activities of the terrorist organization LPR.

[Tax officials nabbed in Kyiv accepting bribe](#). 1.7 million hryvnia, €112,000, and \$270,000 seized.

SBU searched premises of [Supreme Economic Court Judge Shvets, found Hungarian passport and \\$300,000](#).

Ukrainian lawmaker Oleksandr Onyschenko [suspected of \\$120 million fraud flees to London](#).

[Ukraine maximises gas import from Slovakia](#). No gas imported from Russia in 248 days.

[Gas stocks in Ukraine's inventories up 25%](#) after completion of heating season.

Former [Kyiv prosecutor to be tried for crimes against Maidan activists](#).

[Ukrainian market closed for 243 Russian companies](#) doing business in occupied Donetsk and Luhansk regions.

[Chernobyl could be reinvented as a solar farm](#), says Ukraine.

Left: Ukrainian architect creates [module mobile houses](#).

Right: Ukraine marks the [1028th anniversary of Christianization of Kyivan Rus](#).



## Nearly 90,000 working in Ukraine's IT industry

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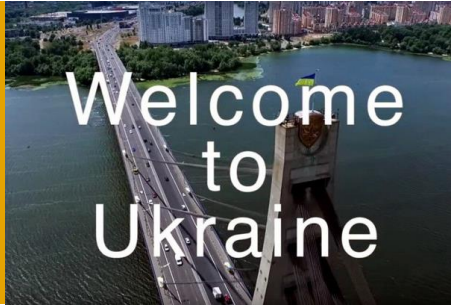
The Ukrainian [IT industry is booming](#) despite the ongoing Russian hybrid war and the Kremlin's occupation of Crimea. Venture investment in Ukrainian startups increased 237%.

[Report](#): Ukraine's venture market resumes growth; local startups targeted by global tech giants. The 2016 edition of "The Deal Book of Ukraine", an in-depth report on the emerging Ukrainian venture and startup industry.

Nearly [90,000 people working in IT](#) industry in Ukraine today.



Left: [Video overview](#) of Ukraine  
Right: About [30 pieces](#) of Scythian gold have [been found](#) in a kurhan (burial mound) in Bilsk, Poltava Oblast.



## Ukrainian WWII archbishop declared venerable Art Arsenal must become leader in Ukraine's art field

Integrate talents and generate ideas: [Art Arsenal must become leader in Ukraine's art field.](#)

[Orest Subtelny](#) (May 17, 1941 - July 24, 2016) passed away. He was the author of *Ukraine: A History* published by the University of Toronto Press in 1988.

[Ukrainian leader who sheltered Jews during the Holocaust is declared venerable.](#) The archbishop, who led the Ukrainian Church for 40 years, died four months into the Soviet occupation.

Ukrainian [sumo wrestlers won eight medals](#) at World Championships 2016 in Mongolia.

The historian [Orest Subtelny gave us Ukraine.](#) Not the one that was. But the one that will be.

Left: [Kovashske lake](#) and 10 other incredible destinations in Ukraine.

Centre and right: Spectacular [Ukrainian Crowns.](#)



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