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Election results give clear mandate to pro-European forces In Eastern Ukraine 300 people killed in 10 days despite cease fire

For the first time in its young history as an independent state, the Ukrainian government is now one overwhelmingly composed of figures oriented towards a Western future. This is what most scares Vladimir Putin, who is unlikely to relent in his efforts to render the country a failed state for having the audacity to move out of Russia's orbit. Now, more than ever, Ukraine needs the help of those who profess to stand for the ideals of freedom and democracy. <http://goo.gl/IERYVd>

For nearly 10 million voters, the Oct. 26 parliamentary elections became the day when they gave a clear mandate to pro-European political forces. <http://goo.gl/Lfxfi2>

Elections likely to increase instability in Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/WkdEX2>

Petro Poroshenko's Bloc will support Arseniy Yatseniuk's candidacy for the post of Prime Minister of the new coalition government. <http://goo.gl/taoKTj>

The United Nations says that more than 4,000 people have been killed in clashes in eastern Ukraine between the government forces and pro-Russian separatists. 300 people were killed just in the last 10 days despite a cease-fire agreed to in early September. <http://goo.gl/mXm8xj>

In March 2014, 74% of Russians, according to a survey by Russian think tank Levada-Center, approved of the direct participation of a Russian military intervention in Ukraine. This number has now fallen by more than half to about 30%. <http://goo.gl/zQzWIL>

Estonia for Ukraine: fundraising concerts raised over €200,000. The charity concerts held in Estonia last week raised money to buy first-aid kits for Ukraine, as well as a piano for the children of Sloviansk. <http://goo.gl/gNgJzN>

The EU must know the truth about the price Ukraine is paying for independence. <http://goo.gl/ZglRXQ>



Russian actor wearing 'PRESS' gear shoots at Ukrainian forces at Donetsk airport

The Ukrainian State Security Service has initiated criminal proceedings against Russian film actor Mikhail Porechenkov. The actor was pictured at Donetsk airport shooting at Ukrainian units from a terrorist's position. Porechenkov was wearing a "PRESS" helmet, an act which drew protest from the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media. <http://goo.gl/25tV5B>

Ukrainian TV channel ICTV stopped broadcasting a movie series featuring Porechenkov. (Ukr)

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Putin's next moves in Ukraine won't be pretty. <http://goo.gl/GYezt4>

Putin plans to escalate the conflict in Ukraine after Donetsk and Luhansk "elections". <http://goo.gl/k0KxqF>

Ukraine's Ministry of Health: diagnosis of chronic corruption. <http://goo.gl/Q32OZn>

Russians re-write history to slur Ukraine over war. Vladimir Putin has turned the idea of fascism into a political tool, and now Russian historians are adapting to the Kremlin line. <http://goo.gl/uQWRdr>

Russia begins large-scale recall of soldiers on leave In Donbas Russian irregulars are fortifying artillery systems

Dmytro Tymchuk: Military updates from Nov 3, 2014
<http://goo.gl/3KNyDj>

Nov. 1. The situation in the eastern regions of Ukraine
<http://goo.gl/YGs94s>

L.A. Times correspondent Sergei Loiko: "What I've seen at Donetsk airport I haven't seen in any war." Read more at <http://goo.gl/TcGXlp>

From the lips of a "Cyborg": "The war changes you".
<http://goo.gl/IpGIq8>

Terrorists have been increasing their reconnaissance activity and their attacks on Ukrainian military positions in Donbas, especially in south Donetsk.
<http://uacrisis.org/rnbo-99/>

In Russia, a large-scale recall of soldiers from leave has begun, while in Donbas the terrorists are fortifying their artillery systems.

31.10. Russian army command ordered to urgently paralyze roads in the direction of Mariupol. Russian attack is possible in this direction. <http://goo.gl/uvBjbf>

The fourth Russian humanitarian convoy has crossed the border. Ukrainian customs officers did not conduct customs clearance. <http://goo.gl/2KSp9v>

Why is Ukraine holding on to Donetsk airport?
<http://goo.gl/ePy6yj>

Video of tank battle at Donetsk airport. (Ukr)
<http://goo.gl/fjXeZo>

Soldiers set out to defend Donetsk airport with prayers.
<http://goo.gl/Qt7pni>

Civilian doctors as a target for Russia-backed terrorists. Killings of medical staff, theft of medicines and ambulances in the occupied territories of Eastern Ukraine.
<http://goo.gl/gOI0bM>



Fake monitors "observe" fake elections in Donbas The 'Tribunal' in Donbas votes for the death penalty

Voting has begun in controversial elections in parts of Eastern Ukraine controlled by pro-Russian separatists.
<http://goo.gl/y68x96>

An 'election' amid Kalashnikovs, cabbages and Moscow's fascist fans. <http://goo.gl/WpmC1a>

Russian Foreign Affairs Minister Sergey Lavrov: Moscow will acknowledge the results of the November 2nd elections which will be held on parts of the territories of Luhansk and Donetsk oblasts. These regions are controlled by Russian irregulars. <http://goo.gl/Los02C>

A prelude to a farce: Prearranged ballots for Kremlin-backed breakaway regions. <http://goo.gl/Rmqa9G>

Fake monitors "observe" fake elections in Donbas.
<http://goo.gl/OcQiOH>

OSCE refutes Russian news claims that it has observers in Donbas 'election'. <http://goo.gl/Mq2hsN>

As pointed out in the UN High commissioner's report, more than 5 million inhabitants of the regions directly affected by the conflict cannot enjoy their basic rights. During these six months they have been deprived of their basic right to education, health care, housing and the opportunity to earn a living. <http://goo.gl/BS9zSi>

The 'Tribunal' in Donbas votes for the death penalty.
<http://goo.gl/UYXkY8>

Russia's censor Roskonnadzor has accused a radio station of 'extremism' and claims that the material on Ukrainian soldiers' defense of Donetsk airport 'justifies war crimes'. A second such warning could mean the station being stripped of its licence. <http://goo.gl/cEUBKO>

Friends for Now: Can Poroshenko, Yatsenyuk work together?

