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## EuroMaidan Newsletter # 238

### Five more countries join Russia sanctions over Crimea

#### Murder of journalist Pavel Sheremet still unsolved two years on

EU to [add six Russian entities to sanctions list over Kerch](#) bridge.

[Five more countries join EU sanctions](#) over occupation of Crimea.

Ukraine: [Russia ignoring International court order](#), fails to lift its ban on the Mejlis.

With Trump by his side, [Putin admits Russia staged the 'referendum' to annex Crimea](#).

Putin's [post-summit interview lies won't save Trump](#).

U.S. announces [\\$200 million in new security aid](#) to Ukraine.

Only [four countries \(Germany, Austria, the Netherlands and Belgium\) do not support Ukraine's](#)

[position](#) against the construction of Nord Stream 2.

'[Murderers not found](#)' two years after journalist Sheremet killed in Kyiv.

Poroshenko signs [laws on international cooperation on MH17 disaster](#).

Four years on, [Russian MH17 disinformation campaign still going strong](#).

[Russia meddled in U.S. elections via Facebook](#), Zuckerberg confirms. The perpetrators were hackers from Russia's GRU, military intelligence agency.

A task force to [counteract Russian cyberattacks has been created in the US](#).

Left: Up to 86% of [Black Sea Cossacks in Kuban region were Ukrainian in 1920s](#).

Right: [Fabricated treason and espionage cases](#) prop Putin up in power.



### Support for pro-Moscow candidates Putin's "final stake".

#### Freedom, not Free-for-all: myth of lawlessness and sense of responsibility

[US policy towards Ukraine has not changed](#).

[The greatest danger in Helsinki](#): new 'secret protocols' or simply 'understandings'.

Putin's [vision and goals make any serious agreement with him impossible](#).

[Trump has helped Kremlin leader destroy post-1945 world](#).

Moscow celebrates [another disgraceful American concession](#) after Helsinki.

Kyiv must [denounce 2004 Azov Sea accord with Russia](#) now.

[Who's most at risk of assassination](#) by Putin's siloviki?

[Support for pro-Moscow candidates in upcoming elections Putin's "final stake"](#). Putin sought to take

control over the whole of Ukraine – Piontkovsky said.

Expert names [Putin's three main goals in Ukraine](#).

A "Smuggler Hub" or honest work? [How have Russian counter-sanctions impacted Belarusian exports and imports?](#)

[In search of the national bourgeoisie](#). Can the middle class drive Ukraine's independence and development?

Freedom, not Free-for-all. How the [myth that Ukrainians are inclined towards lawlessness is used against them](#) and why a sense of responsibility to your own people is so important.

[Stalin frequently modified Russia's borders](#), adding and subtracting territory, Butakov says.

## Ukrainian military finalizing Canadian sniper rifles deal 3 months and no response from Moscow to Kyiv's prisoner swap proposals

It's been three months, and Moscow has [not responded to Kyiv's proposals on prisoner swap](#).

[Saboteur stopped short of blowing up train](#) with army supplies in Ukraine.

SBU counterintelligence [apprehends "procurement officer"](#) in charge of hardware, ammunition supplies to Russian militants in Donbas.

Deterring Putin: Ukrainian [military finalizing Canadian sniper rifles deal](#).

[Russia continues to militarize occupied Crimea](#), placing large military contingent and redeploying huge number of military equipment and missiles.

[Marines eliminate Russian mercenary](#) near Mariupol.

Ukrainian [fleet may be able to defend country in 2020s but can't now](#), Zhirokhov says.

[Is Russia preparing to attack Mariupol](#) by blockading Ukrainian Azov Sea ports?

Left: [Unpublished photos of ruined Donetsk airport](#) shared on social media.  
Right: [Children terrorized in Russian-occupied Crimea](#). Then they come again.



## Russian occupiers in Crimea increasingly targeting women and children Moscow's integration of Donbas from below—via Russian regions—accelerates

About [70 Ukrainian political prisoners are being held in Russia](#) and in Russian-occupied Crimea. Three of them are on hunger strike.

Russian occupiers in Crimea [increasingly targeting women and children](#).

[66 unlawful raids and 98 arrests recorded in Crimea](#) in last six months.

[Moscow's integration of Donbas](#) from below—via Russian regions—accelerates.

[Sentsov won't end hunger strike](#). Kremlin-held political prisoner Oleg Sentsov was visited by his lawyer, who said that Sentsov's health is deteriorating.

[Balukh's mother not going to ask Putin to pardon her son](#) as it would mean admitting his guilt.

[Four month ago, Volodymyr Balukh announced](#)

[indefinite hunger strike](#). There are fears that Balukh will starve to death.

