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More Ukrainian servicemen die as pro-Russia troops bombard Ukrainian army units in Luhansk region

July 11, 2014. Up to 30 Ukrainian soldiers are presumed killed, more than 100 wounded, following an overnight rocket attack by pro-Russia separatist forces in Luhansk region, in the deadliest single attack on the army. More than 250 Ukrainian soldiers have been killed since the military conflict in the country's east began almost three months ago. Read more at <http://goo.gl/05sMrp>

See photos from Zelenopilia, where a Ukrainian ATO Forces camp was shelled by Russian "Grad" rocket launchers on July 11 <http://goo.gl/hhA1ab>

July 13, National Defense and Security Council: A cluster of Russian military detected near Russia-Ukraine border in Luhansk Region. Read more at <http://goo.gl/iBORwz>

July 13, fighting continued in Donetsk and Luhansk regions overnight. See the recent map of the ATO at <http://goo.gl/p6oPO1>

Tanks under Russian flags reported in Luhansk. Watch video at <http://goo.gl/zC1cUy>

Terrorists were planning the blow up their firing positions in residential buildings in Sloviansk while retreating. Read more at <http://goo.gl/QRBYun>

Luhansk region: mayor kidnapped, Russian tanks cross the border, terrorists shoot at miners as they work. <http://goo.gl/Y63SPR>

Doctors in the ATO (antiterrorist operation) zone in the Donbas have treated more than 1000 soldiers under field conditions. Read more at <http://goo.gl/Pk96Ng>

Russia Riled Up the Ukrainian Rebels, Now It's Shooting at Them As They Try to Enter Russia. "The Russians haven't confirmed or denied these Ukrainian reports, but it would not be out of step with Russian military history: The Red Army was notorious for its use of so-called barrier troops that were stationed behind active combat troops to prevent retreat." Read more at <http://goo.gl/VRyPO5>

On July 5, the eastern Ukrainian town of Sloviansk was recaptured by the Ukrainian military. The city is in shambles and residents are struggling to find food and water despite a considerable humanitarian effort. The pro-Russia separatists have retreated to Donetsk, but the Ukrainian government is determined to pursue its anti-terror operation until there are no insurgents left. Watch the VICE News, Russian Roulette, Dispatch #54 here: <http://goo.gl/4CG6yO>

The SBU has blown a ring of agents provocateurs with links to the Russian security services. The group was tasked with destabilizing the peaceful situation in the Odesa region. Read more at <http://goo.gl/kgv9JM>

The EU has added separatist leaders to its sanctions list. Read more at <http://goo.gl/0dH9rm>

Left: #SaveNadia: Ukrainian female officer Nadia Savchenko faces court in Russia after being taken hostage by Russian terrorists.

<http://goo.gl/kmbc6>

Right: Ukrainian troops advance toward Donetsk this week after Russian militants fled the city of Sloviansk.



More abductions, torture seen in separatist-held eastern Ukraine

Human rights observers say the kidnappings by the Russian militants are meant to intimidate the local population. But hostages are also being kept and used as human shields, locked away in rooms of separatist-occupied buildings to keep Ukrainian forces from bombarding them, observers say. Others are held for ransom. <http://goo.gl/xxghdC>

Ukraine's Foreign Ministry expressed strong protest against the illegal transfer of Nadiya Savchenko to Russia. <http://goo.gl/rauuUG>

July 13, Russia does not allow Ukrainian consul to see Savchenko, a Ukrainian aviator, who was illegally taken to the Russian Federation and is being held in jail in Voronezh. Read more at <http://goo.gl/gINmEU>

Russia's claims: Detained Ukrainian film director Oleg Sentsov received Russian citizenship "automatically", a prospect he was not allowed to oppose; Ukrainian officer Nadezhda Savchenko crossed into Russia as a refugee rather than as an abductee captured by Kremlin-backed militants, and Ukrainian troops are firing on Russian border stations. <http://goo.gl/dl1wrW>

Local ecumenism in Donetsk: Muslim mufti, Roman Catholic priest, Greek Catholic priest and a pastor trying to save Ukrainian Orthodox priest abducted by

Kremlin-backed insurgents. <http://goo.gl/IXfgIQ>

The Mejlis of the Crimean Tatars has discontinued any cooperation with the Crimean occupation regime. The Mejlis is recalling their representatives from the government installed after Russia annexed the Crimea. Crimean Tatars are boycotting the Crimean parliamentary and local elections scheduled for September 14. <http://goo.gl/YgBJTM>

For the second time since Russia annexed the Crimea in March 2014, the Crimean self-proclaimed authorities have banned entry to a prominent Crimean Tatar leader over alleged 'extremism'. Despite the absurdity of the charges and impossibility of lodging appeals against them, there has been no reaction from the EU or the US, nor from international human rights organizations. <http://goo.gl/LD5MiZ>

Nils Muižnieks, Commissioner for Human Rights, spoke about the flow of internally displaced people from Crimea and Eastern Ukraine, ways for the government to deal with a problem Ukraine has never faced before, and about the hard lesson on the integration of minorities that Russia's neighbors had to learn: "*Once the central government has a long-term plan for the internally displaced, assistance from the international community will be forthcoming*". Read more at <http://goo.gl/f9URHs>

Left: The soot-stained passport and press card of Ukrainian journalist Irma Krat, recovered in Slovyansk . <http://goo.gl/xxghdC>
Right: Football fans hold a banner which reads, "Ukraine! It is time to rise from your knees!"



