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The only way to stop Putin is to create a strong Ukraine

Ukraine forming new military alliance with Lithuania and Poland

“It is time to unite for peace and reforms! “President's extraordinary message to Verkhovna Rada.

<http://goo.gl/TkEiBe>

On the first day of work, the newly-elected Verkhovna Rada formed a majority, elected Speaker Volodymyr Hroysman and re-elected Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk. Members will elect vice-speakers and appoint ministers at the next assembly on December 2. When speaking to the MPs, the President asked them not to delay reform.

<http://goo.gl/QkDCy8>

The Ukrainian government is developing military ties with Lithuania and Poland, a move both Vilnius and Warsaw appear receptive to. <http://goo.gl/OyGg9v>

Forbes: The only way to stop Putin is to create a strong Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/74GDIP>

Activists in the USA have launched a campaign to gather support for bill S.2828, also known as the Ukraine Freedom Support Act. <http://goo.gl/tCgrOR>

EU expands sanctions to Ukraine separatists.

<http://goo.gl/sjGWlQ>

Lithuanian President Dalia Grybauskaitė has called Russia a

“predatory neighbor, whose hands are stained with blood”.

<http://goo.gl/xXIOY3>

German Chancellor Angela Merkel has said Russia's actions in Ukraine are a violation of international law and a threat to peace in Europe, but warned that the West will need “patience and staying power” to deal with the problem.

<http://goo.gl/QEHFdr>

Germany refuses to provide military assistance to Ukraine.

<http://goo.gl/snmJVq>

Volunteers are making sure that Canadian military aid to Ukraine reaches soldiers. <http://goo.gl/SRsbbl>

Russian special services planned to undermine the situation in the Zakarpattia region and implement an anti-Ukrainian scenario through the creation of a so-called “Republic of the Carpathian Ruthenia,” the Press Service of the Security Service of Ukraine (SBU) reported on its website, November 26. <http://goo.gl/64vxNI> ; <http://goo.gl/JG37IE>

Russians against sending (more) troops into Ukraine but support ‘republics’. <http://goo.gl/2bmbsZ>

The French Far Right secure a €9m loan from a Russian bank close to Putin. <http://goo.gl/ROIfBW>

Left: A year since the savage Nov 30 beating of students on Maidan and there is understandable frustration at the lack of convictions over the repression, violence and killings during the following months, with even the judges who issued overtly wrongful rulings still in their jobs.

<http://goo.gl/CMTFhZ>

Right: A Maidan protester wearing a sign -“I will embrace my hero!”. Is there life after Yanukovich?

<http://goo.gl/0YGIWm>



Russian insider: Putin planning invasion of Ukraine since 2003

“Soldiers in Russia break their own legs to avoid going to Donbas”

U.S. President Barack Obama dares not utter the word “invasion” and asks his advisers why Ukraine is so important. Russia denies it has troops to Eastern Ukraine while Ukraine itself describes its own military actions there as an “anti-terrorist operation.” In reality, Europe is witnessing a war that is producing casualties for the Russian army on a scale not seen since the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. It is time to recognize it as such.

<http://goo.gl/PGvYZZ>

Russian insider says Putin openly has been planning an invasion of Ukraine since 2003. <http://goo.gl/e8HYaC>

Since the beginning of war in Donbas, some 4,000 soldiers and mercenaries from Russia have died there, estimates Elena Vasilieva, a well-known Russian human rights

activist. “*Soldiers in Russia break their own legs to avoid going to Donbas*”, Vasilieva stated. <http://goo.gl/aOsp9y> ; <http://goo.gl/zWG13w>

What have we learned in the year since Ukraine's EuroMaidan? <http://goo.gl/7vuuOV>

What else could we have done? Ukraine after Vilnius: the EU is still struggling to make sense of what happened. The list of supposed mistakes is long. <http://goo.gl/xAFWNN>

Time for a Hybrid War against Russia? <http://goo.gl/TDZjyh>

Does the threat of terrorist attacks exist in Ukraine? <http://goo.gl/d9yN7j>

Putin's Hitler-esque excuses. <http://goo.gl/xCZlqn>

A cornered rat: Putin starts negotiating for Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/8c4oPN>

Fighting in Lugansk region escalates

At least 7,500 Russian soldiers in East Ukraine

The military situation in the East of Ukraine as of Dec 1. <http://goo.gl/BbDRsp>

At least 1,184 Ukrainian soldiers have been killed in Russia's war against Ukraine. There are at least 7,500 Russian soldiers in the East. <http://goo.gl/BCZPT8>

Dec 1: Fourteen people wounded in Donetsk in the past 24 hours. <http://goo.gl/IONqk6>

Terrorist gangs in the Luhansk region are increasingly embroiled in clashes. The militants publicly accuse each other of embezzling and stealing goods brought from Russia. <http://goo.gl/Q9QonH>

