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Ukraine plans to ban Le Pen from entering the country

U.S. sends tanks to based in Poland, Baltics to deter Russian aggression

Presidential [Administration of Ukraine rejected Victor Pinchuk, billionaire and Yalta European Strategy founder](#), recommendation to give up Crimea and Donbas.

"...I express my [hope that in Ukraine viable solutions will continue to be pursued with determination in order to fulfil the commitments](#) undertaken by the parties involved and, above all, that a prompt response will be given to the humanitarian situation, which remains grave," Pope Francis.

The family of an American [professor from Stanford University donated medical equipment](#) to the Military and Medical Clinical Center of Western region.

Ukrainian Canadian Congress and [Canadian civil](#)

[society organizations have sent 11 tons of humanitarian aid to Ukraine.](#)

Foreign Ministry, SBU agree on an initiative [to ban Le Pen](#) from entering Ukraine.

[U.S. sends tanks to bases in Poland and the Baltic States](#) in hopes of deterring possible Russian aggression.

President of Ukraine Poroshenko has instructed the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Culture of Ukraine to ensure the transportation from Prague of the remains of Ukrainian [poet and writer Oleksandr Oles and organize a proper reburial ceremony.](#)

[Fake: Austria's Foreign Minister](#) is for Western Unity with Russia.

On the night of January 6th, all Ukrainian [Orthodox churches celebrated Christmas.](#)



Ukraine's reforms to reap economic reward in 2017

What 2016 meant for Ukraine and the world

Anders Aslund. Three years after Ukraine's revolution and [after significant reform, the country's economy has stabilized and is ready for growth.](#) Dangers lie ahead, but opportunities are apparent.

What [2016 meant for Ukraine and the world.](#)

To [travel through Ukraine is to journey through hundreds of years of history](#), the remnants of divergent diasporas, forced famines, Nazi and Communist atrocities, and not an insignificant number of now-defunct empires. Hannah Thoburn.

The cost of politics: what should be [the price of democracy in Ukraine?](#)

[Russian special services aren't the all-powerful agencies many believe.](#) Kirillova.

[Western leaders again more afraid of Russian disintegration](#) than of Russian threat. Kasparov.

How the [Kremlin tried to change Ukraine's Constitution.](#) #SurkovLeaks.

[Russia's media war against Ukraine in the emails of Putin's aide](#) #SurkovLeaks.

A [Trump-Putin deal on Crimea could trigger a much bigger war.](#) Israeli analyst.

Russia-backed militants used artillery

Year of Ukrainian arms: smashing "Thunder" and "Missile Shield"

Jan 9. For the first time in several weeks, [Russia-backed militants used artillery](#) in the Luhansk sector. This week Ukraine suffered no fatalities yet the number of violations slightly increase. Situation is the most tense in the Mariupol sector.

Jan 8. [Militants launched 51 attacks](#) on the Armed Forces of Ukraine positions. Russian military [shelled occupied Khartsyzk. Civilian casualties reported](#).

On Orthodox [Christmas Day, militants attacked](#) Ukraine positions in Donbas 72 times, wounding six troops.

Year of Ukrainian arms: [smashing "Thunder" and "Missile Shield"](#).

Kravchuk [suggests way of ending war](#) between Ukraine and Russia.

[Svitlodarsk salient](#): tactical situation, achievements and perspectives.

The [Defense Ministry of Ukraine denies that Russian hackers destroyed](#) Ukrainian artillery weapons.

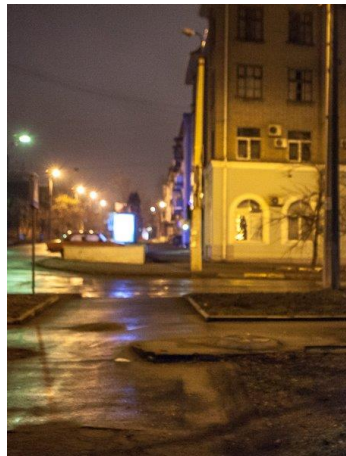
[Russia's 205th Brigade troops deployed to the Ukrainian border](#). The unit consists of several battalions of motorized infantry, a medical company, a commandant platoon, and a communications and support battalion.

The StopFake organization has launched a new monthly newspaper called [Your Right to Know aimed at Ukraine's occupied territories in the eastern Donbas region](#).

