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Russia vetoes UN resolution on MH17 tribunal Ukraine's Constitutional Court approves decentralization bill

Ukraine's Constitutional Court approved decentralization bill. <http://goo.gl/8zhQQU> ; <http://goo.gl/0cl5Ui>

Russia vetoed a UN Security Council resolution to create a tribunal to try those suspected of shooting down Malaysia Airlines flight MH17 over eastern Ukraine in July 2014. <http://goo.gl/R4wbUr> ; Ukraine, Malaysia, Australia, The Netherlands and Belgium will again appeal to the Security Council to set up an international tribunal. <http://goo.gl/buisuW>

On August 1, participants at the second World Congress of Crimean Tatars in Ankara, Turkey condemned Russia's illegal annexation of Crimea. <http://goo.gl/gz87A8> ; Mustafa Dzhemilev: *The Crimean Tatars are facing another occupation and a worse repression than during the Soviet regime.* <http://goo.gl/2k5rDC>

Poroshenko: Crimea to have status of national-territorial autonomy within Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/IOy131>

Poroshenko: *Ukraine will not withdraw troops from Mariupol's heights.* Ukrainian military withdrawal from Shyrokyne sparks protest in Mariupol. <http://goo.gl/iIXSve>

The United States has imposed further Russia and Ukraine-related sanctions, including on Crimean port operators, former Ukrainian officials, and a former Russian gas trader. <http://goo.gl/aU0TL1>

Ukraine designs uniform invisible to night vision devices for its soldiers. <http://goo.gl/7kDrqT>

Ukraine has issued a statement thanking Hollywood celebrities for supporting the country in its fight against Russia. <http://goo.gl/ElvvIg>

Ukraine's fugitive Prime Minister created the "Committee for the Salvation of Ukraine" in Moscow. <http://goo.gl/4CUoJX>

Russia Duma's vice speaker Vladimir Zhirinovskiy proposed to put half of the world on its knees and rename Russia into the Russian empire. <http://goo.gl/PNc8xL>

Following on the footsteps of French legislators, a group of Italian politicians will visit the Russian-annexed Ukrainian territory of Crimea without permission from Kyiv. <http://goo.gl/YIKQBY>

SBU declares ten French deputies persona non grata in Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/Jq4Nkr>

Left: Street artists in Kyiv draw inspiration from fighting in the east. <http://goo.gl/RAliOE>

Right: Ukrainian Liuba Shypovych left a prestigious job in the US to make reforms in Odesa. (Ukr) <http://vidia.org/2015/42935>



The history of Europe itself enriched by Ukraine

Transatlantic Free Trade Area offers Ukraine challenges, opportunities

The history of Europe itself is enriched by this country (Ukraine). - Timothy Snyder, on Ukraine's contribution to European history, at the Bundestag. (Video) <https://goo.gl/p05Eny>

Ukraine as a Bargaining Chip? Brian Whitmore. <http://goo.gl/cqpWJe>

The dangers of the Shyrokyne withdrawal. <http://goo.gl/uJJflt>

Transatlantic Free Trade Area. Challenges and Opportunities for Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/2DrJmQ>

None of the eight myths in Putin's 'Crimea is Ours' ideology stands up to close examination. <http://goo.gl/KrqI5r>

Do Ukrainians want reform? <http://goo.gl/Cm71bz>

De-Communization, Hannah Arendt, and Ukrainian Nationalism. Alexander J. Motyl. <http://goo.gl/t8P7so>

Shyrokyne demilitarization agreement to be signed by Aug. 3

Captured major admits rebel troops commanded by 2,000 Russian officers

Aug. 4. Russian proxies attacked Ukrainian troops 99 times overnight. <http://goo.gl/P8kFTX>

Aug. 2. The situation in east Ukraine tense as militants attack 51 times in 24 hours. <http://goo.gl/tGICIJ>

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The Ukrainian military's decision to pull volunteer fighters from the obliterated village of Shyrokyne, located just 20 kilometers east of the strategic port city of Mariupol in Donetsk Oblast, has raised a frenzy of fears that the move will gift the Russian-separatists more territory. <http://goo.gl/JQm4EZ>

Death toll approaches 7,000 in Russia's instigated war against Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/Vb72xE>

Ukraine says pro-Russia militants building a dirty bomb. <http://goo.gl/za8TsS>

Jul. 31. The SMM monitored the implementation of the "Package of measures for the implementation of the Minsk agreements." Its monitoring was restricted by parties and security considerations. The

overall security situation at and around Donetsk airport was tense. The situation in Mariupol was calm. In Luhansk region, the SMM did not record any ceasefire violations. <http://goo.gl/ucqv3v>

Ukraine's Heroes: Ex-soldier starts veteran association after losing arm in war. <http://goo.gl/OZc4QZ>

Dozens of women between the ages of 16 and 20 learn to assemble Kalashnikov rifles. These young Ukrainian women say they are not easily intimidated. Some of them who are as young as 16 have joined a military training course called 'Youth fighter' in the Ukrainian capital Kyiv. (Video) <http://goo.gl/M9Kp6c>

Rebel troops commanded by 2,000 Russian officers, captured major admits. <http://goo.gl/3IXHA1>