Significant number of ‘new’ MPs voted for Jan 16 dictatorial laws

Ukraine’s next government will be a pro-European coalition built across several political parties, with President Petro Poroshenko likely to rely on his alliance with a strengthened Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk. <http://goo.gl/2vhiju>

Along with a clear pro-European mandate, the newly elected parliament so far appears to be the least captive to oligarchic interests, which for years remained intensely allergic to outside competition. <http://goo.gl/xEtoJR>

The question on many minds after the election is whether the winners of the Oct. 26 election will be able to work together and advance a reform agenda to overhaul Ukraine’s fragile democracy and economy. <http://goo.gl/VJEJrQ>

Two days after Ukraine’s Oct. 26 parliamentary election Arseniy Yatsenyuk’s party People’s Front is nearly tied with the Petro Poroshenko Bloc with the parties receiving 22.17 percent and 21.81 percent, respectively, with 99 percent of the vote counted. <http://goo.gl/guHEIQ>

Despite active campaigning to ensure that voters knew which MPs voted for the January laws aimed at crushing peaceful protest, freedom of speech and civil society in general, it is believed that around 65 MPs who voted for them have been re-elected. <http://goo.gl/aQKy19>

Members of the Crimean Tatar Mejlis have expressed disillusionment over the failure by Ukrainian political parties to ensure that Crimean Tatars are represented in the new Ukrainian parliament. <http://goo.gl/IAuJs7>

“For the first time in the last 17 years a conceptual normative act has been adopted on police reform, and one that was drawn up by the human rights community!”. On Oct 22 Ukraine’s Cabinet of Ministers adopted a Police Reform Development Strategy drawn up by the Kharkiv Human Rights Group and the Centre of Law Enforcement Research. <http://goo.gl/VPMKad>

President Poroshenko continued to fulfil lustration legislation and dismissed 30 local administration heads from different regions. <http://goo.gl/BJSOHt>

Ukraine, Russia and the EU reached a temporary agreement on the price and conditions of the gas supply to Ukraine. This agreement will allow Ukraine and the EU to secure energy supplies for this winter. <http://goo.gl/Iluh11>

EuroMaidan activists complain about low salaries for members of parliament. Mustafa Nayyem, a newly elected member of parliament and one of Ukraine’s most famous journalists, put the spotlight on low salaries for public service as an invitation to corruption. <http://goo.gl/BouhUf>

Figures released by the State Statistics Service on Oct. 30 reveal that Ukraine’s economic decline in the third quarter was 5.1 percent in year-on-year terms, compared to 4.6 percent in the second quarter, amid war with Russia in the easternmost oblasts of Donetsk and Luhansk. <http://goo.gl/Vpc46y>

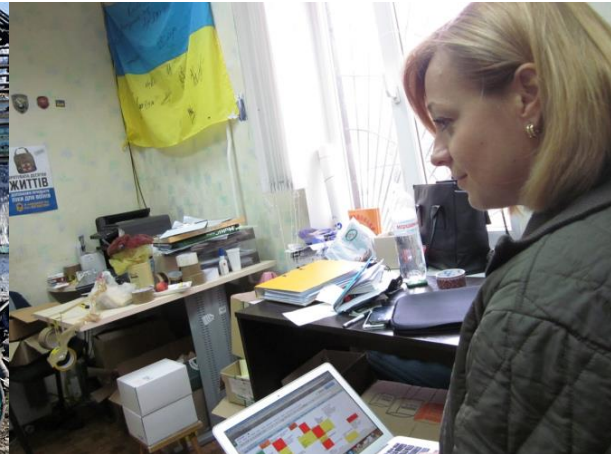
Almost 1.8 hectares of the former State residence and grounds at Mezhyhirya illegally privatized by Viktor Yanukovich has been restored to public ownership. <http://goo.gl/sm8TFB>

Left: Residents in buffer zone of Donbas feel abandoned.

<http://goo.gl/P3fx0E>

Right: Volunteers dedicated to serving Ukrainian troops.

<http://goo.gl/b8Bqs1>



Left: Girl sings anthem of Ukraine surrounded by people in a Kramatorsk supermarket (the city was held by Russian irregulars during the summer). VIDEO <http://goo.gl/ZXou5Y>
Right: Photo by 20-year-old Kyiv student and freelance photographer who interned at the Kyiv Post and who wants to explore how long-serving expatriates live in Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/V6vZVB>



Ukraine names suspects in Nadiya Savchenko's abduction

Russia's Investigative Committee is planning to charge Nadiya Savchenko, the Ukrainian pilot captured by Kremlin-backed militants and then taken by force to Russia, with "illegally crossing the border". <http://goo.gl/CdJ9Na>

Chief suspects in the abduction of Nadiya Savchenko have been named. <http://goo.gl/VOMYFh>

The Prosecutor's announcement follows the news that the Ukrainian pilot had recognized Ihor Plotnytsky, now

leader of the self-proclaimed Luhansk People's Republic, as one of the Kremlin-backed militants who took her hostage in mid-June. <http://goo.gl/1LQn4O>

Crimean Tatar activists jailed: Closed court and bizarre charges. <http://goo.gl/8DzoVG>

Hypocrisy in Crimea: Ukrainian national costumes at the opening of a Russian automobile showroom. <http://goo.gl/5UZMOY>

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