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France and Germany regret [Russia's refusal to participate in the meeting of representatives of the foreign ministries of the Normandy format](#) countries (Ukraine, Germany, France, Russia), which was held in Paris on Friday.

[Minsk agreements do not work as Russia wants to seize entire Ukraine](#) – Klimkin.

A former [Russian lawmaker who defected to Ukraine and aired damning criticism of Russia's leadership has been gunned down](#) in broad daylight in the heart of Kyiv.

[Who killed Putin critic Voronenkov](#) in Kyiv?
Everything we know + video.

[Who was Denis Voronenkov](#), exiled Putin critic murdered in Kyiv?

Killing of Kremlin whistle-blower Voronenkov [removes vital witness for Ukraine](#).

Managers of the Russian [Sberbank are finding a quick way to quit Ukraine](#).

[StopFakeNews #125](#) with Kyiv Post chief editor Brian Bonner. This week's fakes include claims that Kyiv sanctions against Russian banks will worsen Ukraine's investment climate, visa free travel to the EU will flood Europe with Ukrainian radicals and prostitutes, the Kremlin competes to outperform itself in cynicism about Eurovision and more.

Please [start taking the Russian disinformation threat seriously!](#) Open Call coordinated by the Kremlin Watch Program at the European Values Think-Tank.

Left: 20,000 people were [evacuated after explosions and a fire at an arms depot in Balakliia](#), near Kharkiv in northeastern Ukraine
Right: Ukrainians show [solidarity with Belarusian political prisoners](#) on Freedom Day.



“Two terrible events in one day”

On the barricades against corruption

“Two terrible events in one day” – the murder in Kyiv of former Russian Duma member D. Voronenkov and the blowing up of the Balakliya arms dump, the largest in Europe – may mean that [Putin has launched “a major diversion” in preparation for an expansion of his attacks on Ukraine](#). A. Shmulyevich.

[Why the Russian Spring froze up](#). What prevented Kremlin curators from realising the "Crimean scenario" in most regions of South-Eastern Ukraine?

On the barricades against corruption. [What it was like to work under Nasirov](#). Former Odesa customs chief Yulia Marushevskya.

[Young Ukrainian leaders battle Russian pressure, endemic corruption and a moribund economy](#) in pursuit of a new, independent identity. W. Gleason

[Time for a strong middle-class party](#). What is needed for Ukraine to have a political force that is not linked to oligarchs.

Major ammunition dump blown up in eastern Ukraine

Ukraine troops, Russia-backed fighters draw closer, risking violence

Mar 27. [Heavy artillery, mortars, tanks and Grads: Russian militants attacked](#) Ukrainian positions 88 times. Ukraine troops retaliated.

Mar 26. Latest from [the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission](#) to Ukraine.

Mar 22-25. [Russia concentrated on Ukraine's border massive weaponry](#) including tanks and rocket systems.

[EU to allocate 3M euros for satellite imagery support to OSCE Mission in Ukraine](#), - European Commission.

Ukraine believes the Russian military or its rebel proxies [blew up a warehouse](#) storing tank ammunition at an eastern military base. More than 20,000 people were evacuated with two civilian casualties reported.

[NATO envoys arrive in Balaklia](#) to assist in humanitarian demining.

[Drone footage](#) shows scale of fire at Kharkiv ammunition base.

[Ukrainian government troops and Russia-backed fighters have drawn closer](#) to each other at several places along the tense front line in eastern Ukraine, monitors say, raising the risk of violent flare-ups that could wreck a shaky ceasefire.

[Russia's Eurovision participant Samoilova banned](#) from entering Ukraine. [Russia not to broadcast Eurovision Song Contest 2017](#).

A story of [Mariupol: from rust to rebirth](#).

[Russian paratroopers to hold drills in Belarus](#).

[Russia's weapons of Ukraine's destruction](#) were not "found in Donbas mines".

Left: [Ukrainian flag raised in Simferopol](#) (Crimea)
Right: [Secret cargo of the Russian "humanitarian convoys"](#) passing through Makiivka



The Kremlin's five steps towards recognizing "DNR/LNR"

Three years of abductions of Ukrainians in Crimea

Menacing [FSB interrogations of Ukrainian Cultural Centre activists](#) in Russian-occupied Crimea.