Heavy equipment continues to be moved onto Ukraine territory from the Russian Federation. <http://uacrisis.org/rnbo-125/>

Nov 28: Report of the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission (SMM) to Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/mKArHW>

Dmitry Tymchuk: "We must be prepared to counteract Russia's aggression". <http://goo.gl/hRG1U7>

Nov 28: Military updates from Information Resistance. <http://goo.gl/XJ0uOm>

Soldiers in Dzerzhinsk feel abandoned, expect Kremlin-backed fighters to attack soon. <http://goo.gl/we3e0o>

The Ukrainian meal pack. Do soldiers like it? Volunteers "balance rations" with tons of cabbage and apples. <http://goo.gl/qYRsMV>

Ukraine's Heroes: the man who stopped three tanks. <http://goo.gl/VWmpkp>

Geolocated video shows Russian-backed rebels firing heavy artillery near Donetsk. <http://goo.gl/DqoBel>

Stories from the front: four days with a Right Sector battalion. <http://goo.gl/C4Isrb>

Every third child in Donbas needs urgent help. Families cannot provide their children with the basics, hope to flee the area. <http://goo.gl/dZ3IQ2>

"Donetsk Airport Brothers-In-Arms" A documentary by Sergei L. Loiko <http://goo.gl/A11W3W>

The village on the Ukrainian front line. A video report by Radio Liberty. <http://goo.gl/GFf3gx>

Left: Canadian doctors and nurses return from a successful medical mission in Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/QCXUHW>

Right: The case of Nadia Savchenko: No legal grounds, no evidence and total distrust in Russian justice. <http://goo.gl/t8TPBP>



Crimea: Teenagers murdered, women hounded on the street

Protests against militants and hunger mount in Donbas

Teenagers murdered, women hounded on the street, and money so tight even the strippers can't get paid: Inside the 'prison cell' Crimea after the Russian invasion. <http://goo.gl/VdXsqg>

Head of a Roman Catholic Church driven out of Crimea. <http://goo.gl/100pWr>

Crimean Tatars resisted Moscow's annexation of the Black Sea peninsula in March, and the Muslim community has paid for it ever since. <http://goo.gl/4Uqtu1>

The detention of another Crimean Tatar has sent jitters across the embattled minority group, which has been the target of a sweeping crackdown since Crimea's annexation by Russia. <http://goo.gl/nFsLQ3>

"Who could have imagined that in the 21st century in the centre of Europe we would be seeing widespread repression unleashed

on the basis of religion?" - Said Ismagilov, Mufti of the Spiritual Directorate of Muslims of Ukraine <http://goo.gl/oBMfBk>

In Donbas, protests against militant rule – and hunger – mounting. <http://goo.gl/YZtucx>

Persecution of activist probing soldiers' deaths in Ukraine effectively confirmed. <http://goo.gl/UQ40BJ>

Moscow's blitzkrieg response over religious persecution in Crimea. <http://goo.gl/WVS23r>

Oleksandr Kolchenko is about to turn 25 in Russian detention. Please help send birthday greetings and a clear message to one of Russia's Crimean political prisoners - and to Moscow – that he is not forgotten! <http://goo.gl/ci4Ufc>; <http://goo.gl/HD55qH>

29-30 Nov. A night of memory on Maidan one year after police violently dispersed students from the square, starting the massive protests in early December 2013. (photos, Ukr)

<http://goo.gl/nGGWF>

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Parliament coalition declares unity, reappoints Yatsenyuk as Prime minister Ukraine may pursue trillion dollar suit against Russia for Crimea and Donbas

Parliament coalition declares unity, reappoints Yatsenyuk as Prime minister in its first session.

<http://goo.gl/KdFvDb>

Ukraine elects first Jewish speaker in new Parliament.

<http://goo.gl/mkdZM5>

Ukraine will have to live with its caretaker government until at least Dec. 2. <http://goo.gl/jLjr7C>

After Maidan, the new Prime Minister of Ukraine Arseniy Yatseniuk called his cabinet the “kamikaze government.” It is this cabinet that will need to carry out reforms, fight corruption, and generally change the post-Soviet economy. <http://goo.gl/GcF82t>

Poroshenko believes the head of the National Anti-Corruption Bureau should be an individual without ties to the Ukrainian political elite and has proposed appointing a foreigner for that position.

<http://goo.gl/zYEz6g>

Steven Pifer: Ukraine to be internationally ashamed if it loses the chance to reform. <http://goo.gl/wM6KOf>

Who has (hasn't) answered for crimes against Maidan?

