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Poroshenko Registers Law on 'Certain Districts of Donbas' Putin's narrative on Crimea annexation takes an evolutionary leap

If case of increased aggression, President Poroshenko certain Ukraine will immediately be given lethal weapons.

<http://goo.gl/LR5GDK>

Mar 16: US Senator John McCain: Ukraine can win the war if given weapons to defend itself. <http://goo.gl/IHEt1t>

Mar. 15: Poroshenko: Minsk agreements have failed. It is necessary to strengthen sanctions against Russia. (Rus) <http://goo.gl/UictO7>

After the Crimean land grab, Russia's story around the year-old events took an evolutionary leap. Putin revealed details about the carefully planned military operation in the trailer to the Russian documentary "Crimea: The Road Back to the Motherland". <http://goo.gl/JJEyzZ>

As according to the Feb 12 Minsk Treaty, President Poroshenko submitted the draft law which outlines the boundaries of particular districts in the pro-Russian separatist-controlled areas ("DNR", "LNR") in eastern Ukraine and which could be granted "special status." <http://goo.gl/hmAQhf>, video <http://goo.gl/XpYHRU>

Mar. 13: Ukraine officially requested UN peacekeepers. <http://goo.gl/I4YwT0>

The deployment of peacekeepers in Donbas is not an alternative to the Minsk process, but to the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission which is physically unable to perform its functions. <http://goo.gl/JDGSrI>

Spate of apparent suicides among Yanukovich regime officials sparks speculation. (Video) <http://goo.gl/hpNlaR>

Terrorists destroyed 40 educational institutions in Luhansk region. <http://goo.gl/Ks5Wvb>

Russian Forces in Ukraine: analysis and battalion listing. <http://goo.gl/eUqJkE>

Pro-Russian militants were being supported by more than 100 German citizens in their war against Kyiv, German weekly "Welt am Sonntag" reported on Sunday. Most of these were ethnic Germans from Russia who were repatriated by Berlin following World War II. <http://goo.gl/ii1cCp>

Left: "Peacemaker of the Year": Vladimir Putin as a terrorist with two hostages. More at <http://goo.gl/YcLhJ0>

Centre and Right: Mar. 14, Mariupol residents gather to show the international community that they support Ukraine and that the militants violate the ceasefire. (Video) <http://goo.gl/AeS6X6>



Ukraine's Donbas is not enough for Putin

Russian invasion supported by local collaborators is not a civil war

While Ukrainians and Russians speculated on reasons for Russian President Putin's disappearance from the public spotlight since March 5, Western analysts concentrated on what to expect next in Russia's war against Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/8cgKJ2>

Ukrainian Jewish Leader: "There is no civil war in Ukraine. There is a Russian aggression supported by local collaborators." The war with Russia will be "long," and

Ukraine needs to construct a "militarist economy" like Israel's. <http://goo.gl/C3B66h>

Russian Imperialism's Internet Triumph. <http://goo.gl/fg5rpH>

Inside Putin's on-air machine <http://goo.gl/zjxgWC>

Putin and the 'Mariupol Test' <http://goo.gl/xCs5Q2>

Russia's 20th "humanitarian convoy" penetrates Ukrainian border

Kremlin-backed fighters still seek war recruits despite cease-fire

Mar 16: Tymchuk: militants digging in, amassing military equipment closer to Mariupol.
<http://goo.gl/YzPOhX>

Mar 15: Russia's 20th "humanitarian convoy" illegally crossed into Ukraine. According to Russian authorities, more than 80 cars crossed the Russia-Ukraine border via "Donetsk" (Russia) and "Matveyev Kurgan" checkpoints. <http://goo.gl/d0E6H7> ; (Video) <http://goo.gl/cXKO2H>

Mar. 15: Ukrainian soldiers in Donetsk region say militants continue shelling. (Video) <http://goo.gl/z3wxb1>

