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20 years of guarantees that never worked

Ukraine Goes Abroad for Government Ministers

On 5 December 1994, the President of Ukraine voluntarily gave up the country's nuclear arsenal. In return, the leaders of the US, the UK and the Russian Federation guaranteed Ukraine's sovereignty by signing the Budapest Memorandum on Security Assurances. Twenty years later, one signator has brazenly violated the very security it promised to protect, while the other two have turned into paper tigers.

<http://goo.gl/fh5J6i>

Ukraine Foreign Ministry calls on signatories of the Budapest Memorandum to immediately restore Ukraine's territorial integrity. <http://goo.gl/9h7S9s>

Ukrainian President Poroshenko has announced a new initiative to bring a halt to fighting in eastern Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/jMrQyU>. Donbas locals skeptical about new cease-fire. <http://goo.gl/1vkvPR>

Ukraine Goes Abroad for Government Ministers. New Appointments Come as Cease-Fire With Pro-Russia Rebels Over Donetsk Airport Founders. <http://goo.gl/CIZlkg>

Ukrainian Foreign Minister Pavlo Klimkin has said that the OSCE risks sinking into oblivion as an organization that is not able to effectively address modern security challenges. <http://goo.gl/nWHwDI>

France may 'never deliver' Mistral warships to Russia over Kremlin's actions in Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/RCw75c>

Lithuanian President Dalia Grybauskaitė: no need for Western leaders to deal with Putin directly. <http://goo.gl/GV8bDf>

Gazprom head: Zero gas through Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/Zbdg6h>

Gennady Moskal, the chairman of the Luhansk Oblast State Administration, stated he can no longer rely on the OSCE mission in an attempt to negotiate with leaders of the terrorists of the so-called "Luhansk People's Republic." <http://goo.gl/4I46iU>

"Russian Orthodox Army" and orthodox 'kazachestvo' is fighting against Ukrainian citizens in the East of Ukraine. Pseudo-republic DNR has adopted orthodoxy as its official religion, forcing out others. <http://goo.gl/CPJEgV>

Russia's parliament: recognize EU countries and the US as "aggressors," blacklist foreigners, raid their consulting businesses. <http://goo.gl/r45wi5>

French Far Right Gets Helping Hand With Russian Loan. <http://goo.gl/Xs3OrA>

Putin awards medal to Russian soldier killed in the Donbas. <http://goo.gl/m6MdJR>

Left: Short video from Mustang Wanted "Why Ukrainians Will Win" (Video, Eng). <http://goo.gl/VCiFRn>

Right: "Please return home alive" (video, song in Ukr) <http://goo.gl/wuFzxG>



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Timothy Snyder: From Moscow to London to New York, the Ukrainian revolution has been seen through a haze of propaganda. Russian leaders and the Russian press have insisted that Ukrainian protesters were right-wing extremists and then that their victory was a coup. <http://goo.gl/iLOvOX>

Mychailo Wynnykyj: The extraordinary patience and restraint shown by the Ukrainian side has failed to appease the Russian mercenaries and regular forces who have invaded the Donbas. <http://goo.gl/o9SHhs>

Maintaining its prestige seems like quite an old-fashioned concept, reminiscent of the ancien régime. Nevertheless, for today's French leaders, this concept defines France's role and global position. <http://goo.gl/tBkvjn>

A.Motyl: Who Will Save the People of the Donbas? <http://goo.gl/rcciHY>

Crisis in the Caucasus — Putin, Kadyrov and Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/eXIjO5>

Ukraine and Putin: the aggressor's bad luck. <http://goo.gl/Wdd4Cf>

Will Putin destroy himself at the hands of the Russians? <http://goo.gl/0l6iPd>

Volunteers say: Don't mess with Ukrops!

