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EU extends sanctions against Russia until the end of 2016

No amnesty – no local elections in Donbas, pro-Russian militants say

Jun 22, EU extends economic sanctions against Russia until the end of 2016. The decision was made in Luxembourg at the meeting of the European Council at the level of Foreign Ministers without discussion. http://goo.gl/UKkhGI

Ukrainian Minister of economic development Ayvaras Abromavichus is "disappointed" with EU countries showing sympathy to Russia. http://goo.gl/trf9UT

In an open letter addressed to the Ukrainian government, Canadian volunteers demand that the Ukrainian government equipes the Ukrainian military. http://goo.gl/6amULu

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko signed on June 8 a law that prohibits transit of Russian military troops to Transnistria, a Kremlin-backed breakaway region of Moldova. This move is meant to reduce Moscow's influence in Transnistria, whose independence is not internationally recognized. http://goo.gl/JW3gjl

There can't be any local elections in Donbas unless Ukraine declares amnesty to separatists, self-proclaimed Donetsk republic leader Denys Pushylin told journalists June 19 during talks in Minsk. http://goo.gl/hzVQ0z

Pervasive Russian propaganda appears to be quite effective not only in Russia itself, but also in some Western countries. Read some explanations of the Kremlin tactics and recommends how to refute Russian lies. http://goo.gl/0zj139; http://goo.gl/vLw67e

"A Year of Freedom. Mariupol after 'DNR'". (Documentary Rus/Ukr) http://goo.gl/ZP0Kva

Two and a half months after ATR. The unique Crimean Tatar TV channel, and most Crimean Tatar media were silenced in Russian-occupied Crimea, ATR and children's channel Lale have begun broadcasting from Kyiv. The response from the occupation authorities has been predictably hostile. http://goo.gl/8JZz5c

Left: Kyiv has chosen the best project of "Territory of Dignity" international competition for Maidan organization (Ukr) http://goo.gl/18pT39

Right: The daughter of a Ukrainian soldier from Zhytomyr receives an Order "For Courage" awarded to him posthumously, June 2015. http://goo.gl/EDuSzi



A. Hunder: Ukraine needs better self-promotion

Ten myths about decommunization in Ukraine

ACC Ukraine President, A. Hunder: Ukraine needs better self-promotion. http://goo.gl/xu4pz6

Timothy Snyder: 'History Is Always Plural'.

http://goo.gl/llBqbv

Should Kyiv Blockade the Donbas Enclave? A.Motyl. http://goo.gl/GdCYLL

Russian historian: 2014 Ukrainian Maidan affecting Russia much as 1863 Polish revolt... http://goo.gl/1WbPgP

Ten myths about decommunization in Ukraine. The renaming of streets and cities, disclosure of archives,

recognition of Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists (OUN) and the Ukrainian Insurgent Army (UPA), and celebration of Remembrance and Reconciliation Day – all these steps are not quite as terrible as they have been described by the critics of decommunization initiatives. http://goo.gl/9tByql

Ukraine's Parliament opens access to KGB archives to ordinary citizens. http://goo.gl/jyY9E5

Ukraine is in a dire financial situation, but there seems little international will to help this huge pro-European country. http://goo.gl/V0BzsN

'Pseudo-ceasefire' broken repeatedly in combat zone

Ukraine gets hold of Russian plan for large-scale invasion

Jun 22, ATO HQ: The situation is escalating at ATO zone http://goo.gl/M2K6iw Jun 22, 270 people are held captive in Donbas. http://goo.gl/dGNfJK

Jun.21. 'Pseudo-ceasefire' broken repeatedly in combat zone (Video) http://goo.gl/lgVmbe

Jun. 20. OSCE observers have recorded shelling by rebels of Ukraine army positions from heavy artillery banned by the Minsk agreements, OSCE June 20 report runs. Ukraine army says the rebels shelled its positions 83 times during June 20. http://goo.gl/M7hcG4

Jun.19. Kremlin-separatist commanders in Russianoccupied parts of Luhansk Oblast have reportedly lifted the ban on the use of heavy weaponry, a sign which Ukraine's military says may indicate an impending spike in violence. http://goo.gl/gkOqpp

Jun. 19. The SMM monitored the implementation of the "Package of measures for the implementation of the Minsk agreements". Its monitoring was restricted by third parties and security considerations*. In the area around Donetsk airport, the SMM observed more ceasefire violations than in recent days. A fuel shortage was observed in and

around Donetsk city. http://goo.gl/mLD1wl

Specialists from the group "Mirotvorets" acquired documents from the Russian General Staff that confirm Russia's intentions to invade and occupy the Ukrainian territories east of the Dnipro river. http://goo.gl/7iSfaI

Jun. 15. "Stop using us as shields!" Donetsk protests against Kremlin-backed militants. Residents from the village of Zhovtneve, outraged by constant shelling, staged a protest meeting in Donetsk. People came to the building of the so-called "DNR Government" http://goo.gl/JuAGPd; http://goo.gl/n1bBUo