VICE news: Russia's ghost army in Ukraine
<http://goo.gl/Qr3n9v>

Mar 13: Terrorists continue to openly violate the terms of the Minsk agreements.
<http://24today.net/open/342640>

Russians make up 85% of "separatist" fighters – ATO spokesman <http://goo.gl/BmeD7S>

A recruiting event organized by the Spartak Battalion, made up of Russians and their separatist proxies, drew several potential new fighters in the war against Ukraine. This drive is taking place despite a Feb. 15

cease-fire, suggesting that the separatists aren't planning to end the conflict anytime soon. <http://goo.gl/fu5qx5>

Russian military instructors conduct training for mostly Russian mercenaries in the East of Ukraine.
<http://goo.gl/yxklm2>

The OSCE has agreed to extend the mandate of its SMM monitoring mission in eastern Ukraine for another year and to increase the number of monitors, up to 1,000 according to circumstances. <http://goo.gl/u4bAOn>

Mar. 13: The OSCE SMM monitored the implementation of the Minsk agreement and observed that fighting continued in areas around the Donetsk airport and Shyrokyne, east of Mariupol. At the Donetsk airport, the SMM confirmed that bodies of Ukrainian Armed Forces soldiers were being recovered.
<http://goo.gl/K4eGsO>

Slovovidlo.ua demonstrated the characteristics of the Stugna-P, a Ukrainian analog of the American-made antitank guided missile system known as the FGM-148 Javelin. Like its American counterpart, it is used to destroy tanks and other heavily armoured vehicles, including those equipped with modern reactive armour, at distances of up to 5 km. <http://goo.gl/Ye4lmK>

Left: Automaidan activists place a Vladimir Putin tombstone outside the Russian Embassy in Kyiv.
<http://goo.gl/GG0000>

Centre: Ukrainian soldiers at rehabilitation in Austria.

Right: Children of war



No progress on release of hostages — Poroshenko

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<http://goo.gl/KQsWCx>

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You asked how to help: Adopt a Soldier. You'll help provide for a veteran. <http://goo.gl/7WpSp1>

Klimkin: About 180 Ukrainian soldiers still in militant captivity. <http://goo.gl/C0KXEg>

President Poroshenko said there is no progress on the release of any hostage held by Russian forces and authorities, especially Nadiya Savchenko.
<http://goo.gl/easUCM>

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Ukrainian volunteer gives up her business, survives numerous shelling and captivity. (Video) <http://goo.gl/WUWAcX>

“Without today's reforms, we won't have a tomorrow”

Ukraine Receives \$5 Billion IMF tranche

The new Cabinet of Ministers which took office in Dec 2014 presented the results of its first 100 days of work live on March 12. <http://goo.gl/2vD3jG>

The new Cabinet of Ukraine is unprecedented in many ways. There are political novices, industry leaders, and foreign nationals granted Ukrainian citizenship. VoxUkraine presents here a ranking of the first 100 days of the ministries, the National Bank of Ukraine and Naftogaz. <http://goo.gl/LfP9w7>

The EU Ambassador to Ukraine, Jan Tombinski announced the slowdown of Ukraine's export growth to the EU. <http://goo.gl/xnEM9A>

The "Ukraine Macroeconomic Situation - February 2015" analytical report prepared by the Sigma Bleyzer private equity firm is available at <http://goo.gl/5Qltmm>

Ukraine received the first \$5 billion tranche of an IMF bailout loan. The Finance Ministry said in a statement on March 13 that \$2.2 billion will be put in government accounts and the rest will go to the central bank to help stabilize the falling national currency. <http://goo.gl/oUJBoQ>

See infographic at <http://goo.gl/Tuvel9>

IMF Loan Package for Ukraine Promises Pain, Questionable Gain. <http://goo.gl/E4FwvQ>

Ukraine's foreign minister Pavlo Klimkin: We will allow neither the "freezing" of Donbas, nor terrorists in local government. <http://goo.gl/mLVeUu>

