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Mogherini defends Ukraine's territorial integrity as EU weighs Russia sanctions extension.

<u>International Criminal Court points to direct military</u> confrontation between Russia and Ukraine.

<u>Lithuania allocates € 2 million to Ukraine</u>, joins calls for anti-graft efforts.

EU to allocate EUR 50 Mln for Donbas.

Ukrainian legal expert <u>elected head of Venice</u> Commission unit.

Russian Colonel <u>General Tkachev identified as key figure in MH17 downing</u>, - Bellingcat.

Georgian ex-President Saakashvili detained in Kyiv.

U.S. foreign assistance contributed to Ukraine's discovery of more than \$3.24 billion in public funds stolen by the previous government.

Ukrainian ministry <u>accuses DHL</u>, <u>Adidas</u>, <u>Puma of operating in Crimea</u>.

StopFake #161 with Marko Suprun. Self-proclaimed Donetsk People's Republic representation office in Helsinki. Ukrainians unhappy with people displaced by the war in Donbas. UN won't throw money into Ukraine's government black hole.

Left: Mariva
Berlinska: Volunteer
helps military with
drones, creating film
about women in
army.

Right: New Ukrainian 'Cyborgs war film chronicles heroic defense of Donetsk Airport.





# When Ukraine almost lost its visa-free regime with the EU

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<u>Poland's new prime minister</u> and the Polish-Ukrainian dialogue.

"<u>Useful idiots</u>" both in Poland, <u>Ukraine play into</u> <u>Russia's hands</u>. Polish Ambassador.

<u>Budapest memorandum</u>: non-proliferation diplomacy twenty years later.

<u>How Putin lost young Ukraine</u>. New nationwide survey demonstrates how emerging generation of Ukrainians embrace European integration and see

Russia as aggressor while blaming Kremlin for war.

The night when <u>Ukraine almost lost its visa-free</u> regime with the EU.

<u>Development and Dystopia</u>. Studies in Post-Soviet Ukraine and Eastern Europe. New book by Mikhail Minakov.

Statement on the extention of the moratorium on the sale of agricultural land. Denying the right to trade land robs Ukrainians of the ability to earn income and grow the economy. VoxUkraine.

#### UN peacekeepers won't be deployed in Donbas without Russian consent Donbas on the brink of environmental catastrophe

UN peacekeeping mission won't be deployed in Donbas without Russia's consent.

Lavrov calls possible UN peacekeepers in Donbas "occupation administration".

Rex Tillerson: "We should be clear about the source of this violence [in Ukraine]. Russia is arming, leading, training, and fighting alongside anti-government forces."

Dec 11. Massive <u>artillery strike leaves war-torn</u> Avdiivka without power.

Ukraine <u>may swap its 74 hostages in occupied</u> <u>Donbas</u> before New Year.

Arming Ukraine: capability requirements—a view

from Kyiv.

Donbas on the brink of environmental catastrophe. Chemical plants and steel mills are just some of the more than four thousand ticking ecological time bombs in the eastern Ukraine conflict zone.

Over <u>175,000 explosive devices disposed</u> in Donbas since ATO start.

Almost four years into Russia's war, Ukrainian front line volunteers still play crucial role.

Belarusians fighting on both sides in Eastern Ukraine.

Who Helps the Ukrainian Army

Left: Life in the trenches (in photos). Daryna, 23, has been fighting since 2014 - first as a volunteer, then as a soldier in the Ukrainian Army. Her 6-year-old is waiting for her at home.

Right: <u>How the Ukrainian</u> army rose from ashes: 10 facts to know





### Russia jails Tatar for refusal to collaborate, his father for telling PACE

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Russia jails Crimean Tatar for refusal to collaborate, for his father telling PACE about the case.

Russian occupiers making <u>Ukrainian and Crimean</u> <u>Tatar 'outcast' languages</u>.

Russian FSB 'deports' Ukrainian and his 'terrorist' dog from occupied Crimea.

Imprisoned Crimean Tatar leaders <u>reportedly</u> <u>exchanged for 2 suspected Russian state-sponsored killers</u>.

