



# CIVIC SECTOR OF EUROMAIDAN GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT

## EuroMaidan Newsletter # 190

### Russia's drills near NATO border raise fears of aggression Hearings on ethnic discrimination in Crimea began in Geneva

US [sanctions against Russia renewed and reinforced](#).

The U.S. Defense Department has [recommended sending a package of lethal defensive military aid](#) to Ukraine worth about \$50 million.

[Russia's drills near NATO border](#) raise fears of aggression. Russia is preparing to send as many as 100,000 troops to the eastern edge of NATO territory at the end of the summer.

[Latvia expects provocations during West-2017](#) the West-2017 Russian-Belarusian military exercises.

Hearings [on ethnic discrimination in Crimea began in Geneva](#).

The EU imposes new [sanctions over Siemens turbines delivery to occupied Crimea](#).

[US launches website for tracking Russia-backed fakes](#) and propaganda on Twitter.

How [Russia is using LinkedIn as a tool of war](#) against its US enemies.

Left: Kyiv Economic Court of Appeal issued a ruling that [returns the Mezhyhirya estate, formerly owned by Yanukovich, to state ownership](#).

Right: In Eastern Ukraine, a [struggle for survival in the crossfire of a little-seen war](#). Vika, 10, and her grandmother, Valentina Pleshkova, 54



### Failed new Supreme Court sign of democracy in trouble Sanctions may result in coup at the Kremlin

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“[Putin's three greatest 'achievements' – unifying Ukraine, the US and the West](#)” and other neglected Russian stories.

Why the [Hybrid Cold War with Russia will be won and lost in Ukraine](#).

[Why Ukraine needs lethal weapons](#). The Pentagon's recommendation to supply lethal weapons to Ukraine

is a serious turning point in the US approach to settling a crisis.

Activists: with [failed new Supreme Court](#), we can “forget about democracy and justice” in Ukraine.

Ukraine's progress [depends on ending oligarch-dominated clan culture](#).

[Panama Papers first strike against Putin's corruption](#) – U.S.-based strategic analyst Eric Garland.

## OSCE spots militants hiding mortar in residential areas

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Aug 7. Russian hybrid troops [trying to break through Ukraine defence near Bakhmutka](#) highway.

OSCE spots [militants hiding mortar in residential areas](#).

Aug 6. [Militants mortar Avdiivka all day](#) long.

Ukraine's [infantry forced to advance in Svitlodarsk area](#) due to constant Russian provocations.

Survey results: Most of [Donbas residents feel that they are citizens of Ukraine](#).

Another [hacker attack in Ukraine expected on Independence Day, Aug. 24](#), - Head of Cyberpolice Demediuk.

[Protest moods are growing](#) among residents of the occupied town of Sedove in Novoazovsk district,

Donetsk region, because of the actions of militants.

Released [killer of Ukrainian schoolboy Chubenko Pogodin linked to terrorist attack on MH17](#), - Novaya Gazeta.

Ukraine's SBU charges journalist with 'treason' over [anti-Ukrainian publications for Russia Today](#).

Leaked: [Russian lieutenant-colonel corresponding about FSB](#), PMCs and cleanup operations in Donbas. The open-source organization InformNapalm looks at some of the insider data retrieved by Ukrainian hackers.

"[Donbas vacation](#)" – how Putin ruined the career of a Russian jailor.

Donbas militants 'sentence' [blogger to 14 years for "spreading negative information"](#).

Left: Jailed pro-Kyiv Russian [activist Darya Polyudova starts hunger strike](#)

Right: Political prisoner [Zeytullaev: on a hunger strike for all Crimean Tatars oppressed by Russia](#).



## Russia sentences Ukrainian pensioner captured by militants

### Fake: Crimea benefits economically from reunification with Russia

46-year-old Volodymyr Balukh, a Ukrainian farmer, activist and recognized political prisoner, has been [sentenced to almost 4 years after a gravely flawed trial for a Ukrainian flag](#).

[Fake: Crimea benefits economically](#) from reunification with Russia.

