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## **Ukraine pleads for ramped-up Russia sanctions**

Canada to give Ukraine \$2.5 mln for combating Russian propaganda

Poroshenko urges <u>banning Russian ships from</u> <u>entering ports of Europe and US</u>.

Putin is weaker than he wants to appear – Poroshenko.

At OSCE meeting, <u>Ukraine pleads for ramped-up</u> <u>Russia sanctions</u>.

Poroshenko signs <u>law terminating Ukrainian-</u> <u>Russian friendship treaty</u>.

Meeting to form <u>independent Ukrainian Church set</u> for December 15. But <u>Moscow Patriarchate will not</u> <u>participate</u> in church unification council in Ukraine.

Patriarch Bartholomew explains Metropolitan Onufriy reasons for Ukraine church's autocephaly

Putin proved at G20 summit that he organized aggression in Azov Sea – Poroshenko.

SBU says <u>Russian secret services organize protests</u> in France, plot similar actions in Belgium, Germany, Spain, Bulgaria, and other European countries. Kremlin claims "not involved" in organizing protests in France.

France opens probe into possible Russian interference behind "yellow vest" protests.

Szijjártó: <u>Hungary to continue to block</u> NATO-Ukraine Commission.

Awaiting justice: the <u>trial of ex-president</u> Yanukovych comes to an end.

<u>Confession</u>: Belarusian played angry Ukrainian in Russian TV report slamming Euromaidan.

Canada to allocate <u>\$2.5 mln to Ukraine for</u> combating Russia's propaganda.

<u>eBay to remove products with 'DPR/LPR' symbols</u> from sale.

<u>StopFake #213</u> with Marko Suprun. Fake: European Court of Human Rights rules that Ukrainian sailors held by Russia are not POWs. Russian-annexed Crimea MP addresses UN. Ukraine becomes drug entry point for Russia and Europe.



#### Moscow may use chemical weapons, air power for next attack

Putin's approach to Ukraine threatens entire international order

The <u>Russian Federation will disintegrate</u> but not 'like the Soviet Union did'.

<u>Putin's approach to Ukraine threatens entire</u> <u>international order</u> and must be reversed, Skobov says.

Moscow <u>may be preparing a 'Syrian type' chemical</u> <u>weapons 'provocation</u>' in Ukraine, Ikhlov says. to involve use of air power, Starykov says.

Beware of Russia's bilateral cyber world order.

Nord Stream 2: <u>Is Europe aware of the Russian</u> noose?

<u>Was Holodomor a genocide</u>? Examining the arguments.

Moscow's next provocation against Ukraine likely

Will there be new charges against captive Ukrainian sailors?

Russia may bring new charges against captive Ukrainian sailors – lawyer.

Kyiv says Russia blocking <u>Kerch Strait, plans to</u> send Ukrainian navy ships.

Ukrainian prosecutors <u>publish reconstruction of</u> <u>Russian attack on Ukrainian ships</u> in Black Sea.

Russian aggression in the Azov Sea has been ongoing since May 2018.

Russia turns down Ukraine's offer for hostage swap on Dec 27 – Humanitarian envoy.

<u>Ukraine proposes swapping 89 people for 42</u> Ukrainians – Marchuk. American aviation flies over Crimean border.

OSCE identifies Russian tanks violating Minsk agreement.

<u>Night on the Frontline</u>. Russia-led militants near the town of Svitlodarsk are constantly looking to find weaknesses in the defense of Ukrainian armed forces. Mostly, militants use small weapons under the cover of darkness to attack.

Crimea militarization: <u>another convoy bringing</u> <u>Russian military hardware</u> to peninsula captured on camera.

Left: <u>Massive Russian troop</u> <u>buildup at Ukrainian border</u>. Images show hundreds of battle tanks, and a thousand military trucks, artillery systems and tankers (located near top)

Right: Putin's invasion force is only 18 km from Ukrainian border and West is ignoring it, Eidman says. Photo: tanks 18 km from the border



#### **Russia brings Soviet-style repression to occupied Crimea**

**Russia jails prominent Crimean Tatar lawyer defending Ukrainian POWs** 

Russia invents 'Donbas link' to justify its Azov Sea attack on Ukraine and seizure of 24 POWs.