Kremlin deploys 500 kilometers range missiles with nuclear capabilities to Crimea

Dec 8. The situation in the eastern regions of Ukraine. See map at <http://goo.gl/s44pi8>

Dec 5. National Security and Defense Council: Ukrainian military control both the old and new Donetsk airport terminals. <http://uacrisis.org/nsdc-19/>

The SBU CI neutralized a dangerous subversive group within the illegal Svat paramilitary unit which was preparing a terrorist attack on Mariupol. <http://goo.gl/ZjtlY4>

SBU detains Russian special services agent trying to recruit 'guerillas' for Russian 'movie' (video) <http://goo.gl/4Wdr1J>

Ukraine President awards Donetsk Airport defenders and volunteers. <http://goo.gl/1AmZiZ> ; <http://goo.gl/uFaEwi>

Wings Phoenix: Don't mess with Ukrops! Volunteers are coming up with non-traditional methods of problem solving. <http://goo.gl/Yml1f6>

Kremlin deploys 500-km range missiles with nuclear capabilities to Crimea (video). <http://goo.gl/bI3nUa>

The SMM observed columns of over 100 unmarked green military vehicles travelling westwards towards the city of Donetsk. OSCE report 5 Dec <http://goo.gl/r0nKKZ>

A Russian armed forces officer and three employees of Russian security service (FSB) have been killed at Donetsk airport. <http://goo.gl/QGHdnn>

Russian jets practice launching rockets, dropping bombs during military drills near Ukraine border. <http://goo.gl/qU76yp>

The Ministry of Defense of Russia has reported losses of 300 soldiers at Donetsk airport. (Ukr) <http://goo.gl/XkS5Ev>

Chechen leader threatens to kidnap and murder Ukrainian MPs over militant attack comments. <http://goo.gl/SaO9jq>

22 days inside the "Donetsk Republic:" a Russian volunteer militant's story. <http://goo.gl/kE5T0n>

A unit of Russian armed militants vows to join the fight in Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/GRiZus>

Polish citizen beaten, shot by Donetsk militants dies in hospital. <http://goo.gl/hfMSLW>

Left: 1.12..12. Donetsk youth wore pro-Ukrainian T-shirts for a meeting with "DNR" leaders in occupied Donetsk.

<http://goo.gl/HHhi14>

Right: 4 Dec. Protesters in Basel on the fringes of an OSCE summit call on the organisation to do more for Ukraine.

<http://goo.gl/JFFt0h>



Crimean Tatar Mejlis is banned from holding the Human Rights day

Kyiv welcomes displaced people from the East Ukraine war zone

Kyiv welcomes East Ukraine war refugees.

<http://goo.gl/uWtUII>

Despite claims from the head of Ukraine's Security Service, only two former Berkut officers have been detained on suspicion of being involved in the gunning down of protesters on Feb 20. <http://goo.gl/r2PAo5>

How life changed in occupied Crimea in 15 numbers. Throughout the nine months of occupation of the Crimean peninsula, the euphoria from returning to mother Russia has subsided significantly. Grey mundanity has set in in the 'grey' unacknowledged zone. <http://goo.gl/I3Xm3C>

The Crimean Tatar Mejlis is yet again prohibited from holding traditional gatherings, this time marking Human

Rights Day; while a marginal group demonstrating in support of the Russian President was not only allowed, but given support and guards. <http://goo.gl/DBxvdp>

A significant number of hostage civilians remain in occupied Donetsk and Luhansk. <http://goo.gl/IUsZDc>

DNR/LNR: Creative destruction. <http://goo.gl/vh6Jmx>

Donetsk union official tries to throw refugees out into the freezing cold. <http://goo.gl/nkUN43>

"Russian Orthodox Army" and orthodox 'kazachestvo' is fighting against Ukrainian citizens in the East of Ukraine, pseudo-republic DNP has adopted orthodoxy as its official religion and is forcing out the others. <http://goo.gl/CPJEGV>

Left: Hospital near insurgent-held city of Luhansk struggles without staff, medicine.

<http://goo.gl/bYOIMt>

Right: Ukrainian soldiers will receive rehabilitation in Latvian hospitals.

