



# CIVIC SECTOR OF EUROMAIDAN GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT

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### Ukraine introduces trade embargo on Russia products

Twitter's new policy misused by pro-Kremlin accounts to block Ukrainian bloggers

The Cabinet of Ministers introduced a trade embargo on a number of Russia-made products, which became effective on Jan. 10. <http://goo.gl/eOosW4>

Ukraine can do without Russian gas, says Poroshenko. <http://goo.gl/aezNIH>

Putin describes EU sanctions as 'theater of the absurd'. <http://goo.gl/oKonXo>

Beware of Russian cyber warfare in 2016. <http://goo.gl/THwr7m>

In a bid to stop online harassment, twitter adopted new policies at the end of 2015, including the prohibition of "hateful conduct." While the purpose was to "protect the freedom of expression," the outcome for the Ukrainian sector is the banning of top bloggers, some with hundreds of thousands of followers. <http://goo.gl/EgpGqp>

Chief of Russia's military intelligence Sergun death in Lebanon raises questions. <http://goo.gl/A31Vj7>

Russia plans 16 launches of intercontinental ballistic missiles in 2016. <http://goo.gl/1T0uzZ>

The Kyiv Appeals Court has upheld a life sentence on the former chief of the department on external surveillance at the interior ministry Oleksiy Pukach, who is accused of murdering the journalist Heorhiy Honhadze. <http://goo.gl/3euAMk> ; Silence on who ordered the killing. <http://goo.gl/nEnV2T>

Russia blocks transit of Ukrainian goods. <http://goo.gl/G6ZCk9>

Yanukovich's ally Portnov happy with annulment of EU sanctions, waiting for costs payment. <http://goo.gl/leFGqt>

'Parade Of Christmas Stars' In Lviv (Video)  
<http://goo.gl/ObPAsV> ;  
<http://goo.gl/VvzPKh>



### 'Kremlin's Czech Friends' documentary

Putin's Next Potential Target: The Baltic States

According to Carnegie Moscow Center's Dmitri Trenin, if Vladimir Putin does not dramatically alter course, Russia "could share the fate of the Romanov regime in World War I." <http://goo.gl/TrL22h>

Break from Russia will bring economic growth to its independent parts. Economic analysis. (Rus)  
<http://goo.gl/xHRb7J>

*The Minsk Agreement format should change.* An attempt to look at the Minsk Agreement from the point of view of human rights. Yevhen Zakharov.  
<http://goo.gl/OJypwF>

Russia and Ukraine are finally breaking up.  
<http://goo.gl/CxaX0k>

Ten reasons why I'm optimistic about Ukraine's

economy in 2016. Anders Aslund.  
<http://goo.gl/s8LytT>

Although Russia's economy is reeling and its military forces are increasingly engaged in Syria and Ukraine, NATO commanders, governments, and analysts are concerned that Putin's adventurism has not run its course. Most anxieties focus on the Baltic States as Russia's next potential military target.  
<http://goo.gl/RynwSU>

Three global crises that threaten Ukraine.  
<http://goo.gl/EpBv1x>

'Kremlin's Czech Friends': Ukraine Today presents a new documentary which sheds light on Russia's attempts to undermine EU unity. (Video)  
<http://goo.gl/eqCcNp>

## Ukraine's military losses mount, despite truce deal

### Rebels keep OSCE monitors under arrest

Ukraine's military losses mount, despite truce deal. (Video) <http://goo.gl/WDA3lf>

Life in the Trenches: Ukrainian soldiers endure harsh weather conditions without shelter. (Video) <http://goo.gl/byMbCj>

Jan 11. One Ukrainian serviceman died during shelling of Zaitseve, another was wounded. Militants used heavy armor at the Svitlodarsk bulge in the Donetsk sector, shooting at Ukrainian positions near Troitske from a tank while also using grenade launchers south of Leninske. (Map) <http://goo.gl/flc5vr>

Jan 10. Militants deploy heavy weapons in near Sloviansk and Mariupol. <http://goo.gl/Okq9jQ>

Jan 9. Two soldiers killed over past 24 hours. <http://goo.gl/jmk7Sh> ; Militants fired at Novhorodske all day long. Terrorists' snipers became more active in Donetsk sector. <http://goo.gl/xO4658>

Jan 8. Rebels keep OSCE monitors under arrest. <http://goo.gl/fP2Jsc>

Crimea blockade activists want to form battalion to liberate peninsula. <http://goo.gl/JsIaVm>

A Ukrainian military chaplain's candid reflections on Christmas. Fr. Andriy Zelinskyy. <http://goo.gl/69EjQW>

Ukrainian fighter Ruslan Filipsonov saved the lives of seven comrades and was seriously wounded. 25-year-old Ruslan, serviceman in the 24th mechanized brigade of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, has undergone about 50 operations and was immobilized for almost nine months in hospital. (Interview) <http://goo.gl/SzqAAj>

