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EU extends sanctions on Russia for one more year Orthodox church leaders meet despite Russian boycott

As Orthodox leaders gather in Crete, [Ukraine calls for an independent church](#). Ukrainian [parliament asks Ecumenical Patriarch for autocephality for Orthodox Church in Ukraine](#).

[EU extends sanctions against Russia by one year](#) for the illegal annexation of Crimea.

[Ukraine and NATO sign agreement](#) on army support. [NATO Chief demands Russia withdraw](#) from Ukraine.

European parliament offers help to [Ukrainian MPs facing 'legislative tsunami'](#).

[Ukrainians offered free entry to Verona museums](#). The Mayor of Verona extended the gesture in thanks for Ukraine's help rescuing masterpieces stolen from the city museum.

[Russia is the biggest threat to world security](#) - Polish defence minister. No other country in the past decades has instigated so many armed conflicts like

those in Georgia or Ukraine.

[Russia possibly behind ISIS hacker attacks](#). German investigation reveals the so-called "Cyber Caliphate" could be a Russian invention.

Kremlin [propaganda in the Czech Republic](#) plays long game to sow distrust in EU.

Interpol refuses to search for [Russian militant suspected of war crimes in Donbas](#).

More [evidence of MH17 downing by a Russian Buk missile](#) revealed as Russia's propagandists hacked - InformNapalm.

[StopFake 87](#). Accusations of Right Sector and Mossad involvement in the Marseilles football fan violence, a massive I Love Russia campaign seems a bit sparse, and a German parliamentarian gets things wrong because she relies on Russian sites for information.



Left: Ukraine saves Italy treasures.

Kyiv exhibits [17 old paintings stolen in Italy and found in Ukraine](#).

Right: "[Putin wanted to demonstrate his supremacy by pardoning me and other Ukrainians,](#)" – Savchenko's first speech in PACE.

Ukraine's new reform plan is better but not radical enough Russia at risk of becoming a Donbas writ large

Ukraine's [new reform plan is better](#) but not radical enough.

Putin's policies put [Russia at risk of becoming a Donbas writ large](#). Snegovaya.

Ukraine's reforms are moving forward, but not fast enough. [Improvements to the courts and pension systems need to accelerate](#) before the people lose faith. A. Motyl

300 terror attacks thwarted in Ukraine

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[300 terror attacks thwarted in Ukraine](#). Ukraine's President says "enemy" trying to destabilise the country.

[More Russian troops arrive in Donbas](#). Ukrainian Defence ministry warns of possible offensive reconnaissance tactics.

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Jun 20. The combined [Russian-separatist forces attacked Ukrainian army positions in eastern Ukraine 31 times](#) in the past 24 hours in the Donetsk sector, the Mariupol sector and the Luhansk sector. [Trilateral Contact Group agrees on withdrawal](#) of troops from contact line in Donbas.

Jun 19. Further [militant shelling](#) in eastern Ukraine.

SMM reports [sides moving closer to the contact line](#) and urge adherence to the Minsk agreements.

Bullet wounds, shrapnel, loss of blood -- it's all in a [day's work for medical volunteers in Avdiivka](#), where the cease-fire often exists in name only.

[35 military doctors have been killed](#) since the start

of the anti-terrorist operation (ATO) in Donbas.

[Crimean Tatar Battalion](#) raises its flag above checkpoint with Russia-occupied Crimean peninsula.

Ukrainian political prisoner Yuriy Soloshenko was released from Russia on June 14. He reports that Russian officers in the prison hospital readily named the numbers of Russian military units that were sent to fight in Ukraine. These [Russian army officers were imprisoned because they disagreed with Russian aggression](#) in Ukraine.

Ukraine's [Deputy Chief of Staff was a Russian spy](#) – Security Service.

Activists publish striking [evidence of Russian invasion in Donbas](#).

Oleksandr Petrakivskyi, a Ukrainian military officer, once gave his own helmet to a fellow soldier, an act which would later save that fighter's life. Now this [commander is himself in need of help, after spending the past two years in a coma](#) following a combat injury, and his family wonders where that help will come from.

Left: Ukrainian students were determined to hold their [graduation ball in their old school building](#) -- even though it was blasted to pieces in fighting. Right: Donetsk University renamed after great Ukrainian poet [Vasyl Stus](#)



Crimea: a national and cultural ghetto for the Crimean Tatars

Grave concerns for tortured Ukrainian hostage as Russia concocts new charges

The [10 months in which Ukrainian Stanislav Klykh was illegally held and tortured by Russian investigators](#), with no access to lawyers or to his family, have left deep psychological, as well as physical scars on the 42-year-old historian.

[Klykh told his mother he had been severely tortured](#) in the Russian prison.

The case of [Soloshenko: how Russia accused a 74-year old](#) Ukrainian pensioner of spying. Afanasyev and Soloshenko: [How the FSB breaks prisoners](#).

