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### Ukraine-EU Summit: Russian aggression major topic

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[EU leader to Putin: Soviet Union's collapse 'was a blessing](#),' not a catastrophe.

Yelchenko: [Russia is a state sponsor of terrorism](#). Ukraine's Permanent Representative to the United Nations spoke out against Russia at the United Nations.

[Russia develops new medium-range missile](#), NATO warns. Berlin, Frankfurt am Main, and Munich are all in the hitting range of the mobile missile system.

Ukrainian soldier [sentenced in Italy to 24 years for journalist death in Donbas after gravely disturbing trial](#).

Lawyer of former Ukrainian serviceman "[Lost faith in Italian justice and wants to emigrate](#)".

[Facts and questions in Italy's dubious trial](#) of

Ukrainian soldier Vitaliy Markiv.

[Italy's rightist party asked Russia for financing](#), secret meeting's recording reveals.

Russia calls [OSCE order to free 24 Ukrainian POWs 'anti-Russian rhetoric'](#).

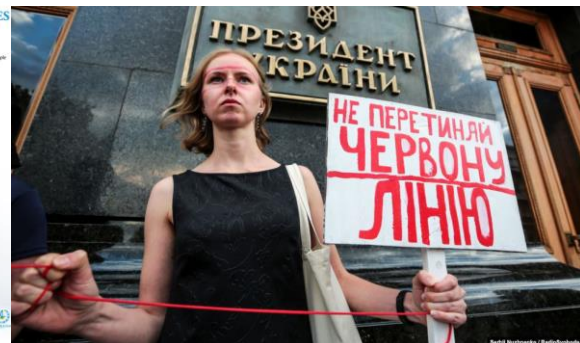
EU [court annuls Yanukovich asset freezes](#).

[How Russian propaganda outlets manipulate comments](#) dubbing them in Russian.

[Russian Lies Banned in The UK: StopFake](#) with Marko Suprun (No. 243). Debunking Russian disinformation from two of the most prolific fake news factories the Kremlin has in its industrial lying machine.

[When Russia-backed forces boasted they shot down a Ukrainian military plane... That was actually MH17](#).

Left: Scandalous teleconference with Russian TV canceled, but [gaps in Ukraine's media regulation](#) remain  
Right: S. Zhadan: [Given the current situation in Ukraine, is anyone still laughing?](#) Photo: Don't cross the red line!" – activists warning authorities not to cross certain limits, July 4, 2019



### What's behind the return of pro-Russian politicians to Ukraine?

Zelenskiy's lustration draft: pre-election populism or a step towards political repressions?

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False hopes. What are [the real powers of the President of Ukraine](#)?

What's behind [the return of pro-Russian politicians to Ukraine](#)?

[Intermarium countries becoming Ukraine's main advocates](#), Portnikov says.

[Just the first step](#). The language bill, passed by the Ukrainian parliament in the end of April, has had many important aspects left out. Many of those were important features that would allow this legislation to enable effective Ukrainisation of the public sphere in Ukraine.

[What Ukraine's top political parties think about returning occupied Crimea and Donbas, joining the EU and NATO](#).

## Zelenskiy, Putin discuss Ukraine conflict in first phone call

### Russian vessel enters closed waters in Black Sea

Jul.15. [Number of Russia-led forces' attacks](#) on Ukrainian positions in Donbas more than doubles overnight.

Jul.14. [Front line town Marinka under enemy shelling](#) once again.

Militants in Donbas [misuse UR-83P mine-sweeping system](#) (video)

[Russian Grads, as well as howitzers, tanks, mortars](#) were detected in the Luhansk and Donetsk oblasts.

[Zelenskiy, Putin discuss](#) Ukraine conflict in first phone call.

[Zelenskyy offers Putin negotiations in presence of France & Germany](#) instead of Russian-Ukrainian video-bridge.

Russia is [ready to hold negotiations with Ukraine in any format only after](#) the formation of a new government.

[Medvedchuk, Boiko hold another round of 'talks' with Medvedev](#) in Moscow.

[Normandy format experts fail to drastically narrow gap](#) between stances at meeting in Paris, dialogue

to be continued.

[Russian vessel enters closed waters in Black Sea.](#) The area in the Black Sea was closed for the Sea Breeze 2019 military exercises.

[Red Cross sends almost 162 tonnes](#) of humanitarian aid to occupied territories.

[Russian cosmonaut claims she spotted Ukrainian bombs](#) in the Donbas from space.

[Rhetoric is changed in ORDiLO.](#) Initiatives to return to Ukraine as autonomy have intensified in the occupied Donbas.

[Russia continues to ship military equipment to occupied Donbas.](#) Ammunition and tanks were recently shipped across the border.

Ukraine is about to release [the only prisoner that Russia wants to exchange.](#)

[English for Veterans.](#) They exchanged military drills for English courses. 16 Ukrainian soldiers and war veterans studied the language as part of a 4-month NATO program.

Left: [One photographer's war](#) in Ukraine. On photo Oleksandra Bessmertnaya, a press officer for Ukraine's Marine Corps in Shyrokyne, March 2018  
Right: ["DPR" terrorists make 70-old man from Donetsk walk through area with landmines](#)



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Tortured Ukrainian [political prisoner looks years older, yet remains unbroken.](#)

Mass [arrests as Russian 'court' confirms horrific](#)

[sentences](#) against 4 Crimean Tatar political prisoners.

