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After 2 years, Nadiya Savchenko comes home to Ukraine Documents emerge on Party of Regions' \$2 billion graft scheme

Former [NATO Chief Rasmussen named Poroshenko adviser](#). Ukraine [gains key ally](#) while further frustrating Russia.

“[One Ukrainian woman is worth two Russian men](#),” commentators noted as Savchenko was returned to Ukraine and Russian military intelligence officers Aleksandrov and Yerofeyev to Russia.

[Nadiya Savchenko open to running for President](#). From her first minutes back on home Ukrainian soil, defiant pilot Savchenko showed [disdain for Ukraine's top politicians as well as Russian leaders](#).

Ex-President Viktor [Yanukovych's Party of Regions paid roughly \\$2 billion in cash to bribe](#) both former and incumbent top officials, says Viktor Trepak, an ex-deputy head of the Security Service of Ukraine.

Chief [Rabbi of Ukraine: The world must not ignore the suffering of the Crimean Tatars](#) the way it once ignored ours.

Visegrad Four Defense Ministers agree that [NATO should strengthen its eastern flank](#).

[Ukrainian-Polish-Lithuanian Parliamentary Assembly](#) meeting to start in Kyiv. Ukraine's security in terms of Russia's invasion in the eastern regions tops the agenda.

[Estonia calls for missile shield](#) deployment to deter Russian aggression.

[Japan will provide \\$2.6 million for Ukrainian children](#) who have suffered because of the Russian aggression in eastern Ukraine.

France's Foreign Ministry has confirmed that [Paris granted an entry visa to Russia's Agriculture Minister Aleksandr Tkachev](#), despite his appearance on the EU sanctions blacklist imposed in response to Moscow's illegal annexation of Crimea in 2014.

Kremlin [trols attack the NATO summit, E.U. sanctions](#) and Jamala's victory at Eurovision.

[Ghosts of MH17](#). The fallout from the senseless deaths of 298 people is not going away. Sooner or later, Vladimir Putin and his cronies will need to answer for their actions.

Left: [Nadiya Savchenko was greeted as a heroine](#) in Ukraine's capital.

Right: [5,000 bicyclists gathered in Kharkiv](#) on May 29 to form the shape of Mirror Stream fountain, a city symbol.



Reforms, re-election and the fate of PM Groysman

Why do Ukrainians want to be in Europe?

Mychailo Wynnyckyj: [Savchenko and the coming autumn](#).

Will Ukraine's Prime Minister [Groysman become yet another "Political Kamikaze"?](#)

Savchenko's release signals [Putin's fall to Earth](#).

Why do [Ukrainians want to be in Europe?](#)

Stolen Peninsula. [Truth about Ukrainian Crimea](#).

[Election in the occupied Donbas](#) is nothing more than a slogan used at the Minsk negotiations. There are no real tools available today to make it happen.

After two very hard years, [it looks like 2016 may be Ukraine's year of stabilization and recovery](#).

S. Kvit: [Battlefront of Civilizations: Education](#) in Ukraine.

[The wars of Vladimir Putin](#). Timothy Snyder.

Russia-backed militants use heavy weapons

Russia is reinforcing military air forces in occupied Crimea

May 30. Three Ukrainian servicemen killed in action, eight wounded. Russia-backed [militants use heavy weapons](#) in half of the attacks.

May 29. Tensest situation reported at Avdiivka. Militants' sabotage and reconnaissance unit (SRU) [attempted to intrude into Ukrainian soldiers' positions](#) near Novoselivka. Increased militant shelling in eastern Ukraine brings new casualties. [Five Ukrainian soldiers reported killed](#) in last day.

May 24-25. Eight [Russian servicemen killed](#) and 20 wounded. [Ukraine army suffered big losses](#) at the hands of Russian/rebel troops – 7 killed and 9 wounded on May 24.

OSCE Chief Monitor to Ukraine [condemns violence against Special Monitoring Mission](#) in the east.

Birth of Cyborgs: Two years since [heroic defense of Donetsk International Airport](#) started.

Russia positioned on Ukraine's border [16 battalion and 8 tactical groups numbering 34,600](#) servicemen.

Moscow spy services said deploying [Russian criminal world against Ukraine](#).

[Russia is reinforcing military air forces and increasing stocks of nuclear weapons](#) in occupied Crimea.

[I will never return to Donetsk](#)'. Conflict reduces one woman's life to rubble.

Mourners on Maidan bid [farewell to "Uncle Kolya" and "Raven"](#).

[3D implant for Ukraine's war veteran](#). Polish medics perform first-of-a-kind surgery in Ukraine.

[Art project to help internally displaced people](#) in Ukraine.

[Boy who lost legs in grenade blast walking](#) again. 12-year-old Mykola Nyzhnykovskyyi is being rehabilitated in Canada.

"Will you return to Donbas? - No," - conversation with [Russian GRU officers before swap](#).

Ex-militant leader launches [movement on 'Ukraine and Belarus returning to Russia'](#).

Left: Crimean [schoolers wear Ukrainian and Crimean Tatar symbols](#) at "last bell ringing" ceremony.

Right: [Crimean Tatar woman murdered](#) on Russia-occupied peninsula. Authorities say the killing was not ethnically motivated.



7,000 Ukrainian citizens are kept in Russian jails

'There's just no money. But you take care!'

What the special mission of the [Council of Europe "didn't notice" in occupied Crimea](#).

Medvedev's awkward Crimea moment: '[There's just no money](#). But you take care!' [Crimea will always be taken care of on a residual basis](#). By and large, it is only a common military base with beaches where you can also sunbathe.