Should you write about corruption in the army, knowing that your story will eagerly be picked up by the Russian propaganda machine and used against your country? How do you balance opinions about the conflict while your brother, a Ukrainian soldier, is imprisoned and tortured by the insurgents (this was a situation my colleague faced)? These are the [complicated choices Ukrainian journalists are facing](#).

Left: "Donbas is Ukraine" written on a wall / [dn.vgorode.ua](#)

Right: [Cats in war](#). Best photos of 2016.



Ukrainian Dmitriy Zaporozhets makes Forbes 2017 30 Under 30

Ukraine's Lucky Labs partners to develop real-time bidding platform

One of Ukraine's largest technology companies and leading gaming developers, [Lucky Labs partners with Adwise to develop real-time bidding platform](#).

Ukrainian [Dmitriy Zaporozhets](#) makes [Forbes 2017 30 Under 30 \(Enterprise Technology\) list](#).

The Kirovohrad State University became the [first Ukrainian university to partner with KantanMT](#) university partner program.

Naftogaz Ukraine says Russia may start new gas conflict

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In 2016, [NABU prevented the theft of UAH 500 million](#).

Naftogaz Ukraine says [cold weather could cause Russia, suffering internal gas shortages, to start another gas conflict](#).

[iMoRe # 50](#). The index for monitoring of reforms is +1. Progress in reforming the banking sector and road infrastructure has positively influenced iMoRe.

Following decades of neglect, [there is real progress in Ukraine's healthcare sector](#). Thanks to the efforts of reformers in the Ministry of Health, pressure from civil society, and the support of international donors, the sector is seeing reduced corruption and clear prospects for reform.

Ukraine's [international reserves increased by \\$2.2](#)

[billion](#) (17%) – the National Bank.

Ukroboronservice SE, a part of the [Ukroboronprom State Concern intends to produce firearms under NATO standards in Ukraine in cooperation with U.S. Aeroscraft](#). M16 assault rifle production will become the first such project.

[Radiation near Chornobyl nuclear power plant decreased](#) twofold after new arch put in place.

Yanukovych's [house, flat, two garages and yacht frozen by court](#).

[Six myths about corruption in Ukraine](#). Like all myths, these serve as convenient oversimplifications that overshadow the need for genuine understanding.

Left: [Ukraine bans raw timber exports to EU](#), but smuggling flourishes. Ukraine hopes to revive Carpathian furniture and building materials industries.

Right: Ukraine's [high-fashion Vyschyvankas confront small business barriers](#). Red tape -- not the Christmas kind -- tie up overseas online sales.



Ukrainian tech world had lots to discuss in 2016

Lviv joins Krakow and Prague in EE's club of tourism heavyweights

Big [pharma takes a second look at Ukraine](#). Swiss companies make moves as corruption cleanup takes hold.

[Telecom Satellite: Can Ukraine Get It Up in 2017?](#)

In era of Russian hacking, satellite sits in storage in Siberia, pending launch from Russian cosmodrome.

[Lviv to host half a million tourists in January](#). With 2.6 million tourists in 2016, Lviv is joining Krakow and Prague in Eastern Europe's club of tourism heavyweights.

IT weekly overview: the year has only started and [Ukrainian tech world has been shaken by several stories](#). Is EX.UA back again? Is a new app for learning Ukrainian language and culture as good as it's said to be?

The Ukrainian tech world had a lot to discuss in 2016, namely, being proud of numerous [startups that made the globe talk about Ukraine](#).

[Wizz Air continues to expand](#) in Kyiv.

Left: American photographer documents [life of a Carpathian village](#).

Right: When virtual art becomes real: Ukrainian [artist creates unique 3D flower](#).



History of pottery in Ukraine

FC Dynamo Kyiv launches Ukraine's first eFootball team

[FC Dynamo Kyiv launches Ukraine's first eFootball team](#), following in the footsteps of other European clubs.

[Religion in Ukraine: history, traditions, beliefs](#). Orthodox Christianity is the main religion in

Ukraine observed by approximately 75 per cent of people, followed by Catholicism (23 %).

History of [pottery in Ukraine](#). First potteries found in Ukraine belonged to Trypillian culture (about 2000 year BC).

Left: Incredible [show of Ukrainian athletes in Georgia](#) (video)

Right: Kobza. [Ukrainian traditional instruments](#).



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