Yatseniuk demands confiscation of \$1.4 bln from accounts of Yanukovych officials. <http://goo.gl/oq3kuV>

Previously state-owned assets sold to private investors may soon become government property again, including Donbasenergo. <http://goo.gl/QSJWqK>

Google Ukraine chief wants stability in order to flourish. <http://goo.gl/3gLydu>

Lenovo Ukraine faces many challenges, but its smartphone business grows. <http://goo.gl/PCVIOw>

Ukraine divided less between “east” and “west” than between “city” and “village”. <http://goo.gl/h2wEXM>

Left: One year of Russian occupation in Crimea. Photo flashback of resistance. <http://goo.gl/3xLUtN>

Right: "Tortured Femininity" – film featuring the stories of four women who have suffered due to the conflict in east Ukraine. (Video). <http://goo.gl/KCKGVm>



Moscow Cracks Down On Journalists In Annexed Crimea

Putin details Crimea takeover before first anniversary

"I want to die in Ukraine". The other victims of annexation. <http://goo.gl/K01Fqt>

It's been one year since Russia began its aggressive occupation of Crimea. Since then, the number of visitors to the once tourist hotspot has dropped by 45% – a tough statistic to live with when the income of one in three Crimean families depends on tourism. <http://goo.gl/uaJISL>

Russian Occupation Crackdown Against Crimean Tatars Intensifies. <http://goo.gl/d5IUy6>

Tatars' rights infringed in Crimea. Ukraine keeps none of its promises. <http://goo.gl/xn9Ikz>

Stop The Presses: Moscow Cracks Down On Journalists In Annexed Crimea. <http://goo.gl/8ZuuQc>

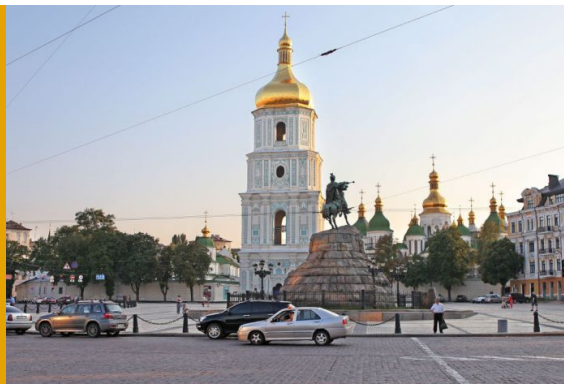
Putin Details Crimea Takeover Before First Anniversary. <http://goo.gl/L4Ja6R>

Left: Kyiv today and 100 years ago. (Photos)

<http://goo.gl/OSn0FJ>

Right: Mar. 10, Archaeologists dig out a 11th-13th century street in Kyiv. The unique findings show that ancient Kyiv was bigger than historians had presumed.

<http://goo.gl/F9LpFn>



EuroMaidan appears in Hollywood movie trailer

Expatriate authors find inspiration in Ukraine

The Ukrainian Diaspora: between European Identity and National Traditions. <http://goo.gl/ZbCsLE>

Programmers from Ternopil created a mobile app instructing people how to act in emergency situations. The Ukrainian-made app is available on 'Google Play'. (Video) <http://goo.gl/eOFOKr>

Ukrainian wins women's mass start at Biathlon World Championship. <http://goo.gl/i0TcuS>

EuroMaidan Revolution appeared in a Hollywood movie trailer. <http://goo.gl/UXeGwv>

The EuroMaidan Revolution, Russia's war against Ukraine, the fate of Crimean Tatars, borscht and music. These are some of the themes that expatriate authors have focused on in their books about Ukraine. All of them have been published in English, except for Mauro Voerzio's book (in Italian). <http://goo.gl/DTvoXL>

**Spring in Ukraine.
Rhododendrons in
the Carpathian
mountains**



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