The West must keep up the pressure on Putin

Poroshenko hopes for EU solidarity with Ukraine. ***"In Ukraine today the question of peace and security is being decided not only for Ukraine, but for Europe as well,"*** Poroshenko said, adding that he hoped the current Italian Presidency of the Council of the European Union will lead to a position of solidarity with Ukraine on the part of the EU countries for the joint development of peace, freedom, and democracy. Read more at . <http://goo.gl/Y4IFnA>

The Economist: Believing that Putin has surrendered Ukraine would be naive. The West must keep up the pressure. In recent weeks both America and the Europeans issued ultimatums to the Kremlin, then did nothing when they expired, leaving Mr Poroshenko little choice but to prosecute his war. In this way, although most of the blame belongs to Russia's paranoid, vengeful leader, the West's reticence has contributed to Ukraine's tragedy. Now it must act. <http://goo.gl/2Yd6uf>

Why Ukraine was forced to fight: The West retreated from its vow of sanctions, leaving Kyiv no option. Read more at <http://goo.gl/fzofi0>

Damon Wilson, executive vice-president of The Atlantic Council: "Permanent neutrality and "Finland status" are bad ideas for Ukraine's own interests" <http://goo.gl/OBmoCy>

Russia's top 60 lies about Ukraine. Russia's aggressive information war, waged through its vast propaganda machine, continues to produce disinformation to justify its involvement in Ukraine. Read the investigation of the fake Russian news made by Examiner at <http://goo.gl/INOOMV>

Ukraine disappointed with EU sanctions against Russia. <http://goo.gl/JPpn9K>

Zbigniew Brzezinski: Putin's three choices on Ukraine <http://goo.gl/XcNUXY>

Ukraine to play major role in meeting Europe's food needs

Rising food output on track to meet global needs over next 10 yrs, reports OECD/FAO. While the Americas will remain the dominant export region globally, Ukraine will become Europe's biggest exporter of grains and oilseeds. <http://goo.gl/u4CZ2L>

Those EuroMaidan activists who fought for the January 2014 "Reanimation Package of Reforms" public initiative are determined to keep pressure on Ukraine's new leadership to usher in the more accountable and transparent system it has promised, introduce a system of checks and balances, and bring tangible changes to state institutions. Read more at. <http://goo.gl/aV4Bky>

Ministry of Justice seeks to ban the Communist Party (CPU). The move was taken on the basis of considerable evidence provided by the SBU (State Security Service) and Prosecutor General's Office of the CPU's active support and financing of separatists. <http://goo.gl/nb1wfs>

President Petro Poroshenko appointed Microsoft Ukraine Chief Executive Officer Dmytro Shymkiv to become his new deputy chief of staff on July 9. ***"Ukraine will become a country of super-fast, most efficient technologies,"*** Poroshenko said. ***"On the basis of the Presidential Administration we will create a single platform for cooperation on the issues of reforms implementation and consolidation between president, government, Verkhovna Rada and, most important, civil society."*** <http://goo.gl/POY7L6>

War Inflicts Its Damage on Ukraine's Stock Exchange. Humans are not the only casualties of war. Ukraine's notoriously lowly traded, low-liquidity stock exchange is also suffering, awaiting a decisive victory by the nation's military over Kremlin-backed separatists. <http://goo.gl/0z7Pqp>

Fixing the Donbas. If the "Donbas pacification plan" announced by Petro Poroshenko is to be implemented effectively, the region's administrative map could be redrawn more sensibly. Read mor at <http://goo.gl/A7gD4n>

BRICS as Newer Opportunities or Stumbling Blocks for Ukraine? Ukraine has a lot to offer and get from BRICS states. The key to beneficial cooperation is a serious review of Ukraine's policy towards them and massive enlargement of people-to-people diplomacy. Read more at <http://goo.gl/5xQi8T>

Inna Sovsun: Ukraine's Youngest Minister Plans academy Shake-Up. The young first deputy minister for education and science is keen to reform the archaic system, including consolidating institutions and ending two-track admissions. <http://goo.gl/VvZ1ZC>

Christopher Nadon: "I taught for a year at the Kyiv-Mohyla University in 1993-94 and returned to Ukraine this June after an absence of twenty years. Things here have changed." Read more at <http://goo.gl/hDgkzd>

Left: Carpathians tour guide offers taste of 19th century.

<http://goo.gl/Nlde8q>

Right: A T-shirt with printed picture of a Ukrainian woman with nimbus made of poppies tops the sales of Braty Graphic Design studio.



For love of country, Ukrainians don patriotic symbols

A Guide to Ukraine's Fighting Forces. With the West wimping out on tough sanctions against Russia or significant military aid to Kyiv, Ukraine is pretty much going it alone in defending the nation against the Kremlin-backed war that began with the Feb 27 military invasion of Crimea. <http://goo.gl/s5Zjbr>

Russia's war against Ukraine is also altering the nation's fashion. As people become more patriotic, they want to wear symbols of that feeling. <http://goo.gl/AfcZGA>

Kharkiv, with new anti-Russian song, becomes capital of anti-Putin music. Watch video and read article in Eng at <http://goo.gl/DLdciS>

Ukrainian State and Elites in the Early Modern Era. The Russian elite now want to restore their empire based on historical arguments. These kinds of arguments once gave rise to the Russian Empire and they will, once shattered, spell an end to it. Read more at <http://goo.gl/d0j1Gw>

Magical Musician Keeps Composing. Read the story of Myroslav Skoryk, one of Ukraine's most famous composers and author of hundreds of famous tunes: <http://goo.gl/RcP5UF>

List of Skoryk's works can be found at <http://goo.gl/UcgCmp>

Listen to one of his most famous melodies at <http://goo.gl/lQvGQy>

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