[Imaginary "terrorists" with no terror acts:](#) Russia's collective punishment of Crimean Muslims.

The Kremlin's [five steps towards recognizing "DNR/LNR"](#).

Ukrainian journalist Roman Tsymbaliuk, who has

an official accreditation from the Russian Foreign Ministry, [was detained in Moscow](#) along with his interviewee, a graduate student who earlier flew a Ukrainian flag over the Moscow State University dorm.

[Detention of UNIAN journalist in Moscow is "provocation"](#).

[Three years of abductions](#) of Ukrainians in Crimea.

Ukraine revises down GDP outlook as blockade hits economy Dnipro City using decentralization to rebound

Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine [simplifies banks` recapitalization](#), restructuring. The bill aims to protect the interests of small and medium-sized banks.

Ukraine's [central bank revises down GDP outlook](#) as blockade hits.

[Valeria Gontareva](#): Ukraine's central bank reformer faces "absolutely incredible pressure" from vested interests.

Groysman expects to launch [full-fledged FTA between GUAM countries](#) in 2017.

The German advisory group working in Ukraine estimated [losses incurred to the Ukrainian economy by the ban to transport goods across the demarcation line in the Donbas at 1.6 percent of the gross domestic product](#).

Ukraine`s economy ministry reports [4.6% decline in exports in 2016](#).

Verkhovna Rada ratifies [Ukraine-Norway Agreement on technical and financial cooperation](#).

3,000 [future doctors to pass examinations for the US National Board of Medical Examiners](#) – Ministry of Health.

Ukraine [to receive innovative anti-tuberculosis drug bedaquiline](#) through USAID program.

[Forbes`s billionaires ranking includes six Ukrainian tycoons](#).

Ukraine`s largest steelmaker [ArcelorMittal Kryviy Rih almost doubles profits in 2016](#).

Dnipro City Mayor Filatov: We live in a unique time when everything depends on each of us. We need to stop complaining, just work. [Decentralization has significantly increased the budget of Dnipro City](#).

"Neighbors are coming to see changes," – Ukraine's [youngest village head Artem Kukharenko brings his home community back to life](#).

Former Ukraine finance minister Natalie [Jaresko named to manage Puerto Rico's financial crisis](#). She served at a critical time in Ukraine's history from 2014 to 2016.



Huge [Antonov aircraft flies engine to Nunavut for stranded Swiss jet](#).

Lithuania invites Ukrainian startups with visa program Ukrainian smart blinds track the sun to generate electricity

Ukrainian [smart blinds track the sun to generate electricity](#).

[Lithuania invites Ukrainian startups](#) to discover its new startup visa program.

Left: [B&B Project - Bandura makes a comeback.](#)

Right: A short [history of the Ukrainian greeting "Slava Ukrayini!"](#) (on picture UPA poster from the 1940s)



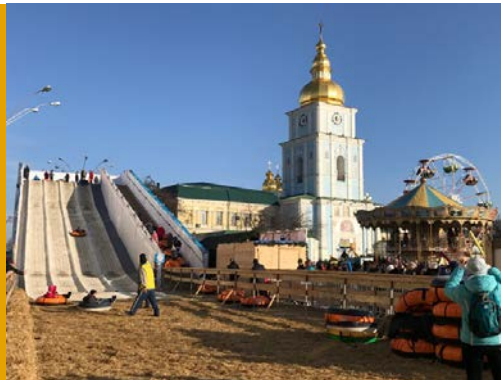
Tower to be restored in honor of Ukrainian hetman Film about war in Ukraine wins best documentary in the US

[Film about war in Ukraine wins best Documentary](#) in the US.

[Khrystyna Mykhailychenko is a talented 11-year old piano soloist](#) who is touching the hearts of many around the world. She's not only a musical prodigy; she's also an IDP who fled Crimea with her family.

[Famous Ukrainian hetman Ivan Mazepa dedicated his life to forming the ideal Ukrainian state in the 17th/18th century.](#) Now, a tower within the grounds of the Kyiv-Pechersk Lavra monastery complex is being restored, in his honor.

Left: [Living in Kyiv: My first 3 months of observations....](#) by Santenello



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