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Russia is responsible for civilian deaths in the Donbas, says MFA of Ukraine No Peace: Putin keeps up fight as peace talks fizzle

Russia is responsible for civilian deaths in the Donbas, MFA of Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/gKYnUe>

Civilian bus in Volnovakha was hit by a rocket fired from terrorist-controlled territories – OSCE. <http://goo.gl/icgxoO>

Propaganda, distortion and diplomatic silence over Volnovakha shelling. <http://goo.gl/Dgz7TE>

The new year began with the resumption of fierce fighting in the Russian-backed war against Ukraine as peace talks continued to go nowhere. Despite international condemnation of the deaths of 12 civilians killed in an apparent separatist attack on a passenger bus at a Ukrainian checkpoint, planned talks by heads of state in Astana, the capital of Kazakhstan, were postponed indefinitely. German Chancellor Angela Merkel insisted that Russia first implement the September peace accords reached in Minsk, Belarus. The war's death toll now stands at roughly 5,000. <http://goo.gl/zFoluo>

At their Jan 15 plenary session, the European Parliament adopted a resolution which states that EU sanctions should stay in place until Russia changes its aggressive policy in

Ukraine, and also called on the EU to help Ukraine carry out reforms, cope with the current humanitarian emergency and enhance defense capabilities. <http://goo.gl/5mTi1a>

Jan 13. Astana peace summit postponed as both sides mobilize in east Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/3x5mxm>

Jan 18 Ukrainians rally against terrorism. In all, up to 20,000 people gathered for the rally in Kyiv. Hundreds also joined peace marches in the Ukrainian cities of Dnipropetrovsk, Kharkiv, Kramatorsk, Volnovakha, Lviv and Odesa. Internationally, Ukrainian communities in Paris, Rome, Frankfurt, London and other cities also held rallies. <http://goo.gl/7bv2ul>

Jan 19. Explosion outside of the Kharkiv courthouse leaves 12 injured. It is too early to determine if it was a terrorist attack or related to a court case. <http://goo.gl/9KkO4j>

Jan 16. Another Bomb Explodes In Odesa. <http://goo.gl/5F8a8R>

Left: Jan 13, twelve people dead after terrorists fired on a road close to Volnovakha, Donetsk region, striking a passenger bus. (Video)

<http://goo.gl/7NqdZS> ;

<http://goo.gl/RL6MHM>

Right: 18.1. Ukrainians in Kyiv pray for peace and for the victims of conflict. (Video)

<http://goo.gl/EkvgZR>



Moscow's neo-imperialism seen sparking more Maidans

Outsourcing to Ukraine: When the "Safety First" Argument Fails

Moscow's neo-imperialism seen sparking more Maidans in post-Soviet states. The anger Armenians are displaying at Moscow's protection of a soldier who killed a family of Armenians and Yerevan's knuckling under Moscow's demand that the soldier be tried by Russian courts is producing in that south Caucasus country the preconditions for an Armenian Maidan. <http://goo.gl/mVqArv>

Outsourcing to Ukraine: When "Safety First" Argument Fails. <http://goo.gl/cvbY7R>

What should we expect from Ukraine and Russia in 2015? Alexander J. Motyl. <http://goo.gl/C97UiE>

Post-Revolution Hangover. Who will win the war of each against all in Ukrainian politics? <http://goo.gl/2jXcao>

Poverty and slavery as the basis of separatism in Donbas. <http://goo.gl/gBIY1B>

Fierce Battles for Donetsk Airport

How a Donbas miner became a partisan

One of the most intensive fights so far in the war took place on Jan.17. Ukrainian paratroopers fought to bring supplies and support to Donetsk airport defenders.

<http://goo.gl/6I4rxT>

Battle for Donetsk Airport: Live Blog.

<http://goo.gl/uPXcVq>

Drone footage shows scale of destruction in Donetsk (video) <http://goo.gl/G1Nd0v>

The OSCE SMM observed a large number of ceasefire violations in the Donetsk region. The SMM conducted its third visit to the site of the incident that led to the deaths of civilian bus passengers in Volnovakha.

<http://goo.gl/ODa11e>

The territory controlled by terrorists has increased during the cease fire. Infographics 13-18.01.15. (Rus)

<http://goo.gl/lDFLiW>

Reports of renewed fighting in Donbas on “virtually all frontlines” and the arrival of large amounts of new military equipment come soon after the latest video suggesting highly sinister – or just lethal – contents inside the latest so-called ‘humanitarian convoy’ from Russia.

<http://goo.gl/BrYQGW>

Reports of a Russian invasion army’s air force in the making have been circulating for several weeks now, but on January 18, Russian news channel “Russia-24” posted the first footage of what is described as the “air force of the People’s Republic of Luhansk”. This article answers the main questions about that new air force and assesses its threat to Ukrainian towns and military infrastructure now and in the future. <http://goo.gl/SgmQHP>

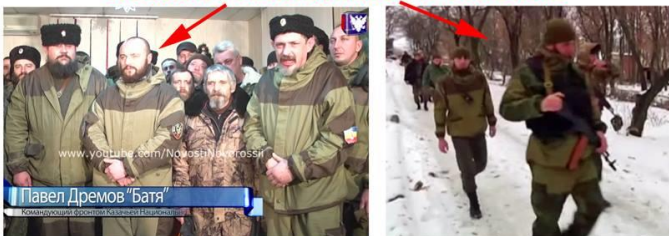
How a Donbas miner became a partisan.