HORLIVKA, Ukraine – Like many cities near the war front in eastern Ukraine, this city has never seen a cease-fire. Along the small country roads that lead to Horlivka, bridges are destroyed and tank tracks are clearly visible. The separatist-held city is located some 40 kilometers north of Russian-occupied Donetsk, and only a few kilometers from the demarcation line with Ukrainian-held territory. It had a pre-war population of 272,000, today it has 180,000, according to the United Nations. http://goo.gl/XGCZFT

Left: Jun.20. Activists stage 'Zombie march' against pro-Russian Vesti newspaper. http://goo.gl/wWID

Right: Jun. 20. Militants shell Popasna from Grad multiple rocket launchers.

http://goo.gl/K7Ha







Report on Crimean Tatars' rights abuses since the annexation

Russian poet labeled 'terrorist', flung off Wikipedia for verse in support of Ukraine

Human Rights on Occupied territory: Case of Crimea. Report is available at http://goo.gl/plPp0w

Crimean commentator: Kyiv not pressing Russia as hard on Crimea as the West is. http://goo.gl/aaKrpT

The situation of the Crimean Tatars since the annexation of Crimea by the Russian Federation. This report was prepared on the basis of information obtained during interviews conducted by an Unofficial Turkish Delegation in Crimea on 27-30 April 2015. http://goo.gl/XtBism

Alexander Byvshev, the Russian poet dismissed from his teaching job and on trial for a poem against Russia's annexation of Crimea, has now been added to Russia's List of Terrorists and Extremists. Russian Wikipedia has also demonstrated the same contempt for the presumption of innocence and deleted their entry on the poet. http://goo.gl/IfvS3J

Saakashvili intends to turn Odesa into a major Black Sea hub

Ukrainian Security Service Chief Fired

Poroshenko's people still can't find list of 2,702 convicted corrupt officials. http://goo.gl/BWcUf7

Ukraine's parliament has dismissed the head of the Ukrainian Security Service (SBU), Valentyn Nalyvaychenko. http://goo.gl/Jllr4Q

Valentyn Nalyvaichenko, head of the Security Service of Ukraine -- better known as the SBU -- clashed on June 15 with the Prosecutor General's Office after accusing ex-Prosecutor General Anatoly Danylenko of covering up alleged corruption at oil firm BRSM-Nafta and co-owning the company. http://goo.gl/FrQR72

The Constitutional Court of Ukraine approved the bill that sharply limits legal immunity for members of parliament and judges. http://goo.gl/HJU3WX

Ukraine is Europe's China, - Saakashvili intends to turn Odesa into major hub on the Black Sea. http://goo.gl/ig87Y3

Saakashvili Gets Down To Business In Odesa (Video) http://goo.gl/ELX8Ss

Ukraine will not make much progress if it relies on external pressure to reform. http://goo.gl/TFPmvq

An economic miracle is possible in Ukraine — Bohdan Hawrylyshyn http://goo.gl/qcXFbL

Ukraine imports 15,000-20,000 tonnes of coal from occupied areas of Donbas per day – Minister of Energy. http://goo.gl/4bPDC2

Around 60,000 employees of IT outsourcing and consulting firms in Ukraine produce almost a half of \$5 billion industry's value. Ukraine, though, does not always market all competitive advantages of its tech specialists. http://goo.gl/ZfFGtw

France's Soufflet Group signs plan to invest \$70 million in state-owned Illichivsk port. http://goo.gl/oylcpH

Ukraine has become a leader in receiving money from its citizens living and working in Europe, according to the latest report "Sending Money Home: European flows and markets," based on World Bank data. http://goo.gl/ZFzRAi

Borys Tymonkin, the banker who managed the financial arm of Serhiy Kurchenko's oil and gas trading company Vetek, was arrested on June 14 at a Berlin airport, a spokeswoman for the Ukrainian Embassy in Germany said. http://goo.gl/7fktA9
StopFake: Russian Media Misrepresent Protester Demands in Donetsk. http://goo.gl/waZfu0

The Congress of Cultural Activists 2015 is the major summer event in the culture sector for multidiscipline project promoters and managers whose initiatives are able to drive changes in Ukraine and strengthen dialogue with business, community and government. The second international congress of cultural activists will be held on 28-29 June 2015 at ATLAS Club, 37-41 Artema St., Kyiv, Ukraine. http://goo.gl/7yCoUG

Left: Kvasar Micro developments of Ukraine's business for military. Claster of new life: synergy of life, voluneertism and work. (Rus) http://goo.gl/ab3gvt

Right: Ukrainian Anna Vital lives in San Francisco now and is succeeding with her Funders and Founders startup thanks to her ability to turn text information into attractive visuals for many clients



Left: Ukrainian folk
festival kicks off in
open air museum
outside of Kyiv
(Video)
http://goo.gl/piRQu7
Right: 'Night
Serenades' Kyiv
concert: Foreign
ministry honours

Ukrainians illegally



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Carpathians as a
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