Grave [concern for Crimean Tatar political prisoner Ruslan Zeytullaev on indefinite hunger strike](#).

Russia [imprisons Crimeans in inhuman conditions](#) for their faith or pro-Ukrainian stand.

Ukrainian judge Vitaly Rudenko, who was released on July 30 after more than nine months in militant captivity, has said that [terrorists have access to a](#)

[strategic Ukrainian database](#).

Russia sentences Ukrainian [pensioner captured by Donbas militants to 12 years](#) for 'sabotage'.

Jailed historian of Stalin's Terror [declared a political prisoner in Putin's Russia](#).

One of Russia's Ukrainian [hostages abducted, tortured and now held in solitary confinement](#).

Russia [tortures Volodymyr Prysich for 'Ukrainian Crimea saboteur plot confession'](#), then changes the charges.

[Pussy Riot's Alyokhina detained in Siberia over call for Sentsov's release](#).

## EU-Ukraine free trade agreement, one year after Competition for Ukraine's Supreme Court is transparent, says CoE

[Week's balance](#): first payment to IMF, free trade with Canada, and rise in gas production.

[Yalta European Strategy](#) to be held in Kyiv on September 14-16.

EU-Ukraine [free trade agreement, one year after](#): trade grows by 10%.

[World Bank forecasts slight increase](#) in Ukraine's GDP growth rate in 2018.

Time to pay dues: [Ukraine transfers \\$450 mln to IMF](#).

Prozorro introduces '[The Best Practices Index](#)'. The new public procurement monitoring tool is an electronic analytical system ranking customers in the ProZorro system.

Barge bringing watermelons to Kyiv harbinger of [resurrected river travel in Ukraine](#).

Ukraine starts buying [oil from Iran](#).

Adviser of Council of Europe Secretary General: [Competition for Ukraine's Supreme Court is transparent](#).

Ukrainian anti-corruption [NGO says new criminal investigation against them is state attack](#).

From Aug 4, [animal abusers in Ukraine face jail](#).

Ex-Georgian president and former regional governor of Odesa, Mikheil [Saakashvili, said he wants to be allowed back into Ukraine](#) so he can fight to have his Ukrainian citizenship restored.

Prosecutor General's Office [found no cases featuring Saakashvili as suspect or defendant](#).

War and Business, Part 1. Ukrayinska Pravda conducts an investigation of [who controls defence procurements in Ukraine](#).

Left: 27-year-old Olexandr Toporivskyi, [the youngest village head in Ukraine](#).

Right: Boxer [Lomachenko; I want to unify titles](#).



## Professional Union of Drone Journalism launched in Ukraine 'Connect Ukraine' festival became hub for a creative generation

['Connect Ukraine' festival](#) became hub for a creative generation.

Eight [IT-product prototypes for banking system created](#) at first Connect Ukraine Fest.

[Growth of IT company staff](#) in Ukraine reaches highest level since 2014.

Drone.ua, a Ukrainian integrator of unmanned technologies, announces the [launch of the Professional Union of Drone Journalism \(PUDJ\)](#), the first of its kind in Ukraine.

IT outsourcing markets: [Latvia vs. Ukraine](#).

Left, Right: A Japanese artist has started drawing colorful anime heroes portraying Ukrainian soldiers and patriots.



## Volodymyr Klytschko announces retirement from boxing Odessa's new parks lead a blossoming of urban regeneration

Volodymyr [Klytschko announces retirement from boxing](#).

Ukrainian [Cossack group performs amazing horse stunts](#).

More than 200 years ago, historic [Sofiyivskiy Park](#) in central Ukraine was given by a Polish

nobleman to his Greek wife as a birthday present.

[Odessa's new parks](#) lead a blossoming of urban regeneration.

The [hippies of Soviet Lviv](#).

[Mila Kunis visits her place of birth in Ukraine](#), brings Ashton Kutcher.

Left: [World-famous street artists paint fantasy murals on schools all over Ukraine](#). Chernihiv. Artist: Mono Gonzalez (Chile).

Right: Artist [Serhiy Yakutovych](#): a perfect blend of creativity, energy and communication



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