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UN confirms Russia is an occupying power in Crimea

Are Western sanctions against Russia efficient?

[UN resolution on Crimea confirms Russia is an occupying power](#), brings 10 important changes for Ukraine.

[Crimea de-occupation should be next step](#) following UN resolution, - Ukrainian Foreign Ministry.

The [European Union has formally prolonged economic sanctions against Russia for six months](#) over Moscow's aggressive actions in Ukraine.

[Are Western sanctions against Russia efficient?](#)

Ivan Us, expert at the Foreign Policy Council "Ukrainian Prism".

Ukrainian [PM's aide detained on suspicion of being Russian spy](#). Yezhov nabbed on espionage charges [spotted at meetings with Trudeau, McCain, May](#).

[Tusk, Power](#).

English [court orders worldwide arrest of assets of Privatbank ex-owners](#) Kolomoiskyi and Bogolyubov.

[Siemens concludes major deal in Russia](#), despite Crimean scandal.

British intelligence report confirms [Russian military origin of MH17 murder weapon](#).

[StopFake #163](#) with Marko Suprun. Fakes: UN fabricating human rights violations in Crimea; Europe accuses Ukraine of flooding the EU with heroin; UN demands Ukraine recognize occupied territory documents.

Left: "[Carol of the Bells](#)" - A Ukrainian composer's gift to the world of Christmas music

Right: Main [Christmas trees](#) from all the regions of Ukraine.



Ukraine 2017: Breaking vicious cycle?

Ukraine's oligarchs still control the media

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Ukraine's [banking sector recovering but there's a long road ahead](#): analysis.

[Three years of reforms](#). Has Ukraine reformed enough for surviving.

[Threats to democracy and security](#) in Moldova and Ukraine.

A one-trick pony? What, ultimately, is the [essence and the purpose of Oleh Liashko](#), the leader of the modern radicals?

[New players, same broken game](#). What explains the tug-o-war between various enforcement agencies in Ukraine.

Ukraine's [oligarchs still control the media](#). Will anyone ever challenge them?

Chief of Russia's [FSB: Stalin-era repressions were largely justified](#).

[Economic freedom for Ukraine](#). The state's interference in the economy has been too strong.

Major prisoner exchange to take place December 27th 2017 deadliest year in Ukraine conflict

[Another ceasefire begins in Donbas](#) after pullout of Russian observers followed by escalation.

Dec 24. [Ukrainian soldier killed by enemy sniper](#) in Donbas on first day of "Christmas truce"

Dec 25. Russian [proxies attack six times despite](#) the recently agreed holiday ceasefire.

[Russians abandon the Joint Center on Control and Coordination in Donbas](#) – why, what for, and what's next?

U.S. envoy says [2017 deadliest year in Ukraine conflict](#), warns of spiking violence.

Ukrainian authorities and Russia-backed separatists have [agreed on a major prisoner exchange](#) that will take place on December 27.

Russian militants cynically [“greeted” residents of Novoluhanske with Grad rockets on St. Nicholas Day](#). [Restoring Ukraine's frontline village](#) damaged

in Russian-backed attack of Dec 19. (Video).

The [United States says it will provide Ukraine with "enhanced defensive capabilities"](#) to help it "deter further aggression," a move that deepens U.S. involvement and prompted an angry rebuke from the Kremlin as Kyiv battles Russia-backed separatists in eastern Ukraine.

Ukraine's [‘Sparrow-LE’ drone](#) soars to new heights. The drone is meant to be used for surveillance.

[Russian spy Pavlenko sentenced to 14 years](#) in jail for high treason.

[Biometric passport control for Russians to be introduced earlier](#) than planned, from Dec 27.

OSCE: [“Humanitarian aid from Russia” arrived](#) to Donbas.

Improving the mixed [fortunes of Ukraine’s 1.7 million war-displaced](#).

Left: A year of Russian propaganda: [1310 cases of Russian fakes](#) debunked by EU watchdog.
Right: Here's one way [Ukraine can hold Russia accountable](#) now.



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[Ukraine’s ex-Prime Minister briefly detained](#) as Russia continues its “most falsified Ukrainian political trial”,

[Sushchenko awarded Sakharov Order](#) for Courage.

Chilling details of [how Russia-backed Donbas ‘republic’ instills terror](#).

Naftogaz wins gas sales arbitration case against Gazprom

Suspended sentence for the savage murder of Maidan journalist

Week's balance: easing for businesses, hryvnia drop, and slap in Gazprom's face in Stockholm.

In order to create powerful IT products, Ukraine needs a legislative overhaul.

Week's milestones. Prime Minister Volodymyr Groysman summed up the government's work this year against the backdrop of an espionage scandal. The Verkhovna Rada showed no rush with considering the Donbas reintegration bill amid the latest escalation on the ground. Ex-Georgian president Mikheil Saakashvili slowed down the pace of his current political efforts in Ukraine.

Canada will help Ukraine's Cabinet implement world standards of strategic planning.

Ukraine's Health Ministry opens up previously banned 450 professions for women.

Naftogaz wins gas sales arbitration case against

Gazprom on all issues in dispute.

Introducing the Turkish banker overseeing the PrivatBank transition.

Ukraine unveils first nuclear waste processing facility.

Infrastructure upgrade to boost Ukraine's role in building Silk Road, says Ukrainian Prime Minister Volodymyr Groysman.

Suspended sentence for the savage murder of Maidan journalist Viacheslav Veremiy.



Cafe-chocolaterie run by IDP family boosts social life in Mariupol.

How one IT company is helping Ukraine's war veterans

Will the Ukrainian diaspora invest in Ukraine tech?

From combat to coding: how one IT company is helping Ukraine's war veterans.

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Will this data company become Kyiv's next global IT success story? Data analytics company .io technologies looks to build on burgeoning international reputation

Ukrainian [history of the Carol of the Bells](#)



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Ottoman imperial history.

[Lviv Diary](#): Philippe Sands on law, music and a city of history.

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[Roxolana](#): The remarkable sixteenth century Ukrainian woman who changed the course of

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