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Russia planned to annex another eight Ukrainian regions

Thousands sing Ukrainian anthem in US to mark Independence Day

Ukrainian army to receive 300 armored vehicles, 400 military vehicles, 30,000 rockets and ammunition in 2015 - Poroshenko. <http://goo.gl/IH30JB>

Ukrainian troops prevented Russia from annexing another eight Ukrainian regions in addition to Crimea. (Video) <https://goo.gl/FEhHpB>

Thousands sang the Ukrainian anthem in Times Square NYC (US) to mark Ukrainian Independence Day. (Video) <http://goo.gl/o7iD7r>

75 British military instructors are helping prepare Ukrainian soldiers for war. (Video) <http://goo.gl/ueuXVJ>

Estonian Justice Minister insists that the crimes committed by the Communist regime should be

investigated the same way as Nazi crimes. <http://goo.gl/oE47RR>

Trolls on tour: how Kremlin money buys Western journalists. <http://goo.gl/DCsXYU>

A number of Russian filmmakers have spoken out over the trial of their Ukrainian colleague Oleg Sentsov who faces up to 23 years in prison after being charged with non-existent 'terrorism'. Some filmmakers are notable for their continued silence. <http://goo.gl/ezDGgy>

Sarajevo Film Festival Calls on Russia to Release Ukrainian Filmmaker. <http://goo.gl/0QQdDQ>

The European Film Academy has sent an open letter to Russian officials demanding that Sentsov be released. Most recently, the Czech Film and Television Academy also called for Sentsov's release. <http://goo.gl/1W9O0Q>

Left: Ukrainian flag in the center of occupied Donetsk on 19 August. (Rus) <http://goo.gl/kpxBtz>

Center: Aug.23. Ukrainian Flag Day. Ukrainian flag from Debal'tse taken from the battle by two soldiers one of whom lost leg another arm in the battle: "This is our biggest treasure".

Right: Ukraine celebrates 24th anniversary with Independence March. (Video) <http://goo.gl/MwG2IQ>



Ukraine's Independence Day: Reflection on the year that passed

Putin Destroys Tons of Food Imports. What's Next?

Ukraine's Independence Day: Reflection on the year that passed. "Looking back today, many experts and officials point to the decision not to stand and fight in Crimea as the beginning of a Ukraine policy based on the assumption that avoiding conflict with Moscow would temper Putin's aggression. But that was a miscalculation." <http://goo.gl/dQJudz>

A leader who is irrational enough to destroy food could be irrational enough to bomb Kyiv, attack Estonia, or try to test NATO's resolve. - Motyl. <http://goo.gl/EBaxpu>

What's there to discuss with aggressors? Serhiy Zhadan, Ukrainian poet and novelist, winner of "BBC Book of the Year" contest. <http://goo.gl/HF4okF>

"Our message is to accelerate, speed up reforms" Andy Hunder, President of the American Chamber of

Commerce in Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/a26btg>

"The Russian Foreign Minister expressed his wish to discuss OUR Constitution in the "Normandy format." The expected response from Ukraine should have been a statement on the order of "hands off the Constitution of Ukraine" expressed in beautiful diplomatic language". Oksana Syroyid, deputy speaker of the Verkhovna Rada and director of the Ukrainian Legal Foundation. <http://goo.gl/ZS01pf>

Decentralisation will Not Work As Long As Large Companies Remain in Government Ownership. <http://goo.gl/e57PP1>

Learning Independence. The possibility of change and the opportunity to make that change stick brings meaning to the idea of independence for many ordinary Ukrainians today. <http://goo.gl/8fX3Vn>

Situation in ATO zone becomes more critical

How objective is the OSCE SMM?

Aug.24. Situation in ATO zone becomes more critical (Rus, Video) <http://goo.gl/cmotDL>

Aug.23. Luhansk Heavy Shelling: Ukrainian troops say militants continue to use weapons banned by peace deal. (Video) <http://goo.gl/GBLu5G>

Security services eliminate "DPR" spy ring as the threat of militant attacks disguised as Ukrainian military looms in the east. <http://goo.gl/M7iiGj>

Aug. 21. Fierce fighting continues at Donetsk Airport. Intense attacks on Ukrainian positions occur near airport complex. (Video) <http://goo.gl/2CNzBB>

Aug. 21. The SMM observed a decrease in ceasefire violations at and around Donetsk airport and a calm situation in the area east of Mariupol. The SMM did not record any ceasefire violations in the Luhansk region. The SMM observed damage caused by shelling and conducted crater analysis in several locations. <http://goo.gl/63w1YW>

The OSCE special monitoring mission (SMM) in Ukraine has been repeatedly criticized for turning a

blind eye to ceasefire violations by the Russian hybrid troops. Among the critics were the Ukrainian military and foreign journalists as well as ordinary Internet users who created a "blind observers" Internet meme. However, recently OSCE reporting has become more objective. <http://goo.gl/zDLpO> ; <http://goo.gl/JpmuHd>

"I am impressed by the courage of our soldiers and volunteers who leave their families to serve on the frontlines at such a young age". Borys Gudziak. <http://goo.gl/dnPtOR>

A mortar killed 19-year-old Daniel Kasyanenko on a battlefield in eastern Ukraine. He died on August 6, almost six months after the February 12 cease-fire; and was one of 18 Ukrainian soldiers to die in the 10-day stretch from August 1 to August 10. 98 Ukrainian soldiers were wounded in combat during the same period. <http://goo.gl/YDRnB2>

Ukrainian 'Cyborg': 'They Tried To Break Me, But It Didn't Work'. <http://goo.gl/WWoyJI>

