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Ukrainians not willing to give up Donbas in exchange for peace Yanukovich no longer Interpol most wanted

The Venice Commission positively assessed the proposals on amending the Constitution prepared by the working group on Justice of the Constitutional Commission of Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/ya0rWR>

According to a recent survey, only 15.3% of Ukrainians would be willing to hand Donbas over to Russia in exchange for peace. The figure willing to give up Crimea was higher – 33%, but still much lower than the 50.6% against. <http://goo.gl/XMJgLM>

Crimean Tatars will unite against Russian occupation at the Second World Congress on 1-2 August 2015 in Ankara, Turkey. Crimean Tatar NGOs from different countries will meet to discuss cooperation against the illegal occupation of Crimea and persecutions that Crimean Tatars face from the Russian Federation. <http://goo.gl/utyOsB>

In a historic move, Kyiv's Pechersky Court has authorized the first two trials to be held in absentia in Ukraine for allies of ousted President Viktor Yanukovich. <http://goo.gl/sPsSGT>

Interpol is saving Yanukovich. On Tuesday Interpol removed former President Viktor Yanukovich from its

“most wanted” list. <http://goo.gl/KNB1Nj>

In Soviet times it was the Holodomor, the Terror and the gulags that many western visitors to the USSR chose not to see. This time French politicians closed their eyes to the Crimean Tatars and all others suffering persecution in Russian-occupied Crimea. <http://goo.gl/00HYZG>
Who are the French MPs? <http://goo.gl/RBZzRi>

Tax police seized half a million hryvnia during an attempt to export it from occupied territory. <http://goo.gl/IxXpD8>

Five trucks with goods for terrorists detained in Donetsk region. <http://goo.gl/mZotNS>

Ukraine's 'Right Sector' paramilitary group held a massive rally in Kyiv. <http://goo.gl/m7ObLV>

Member of Ukraine's Parliament Mykhailo Lanyo, who was involved in a recent Mukacheve shooting incident, has managed to flee the country. <http://goo.gl/sHnd22>

A fake anti-Semitic demonstration in Lviv on Wednesday was ugly and dangerous, not least because it highlighted the ease with which such stunts can be orchestrated and the inability of authorities in a democratic country to intervene. <http://goo.gl/A1CrQe>

Left: The plinth of the former Lenin monument in Kharkiv, Ukraine, 2015

Right: Series of posters “Ukraine is not Russia”
<http://goo.gl/TPN55s>



Edge of Europe, End of Europe

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Mark Textor: ‘I see Ukraine as the last and newest outpost of European democracy in Central East’.
(Video) <http://goo.gl/uDeMcf>

Edge of Europe, End of Europe. Timothy Snyder.
<http://goo.gl/5UI7mN>

The existing state system in Ukraine, left over from the Soviet era, is corrupt and inefficient. While Western politicians decry Ukraine’s lack of progress in reforms, look at how its state system was formed. Freedom and efficiency were suppressed in Eastern

Bloc countries in order to ultimately create dependency on the USSR. Ukraine’s success in reforms currently depends on the ability to either deconstruct or radically change this existing system. <http://goo.gl/33RSy0>

Healthcare and education below poverty line. Ukraine will face a complete degradation of public services unless painful but necessary changes take place. <http://goo.gl/47Hzk4>

Militants attack Ukrainian positions using tanks and howitzers U.S. to start training Ukrainian Army troops in the fall

Jul.27. Ukrainian troops repelled three powerful militant attacks near Shchastya. <http://goo.gl/fjrVms>

OSCE mission takes biased attitude to Ukraine, servicemen say. The shelling of Vrublyovka, Luhansk oblast by a rebel Grad missile system failed to appear on the OSCE report on that day. <http://goo.gl/V8Ph1v>

A high-ranking commander of Ukraine's Azov battalion was found dead in his apartment in the town of Bucha, outside Kyiv. <http://goo.gl/u89r2q>

Jul.26. Militants shelled Schastya from Obozne while being observed by the OSCE. (Rus) <http://goo.gl/GDhtUR> ; Militants attacked Ukrainian positions using tanks and 122mm howitzers. <http://goo.gl/H62bDy> ; Soldiers of the 28th Brigade repulsed several attacks near Berezove. <http://goo.gl/h2DfUa>

Jul.25. A Russian army officer in truck full of ammunition arrested near Donetsk. <http://goo.gl/UpnFfC>

Jul. 24. Fighting continued at and around Donetsk airport and in areas to the east and north-east of Mariupol. The SMM observed weapon movements in "LPR" and in government-controlled areas, in

violation of respective withdrawal lines. <http://goo.gl/cex4K9>

Jul.23. Russia's 33nd 'aid convoy' of more than 100 trucks crossed into eastern Ukraine. Ukrainian security officials say Moscow uses the relief operation to resupply militant forces. <http://goo.gl/tVbKD3>

The United States will begin training Ukrainian Army troops in the fall in an expansion of its military involvement in the divided country, the State Department has said. <http://goo.gl/MNLGLq>

Lack of funds threatens efforts to recover Ukraine's dead soldiers. <http://goo.gl/233XXR>

Several Ukrainian psychologists have swapped their white garbs for bulletproof vests and headed to the war zone since the start of Russia's war on Ukraine. As well as working on the battlefield, they've begun thinking about the mental battles that some soldiers might have to fight in peacetime. <http://goo.gl/FahxTk>

'I Am War': Ukraine Today presents a new documentary that explores the physiological impact fighting has on Ukrainian soldiers. (Video) <http://goo.gl/J4RPsI>

Left: Ukrainian school children tell their stories of war through drawings. <http://goo.gl/zw8cm6>

Right: Ukrainian film director Oleh Sentsov (left) and co-defendant Oleksandr Kolchenko in court on July 21.



