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Donbas escalation repeats Russia's tactic in Aleppo

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"[Donbas escalation repeats Russia's tactic in Aleppo, Syria](#)," – says Ukraine delegation, addressing NATO.

Poroshenko's office names conditions for [referendum on accession to NATO](#).

After UN Security Council briefing on Russian shelling in Donbas, [Ukraine Presidential Administration talks about UN peacekeeping mission](#).

First direct contact: [Poroshenko and Trump to boost bilateral dialogue](#).

Russia's "aggressive policy towards Ukraine and its neighbors" is one of the [external threats for the entire European Union](#). Tusk.

Avdiivka, [the front line of Europe's 'forgotten war'](#). BBC.

The US Treasury Department has [allowed American](#)

[companies to do business with Russia's Security Service, the FSB](#), in order to receive the licenses and permissions needed to export "certain information".

The new U.S. ambassador to the UN has, in her first appearance at the Security Council, said that the [United States will not lift sanctions on Russia until](#) it returns Crimea to Ukrainian control.

[Russian troops fired at a Ukrainian transport plane](#) in the Ukrainian maritime zone of the Black Sea.

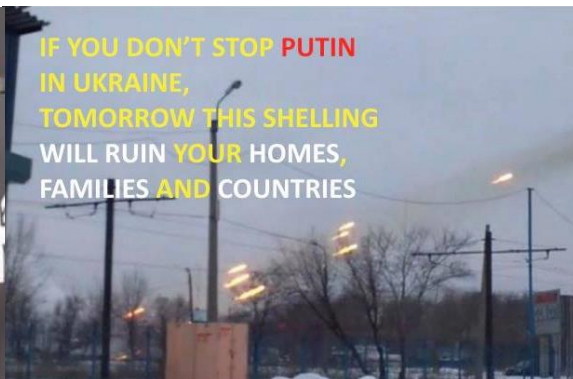
Russia [declines Ukraine's request to extradite Berkut members](#) suspected of slaying Maidan activists.

[StopFakeNews #118](#) with Cynthia Sularz. This week's fakes include renewed accusations of neo-Nazism against Ukrainian footballer Roman Zozulya, and claims that Russian separatists regained control of a town they never actually held.

Left: "[Don't surrender Avdiivka. Please, don't leave](#)," - Avdiivka resident breaks into tears, asking Ukrainian military to protect town from Russian troops.



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IN UKRAINE,
TOMORROW THIS SHELLING
WILL RUIN YOUR HOMES,
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Is Russia testing Donald Trump in eastern Ukraine?

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[Is Russia testing Donald Trump](#) in eastern Ukraine?

Putin is attacking in Ukraine precisely [to boost chances for a 'Big Deal' with Trump](#).

'[Russian spies interfered with Nobel Committee](#) to prevent Poroshenko Peace Prize' and other neglected Russian stories.

Sevastopol: how a "[city of glory](#)" became a [provincial hole](#).

Trump may not be the 'Siberian Candidate' but his [White House is coming to resemble Putin's Kremlin](#).

Hacker behind the looking glass: the [reasons behind the arrests in FSB and the hunt for Humpty Dumpty](#).

Ukrainian [blockade of occupied Donbas to hit law enforcement agencies](#) hardest. Military expert.

Putin's actions in Avdiivka show [he killed his beloved idea of 'a triune people'](#) of Russians, Ukrainians and Belarusians. Ikhlov.

Russian forces plotting offensive in Donbas

After weeklong bombardment, devastated Avdiivka awakens to 'Relative calm'

Feb 6. [Firefights in Avdiivka last about 11 hours](#). Militants do not switch to attack.

Feb 5. Russian troops [attacked Ukraine 115 times in Donbas, used Grad rocket systems](#). Three Ukrainian soldiers killed in the past 24 hours. [Offensive against Ukraine near Avdiivka on Saturday successfully repelled](#).

Avdiivka shelling aftermath: [residents assess damage](#) of latest Russian-led offensive.

[Life in war-torn town](#). PHOTOS and VIDEO

Lights on: [Power supply restored in Avdiivka](#).

[248 Avdiivka residents, including 118 children, have agreed to be evacuated](#) over the past 5 days. The population of Avdiivka is about 16,000. Donetsk residents fear their forceful evacuation means ["DNR" plans mass attack on Avdiivka](#).

Russian troops used residents of the occupied city Donetsk as [human shields, deliberately risking the lives of civilians](#). photos and video.

[Who and why is shelling Donetsk](#): one incident. Informnapalm.

Reports suggest [Russia engaging in psychological warfare](#) in Avdiivka.

Why [Avdiivka is the most vulnerable spot for the Russian-separatist army](#) in Ukraine.

["Our tanks are ready"](#): Ukraine braces for escalation in Eastern war.

[Russian forces plotting offensive](#) in Donbas.

Kyiv residents [donate blood in large numbers for Ukrainian soldiers](#) wounded in ATO: "It's my civic stance to help guys defending our independence".

Farewell to Natalia Khoruzha: [nurse felled rescuing wounded from battlefield](#).

The [Avdiivka coke factory is in trouble](#), and that's bad news for Ukraine's industry.