Dogs to help Ukrainian veterans through post-war trauma. <http://goo.gl/Zin2fN>



'The Greatest Sin Is Cowardice'. O.Sentsov

Russian occupation threatens very existence of Crimean Tatar people

Ukrainian filmmaker O. Sentsov stood before a Russian court in Rostov-on-Don on Aug. 19 to offer a defiant closing statement in his trial for alleged conspiracy to commit terrorism. In his remarks, he challenged the legitimacy of an occupied Crimea "governed by criminals", and he spurned a path of "cowardice" that might accommodate or excuse Moscow's actions in Ukraine. (Viceo) <http://goo.gl/pyt3e9> ; (quotes) <http://goo.gl/wNlncK> ; Sentsov verdict due on August 25; prosecutors ask for 23 years but Ukrainian says charges fabricated. <http://goo.gl/zply1F>

A Russian court has rejected a defense request to move the high-profile trial of Ukrainian pilot Nadia Savchenko to Moscow. <http://goo.gl/O1fgVj>

The Savchenko's defense team released a video that puts together facts showing Savchenko couldn't have been involved in the murders that she is charged with. <http://goo.gl/fPiVES>

Five unknown Ukrainian political prisoners in Russia. <http://goo.gl/SdnsTM>

Russian occupation threatens very existence of Crimean Tatar people. <http://goo.gl/X9twpM>

Vladimir Putin received the "golden cradle", an ancestral symbol revered by all Crimean Tatars. <http://goo.gl/Pqbfg7>

In Crimea, accused of "provoking the police to use force" by waving a Ukrainian flag. <http://goo.gl/bbX8cp>

Odesa is frontier for Ukraine reform drive

New tax system to be implemented January 2016

Odesa is the frontier for Ukraine reform drive. The Odesa reform package that will be presented to Parliament in September includes legislation addressing deregulation, improving customs clearance, abolishing licenses in some industries, and lifting the moratorium on the sale of agricultural land. <http://goo.gl/s02D3I>

Saakashvili team seeks to revolutionize public relations policy. They argue that by improving communication with the people on the ground and providing them with the services they need, they will drastically change their attitude towards the government. Specifically, they expect pro-Russian and anti-Kyiv sentiment in some parts of the region to subside as a result. <http://goo.gl/2VQKZN>

More than 400 new police officers in Lviv have taken an oath of allegiance to the Ukrainian people. <http://goo.gl/nkn3Q1>

Authorities' efforts in fighting corruption, monetary policy, industrial organization and trade policy have had a positive impact on the pace of

the reforms. -IMoRe <http://goo.gl/IFBVPY>

In July 2015, Ukraine recorded 3.4% growth in the industrial production as compared with the previous month. <http://goo.gl/jzDBkQ>

Ukraine exports of honey have increased by 24% in January-June 2015 year-over-year. Exports of honey to Belgium has tripled in the past six months and have reached 243 tonnes. <http://goo.gl/qpxdXa>

Tax reforms are still under construction in Ukraine. As planned, they should come to fruition with the implementation of a fundamentally new tax system starting from January 1, 2016. <http://goo.gl/S48nZu>

"Things aren't critical in the energy sector. It's just highly politicized". Ukraine's Minister for the Power and Coal Industries. <http://goo.gl/dz4paj>

Egypt intends to buy 12,000 tons of Ukrainian poultry meat. <http://goo.gl/w3Ea1s>

Left: Anna Marchuk from Rivne creates stunning handmade embroidered shoes, accessories, dresses and shirts.

<http://goo.gl/poGG68>

Right: Odesa puts Crimea in the shade as new tourism mecca emerges.

<http://goo.gl/oTSpLB>



Ukrainians develop low-cost solar electric vehicle charging station

Ukraine is a world leader in the space industry

Ukrainian company Rentechno, which specializes in energy-saving technologies, has developed solar charging stations for electric cars that are five times cheaper than yet equal in quality to their American counterparts.

<http://goo.gl/Bm0Rtt>

Ukraine is one of the UN founding members, a

leading global agro-export player, a top producer of honey, and one of the most educated countries in the world. The world's largest airplane was built in Ukraine. The first small electronic computer was created in Ukraine. And Ukraine is a world leader in the space industry. These and more facts from the MFA:

<http://goo.gl/JgaCil>

Left: Natalia Belan, 18, of Melitopol, Ukraine is the winner of the 2015 Miss Deaf World competition.

Right: Kyiv hosts flower exhibition in run up to Independence Day.
<http://goo.gl/UTNnRK>



Time for a New Ukrainian Cinema

Ancient sanctuary found in Dnipropetrovsk Oblast

Time for a New Ukrainian Cinema.

<http://goo.gl/fcJ48V>

Aleksandr Gonobolin has become a finalist for the Crossover Composition Award (Germany).

<http://goo.gl/HvEC2H>

Giving Kyiv's animals humane treatment.

<http://goo.gl/SXPOhQ>

Ricardo Domeneck will be one of more than 30

renowned poets, who will take part in the International Meridian Czernowitz 2015 Poetry Festival in Chernivtsi, Ukraine.

<http://goo.gl/jJdS7o>

Ukraine Is In Top-10 Female-Dominated Countries. <http://goo.gl/I0CKTV>

Archaeologists found a sanctuary dated 1000-2000 BC on the bank of the Kamenka River.

<http://goo.gl/awRHDW>

Left: Mavrinsk square, Dnipropetrovsk region. Possibly ancient observatory. Info on this and other unusual places in Ukraine (photos, Rus)

<http://goo.gl/QeKa4I>

Right: Paintings by 20th century Ukrainian artists exhibited in Kyiv.

<http://goo.gl/XJW1nv>



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