Instructing Ukrainian troops a wake-up call for Canadian soldiers on Russian hybrid war tactics. <http://goo.gl/129zAv>

Russian hacker Sandworm blamed for Ukraine power outage. <http://goo.gl/Z27rtt>

Acting Colonel of Russian Army Ruzinskiy heads LPR militants. <http://goo.gl/ZXA6is>

Russian-backed forces using 'laser guided anti-tank missiles' in eastern Ukraine. UN reported weapons and fighters continuing to pour from Russia into Donbas. <http://goo.gl/rtA6F1>

Poroshenko's alcohol poisoning, travel ban for Ukrainians and other fake stories at StopFake. <http://goo.gl/4Bxn3z>

Left: The citizens of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia have arranged simultaneous rallies of solidarity near the diplomatic missions of Ukraine.

<http://goo.gl/tY7r1q>

Right: Happy return



## Russia's Crimea chief says he's 'starting to get Stalin'

### Asylum needed as Russians persecuted for opposing aggression against Ukraine

Gennady Afanasyev, one of four Crimean political prisoners held in Russia for a non-existent 'terrorist plot', dates his personal liberation from July 31, 2015. On that day, he stood up at the trial of Ukrainian film director Oleg Sentsov and civic activist Oleksandr Kolchenko, and stated that he did not know the men and that all previous testimony against them had been the result of

torture. <http://goo.gl/auNWPg>

Solidarity & asylum needed as Russians face persecution for opposing aggression against Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/b0K3iB>

Russia's cursing Crimea chief says he's 'starting to get Stalin'. <http://goo.gl/OHehZ6>

## Ukraine can feed the world

### World Bank: Ukraine may show economic growth in 2016

A new World Bank report published on Jan 7 predicts the Ukrainian economy will grow by 1 percent in 2016, this is after a 12 percent reduction in 2015. It also forecasts an economic growth of 2 percent for 2017. <http://goo.gl/s1aqQN>

According to Ukraine's Finance Minister Natalie Jaresko, the International Monetary Fund has completed its assessment of the Ukrainian budget and the corresponding package of legislation, the adoption of which preceded the voting for Ukraine's main financial document. <http://goo.gl/j2OCR5>

Inflation in Ukraine hits 20-year high in 2015 of 43.3%. Items most hard hit included natural gas, heating, and vegetables. <http://goo.gl/8WawKD>

'Ukraine can feed the world'. Agriculture Minister Oleksiy Pavlenko eyes global expansion after scoring top marks for deregulation and market diversification. <http://goo.gl/7jXOZR>

President signed law allowing the public prosecution to continue the investigation into crimes against the participants of the Revolution of Dignity. <http://goo.gl/BrjncQ>

Banking sector cleaner, but still no lending. <http://goo.gl/J6BryW>

How Ukraine's Prosecutor General sabotaged the reform process. <http://goo.gl/DeTKpl>

Green Light for Corrupt Politicians slipped into 2016 Budget. <http://goo.gl/P7XIGQ>; Mysyk, Derkach allegedly behind move to postpone public asset declarations. <http://goo.gl/tEuSUC>

Since the fall of President Viktor Yanukovich, the media environment in Ukraine has notably improved. Freedom House reported "profound changes in the media environment" and the country's press freedom status went from "Not Free" in 2014 to "Partly Free" in 2015. But despite these

changes, journalists in Ukraine still feel the judicial system fails to protect them. <http://goo.gl/SKngwU>

Some innovative elements of e-Parliament will be launched in Verkhovna Rada in January. <http://goo.gl/m4o54z>



Left: “Beauty”.  
Makovsky K. XIX.

Right: “Ukrainian  
girls”. Rachkov N.  
XIX

Best portraits of  
Ukrainian women.  
(paintings)

<http://goo.gl/bjhMW7>



## Ukraine's symbol against Soviet repression

“Winter on Fire” director given “Mirror of the Freedom Award”

Remembering Vasyl Stus, Ukraine's symbol against Soviet repression. Roman Verytelnik, Ukrainian professor of literature at Kyiv Mohyla Academy. <http://goo.gl/OetZLY>

“Winter on Fire” director given “Mirror of the Freedom Award”. <http://goo.gl/TRCVFy>; Oscar-worthy documentary on Ukraine’s Euromaidan Revolution. <http://goo.gl/aX8svJ>

Ukrainians feed animals abandoned at ousted president's private zoo. The zoo facility is now almost entirely run by volunteers. (Video) <http://goo.gl/rgfvba>

Over 800 monuments to Lenin toppled in Ukraine. There are about 1,400 monuments to Lenin left in Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/bzdSjO>

Left: Enthusiasts in Odesa re-enact nativity scene as part of Orthodox Christmas. (Video) <http://goo.gl/L9pEvF>  
Right: Christmas in Ukraine: the unique traditions still alive today. “Holy Supper” 12-dish meal, carolers singing Christmas carols, some of which span back thousands of years. <http://goo.gl/mpCSIB>; <http://goo.gl/Tr6hOy>



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