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Ukraine celebrates Independence Day. It was a long road to independence.

President Petro Poroshenko marks Ukraine’s Independence Day by announcing at a military parade in Kyiv that his country “has cut all ties with the Russian Empire and the Soviet Union.”

U.S. diplomats congratulate Ukrainians on Independence Day with folk songs, while British diplomats dance.

Ukraine honors Senator John McCain. The senator was one of Ukraine’s biggest advocates in the United States Congress.

New US sanctions against Russia. Sanctions hit key parts of Russia’s aviation and oil and gas sectors, among others.

Klimkin: Nord Stream 2 will leave Ukraine without gas transit, despite Kremlin’s guarantees.

White House National Security Adviser John Bolton called on Ukraine and European nations to be less reliant on Russia for energy and urged them to find alternative sources of natural gas.

When facts become interpretations: Russian propaganda ten years since the war with Georgia.

Moscow’s ‘little green men’ stage provocation in Moldova, republic’s Defense Minister says.

Compensation for Soviet occupation of Latvia and Estonia may be recovered from Russia. Tallinn and Riga are exploring the possibility of presenting a claim for damages.

Judge heavily implicated in persecuting Maidan activists chosen to sit on trial of ex-President Yanukovych.

Manipulation: Ukraine supplying weapons to China behind America’s back.

Caspian Sea agreement gives Russia opportunity in Azov Sea
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Kyiv moves to restore pre-Soviet Ukrainian spellings, infuriating Moscow.

If Russia isn’t forced to return Crimea to Ukraine, major war becomes inevitable, Skobov says.

Russia betting on internal conflict in Ukraine.

‘Clarity on Caspian has given Russia the opportunity to control Sea of Azov,’ Moscow commentator says.

Five lessons for today from the 1939 Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact.

Stalin’s terror famine killed Ukrainians at twice the rate of other nationalities, HURI study says.
Ukrainian forces liberate several more settlements in Donbas
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Aug 27. Russian-led forces fire mortars at village in Donbas, residential house damaged. Two Ukrainian soldiers, three separatists killed in fighting.

Trilateral contact group agrees on ceasefire. Russian delegation ignores main question raised by the Ukrainian side: the exchange of Ukrainian political prisoners for 36 Russian citizens.

Ukrainian Armed Forces liberate several more settlements in Donbas – Tymchuk.

Russia has detained more than 150 foreign ships in the Azov Sea.

Ex-chief of Ukrainian Navy warns of “worst-case scenario” over Russia’s actions in Azov Sea. According to Haiduk, Russia is implementing a strategy of chaos in the Sea of Azov and is meticulous, step by step.

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Will Crimean Tatar face prison for antiwar poem?

The United States of America has called upon the Russian Federation to immediately release Ukrainian film director Oleg Sentsov.

UK calls for immediate release of Oleg Sentsov. Canada calls on Russia to release Sentsov.

‘Free Sentsov’: supporters mark 100th day of hunger strike.

Activists with poster in support of Sentsov detained at Moscow Red Square.

Ominous new twist in Russia’s conveyor belt trial of six Ukrainian political prisoners.

Aide of Ukrainian Prime Minister goes on trial as alleged Russian spy.

Children of fallen Ukrainian defenders to spend vacation in Vienna.

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All beaches in Yalta closed over infection.

Ukraine’s air shield: Taking off to 21st century. In recent years, the Ukrainian Air Force, together with the defense industry, has been actively upgrading its fleet of combat and transport planes and helicopters, as well as air defense systems. Today, Ukraine’s designers and manufacturers are ready to take the next step and move on to creating new weapons.

UK and UA discuss joint arms production.

Remember Ukrainians jailed by Russia, tortured and murdered for Ukraine’s National Flag.

Russia’s FSB needs Ukrainian ‘saboteurs’ in occupied Crimea – fictitious ones will do.

Imprisoned Donetsk journalist Aseyev tortured for Russian propaganda TV ‘confession’.

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The story of Roman, ex-soldier who teaches children courage / #Being20.

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Impact of foreign direct investment on Ukraine’s economy
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*Week’s balance*: New debt strategy, growth of industrial output, and turbulence in forex market.

EU’s assistance in Donbas, 27th anniversary of Ukraine’s Independence, new US sanctions and more – *Weekly Update on Ukraine #68, August 20 – 27.*

Zubko: *70 regional projects funded by EU* to be implemented in Ukraine.

Ukraine increases *poultry meat exports to EU by 80%.*

Ukraine on August 7 gained full membership to the *Metre Convention* and became one of its 60 member states. Ukraine had the status of associate member for 16 years.

*Healthcare interventions in Ukraine*: How to decide what would be good value-for-money?

Price of openness: what is the *impact of foreign direct investment on Ukraine’s economy.*

The five whales. What are the *economic heft and special features of Ukraine’s biggest cities?*

Ukraine *ranks first in Europe for honey production* – FAO.

Born Independent: the life of a *young leader in Green Energy.*

Born Independent: Dana *Pavlychko, the youngest book publisher in Ukraine.*

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The city of Dnipro building innovative industrial park
New plant makes energy from garbage

The city of Dnipro is to build an *industrial park, Innovation Forpost,* on 61.4 hectares with UAH 2.7 billion in investment.

European *Vega launch vehicle with Ukrainian engine successfully puts ESA’s Earth Explorer Aeolus satellite into orbit.*

Swedish investment firm Vostok New Ventures (VNV) *invests $4 million in Busfor.ua,* an online bus ticketing platform.

Ukrainian startups: CiviMobile, Gravitech.net, Noplug.

New *plant makes energy from garbage.*
10 Ukrainian sport stars you’ll never forget

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The Magical Ukrainian Myth Flower Exhibition. Over 200,000 flowers used in the exhibition.

$36 million for Ukrainian cinema.

Lviv on list of top 100 tourist cities.

Kyiv authorities sum up results of Tourist Season.

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Wiesenberg: shadows of Galician Germany.

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