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Ukraine, NATO launch platform to de-occupy territories

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Ukraine, NATO launch <u>international platform for</u> <u>de-occupation</u> of Crimea and Donbas.

Ukraine's president signs <u>Ukraine-NATO annual</u> cooperation program.

Naftohaz says <u>Gazprom reluctant to execute</u> awards of Stockholm tribunal.

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U.S. Senator Rob Portman said <u>lethal defensive</u> weapons that the United States will soon deliver to <u>Ukraine could help bring peace to the country</u> by

deterring future aggression by Russia-backed separatists.

Russian media have published <u>20 different</u> narratives on Skripal poisoning.

Propaganda – the <u>opiate of the masses in Putin's Russia</u>.

StopFake #177 with Marko Suprun. US preparing new colored revolution in Ukraine; Ukraine wants a new friendship treaty with Russia; Ukrainian blood for sale.

Left: The forgotten tragedy of Koryukivka:
How the Nazis exterminated a town of 7,000 souls.
Right: Ecological disaster in Koktebel: beaches flooded with sewage.



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Ukraine's <u>victory over populists matters for Europe</u> – Fukuyama.

Aslund <u>recommends terminating control of Russian oligarchs</u> over Ukrainian regional electric distributors.

<u>Putin listening both to "party of war" and "party of peace" – military analyst.</u>

In stark violation of internationally codified and accepted norms and standards for free elections, why do Western leaders continue to congratulate Putin for his sham elector victories?

Docudays film festival: Ukrainian life stories in times of war

Militants prevent OSCE from inspecting Russia's "humanitarian" aid

Apr 2. Russian-backed <u>militants continue to violate</u> the <u>Easter ceasefire</u>, declared on midnight March 30th. The aggressor launched 38 attacks.

<u>Violation of Easter truce by militants to be key topic of TCG meeting</u> in Minsk on April 4th.

Russian <u>troops in Donbas reportedly use blinding</u> <u>laser weapons</u> – border guards.

Red Cross sends 118 tons of humanitarian cargo to Donbas.

Militants <u>not allowing OSCE to inspect another</u> humanitarian aid from RF.

President Poroshenko: <u>242 children have died at</u> the hands of Russian aggressor in Donbas.

Ukraine willing to swap 20 convicted Russians for Ukrainian hostages illegally held by Russia.

Ukraine applies <u>12 restrictive measures against imports from Russia</u>.

Danish director Simon Lereng Wilmont's awardwinning documentary "The Distant Barking of Dogs" tells the story of a boy who struggles to adapt to life under shelling in eastern Ukraine. <u>Docudays film festival</u>: Ukrainian life stories in times of war.

Hero of Ukraine Nadiya <u>Savchenko is facing</u> <u>serious criminal charges, including terrorism</u>, and some say the alleged video and audio evidence against her is credible.

Chief Prosecutor <u>suspects Medvedchuk of plotting</u> <u>coup</u> in Ukraine together with Ruban, Savchenko.

Mortar presented by leader of Donetsk militants found in Ruban's arsenal.

<u>Car bomb attack in Kyiv</u>: one person hospitalized with minor injuries.

Russian FSB cadet requests asylum in Ukraine.

Trench warfare: <u>Russia continues to deploy snipers in Donbas</u>.

Businessman from the frontline becomes a volunteer: creating blinds to protect Ukrainian soldiers.

Ukraine to seek <u>arrest of Russian planes abroad for flying to Crimea</u>.

Left: Ukrainian mothers given a voice with online documentary "War Mothers".

Right: Teenage Right Sector member Andrii Kryvych killed at Svitlodarsk salient March 27.







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Four years after annexation: Ukraine still connected with occupied Crimea, albeit weakly.

<u>UNESCO</u> notes worsening of situation in occupied Crimea.

Russian <u>occupation destroying agriculture in</u> Crimea.

"I can't afford to show cowardice" - Ukrainian jailed for not betraying Ukraine in Russian-occupied Crimea resists pressure to end hunger strike.

Ukraine demands Russia release Balukh who's on

hunger strike due to verdict. He has been on hunger strike for two weeks already.