Russia [shortens budget costs for occupied Crimea](#).

Crimean Tatar [activist Ervin Ibragimov has gone missing](#).

Ukrainian [hostages convicted in Grozny](#): Karpiuk gets 22 ½ years, Klykh - 20 years.

Savchenko discussed [liberation of prisoners with UN Assistant Secretary-General Šimonović](#).

[7,000 Ukrainian citizens are kept in Russian jails](#) - Ukraine's Foreign Ministry.

Crimean Tatar [World Congress member abducted](#) in occupied Crimea.

[Crimean prisoner slashes his throat](#) in court room in protest at forced Russian citizenship.

Government approves priority action plan for 2016

Families of killed Euromaidan protesters given new hope

Government [approves priority action plan for 2016](#).

Ukrainian activists from the Reanimation Package of Reforms are calling on the country's Parliament to support a bill that would do away with a shameful Ukrainian 23-year [old legacy of MPs voting for/instead of their colleagues](#).

New prosecutor general gives [hope to families of killed Euromaidan protesters](#).

[Judicial system is last obstacle to fight against corruption and crime](#), prosecutor general.

[Crime boss Yuriy Ivaniushchenko has been removed from Interpol's wanted list](#) thanks to a ruling by the Dniprovskiyi court of Kyiv and the shameful inaction of other Ukrainian authorities.

NABU launches [probe into allegations of "black accounts" of Party of Regions](#).

Leszek Balcerowicz, Ukrainian President Poroshenko representative in the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, believes that [Ukraine has conducted the largest possible number of reforms over the last two years](#).

iMoRe 35: [contradictory reforms](#): odious law on the Prosecutor General's office and contested opening

of air transportation market.

Union [week's balance](#): Cabinet action plan, forex easing, and withdrawal of banks.

[Removing barriers to women](#) in the Ukrainian armed forces.

[Ukraine files defense to claim on 'Yanukovich's debt'](#) with English High Court of Justice.

Ukraine's former Finance Minister [Natalie Jaresko heads supervisory board of the Aspen Institute](#) Kyiv.

Ukraine's ['you invaded us' debt non-payment defense](#) for \$3bn loan owed to Russia.

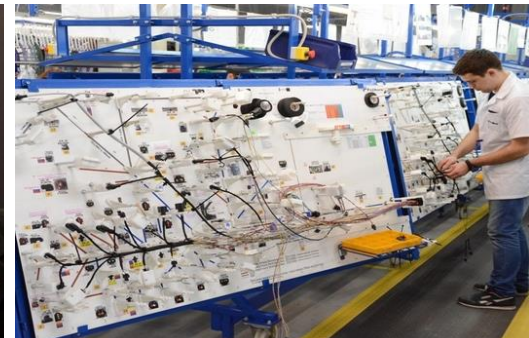
Large, medium-sized enterprises in Ukraine [reduce loss by 6.6 times](#).

Protecting Ukrainian [forests: illegal felling](#) discovered in Carpathian Mountains.

The news that [UN anti-torture monitors had been forced to suspend a visit to Ukraine](#) due to obstruction from Ukraine's Security Service (SBU) has elicited outrage and consternation.

Left: Ukrainian [MarsHopper won NASA Space Apps Challenge](#).

Right: Fujikura cable production and 9 other [young production facilities](#) in Ukraine



What prevents Ukrainians from building business?

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Ukraine [may gain 10-13 positions in Doing Business rating](#) next year.

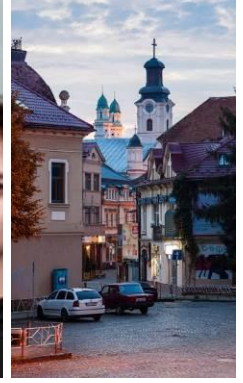
[10 international organizations are ready to provide financial assistance to Ukrainian SMEs](#). Only 5% of Ukrainian export-oriented companies know about these opportunities.

1st Vice President of Antonov: The world has not yet produced anything [better than Ruslan and Mriya](#).

[Ukrainian studio Radioactive Film credited for Coldplay video](#). Part of the viral music video was shot in Kyiv.

Left: Rock band SINOPTIK (Donetsk) wins final of the [Global Battle of the Bands](#) (GBOB) in Berlin.

Right: Uzhgorod. [Top 5 cities to visit](#). Belgium - based travel blogger P.Fedykovich



Albert Bandura receives National Medal of Science (USA)

Ukrainian athletes won triumphantly in German marathon

[Lviv enters top-10 list](#) of European tourist attractions.

“[Fairytale Kyiv](#)” project depicts history of the capital in 30 photos based on famous fairy tales.

Ukrainian [athletes won triumphantly in German marathon](#) in Mainz with the men taking all top three and the women capturing 1st and 2nd places.

Ukrainian [gymnast on vault wins gold, silver at European Championship](#) in Bern.

'[Cultural decentralization](#)' is already happening throughout Ukraine.

[Luhansk theatre continues performing](#) against all odds.

President Obama presented eminent [psychological scientist Albert Bandura with the National Medal of Science](#).

[65 years of happiness](#). Ukrainian couple says they're just as in love today as on the day of their wedding.

[Romantic open-air museum](#) in Dnipro.

[Kyiv marks Kyiv Days](#) with a Vyshyvanka parade, sailing races, and a bike ride.

Left: [Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve](#) is home to over 5,500 flora and fauna species.

Right: Ukrainian [female cyclists to complete all stages of Tour de France](#). The men-only competition may change its status.



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