Bitter déjà vu: [Crimean Tatars arrested on Red Square](#) for defending victims of repression.

[Protestants driven underground](#) like in Soviet times in Russian proxy Donbas 'republics'.

## Ukraine finally gets new election code

### Ukraine's Supreme Court rules against whistleblower judge

[Ukraine finally gets a new Election Code](#). It's the first step to an effective political system.

[Ukrainian Parliament achievements](#). As the 8th convocation of the Ukrainian Parliament came to a close on July 12, 2019, a look at some of its major achievements.

Parliament of Ukraine has [rejected the draft resolution submitted by President Zelensky on the dismissal of Foreign Minister](#) Pavlo Klimkin.

[Let's lustrate them all: Zelenskyy suggests](#) purging all high-ranking politicians from Poroshenko's time.

The Group of Seven countries' ambassadors to Ukraine have expressed [caution about President Zelenskiy's proposal to lustrate Ukrainian officials who held office after the Maidan](#) uprising in 2014.

[Over 1,700 international observers](#) to monitor Ukraine's snap parliamentary elections.

[Celebrities line up for Ukrainian Parliament](#) following example of star president.

Manipulation leaders. What are [party leaders lying](#)

[about](#) a month before the election?

Opposition Platform & Bloc: [Ukraine's pro-Russian political forces and their chances](#).

[English to become mandatory to get admitted](#) to university. Part of curriculum to be in English.

First [Ukrainian with Down syndrome earns higher](#) education.

[Chornobyl enclosure fully operational](#). The new enclosure will not only help contain radiation but will allow for work to be done on the destroyed reactor inside.

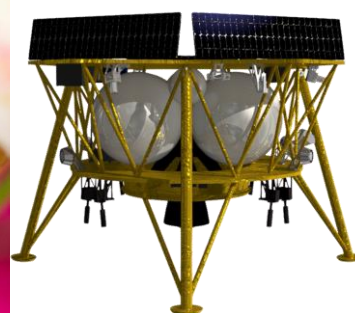
Zelensky signs decree on ['green corridor' for tourists in Chornobyl zone](#).

[TV Channel 112 offices attacked](#). The attackers used a handheld grenade launcher to fire at the building.

Court lifts seizure of [415 real estate assets related to Kolomoisky](#).

Ukraine's Supreme [Court rules against whistleblower judge persecuted for exposing corruption](#).

Left: Waffle coffee cups, wheat drinking straws and more – [four hot eco-startups from Ukraine](#)  
 Right: American-Ukrainian Firefly builds a [lunar lander](#) based on Israeli Beresheet



## Ukraine launches 390 mln UAH national startup fund

### Ukrainian students win in International Physics Competition

Polish venture fund [bValue to invest €100k+](#) in early stage Ukrainian startups.

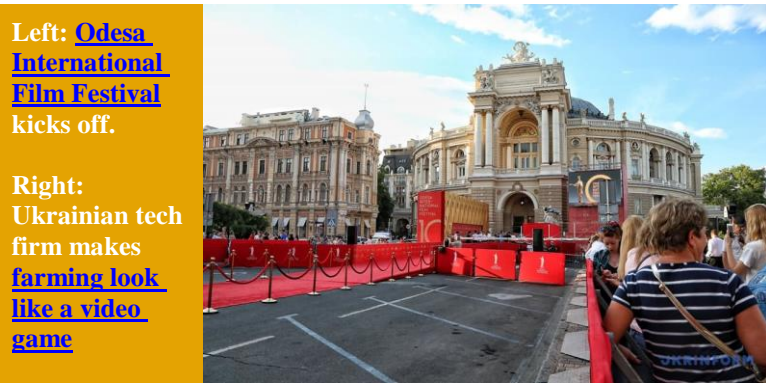
Ukraine launches [390 mln UAH national startup fund](#). Applicants can get up to \$75k.

[Futuristic capsule hotel chain to open its doors in Kyiv](#), starting at \$36 a night, online check-in and

silent service.

Online drug marketplace [Liki24 raises \\$1 million](#) from venture funds, business angels.

Ukrainian [students win in International Physics Competition](#).



Left: [Odessa International Film Festival](#) kicks off.  
Right: Ukrainian tech firm makes [farming look like a video game](#)



## World Chess Champion hails from Mariupol Snigur wins girls singles Junior Wimbledon

[New series on ATO shown](#) in Kyiv. The show is based on real stories of Ukrainian soldiers.

[Snigur wins girls singles Junior Wimbledon](#) Tournament. This is Daria Snigur's first major tennis tournament win.

[World Chess Champion hails from Mariupol](#). Ihor Yarmonov was recently crowned champion of this year's IPCA World Chess Championship for people with physical disabilities in Slovakia.

Left: A timely cult [The idea of Ukraine survived in Halychyna in the mid-19th century thanks to Taras Shevchenko's](#) works. Photo: Shevchenko march in Lviv on June 28, 1914.  
Right: Ukrainian search and rescue [dogs enter world's top 100](#). Photos



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