Russia <u>refuses to investigate the abduction of prominent Crimean Tatar activist</u> Ervin Ibragimov.

Ukrainian journalist Roman <u>Sushchenko</u>, whom <u>Russia has charged with espionage in a case seen by rights activists as politically motivated, has entered a not guilty plea</u> as his trial began in Moscow.

<u>Kremlin unaware</u> of address from Sushchenko's lawyer to Putin.

Russian <u>historian faces 9-year sentence for exposing the victims and perpetrators of Stalin's</u> Terror.

Ukrainian authorities fail to cancel e-declarations for activists

Ukrainian healthcare system undergoes reforms

<u>Week's balance</u>: FTA with Israel, paradise for low-cost airlines, and record placement of domestic bonds.

Poisoned diplomacy, <u>Normandy with no effect</u>, and Orban's "Soros move".

<u>G7 urges Rada to cancel income declarations</u> for NGOs, activists.

Ukrainian <u>authorities failed to deliver their</u> <u>commitment to cancel e-declaration obligations</u> <u>for civil society</u>, - Commissioner Hahn.

Ukraine's top prosecutor initiates <u>SAP head Kholodnytskyi's dismissal</u>.

Ukrainian <u>healthcare system undergoes reforms</u>: patients choose their family doctor.

Govt appoints deputy director of Isida-IVF private clinic to Head of National Health Service.

Poroshenko signs <u>legislation on support for</u> <u>Paralympic movement</u> in Ukraine.

Poroshenko signs <u>law on simplification of oil and</u> gas production.

Klimkin proposes discussing introduction of Latin alphabet in Ukraine.

Vice PM Zubko: <u>Ukraine suffers from shortage of personnel due to labor migration</u>.

Ukraine's State Property Fund reports on <u>record</u> <u>revenues from privatization</u>.

President <u>Poroshenko reports on revenues</u>, expenditures and charity.

All <u>Ukrainian lawmakers combined possess 323</u> <u>firearms</u>, 156 of them owned by MP Shufrych alone.

A total of <u>1,061 Ukrainian citizens declared over</u> one million hryvnias in income for 2017.

Thug leader who got suspended sentence for savage killing of Maidan journalist detained on new charges.

Left: Kaniv town to host UKRAINIAN ID economic and humanitarian forum this summer Right: Skis for the champions: Ukrainian business on the global market.





Teens' Hackathon to improve modern cities

Ukrainian-Polish startup offers new wireless charging technology

Kyiv IT startup weekend: <u>teens' Hackathon to</u> improve modern cities.

Mobile operators launch 4G in Ukraine.

Ukraine <u>increases champignon mushroom exports</u> twelve-fold.

Ukraine's <u>exports of cultivated berries grew 19</u> <u>times</u> over past four years.

Ukrainian-Polish startup offers <u>new wireless</u> <u>charging technology</u>.

Tonic for health: success story of the remote team.

Left: Kyiv! Photo by Osman Karimov.

Right: Kvitna/Verbna Nedilya (Blooming/Willow Sunday, i.e. Palm Sunday) in Kyiv





Young musicians give life to ancient Ukrainian traditions

Ukrainian teacher helps the blind to adapt to life through dance

Young <u>musicians give new life</u> to ancient Ukrainian folk traditions.

The flower of love: <u>Saffron blooms</u> in Ukraine's Transcarpathia.

Olga Kharlan wins gold at FIE Sabre Grand Prix in Seoul.

French Spring Festival opening in Ukraine.

<u>Dances that heal</u>: Ukrainian teacher helps the blind to adapt to life.

Ukrainian artist creates <u>illustrations for Elton</u> <u>John's album</u>.

About 30 million Ukrainians travel around the country every year.

Ukraine returning to top 30 in FIFA rating.

Kyiv to host 56th Convention of World Boxing Council.

Reviving Chicken Kyiv by New Yorker.

Left:
Emergency
Reconstruction
to Commence in
Sharivka
Palace.
Right: Pysanka
- festival in
Ukraine's
western city of
Lviv.



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