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Russia disputes Ukraine's border, undermines global order

European Parliament demands Hague Tribunal over Crimea and Donbas

President Petro Poroshenko said during a meeting with the leadership of the Ukrainian World Congress (UWC) and the Ukrainian Canadian Congress: "Telling the truth to the people all over the world is an extremely important mission not only for the Ukrainian President, Foreign Ministry, Government and civil organizations, but also for Diaspora, the opinion of which plays a significant role". http://goo.gl/VdQbMp

Two of the three largest Orthodox denominations in Ukraine (the third is subordinate to the Moscow Patriarchate) have agreed to meet later this month to discuss unification. http://goo.gl/R7P1Cl

Polish President Bronisław Komorowski says that Russia's aggressive policy not only disputes the borders of Ukraine, but also undermines the foundations of the global order http://goo.gl/m2TEqu

European Parliament demands Hague Tribunal to examine case of annexation of Crimea and Donbas. http://goo.gl/98LKAE

Samantha Power in Kyiv: 'You are still living in the revolution'. http://goo.gl/cK3kJd

Putin Given the Angel of Peace as his Army of Trolls Continue Targeting Democracy. http://goo.gl/99ePIr

From a nondescript office building in St. Petersburg, Russia, an army of well-paid "trolls" has tried to wreak havoc all around the Internet — and in real-life American communities. http://goo.gl/kFhBjy

Together with the United States, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland, Ukraine was considered a country "most unfriendly to Russia" as reported by the poll results of the Levada Center, a Moscow-based sociological research firm. http://goo.gl/XuuZqN

Twitter Discourse Around Putin and Poroshenko in Ukraine and Russia. http://goo.gl/8EWz8K

Left: State of EU-Russia relations: A brief analysis of the EP vote. http://goo.gl/EBnfAA

Right: Despite the declared ceasefire, the situation in eastern Ukraine remains tense. (Map)

http://goo.gl/LFzJzm





Russia creating preconditions for Baltic States invasion?

Who's really to blame for ruining Ukraine

Russia is pushing to create the preconditions to invade the Baltic States. On June 11, Russian hackers posted on the Lithuanian Ministry of Defense site an announcement that the NATO exercise Saber Strike was preparation from annexing Kaliningrad. http://goo.gl/Qu6K19

Who's really to blame for ruining Ukraine. The pitfalls of not doing your homework. Askold S. Lozynskyj. http://goo.gl/01VL7S

Putin just launched a new offensive in Ukraine. Hugo Spaulding, Institute For The Study Of War. http://goo.gl/mdPHkK

Russia has succeeded in holding its conquests only by conducting significant ethnic cleansing. Petro Oleshchuk. http://goo.gl/YC0gSn

Foreign policymakers and analysts intone "autonomy" for the Russian-occupied Donbas enclave with tedious regularity. In fact, invocation of autonomy is at best an evasion, at worst meaningless. Alexander J. Motyl. http://goo.gl/Ou07Hy

Kaspersky: The Company Securing Your Internet Has Close Ties to Russian Spies. http://goo.gl/6Z6bCy

60% of enemy fighters in Donbas are Russian servicemen

Shelling disrupts gas delivery to Mariupol

Jun 15. Ukrainian positions at key frontline areas in eastern Ukraine have been shelled from heavy weapons, while the area of combat actions expanded as militants attacked formerly calm areas, targeting residential districts. Two Ukrainian soldiers killed, 20 wounded, - ATO speaker. http://goo.gl/70gbrK

The total number of enemy forces on the territory of Ukraine is about 42 thousand. About 60% of the illegal military group members are former or current servicemen of the Russian Federation.

http://goo.gl/W96TGq

Jun. 14. "We are at the start of the big war. It can start any time", leader of Russian irregulars. (Rus) http://goo.gl/W8k0Ls

Jun. 14. Ukrainian soldiers repel new attack by enemy infantry on Maryinka. http://goo.gl/G4KwpO Ukrainian soldier killed, 21 wounded as attacks intensify in Eastern Ukraine. http://goo.gl/bJqs5w

Jun. 13. Russia-backed militants damage railroad and bridge in Luhansk region.

http://goo.gl/KuWUIA

OSCE monitors spot 'underage children' with arms at militant roadblock in Shyrokyne.

http://goo.gl/xQ1hKA

Jun. 12. The SMM monitoring report: The SMM observed continued ceasefire violations at and around Donetsk airport. The SMM conducted impact crater analysis and visited heavy weapons

holding areas of Ukrainian Armed Forces and "DNR". http://goo.gl/AmCgzz

RFE/RL's Ukrainian Service recorded video in the village of Pisky on June 6 that shows Ukrainian troops defending the village with machine guns and taking cover in trenches. During the filming, one soldier was injured and received treatment. (Video) http://goo.gl/K21vGu

Shelling in eastern Ukraine has damaged a key gas pipeline. Ukrtransgaz said gas supplies would be cut to three towns -- including the port city of Mariupol -- as repair work, expected to take up to two days, is carried out. http://goo.gl/EfA3D7