<http://goo.gl/BTvMMm>

Ukraine after Maidan is different, but the politicians are the same. <http://goo.gl/IHN9uR>

Ukraine may sue Russia for \$1 trillion for Crimea and Donbas. Officially Kyiv has already begun to prosecute Moscow in the courts. <http://goo.gl/27tZGL>

On Ukraine, economists declare an emergency. Ukraine's friends plan a donor conference in February; Is that soon enough? <http://goo.gl/QjubPU>

Global recruiting agencies find 24 foreigners to work in

Ukraine's government. <http://goo.gl/Vxb4kX>

Reform Watch. <http://goo.gl/ZDqHHJ>

In the first session of the new Ukrainian parliament, the Opposition Bloc, the political successor to ousted Ukrainian President Viktor Yankovych's Party of the Regions, sets a defiant tone. <http://goo.gl/hBK5HR>

The “Opposition Block” is aspiring to head three committees in the Verkhovna Rada: the parliamentary procedure committee, the committee on issues of freedom of speech, and the committee on issues of culture and spirituality. <http://goo.gl/iG9KyT>

New airline market rules make no sense.

<http://goo.gl/kCrsYb>

Media, public and industry outrage prompted the Justice Ministry on Nov. 26 to suspend a new mechanism for distributing air routes among aviation companies that would have harmed international airlines.

<http://goo.gl/yzwluN>

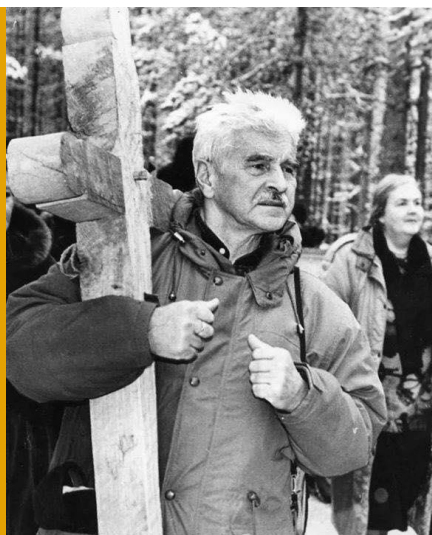
Pavlo Kyshkar, Donbas Battalion member turned lawmaker, believes war issues are the most important for the country to solve. <http://goo.gl/Yk7YcZ>

The ‘DNR’ and ‘LNR,’ which were declared to be terrorist organizations by the Ukrainian Office of the Prosecutor General, are causing economic collapse in the occupied territories. Industrial production in these regions has decreased by 55-80% in the past few months, compared to pre-war production.

<http://goo.gl/30s9k7>

Famous Ukrainian political prisoner Yevhen Sverstiuk died at the age of 86 after a long illness. Yevhen Sverstiuk was a political prisoner of the Soviet regime, Ukrainian writer, philosopher, president of Ukrainian PEN-club.

<http://goo.gl/qXKafc>



Pope Francis calls for peace in Ukraine Activists recall lessons of Maidan

Pope Francis and the spiritual leader of the world's Orthodox Christians have called for peace in Ukraine and appealed to all sides to pursue dialogue based on international law to resolve the conflict.

<http://goo.gl/w9z6Y1>

New textbooks in Ukraine will replace the Soviet term “Great Patriotic War” with the phrase “Second World War” which is used worldwide. <http://goo.gl/Ffz7PJ>

Faces of the Maidan. Where are they now?

<http://goo.gl/Ez0R1i>

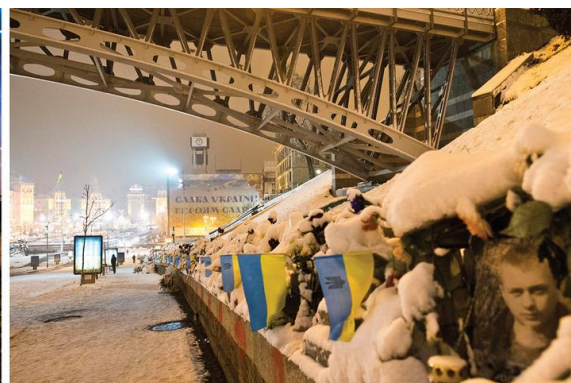
Olga Onuch: What have we learned in the year since Ukraine’s EuroMaidan? <http://goo.gl/xiYu9I>

Alya Shandra: My Maidan. A tribute to the revolution that changed us forever. <http://goo.gl/nv05Vu>

What makes Kharkiv Ukrainian. Russia insists that Kharkiv does not belong to Ukraine. Meanwhile, even several waves of russification have failed to make it truly Russian. <http://goo.gl/ryd9Vg>

Good News Ukraine blog: Foreign diplomats’ wives have arranged a Dec 6 charity fair for sake of Ukrainian children in Kyiv on. <http://goo.gl/WnDtRq>

Scenes from Kyiv, during Maidan and now.
See more photos at <http://goo.gl/YxeUEI>



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