<u>Ukrainian judge blocks pension for severely</u> <u>disabled son</u> of religious scholar held hostage in Donbas. "DPR" militants and Russian media <u>intimidate the</u> population of Ukrainian occupied territories with new fakes.

Russia adds a vital source of information about rights abuse in occupied Crimea to its list of 'foreign agents'.

Breaking the rules: <u>Crimea, disinformation,</u> <u>doping.</u>

"Ever more Russians fleeing Moscow's oppression for Ukraine" and other neglected Russian news.

#### Parliament extends land sales freeze until 2019

Ukrainian reform activists derail effort to 'destroy' anticorruption body

The conflict escalates between the Prosecutor General Office (GPU) and the National Anti-Corruption Bureau (NABU) with Special Anti-Corruption Prosecutor's Office (SAP) in Ukraine.

Ukrainian reform <u>activists derail effort to</u> 'destroy' anticorruption body.

Ukraine's budget for 2018 passed.

Despite criticism, Ukrainian <u>Parliament dismisses</u> head of Anti-Corruption Committee Soboliey.

<u>Week's balance</u>: budget and new taxes adopted, ProZorro under attack, land sale moratorium extended.

Week's milestones: Saakashvili detained, antigraft bodies attacked, Vakarchuk speaks out.

Thousands of people march in the center of the <u>Ukrainian capital, Kyiv</u>, on December 10 to demand the release of opposition leader Mikheil Saakashvili from custody and to call for the impeachment or resignation of President Petro Poroshenko.

Mikheil Saakashvili, the former Georgian president turned opposition leader in Ukraine, appeared at a hearing on whether he should continue to be held in custody in Kyiv. He was subsequently released.

Venice Commission considers it <u>possible to</u> amend language clause of Ukrainian education <u>law</u>. Both <u>Hungary and Ukraine claim victory</u> in the commission's finding.

Parliament extends <u>land sales freeze until 2019</u>.

State Property Fund approves <u>list of enterprises</u> for privatization in 2018.

Finnish <u>NEFCO company to develop green projects</u> in Ukraine.

Ukrainain <u>school promotes inclusion for students</u> with disabilities.

Left: Ukraine's education reform is a big step forward.

Right: How one
Ukrainian inventor is
revolutionizing
prosthetics and
rehabilitation.





#### Ukrainian online learning platform to change education

5 Ukrainian startups, from New York pitch to global expansion plans

The Ukrainian <u>online learning platform that wants</u> to revolutionize the country's education.

Polish funds bValue and SpeedUp Group have invested EUR 400,000 in Ukrainian startup bNesis.

Ukrainian <u>agribusinesses set to expand global</u> <u>horizons with more Asian and African outreach</u> in 2018.

Turkish company at the <u>forefront of Ukraine's</u> <u>historic roads upgrade</u>.

<u>Vehicle production in Ukraine grew by 67%</u> in January-November 2017.

Bookimed attracts \$500,000 from Aventures to develop global medical tourism platform.

"Are You Serious?": <u>5 Ukrainian startups, from</u> New York pitch to global expansion plans.

IT industry overview: the results of 2017 and trends for 2018

Left: WBC's
Champion Emeritus
Vitali Klytschko has
officially become the
first Ukrainian elected
to International Boxing
Hall of Fame.
Right: The oldest
museum director in
Ukraine: I'm here for
the sake of my
museum.





#### Famous Ukrainian Christmas song featured on BBC

Boxer Lomachenko retains WBO world super-featherweight title

<u>Art of war</u>: Ukraine explores Donbas conflict on screen, in books.

"For tears have procured no one's freedom so far,"

- famous Ukraine's musicians present stunning video to honor servicemen. VIDEO

Christmas song on BBC.

Boxer Vasyl <u>Lomachenko on December 10</u> retained his WBO world super-featherweight title as Guillermo Rigondeaux retired.

"The Gori Women choir" famous Ukrainian

Left: "Counting Sheen", an "immersive guerrilla folk opera", has great songs...in Ukrainian.

Right: Let me <u>count</u> the ways of making <u>borsch</u>. New Yorker





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