A young Ukrainian soldier taken captive by Kremlin-backed militants during the attack on Marinka was almost certainly tortured into giving a version of events suspiciously close to that provided by Russian and militant propagandas. http://goo.gl/4K67Eg

From Siberia to Mariupol: Teen Flees Russia, Fights Against Separatists In Ukraine. http://goo.gl/Lxz9lc

Russia's Ukrainian Retreat. http://goo.gl/TuhjG5

STOPFake: Songs of Utyosov and Dunayevsky Are Forbidden at Odesa Railway Station. http://goo.gl/IVDcqm

Anti-war exhibition of Ukrainian, Russian art opens in Geneva.
http://goo.gl/OnkDeO

Left: Painting by Yuriy Solomko Right: "Yalta, the city of happiness" Gennadiy Kozub.





Crimean Tatars to be prosecuted over meeting with M. Dzhemiliev

Special Zombie Status? Kremlin-backed 'republics' block all independent media

Russian court illegally sentenced Khaiser Dzhemiliev, son of world-renowned Crimean Tatar leader, to 5 years for an offence committed in Ukraine by a Ukrainian national and one on which a Ukrainian court has already passed sentence. http://goo.gl/GCcpqu

Savchenko's detention has been extended to Sept. 30th, 15 months since her official remand into Russian custody. http://goo.gl/Kx8cKO

Church: Ukrainians' Religious and Cultural Rights under threat in Crimea. http://goo.gl/uGf3H5

More Crimean Tatars to be prosecuted over meeting with Mustafa Dzhemiliev. http://goo.gl/NP3cqG

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Civic activists demand to be more engaged in fighting corruption

Ukraine may freeze debt payments to fund war

On June 12, Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk says Kyiv could halt its debt repayments. Such a move is necessary because the Ukrainian government needs to fund its campaign against Russian-backed separatists in eastern Ukraine. http://goo.gl/Bij7Pe

A fire resumed on June 13 at a BRSM-Nafta oil depot in the town of Glevakha, 30 kilometers southwest of Kyiv. Ex-top officials accused of involvement (Video). http://goo.gl/Mqndx5

The National Securities and Stock Market Commission has worked out a package of legal initiatives to protect investors' interests. http://goo.gl/D68Fmt

Why do people or companies pay or not pay taxes? Cutting the tax rate to perceived "fair" levels may not be possible due to budget deficit considerations. But there is a way to reduce the gap between businesses' perception of a fair tax rate and the reality: increase the quality of government services provided. http://goo.gl/rT3ftA

Civic activists have accused the Cabinet of Ministers of rigging the selection committee for the National Anti-Corruption Agency and demand that NGOs actively engaged in fighting corruption be included in the process. http://goo.gl/0AnV1T

The Runaways: No Yanukovych officials brought to justice yet. More than 15 months after the EuroMaidan Revolution, Ukraine's law enforcers have proven themselves to be corrupt or inept while unable to deliver justice. http://goo.gl/6pObAE

871 Ukrainian cities, towns and villages will be renamed or will return to their historical names by November 21, 2015. These communities make up 3% of all populated settlements.

http://goo.gl/DTltbH

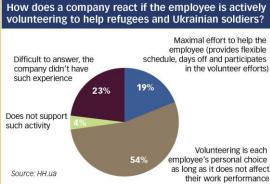
Over the last two decades, Western NIS Enterprise Fund has worked with Ukrainian businesses to assist the country as it moves Westward. Jaroslawa Johnson, CEO: "This new generation of young inspired people, people who are inspired by the Revolution of Dignity and want to commit themselves to their own society, I found that very encouraging." (Video) http://goo.gl/xObPfA

SBU officers reported systematic violations and abuse of power while buying uranium concentrate from the officials of two state owned nuclear power enterprises, DP NAEK "Enerhoatom" and DP "Skhidnyi hirnycho-zbahachuvalnyi kombinat". http://goo.gl/tqc5tT



Left: Every fifth company is willing to actively support their employees in helping Ukrainian soldiers, refugees from eastern Ukraine and Crimea. http://goo.gl/q7vYEl Right: Waiting for Nuremberg-2?

http://goo.gl/ua0A7R



Left: The Land of Dreams (Krayina Mriy) is Ukraine's biggest ethnic music and Ukrainian culture festival founded in 2004 by Oleh Skrypka, frontman of renowned band Vopli Vidoplyasova.

June 20-21. Pyrohiv village, Kyiv http://goo.gl/Hwwk5Q

Right: Central Ukraine folk



Community-backed restaurant attracts tourists in Ivano-Frankivsk Understanding the Ukrainians in WWII

Understanding the Ukrainians in WWII. Part 2. Stories of Ukrainians in the Red Army. http://goo.gl/yulpez

Community-backed restaurant attracts tourists, locals in Ivano-Frankivsk. http://goo.gl/aZ8Wv7

Left: Kherson region - "region of 4 seas". (Ukr, Photos) http://goo.gl/3bUkXR

Right: Kyiv ballerina Kateryna Hanyukova shines in the UK. http://goo.gl/ezJkdC



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