



# CIVIC SECTOR OF EUROMAIDAN GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT

## EuroMaidan Newsletter # 156

**Berkut officers deployed against EuroMaidan activists remain police officers**

**Ukraine offers NATO alternatives to Russia-produced weapons, equipment**

[Ukraine, Poland leaders talk historic truth, future cooperation.](#)

Latest [Minsk talks fail to reach breakthrough on Ukraine conflict.](#)

Forgotten Security Guarantee: [Ukraine slams Russia for violating Budapest memorandum.](#) December 5th marks 22 years since the signing of the treaty.

Ukraine moved [up from rank 23 to rank 15 in Global Militarization Index 2016.](#)

U.S. Congress approves defense [budget for 2017, providing for military aid to Ukraine.](#)

For the first time in history, [Ukrainian military-industrial complex is showcasing its latest weapons and equipment at NATO Headquarters,](#) offering an alternative to Russia-produced products.

Ukraine celebrates [25 years since fateful 1991 independence referendum.](#)

10 things to know about the [questioning of Yanukovich in Rostov.](#)

Half the Berkut [officers deployed against EuroMaidan activists remain police officers.](#)

US, EU and Ukraine [take down global cybercrime network.](#)

Recognizing [Holodomor as genocide question raised in UK Parliament.](#)

[StopFakeNews #111](#) with Lada Roslycky: Former President Yanukovich perpetuates Russian fakes, former Prime Minister buys million dollar property in the US and flees Ukraine and Ukrainian volunteers getting rich from donations.

Left: Yulia Tychivska. Vice President of Kyiv School of Economics, one of Kyiv Post's [Top 30 Under 30 young leaders.](#)

Right: Pechersk District Court of Kyiv ordered to [seize the "Scythian gold" exhibited at an expo in the Netherlands.](#) The exhibit was entitled 'Crimea, the golden island in the Black Sea'.



**The longer Russia occupies Crimea, the more likely Russia will disintegrate**

**Volunteers create a drone revolution for Ukraine's army**

Volunteers are creating a [drone revolution for Ukraine's army.](#)

Kings or Princes? Why do the [titles of Rus rulers matter.](#)

The way that Russia has reacted to the Ukrainian missile training exercises is [one more proof of the indisputable fact that to be successful Ukraine above all needs a strong, modern army.](#)

[Russia has to yield more than Crimea](#) for a chance to become a democracy. Buravlyev.

[Are the Kyiv protests a Kremlin plot](#) or an opposition power grab?

'[To kill is good. To have doubts – bad](#)' - the Operational Code of Putin's officials.

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Recently, at long last, European and American governments are beginning to respond to and work to counter Russian propaganda, Konstantin Borovoy says; but in doing so, they are addressing "a symptom" of the much larger and more [dangerous "disease" that Vladimir Putin and his regime represent.](#)

The [Holodomor as a genocide of Ukrainians who raised more than 5,000 anti-Soviet revolts in 1930-1932.](#)

## Russia deploys 55,000 servicemen to border with Ukraine

### Ukraine conducts missile tests near Black sea, raising Russian ire

[Russia deploys 55,000 servicemen to border](#) with Ukraine.

Ukraine's [best defense strategy: Get tougher military on its own](#).

[Ukraine began two days of surface-to-air missile tests](#) in an area near the Black Sea, as tensions with Moscow escalated. Ukraine reports [successful testing](#).

[Ukraine's missile drills near Crimea](#) (analysis).

Russia [deploys S-300VM SAM launchers to Crimea on the eve of Ukraine missiles tests](#) over the Black Sea.

Dec 4. [Number of attacks drastically decreases](#) in Mariupol sector. [No further progress on forces' withdrawal registered](#) in Donbas. Russian proxies don't stop shelling; commenced 26 attacks.

[Land mines are taking a heavy toll on the civilian population](#) in Eastern Ukraine. Last year alone, some 600 people -- including many children -- were killed or injured by mines and explosive devices.

War-divided Donbas [town Verkhniotoretske adapts to hard new realities](#).

Moscow's nightmare: [Ukraine creates Tomahawk-type cruise missile](#).

[Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said Friday he "does not understand" the reasons Kyiv continues its military operation](#) in eastern Ukraine against the self-proclaimed militant republics.

Secret [warehouse of Russian demining unit near Donetsk kindergarten](#) revealed.

[30% of Donbas militants are Ukrainians, and they're ready to revolt](#) – Tuka.

Ukraine informs NATO on signs of [possible transporting of chemical weapons from Syria to Crimea](#).