<u>Russia jails prominent Crimean Tatar lawyer</u> <u>defending Ukrainian POWs</u> TWICE for a video posted in 2013.

Russia brings <u>Soviet-style repression to occupied</u> <u>Crimea</u>.

Crimean Solidarity rights activist added to Russia's List of <u>'terrorists & extremists' for a</u> <u>Facebook repost</u>.

Over <u>105,000 Russians resettled to Russian-</u> occupied Crimea. Tortured and jailed for 10 years as Kremlin's revenge for Euromaidan in Ukraine.

<u>77-year-old Russian human rights defender jailed</u> for Facebook repost in support of political prisoners.

Russia imprisons <u>wheelchair-bound man with</u> severe muscular dystrophy on 'terrorism' charges.

Mikhail <u>Zhyzneuski, who was shot dead during</u> <u>the Euromaidan protests of 2014</u>, is considered a hero in Ukraine. But in his home city of Homel in Belarus, his grave has been vandalized and his family say they have been treated as pariahs.

<u>EU approves sanctions against persons</u> behind Donbas 'Elections'.

#### Health Ministry determines strategy to overcome corruption

Launch of the Ukrainian Election Task Force

<u>Week's balance</u>: Ukraine awaiting IMF tranche, Firtash's regional gas companies accused of "sabotage," and Ukrzaliznytsia seeing ticket chaos.

Medicines for Ukraine: Cabinet of Ministers approves strategy until 2025.

Canada to allocate \$24 mln to support electoral reforms and democracy in Ukraine.

Ukraine is one of only three member states of the Council of Europe that <u>signed and ratified the</u> <u>Council of Europe Convention on the</u> <u>Manipulation of Sports Competitions</u>. Share of <u>foreign investment in Ukrainian livestock</u> <u>farming reaches 30%</u>.

Announcement: <u>Launch of the Ukrainian Election</u> <u>Task Force</u>.

EBRD, IFC will provide financial <u>aid to</u> <u>modernize Kyiv heating complex</u>.

Health Ministry determines <u>directions on</u> overcoming corruption in healthcare.

Left: Ukrainian designer showcases <u>embroidered</u> <u>dresses at fashion show in</u> <u>Bangkok.</u> Photos

Right: International community response, Tomos and more – <u>uacrisis weekty</u> <u>update</u> on Ukraine #82, 3-9 December





## "More Western investors in Ukraine than it seems" 10,000 sq meter educational IT complex to be built in Lviv

Deborah Fairlamb, launch coordinator for the Ukrainian National Startup Fund: "<u>There are more</u> <u>Western investors in Ukraine than it seems</u>."

All-Ukrainian Advertising Coalition has issued the agencies rating. The leaders are Fedoriv, Havas Engage and Carat.

Canadian and Chinese companies <u>intend to</u> <u>construct waste recycling plant</u> in Kherson region.

<u>Gaming industry in Ukraine</u>. An online platform made an update of their local game development market map.

<u>GitLab, co-founded by a Ukrainian, raised \$20</u> <u>million</u> from Goldman Sachs. The bank's engineers asked to invest in the startup.

<u>Da Vinci Capital invested in DataArt</u> with offices in Ukraine.

An <u>educational IT complex of 10,000 square</u> <u>meters will be built in Lviv</u>. Investment in the project is \$10 million.

Latest <u>update on startups in Ukraine</u>: Flawless App, SolarGaps, TechNovator, Newzmate.

Snap buys Ukrainian startup for \$8 mln.

Lomachenko defeats <u>Pedraza</u> to unify lightweight belts



#### **"It's like a big city": on board the world's biggest jet** Military exhibition dedicated to Heroes of Ukraine

<u>Sentsov's play premieres in Kyiv</u>. Sentsov's story is set in a dystopian world, where the main characters fight for their freedom.

Archaeologists <u>discover almost two kilos of silver</u> <u>coins in Kyiv</u>.

<u>Lviv among top 100</u> most visited cities in the world.

'Open Data' art exhibition in Kyiv.

Military <u>exhibition dedicated to Heroes of</u> <u>Ukraine</u>, tells the stories of six soldiers who were awarded the title of "Hero of Ukraine".

Lomachenko outstrips Usyk in best boxers ranking – BoxRec.

Ukrainian female Judo champions.

"<u>It's like a big city</u>": on board the world's biggest jet.(Video)



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