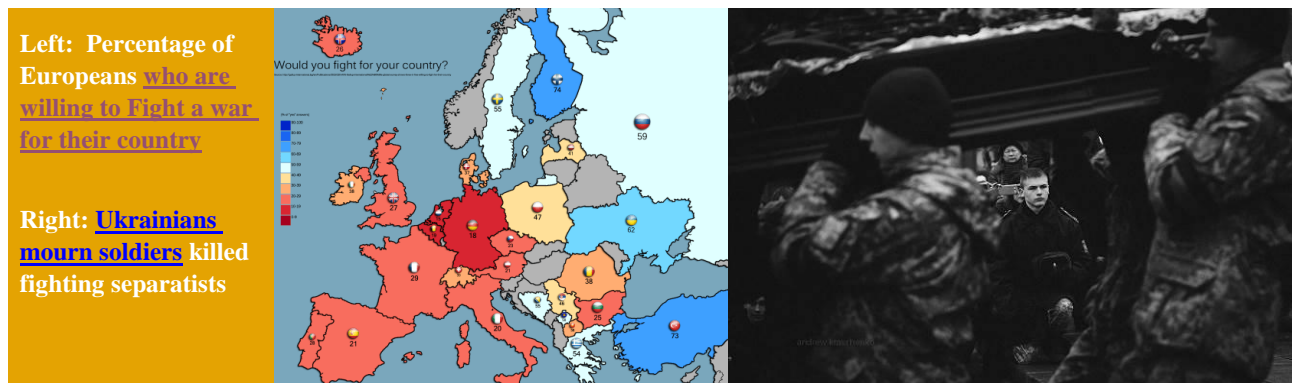
[British reporter wounded](#) in Avdiivka.

["LNR" separatist field commander killed](#) in car explosion: three versions why.

Terrorist Bolotov's wife suggests [poisoned coffee murder in Moscow](#).

Terrorist Girkin confirms [mass desertion of "DPR" militants](#) deployed at Avdiivka.

[Latvian citizen on trial accused of war crimes](#) in Donbas.



Proactive lawyer for Crimean Tatars ends up behind bars

Putin resettles Russians to Crimea preparing for legitimate referendum

Persecutions in Crimea: Emil Kurbedinov arrested. One of the most [proactive lawyers defending Crimean Tatars in courts ends up behind bars](#).

[Putin resettles Russians to Crimea](#) preparing for legitimate referendum.

Jailed pro-Ukrainian Crimean activist [V. Balukh](#)

[likely subjected to torture](#).

Kremlin-installed Crimean leader [Aksenov admits preparations for armed uprising](#).

National Bank raises inflation forecast for 2017

Shifting moods among Ukrainians

National Bank [raises inflation forecast](#) for 2017 from 8% to 9.1% due to increase in the minimum wage.

Ukraine given [‘partly free’ status in Freedom](#) in the World ranking.

[Ukraine to ratify free trade deal with Canada](#) in coming weeks.

Almost 80% of assets of banks under liquidation [exist only on paper](#), according to reports of independent appraisers.

The [state does not have an ethical right to tax small private entrepreneurs](#). Ukrainian tax authorities treat business and entrepreneurs as enemies who cannot be trusted to pay their taxes and must be policed. (opinion)

Ukrainians consider [the church, volunteers, and the Armed Forces of Ukraine to be the most trustworthy institutions](#). The least trustworthy? The government of Ukraine, Russian mass-media, and

the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.

Polls: [Shifting moods among Ukrainians](#). In the three years since Euromaidan, what has changed among ordinary Ukrainians? What trends suggest the direction Ukrainian society is moving in?

[Cost of parliamentary politics](#) in Ukraine, including the financial implications of running for a seat in the national parliament (Rada), and the cost incurred by an MP once in office. A. Meleshevych

The [population of Ukraine \(50%\) trust data from the sociological organizations](#) that have been operating for a long time.

[Solar power plants expected to be built](#) in three Ukraine regions in 2017.

[Ukraine’s solar capacity will hit 1 gigawatt](#) this year.

[Ryanair](#) may soon announce flights to Ukraine.

Left: An Odesa region factory produces 240 million liters of sunflower oil per year. [10 young Ukrainian factories](#) that may surprise you.

Right: Fujikura cable manufacturing in Kyiv region.



New and unfinished business in Ukraine

Solar power plants expected to be built in 3 Ukraine regions in 2017

[Ukrainians build seamless 130-inch screens](#) for gamers.

[New and unfinished business in Ukraine](#). Bohdan Nahaylo interviews James Brooke, editor of Ukraine Business Journal, about doing business in a country at war.

Over 200 foreign companies to participate in [international agricultural exhibitions in Kyiv in February](#).

Fifteen [organic food companies will represent Ukraine at the world’s trade fair](#) for organic food BIOFACH 2017 (Feb 15-18).

Ukraine’s [first eSports business conference](#) to be held in Kyiv (Feb. 22)

[9 in 10 Ukrainian Internet users have shopped online](#) at least once. Nielsen report.

[IT outsourcing markets review](#): Hungary vs. Ukraine.

Left: [Salo is a white pork fat](#) known as a national Ukrainian dish.

Right: [Traditional Ukrainian shoes](#): history, types, features, sizes.



Top 6 Lviv events to attend in 2017

Ukrainian figure skaters win gold medal at Universiade 2017

The [fascinating history of weapons](#) in Ukraine: from the bow-and-arrow to anti-aircraft missiles.

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[Ivan Marchuk](#), one of the most renowned artists in Ukrainian history, has gained global recognition through his masterpieces. He was listed among the '100 Living geniuses' by UK's Daily Telegraph in 2007.

[Top 6 Lviv events to attend in 2017](#), including festivals for coffee, book, and jazz lovers.

A love story set amid the Holodomor, Ukraine's 20th-century famine, [hits the big screen](#)



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