Ukraine's state security service identified a Russian army major who was detained with a cargo of military explosives in eastern Ukraine on July 26 and said he has been charged with terrorism. <http://goo.gl/413HkI>

Left: "Letters to the front". Music project by Treti Pivni. (Video)

<https://goo.gl/bpT2Rq>
Project description, Ukr <http://goo.gl/psRvQ0>

Right: Famous Crimean Tatar restaurant moves from Crimea to Kyiv. <http://goo.gl/6DRFEt>



Lawyers say Savchenko has alibi

Threats, bans and Soviet methods against Crimean Tatar Congress

The lawyers of jailed Ukrainian pilot and parliament member Nadia Savchenko said on July 28 that they have proof she was already captive when the two Russian journalists she is accused of killing died in shelling. <http://goo.gl/3Rp82M>

Savchenko's trial adjourned shortly after it began behind closed doors in Russia's Rostov region on July 30. <http://goo.gl/mXluFi>

Dzhemilev: 10,000 Crimean Tatars have fled Crimea since Russian annexation. <http://goo.gl/kwtdpG>

Threats, bans and Soviet methods against Crimean Tatar Congress. <http://goo.gl/zMJ4vH>

Crimean Tatar leader imprisoned without trial. <http://goo.gl/ZFwf0U>

A new project launched in Moscow in support of so-called political prisoners in Ukraine has been endorsed by a number of far-right and / or pro-Russian politicians from a number of EU countries and Israel. <http://goo.gl/NqCYEq>

Anonymous 'underground fighters' in Donbas claim to have "eliminated" one of the men suspected of killing Kyiv journalist Viacheslav Veremiy. <http://goo.gl/leWnwX>

Human rights activist on violations in occupied Crimea. (Video) <http://goo.gl/ucDUuT>

IMF approves \$1.7 bn loan to Ukraine after 'strong start' on reforms Groups battling bureaucrats win several fresh victories

The IMF executive board said on July 31 that it would immediately disburse \$1.7 billion, part of a \$17.5 billion support program awarded in March that is linked to economic reforms which Ukraine has started to carry out. <http://goo.gl/JJ8521>

Ukraine's maturing community of advocacy groups has seemingly won several victories in its battle with Ukraine's powerful bureaucracy. <http://goo.gl/n0AaCJ>

Ukraine's banking system had \$3.8 billion in losses in the first half of the year, the central bank reported this month. The second half of the year hasn't been any kinder so far. <http://goo.gl/yF4kMh>

Ukraine hasn't implement reforms for decades. In spite of one hundred complaints in the past six months, the former Lithuanian minister of finance and current Business Ombudsman for Ukraine's Anti-Corruption Initiative Algridas Semeta doesn't seem to be giving up. (Video) <http://goo.gl/eIsu7a>

The Kyiv Economic Court reversed the sale of a 25 percent stake in Dniproenergo, the nation's largest thermal power generating company, which belongs

to Ukraine's richest billionaire Rinat Akhmetov. The court ordered his DTEK energy conglomerate to return quarter ownership of the power company to the State. <http://goo.gl/IQRJsC>

Release of 'Diamond Prosecutor' shows fatal flaws in law enforcement. <http://goo.gl/mwWdQu>

The iMoRe value for the 14th monitoring period (July 6th –19th, 2015) has reached +1.3 points out of a possible range from -5.0 to +5.0 points. The moderate increase in the index value was driven by the adoption of two laws strengthening the independence of the National Bank, amendments to the law on the prosecutor's office, and important anti-corruption initiatives. <http://goo.gl/3bouGY>

On July 15, the Working Group of the Constitutional Commission prepared amendments and additions to the human rights section of the Constitution (entitled Chapter II). Read the specific wording and details here: <http://goo.gl/8sZHxN>

Left: Enabletalk gloves will give a voice to people communicating in sign language. <http://goo.gl/zswFoS>

Right: Ukrainian students from the University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy took 2nd place in the Nuremberg Criminal Law Moot Court Competition. <http://goo.gl/OtF1Py> ; <http://www.nuremberg-moot.de/index.html>



Ukraine's revolutionary technology startups hit the UK

The first Ukrainian Startups Roadshow was held in London on 23-25 July 2015. Ten innovative and creative technology projects – startups and young

companies – were presented to the UK business and investment community. <http://goo.gl/zswFoS>

Left: Kyiv artist creates portraits from dill, leafy greens, and spices.

<http://goo.gl/Iqv00U>

Right: Blue lakes in Chernihiv region, North Ukraine. Five hidden Ukrainian beaches. (Ru)

<http://goo.gl/2314Ly>



Generation Maidan -film about a year of revolution and war Ukrainian folk art on display in New York City

Blood testing without blood was invented by Kharkiv scientist Anatoly Malakhin. This and 22 other Ukrainian inventions in the article (Ukr)

<http://goo.gl/R9rNGR>

Generation Maidan: eight-time Emmy winner Andrew Tkach's video tells about the year of revolution and war in Ukraine.

<http://goo.gl/G9c95t>

Unique Ukrainian folk art on view at NYC museum. <http://goo.gl/y0XVgQ>

27 reasons to never visit Ukraine (PHOTOS/VIDEO)

<http://goo.gl/j95TID>



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