Ukraine [stops water supply to militant-held Luhansk](#).

First [comics about ATO heroes released in Dnipro city](#). Part of the profits will be used for the army's needs.

Left: [Ukraine successfully tests new gunboats](#).

Right: Unusual friendships. [Photos from war zone](#).



## Russian Neo-Nazis are training children to fight

### Russia frees Crimean leader's son, but he can't return to peninsula

Russia [denies OSCE access to Ukrainian journalist Sushchenko](#).

Ukrinform correspondent in Paris Roman Sushchenko, who was illegally arrested in Moscow, has [asked President of France Francois Hollande for help](#).

Russia [accused of mechanisms of political repression in Crimea](#) unprecedented since Stalin and Hitler.

Russia frees [Crimean leader's son, but he can't return to peninsula](#).

[Crimea's occupational authorities received a "Ukrainian" surprise](#). Ukrainian national anthem

suddenly rolled out during a video conference of the so-called head of Crimea with regional administrations.

Putin: "[Sentsov is convicted for devoting his life to terrorism](#)".

Putin's cynical [lies about Oleg Sentsov debunked by International Criminal Court](#).

[Pro-Ukrainian blogger arrested in militant-held Luhansk](#). As locals say, he was arrested because of showing reality in the lives around the occupied city.

Russian [Neo-Nazis wanted for war crimes in Ukraine are training children to fight in Donbas](#).

## Ukraine passes a landmark health care reform package Chornobyl nuclear wound covered, but not cured

Ukraine passed a landmark health care reform package. The Cabinet of Ministers recently [adopted a series of decrees that would radically overhaul the country's dismal medical services and corrupt business practices.](#)

Creating a strategic communications plan for Ukraine was a hot topic at the 5th annual Tiger Conference, organized by the Kyiv Post on Nov. 29 in Kyiv. Communications experts discussed [how the nation can go from zero to an internationally recognized brand by asserting clear and positive message about its identity, history and values.](#)

Law enforcement, other [agencies falter in recovery of stolen assets.](#)

After exposing top-level corruption, [Leshchenko becomes target of prosecutors.](#)

Ukraine's [visa-free saga with the EU.](#)

Chornobyl [nuclear wound is covered but not cured. The zone will remain unpopulated for](#)

[24,000 years.](#)

New Kyiv [city center theater building gets mixed reviews.](#)

Austria [receives request for Firtash extradition](#) to Spain.

Kyiv Administrative Court of Appeal Judge Ihor Petryk, who was caught red-handed while [accepting a \\$5,000 in bribe Dec. 1, was a nominee for the post of the head of the newly created Supreme Court](#) of Ukraine.

[Conflicting reports on death toll of police](#) friendly fire in Kniazhychi.

[Decentralization as a remedy](#) for bad governance in Ukraine.

Ostrovska-Liuta: [Ukraine has to review how it finances culture.](#)

Left: [Ukrainian revolutionary exoskeleton wins global startup contest award.](#) Student Anton Holovachenko presented the exoskeleton for people with musculoskeletal problems at Robot Launch 2016.

Right: EU invests 1.2 million euros into Ukraine's [e-design automation startup.](#)



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PocketBook creator [founds new company making universal digital key.](#)

“The [first wearable technology capable of accurately tracking and logging emotional states so you can take action](#)” has attracted \$126,261 from 716 Kickstarter backers.

Left: With the help of three friends and a hand-powered tricycle, [Maslyuk cycled 5,000 kilometers from Ukraine to the Atlantic Ocean](#).

Right: Exploring [Ukrainian kids fashion](#) from the 19th-20th centuries.



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[American who handcrafts traditional Ukrainian musical instruments and teaches](#) the locals how to play.

Another Dimension of the Holodomor: [the Great Famine and the Traditions of Resistance](#).  
Ishchenko on the untold story of armed resistance to perpetrators of genocide.

[Dakh Daughters presents debut album](#). Ukrainian freak-cabaret announces its long-awaited first studio album.

[WWII relics found in Lviv](#). Lviv prison museum reveals WWII artefacts in its own backyard.

Serhiy Zhadan is among a handful of Ukrainian authors whose work has been widely translated. His recent ["Voroshilovgrad" has become a novel of our present times](#).

Ukrainian [Cossack songs listed as UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage](#).

Left: [Time-lapse video of Ukraine](#).

Right: Ukrainian [Sergei Polunin to star in movies](#) with Johnny Depp and Jennifer Lawrence.



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