<http://goo.gl/z6Xv12>



5 key objectives for the new government

Ukraine is preparing national human rights strategy

The Ukrainian parliament has approved a new government to be headed by Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk. <http://goo.gl/W9iHVh>

Ukraine's expatriate business community has shown cautious enthusiasm for many in the new government mixed with dismay at some of the new appointments made on Dec. 2. <http://goo.gl/8pqrLP>

Investors expect government to introduce land market, bring order into banking system. <http://goo.gl/tVWg3b>

Newly appointed foreign-born ministers say they will push for change. Three foreigners -- Natalie Jaresko, Aivaras Abromavicius, and Aleksandr Kvitashvili -- were approved as ministers by Ukraine's parliament on Dec 2. <http://goo.gl/MASDbA> ; <http://goo.gl/z9Zke0>

Yatseniuk defined 5 key objectives for the new Ukrainian cabinet. <http://goo.gl/iBoLpJ>

An EU advisory mission will work with the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine to help reform Ukraine's police to meet EU standards. <http://goo.gl/pfcBzq>

The European Investment Bank, the European Union's lending arm, is providing a \$186 million loan to Ukraine's government for modernizing the Ukrainian part of the Urengoy - Pomary - Uzhgorod pipeline that delivers Russian gas to the EU. <http://goo.gl/pxBSsb>

Ukraine to discuss leaving Commonwealth of Independent States. <http://goo.gl/ke1wnh>

Ukraine takes over chairmanship of GUAM, switches meeting language to English. <http://goo.gl/JVgpfI>

Fears that the creation of a new Ukrainian Ministry of Information Policy is an attempt to create an Orwellian

Truth Ministry are refuted by those in power but hardly assuaged by the fact that nobody has any idea what 'information policy' means, nor the 'information security' that it will be dealing with.

<http://goo.gl/6aIO3j>

Ukrainian journalists are up in arms over the Government's creation of a new Ministry of Information. The Government says it is needed to counter a steady stream of Kremlin propaganda and misinformation. <http://goo.gl/WDwJ9U> ; <http://goo.gl/Y8k9yO>

President asked to extend preparation stage for national human rights strategy. <http://goo.gl/CZCgsk>

Ukraine's energy minister says an accident at a nuclear power plant in the southeastern city of Zaporizhzhya last week did not involve a nuclear reactor and caused no radiation leakage. <http://goo.gl/GNW8yX>

The low amount of coal at thermal power plants, barely enough for a month, threatens not only rolling electricity and heat supply interruptions, but a collapse of the energy system. <http://goo.gl/RSfEq2>

"Civil society is only at the beginning of its development in Ukraine. We are certainly far from having professional NGOs, but if we do not work on creating and developing them now, we are at risk of not having them at all in the future." <http://goo.gl/OkXj9I>

A project by the Ukrainian Institute for Public Policy "Western Education as a Tool for the Europeanization of Ukraine" aims to assess the potential of young professionals with foreign diplomas to contribute to quality changes in Ukraine, bringing Ukraine closer to the EU. <http://goo.gl/9v7XEi>

Left: Post-EuroMaidan Revolution murals brighten Kyiv streets.
<http://goo.gl/Z1J7Ix>
 Polish photographer wins prestigious Polish journalism prize for Maidan massacre photos.
<http://goo.gl/fmH1t2>



Putin justified Crimean annexation by the history of Kievan Rus Lessons from the Ukrainian history to forge common national identity

Shrouded by myth, Ukraine's past proves an obstacle to its future. Ukrainian historians say that to forge a common identity among eastern and western Ukrainians, both sides must better understand history. The UPA, a WWII-era nationalist militia lionized in the west but feared in the east, is a key example.

<http://goo.gl/eGts5o>

Russian media indignant about Donbas exhibition.

<http://goo.gl/2WKwx1>

How Stalin crushed the Euromaidan of 1930. "The Ukrainian village stood on the brink of a new tempest. A second mass exodus from the collective farms would have toppled Stalin's grandiose plans. Fearing "the loss of Ukraine," Stalin decided to deal with the

insurrectionists at their source..."

<http://goo.gl/LWSwAl>

On December 4, Russian President Vladimir Putin defended Moscow's annexation of Crimea by invoking Kievan Rus leader Vladimir the Great, who is said to have been baptized on the peninsula in the 10th century and converted the medieval Slavic state to Orthodox Christianity. Ukrainians, however, could deploy the same logic to justify Crimea's inclusion in the modern Ukrainian state, historians and religious experts say.

<http://goo.gl/iNhNVj>

A new video of the February 20 shooting on Maidan.

<http://goo.gl/nPrtJY>

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