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Mission in Ukraine before Russian election. Such a
force would be "essential" for ensuring the
country's territorial integrity.

Lithuania urges Canada to join <u>long-term</u> <u>investment drive for Ukraine</u>. The proposal would funnel more investment into the country and strengthen ties with the West.

Almost 15,500 <u>Russians pass biometric control on</u> <u>Ukraine border</u> since year-start – Border service

26 <u>violator vessels entered occupied Crimea</u> in December.

MH17: <u>All 120 suspects to be invited to stand trial</u> voluntarily

With Russia on the sidelines, <u>China moves</u> <u>aggressively into Ukraine</u>.

StopFake #164 with Marko Suprun. <u>Top 10 fakes</u> of 2017.

Left: Christmas
tree in Prague
cathedral
decorated with
names of
occupied
Ukrainian towns.
Right: Orthodox
Christians
celebrate
Christmas Jan 7.



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Russia's <u>FSB</u> no longer 'new nobility' but only tool like old KGB, Soldatov and Borogan say.

James Gwartney: <u>Ukrainians are successful everywhere except their homeland</u>.

Ukraine's main <u>challenge</u>: to solve its identity crisis.

<u>There will be no miracle. There will be war</u>. Serhiy Zhadan — Ukrainian poet, writer, translator, activist.

Mass grave of Kozak Volyn Division of UNR

Army found in Vinnytsia Oblast.

How Ukraine's Vasyl <u>Stus used poems to fight the Soviet regime</u>.

Soviet Chekists weren't the professionals Putin wants Russians to think they were. Book, *The Activity of the Organs of the Cheka-GPU-NKVD* (1917-1941)

"<u>Ukrainian-Language Samizdat Appears in Russia-Occupied Crimea</u>" and other neglected Russian stories.

Christmas truce in Donbas lasts less than a day

"My spirit is not broken": one Ukrainian soldier's harrowing account

<u>Christmas in combat</u>: Ukrainian soldiers get traditional meal.

Jan 8. Militants break the Christmas ceasefire with an attack in Donetsk sector. Christmas truce in Donbas lasted almost a day.

ORDLO militants limit freedom of movement of OSCE monitors.

Ukrainian <u>army transfers militants' bodies to</u> <u>relatives</u> in occupied areas in Luhansk region.

"My spirit is not broken": one Ukrainian <u>soldier's</u> <u>harrowing account of surviving in captivity</u>.

Toretsk mayor <u>refused from return to ORDO</u> during prisoner exchange.

A Russian Blackwater? <u>Putin's secret soldiers in Ukraine and Syria</u>. While Ukraine's military has many honored volunteers fighting to defend their border, Russia's expeditionary forces often are contractors fighting for pay, and dying in silence.

48,000 Russian soldiers have been deployed to Syria, many of them also fought in Donbas.

Ukraine unveils <u>new Hrim-2 short-range ballistic</u> <u>missile</u> (Photos, video)

Left: **Documentary**: "A struggle for survival of the indigenous people of Crimea".

Right: The <u>Crimean</u> <u>childhoods Russia</u> <u>ended</u> in just a few brutal moments.





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Crimea and the depletion of Russia's resources.

Over <u>60 Crimean Tatars deprived of liberty</u> in Crimea – Chubarov.

Ukrainian NGO helps kids of imprisoned Crimean

Tatar activists.

Russia is endangering the life of a <u>Ukrainian</u> seized in insane case of mistaken identity.

Russia <u>refuses to let family and doctors see</u> abducted Ukrainian teenager.

Jan 5th <u>searches in Crimea</u>: Activists report new details.

Protesters seek justice for murdered activist lawyer

For Ukraine's economy in 2018, faster growth amid higher inflation

For Ukraine's economy in 2018, <u>faster growth</u> <u>amid higher inflation</u>.

<u>Week's balance</u>: economy on the rise, energy industry setting records, ports finding investors.

New Year's wish to <u>Ukrainian banks: get off your</u> knees and lend.

Poverty in Ukraine falls to 12% in 2017.

Ukrainian hackers <u>turn on own government to</u> make it care about cybersecurity.

Slaying of activist lawyer in Kyiv called 'challenge to the State'. Iryna Nozdrovska was found dead, days after helping block release of convicted killer.

Clash in Kyiv as protesters seek justice for dead lawyer. Protesters gathered in Kyiv to demand justice for a lawyer whose body was found on New Year's Day.

Simulation or step forward: will there be an Anti-Corruption Court in Ukraine?

Why a Potemkin "competition" to the Constitutional Court may drag Ukraine back to Yanukovych's times.

<u>Infrastructural renaissance</u> in Ukraine: in the sky, on land and water.

Shortage of public resources in Ukrainian health sector magnified by inefficiencies. Results of public expenditure tracking and quantitative service delivery surveys.

Year of gas "wins" and energy "fails".

EU and Ukraine argue over <u>timber exports while</u> <u>Carpathians become disaster area.</u>

From persecuting Maidan activists to letting their killers go free.

Ukrainian designer
Iryna Levkovych has
amazed Americans with
her collection of
seamless "Woolen
miracles" dresses.



Ukrainian high school student invents railroad solar panels

Business is cautiously optimistic about Ukraine

Business is <u>cautiously optimistic about Ukraine</u>, though many problems still remain.

Why <u>eliminating corruption will unlock Ukraine's immense potential</u>. Danish entrepreneur Thomas Sillesen.

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Left: Ukraine's Elina Svitolina wins Brisbane International.

Right: Washington
Post promotes
Ukrainian borshch to
Americans.



British singer Calum Scott films music video in Kyiv

Ukrainian ethnic embroidery with Holiday flair

Ancient <u>Christmas traditions are alive</u> at Pyrohiv open-air museum.

Exploring the tradition of Christmas Carols.

Ukrainian male choir performs traditional Ukrainian <u>Christmas carols at a shopping mall in Edmonton</u>, Canada.

Valerie Tereshchenko, a soloist with the Australian Ballet of Ukrainian descent, has won the prestigious \$20,000 Telstra Ballet Dancer Award.

More than two million tourists visited Ivano-Frankivsk region last year.

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Exotic animals living in former estate of ousted Ukrainian President <u>feed on pine trees</u>.

British singer Calum Scott filmed a <u>music video</u> for his song "You are the Reason" in Kyiv. The video features iconic scenes around the picturesque city.



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