Crimean Tatar, [jailed on fake extremism charges, refuses to be cowered into silence](#).

[Booking.com excludes booking accommodations](#) in Crimea.

A [court in Russia halted the trial of 20-year-old Pavlo Hryb charged with abetting terrorism](#) shortly after it got under way, sending the case back for additional investigation.

["I do not plead guilty,"](#) - Pavlo Hryb, in Russian court.

Ukraine to impose [sanctions against media illegally broadcasting](#) in Crimea.

All [faiths outside the Moscow Patriarchate under fire](#) in Russia-backed Donbas 'republics'.

## Ukraine's anti-corruption institutions divorce to what effect

### School reform law ratified

Week's balance: gas talks in Berlin, offensive on smugglers, barriers in economy.

Two years after journalist Sheremet's murder, news on Nord Stream 2, victory of Oleksandr Usyk and more – [Weekly Update on Ukraine #66](#), July 17 – 23.

Divorce of Ukrainian anti-corruption institutions: will it affect the investigations against top-corrupts?

NABU completes [investigation against Odesa Mayor Trukhanov](#).

Ukrainian [anticorruption activist suffers chemical burns after attack](#) with green liquid.

Poroshenko [ratifies law on school reform](#). Finland will allocate \$7 million to Ukraine to support the project.

[No settlement agreement can be reached with](#)

[Gazprom on existing Stockholm Arbitration rulings](#), Naftohaz CCO Vitrenko says.

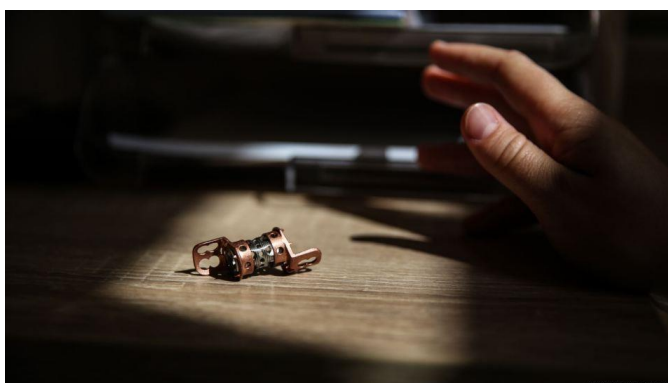
[Sweden to invest \\$1.7 mln in development of IT-schools](#) in Ukraine.

Public health: meeting the challenge of evidence-informed policy in Ukraine.

UAH 6,659, 11,951 and 7,451 (the equivalent of \$256, \$450 and \$280) – this is what an average Ukrainian sees as the [desired subsistence, average wage and pension across Ukraine](#), according to SOCIS, a sociology center. According to the State Statistics Bureau, the real numbers are UAH 1,777, 8,725 and 2,479 respectively, or around \$68, \$335 and \$95.

Ukrainian neo-Nazi C14 activist [under house arrest over violent attack on Roma camp](#).

Ukrainian neurosurgeon develops unique [implant for treating neck trauma](#).



## Two public-private funds to support tech startup financing

### Ukrainian neurosurgeon develops unique implant for treating neck

Two [new public-private funds to support tech startup](#) financing in Ukraine.

[Polish Industrial Development Agency buys back two enterprises](#) from Ukrainian businessman Taruta.

Antonov - the first step in opening the Ukrainian defense industry to investment and cooperation. [Business week July 16-22](#).



Left: [Ukrainian boxer Usyk defeats Russia's Gassiev in Moscow](#) bout. He is now the undisputed cruiserweight champion. Right: The forgotten [boot scrapers of Lviv](#)



## Cossack traditions, summer camp in modern Ukraine

### Ancient milk technique waterproofs ceramics

Film about war in Donbas wins [prize at Melbourne Documentary Film Festival](#).

[Lesya Ukrainka - Ukrainian Romantic era poet](#) remains virtually unknown outside of Ukraine. Seattle might soon change this!

Using [ancient milk technique for ceramics](#). Before the invention of glaze, milk was used to make ceramics water-resistant.

[Cossack Summer Camp](#). Children live in tents and learn Cossack martial arts and survival skills.

[Cossack traditions in modern Ukraine](#).

[Zofia Batycka](#): the Lvivian who became Miss Polonia and a famous film actress.

Reply of the [Zaporozhian Cossacks to Sultan Mehmed IV](#) of the Ottoman Empire by Peter Capaldi. (mural painting below)

Left: Plein Air Fest and [Cossacks Mural Honor Repin](#). (letter audio above)  
Right: A sculptor from Lviv used his skills to craft himself an otherwise unattainable musical instrument: the [hurdy-gurdy, a popular instrument in Ukraine](#) in the 16th through the 18th century.



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