Crimea: a [national and cultural ghetto](#) for the Crimean Tatars. [Where is Ervin Ibragimov?](#) Who will be the next victim?

Crimea [occupation authorities kick Kyiv Church out of its cathedral](#). Archbishop Clement says he received death threats.

Chief editor of [the last independent Crimean publication arrested](#).

Kremlin-backed militants demand amnesty, put [blind and deaf hostage on trial](#).

NABU arrests top officials for embezzlement

How a Brexit would impact Ukraine

New [gas pipeline between Ukraine and Poland](#) to appear in 2020.

[Week's balance](#): Groysman in U.S., billion from the World Bank, and another growth in tariffs.

[Week in numbers](#). Two Ukrainian citizens wrongfully convicted in Russia – Yuriy Soloshenko and Hennadiy Afanasyev – were returned to Ukraine. 800 Ukrainian enterprises engaged in the production of ammunition. UAH 217 million was saved on 16,400 tenders conducted over the last month, thanks to a Prozorro e-procurement system.

Authorities [arrest former deputy head of Naftogaz](#) Katsuba and set record bail. Ukraine's National Anti-Corruption Bureau and Special Anti-Corruption Prosecutor's Office [detained 10 former officials suspected of embezzlement of Hr 3 billion through fraudulent gas sales](#).

Oleksandr [Onyshchenko, a Verkhovna Rada member from the People's Will faction charged with embezzlement, has fled to France](#), reports the National Anti-Corruption Bureau. Onyshchenko's [scheme for appropriating 2.9 billion hryvnia of budget funds](#) has been published. "I will probably

[go to the NABU myself](#)," – MP Onyshchenko.

Ukraine might reach [gas self-sufficiency](#) in almost five years. Ukraine's Energy and Coal Mining Ministry worked out promising plan 'Curve of Independence'.

Russian [diplomat attempted to bribe](#) Ukrainian law enforcer.

Ukraine Deputy Prime Minister Ivanna Klymush-Tsintsadze discussed [how a Brexit would impact Ukraine](#) and the state of Ukraine's economy (video).

The [first Canada-Ukraine Business Forum](#) was held in Toronto on June 20.

Corruption - the same issue that provoked the Maidan revolution two years ago - is now [holding back Ukrainian people's free access to Europe](#), according to initial EU talks on visas.

Ukrainian entrepreneurs in Brussels propose [better options to develop trade with Ukraine](#).

[Ukrainian becomes new Chief Technology Officer at Airbus Group](#).

Left: Ukraine student wins silver for her revolutionary invention in the Netherlands 14 y.o.

[Kateryna Malkina presents her method of recycling polyethylene](#).

Right: Kherson engineer launches [Kharkiv production of floating wind generator](#)



From 'the world's bread basket to the world's brain basket'

Bunge invests \$180 million in Mykolaiv seaport

Ukrainians are [building their economy through innovation and entrepreneurship](#), notably in technology.

Agricultural company [Bunge has invested \\$180 million](#) in a new industrial-cargo complex in Mykolaiv seaport.

Ukrainian [startup Betegy has closed a deal](#) with one

of the largest world sports sites – Yahoo Sports.

Swedish IT firms find "[great range of opportunities](#)" in Ukraine, but legislation and tax structure still "need to improve".

[Ukrainian virtual-reality documentary on Chernobyl](#) fully funded on Kickstarter.

Left: [There's a lot to love in Lviv](#), Ukraine's cultural capital.
Right: Historical and Spiritual [Univ Monastery](#).



'Malevich's legacy belongs to the world' Ukrainian writer among prestigious Goethe Medal winners

Ukrainian writer among prestigious [Goethe Medal winners](#). [Yuri Andrukhovych](#) awarded for rendering services to cultural exchange between Ukraine and Germany.

['Malevich's legacy belongs to the world'](#).
N.Popovych

The [Television Academy](#) has honoured the

[Ukrainian film Winter on Fire: Ukraine's Fight For Freedom](#) "for exploring the values of democracy and liberty and capturing the remarkable mobilization and protestation of nearly a million citizens across the country."

Ukraine's parliament approves [mandatory quotas for Ukrainian-language songs on radio](#).

Left: Ukrainian Orthodox Christians celebrated [Holy Trinity Day](#) on June 19
Right: Longest apartment house in the world is in Lutsk



THE LONGEST APARTMENT HOUSE IN THE WORLD

HOUSE LOCATED IN LUTSK, UKRAINE. ITS TOTAL LENGTH IS 1750 M, 2800 IF YOU COUNT ALL THE "BRANCHES". THE BUILDING WAS CONSTRUCTED IN 1969-1980. IT HAS 40 STREET ADDRESSES AND 120 ENTRANCES. A CITY BUS STOPS 4 TIMES AS IT PASSES THE BUILDING. AS OF EARLY 2015, IT HOUSES 9150 PEOPLE. 1 IN 24 INHABITANTS OF LUTSK LIVE IN THAT HOUSE.



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