<http://goo.gl/rjJUik>

PUTIN WOULD ASSURE YOU THAT ALL OF THESE TERRORISTS SIMPLY BOUGHT THEIR UNIFORMS AT THE SAME LOCAL STORE.



RUSSIAN TERRORISTS IN UKRAINE



START CALLING THINGS BY THEIR RIGHTFUL NAMES. THERE ARE NO “REBELS” IN UKRAINE, ONLY TERRORISTS.

Below: Video shot by a drone above Donetsk's fiercely embattled airport. (Video) <http://goo.gl/gsfrrx>



Ukrainian Pilot Savchenko Vows to Die in Prison If Not Freed

“This is not suicide but the only method of fighting available to me.” –Nadiya Savchenko

Health of Hunger-Striking Ukrainian Pilot Said to Be 'Deteriorating'. <http://goo.gl/DmdzM7> ; Pilot Savchenko Vows to Die in Prison If Not Freed. <http://goo.gl/G9JhUU>

Nadezhda Savchenko: “I am on hunger strike to get some common sense out of the Russian government and conscience from the Investigative Committee #FreeSavchenko. <http://maidantranslations.com/>

On Saturday, one Kremlin-loyal TV channel reported that “Pilot Savchenko” had been moved to another prison for 24-hour medical care, after which several equally loyal media published a prison service denial. All media was

silent, among other things, about mounting calls for Nadiya Savchenko’s immediate release.

<http://goo.gl/Az8VYE>

Dozens of laws and normative acts that restrict the rights of people in the Crimea and five super-dangerous laws. These were the findings made public by the Crimean Field Mission on Human Rights following close monitoring of the first nine months since Russia annexed the Crimea in March 2014. <http://goo.gl/awKMYM>

Chief librarian in Feodosia (Crimea) fined for displaying books on Holodomor. <http://goo.gl/4QJDmC>

War statistics updated
as of Jan. 12-14.

<http://goo.gl/qhUQfh>

Civilians killed	4,808
Civilians wounded	10,468
Soldiers killed	1,338
Soldiers wounded	4,064
Displaced people from Donetsk, Luhansk oblasts and Crimea	633,523

Sources: Ukrainian Health Ministry, Defense Ministry Medical Service, Defence Ministry, United Nations, anti-terrorist operation spokesman Andriy Lysenko, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Ukraine at risk of default. But how bad is it for a government to default?

382 Russian soldiers killed in Ukraine during last three days, says Russian activist

Monday, January 19, Polish Prime Minister Ewa Kopacz will pay her first visit to Kyiv since her election. <http://goo.gl/6hSMf9>

January 15 (Ukrinform). Ukrainian MPs passed a bill approving the decree of President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko on partial mobilization.

<http://goo.gl/87Mxz2>

New Ukraine Budget Rules Put Vital Reform on Long Hold. <http://goo.gl/2NZ6mQ>

Single Social Contribution, a payroll tax, will be cut from 41.6% to 16.4%. The Government expects that businesses will stop evading taxes, and the tax base will increase. Is such a plan reasonable?

<http://goo.gl/iR3nrP>

Rating agencies consider Ukraine to be at risk of defaulting on its debt obligations. The Ukrainian government denies that this speculation. But how bad is it for a government to default? International experience suggests that defaulting can be part of the measures used to get an economy back on track.

<http://goo.gl/7E6MhH>

The world's financial markets are preparing for Ukrainian default. And so should Ukraine.

<http://goo.gl/9BCu3M>

A scandal has erupted after several members of the Verkhovna Rada alleged that changes had been

illegally made to Ukraine's 2015 budget after it was passed on Dec. 29. <http://goo.gl/mh0deT>

Jan 16. The Verkhovna Rada refused to consider a bill aimed at reducing the clout of the country's oligarchs, adding more fuel to the fiery debate over Privat Group owner Ihor Kolomoisky's influence on the People's Front party and other parliamentarians.

<http://goo.gl/H3q6G9>

New Agriculture Minister Oleksiy Pavlenko has ambitious goals for the industry that could save Ukraine's economy. <http://goo.gl/0geDkE>

E-government frees Ukraine of paper dependency.

<http://goo.gl/OUIJms>

Privatization in Ukraine: High expectations, with low results. <http://goo.gl/WHZwO5>

382 Russian soldiers have been killed in Ukraine between January 16-19, according to Russian human rights activist Elena Vasilieva. These deaths bring the total loss on the Russian side to 6,242 killed.

<http://goo.gl/05LgKX>

"You can't hide this information, secretly bury soldiers, secretly send people abroad to fight," said Sergei Krivenko, a member of the Russian human rights group Memorial, who has been helping relatives of those killed in eastern Ukraine, as well as soldiers who are trying to resist being sent there. <http://goo.gl/5eFCh6>

Left: Jan 19. Ukrainian believers take a dip in cold river waters during Epiphany celebrations.

<http://goo.gl/ec2cb8>

Right: Ukrainian soldiers help children at educational institutions in Donetsk region. 3rd tank battalion.



Left: "Blood of Ukrainians is our blood". Lithuanian students produced a video clip to support Ukraine. (Video)
<http://goo.gl/cHm2O2>

Right: Inspiring music video by popular group Haydamaky. (Video)
<http://goo.gl/8p3bRm>



Ukrainian

Crimean Anchor. The rationale behind transferring the peninsula to the Ukrainian SSR in 1954.
<http://goo.gl/dgYv59>

Ukraine's Orthodox Christians Celebrate Epiphany With Icy Plunge. The feast of the Epiphany, also

known as the Theophany, marks the day God manifested himself in the human form of Jesus.
<http://goo.gl/TTeTgJ>



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