Arbitrary arrests in Russian-held Donetsk as city descends into anarchy Ukrainian film director says he was tortured by Russian authorities.

Kremlin is preparing to dispatch an army of political commissars to de-facto run Crimea's affairs and oversee local authorities. <http://goo.gl/x9IM67>

Arbitrary arrests in Russian-held Donetsk as city descends into anarchy. <http://goo.gl/IYoXIL>

Ukrainian film director says he was tortured by Russian authorities. Russian authorities 'promised' Oleh Sentsov 20 years in jail instead of life

imprisonment. (Video) <http://goo.gl/o8vIHP>

Mustafa Yagyaev, the imam of a village mosque in Crimea, has received a 2-year suspended sentence and been prohibited from "any activity involving the circulation of information" after three colleagues claimed that he had made comments about Crimea returning to Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/HXlqMI>

Ukraine signs two major loan agreements

Ukraine makes crucial Eurobond interest payment, averts default

Heavily indebted Ukraine has made new proposals to its creditors for restructuring 23 billion USD of foreign debt and is now awaiting their response, Finance Minister Natalie Jaresko. <http://goo.gl/10h1Kf>

Ukraine made a crucial Eurobond interest payment that kept the war-torn country from slipping into technical default and potential isolation from global credit markets. <http://goo.gl/4TNYgf>

Ukraine signed a \$500 million loan agreement with the World Bank, and a loan agreement worth \$300 million with Japan. <http://goo.gl/RXri2H>

Bloomberg: IMF endorsed a 1.7 billion USD aid installment for Ukraine. The IMF loan program assumes debt restructuring will save the Ukrainian government 15.3 billion USD by 2018. <http://goo.gl/NbsiVi>

An additional import fee introduced in February in order to stabilize the balance of payments of Ukraine will be cancelled on January 1, 2016. <http://goo.gl/4w7WJy>

Ukraine's Ministry of Justice has barred communists from running in upcoming local elections after the passage of new legislation. <http://goo.gl/jgDFZB>

A moderate increase in the Ukraine reform 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/jQOOzk>

On July 22, Heorhy Tuka, a well-known volunteer helping Ukraine's army, was appointed governor of Luhansk Oblast, a key region at the forefront of Ukraine's war with Russia. <http://goo.gl/0DKcsI>

The public battle between Ukraine's rich and powerful oligarchs and the government has shifted to the Black Sea port city of Odesa, and the current battleground is the beach. <http://goo.gl/emhChz>

Interview: Ukraine's deputy education minister Inna Sovsun on learning in occupied territories. <http://goo.gl/fP7tVq>

Left: Kateryna Belugina, a 28-year-old patrol officer from Kyiv, is one of 401 female officers in the new 2,000-strong Kyiv police patrol force. <http://goo.gl/iA6sNQ>

Right: Ukrainian capital hosts the first ever Kyiv Night Run to promote a healthy lifestyle. <http://24today.net/open/483016>



Ukrainian job search engine gains clients abroad

4 out of 10 global top software testing companies are Ukrainian

Four Ukrainian companies entered the list of the world's Top 10 Software Application Testing Firms. (Ukr, Eng) . <https://goo.gl/1hHeab>

Creating a search engine that searches for jobs as easily and fast as Google finds information was the idea that sprung into the minds of two Ukrainians, Roman Prokofiev and Yevgen Sobakaryov, back in 2006. They never thought

Jooble, as they called the service, would become a profitable business with more than 800,000 daily users around the world. <http://goo.gl/vkyaAZ>

Young Global Leader chooses Ukraine to start new tech business. <http://goo.gl/3HgLKI>

Left: "Love will keep you alive" Song for peace in Ukraine with Gaidamaky-Ukraine), Maciej Maleniczuk-(Poland), Andrey Makarevick-(Russia). (Audio: Ukr, Pol, Rus) <https://goo.gl/ig4MTk>

Right: Leskovsky Palace, Cherkasy region (photo, Video Ukr) <http://goo.gl/mvH0jv>



Ukrainian director wins US audiences' hearts

The roots of the Crimean Tatars' moderate Islam

A Ukrainian director won the US audiences' hearts. The first Ukrainian film to be commercially screened in the U.S., *The Tribe* is a violent drama about a boarding school for deaf children where a new pupil is drawn into organized crime, robbery and prostitution. <http://goo.gl/hoM4aC>

<http://goo.gl/W8dyll>

The Many Faces of Tradition. How Ukrainians have developed tolerance for other religions.

<http://goo.gl/3GKDu3>

Understanding the Ukrainians in WWII, Part 3: of German plans and German collaborators.

The roots of the Crimean Tatars' moderate Islam are buried in the history of the people.

<http://goo.gl/NyqniY>

Left: World famous bands come to Ukraine to shoot their music videos.

<http://goo.gl/ZuOFRi>

Right: Rediscovering Kateryna Bilokur, Ukraine's outstanding nature artist. (Video)

<http://goo.gl/YcRCPs>



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