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Canada's [House of Commons votes unanimously for free trade with Ukraine](#).

The European Union has [extended sanctions against Russia](#) for its actions in Ukraine for another six months.

Dirty [Russian money buying influence in EU members](#) of the European Parliament.

[Italy blocks EU from widening, lengthening sanctions on Russia](#).

“When Ukraine fought the torturers

Giving life and death for its right to live,

Asking only for compassion,

Europe stayed silent.” Oleksandr Oles (1931). [A “once-upon-a-time” fable about Ukraine, Putin and Europe](#).

Estonia [is the first European country to deny entry](#)

[visas to Russians who have abused human rights](#). Will Europe follow this courageous stand?

Germany's [Siemens Company accused of scam to bypass Crimean sanctions](#).

2016 Global Corruption Barometer survey from Transparency International showed that 29% of [Ukrainians are ready to not pay bribes in order to stop corruption](#).

Chairman of [Transparency International José Ugaz is convinced that if Ukraine does not bring former president Yanukovich to justice, then the corruption will win](#) and remove all the positive achievements made by Ukrainians in recent years.

Russia's [Patriarch Kiril declares war in Syria is just, defensive and holy](#).

[StopFakeNews #113](#). Among the disinformation debunked this week: unhappy with Ukraine, Washington looks to replace President Poroshenko; Ukrainian army tank crushes civilian car with three passengers; Ukraine's Foreign Ministry accuses the EU of betrayal.

Left: A Dutch court has ruled that a priceless collection of gold artifacts from Crimea that were on loan to a Dutch museum when Russia occupied the peninsula [must be returned to Ukraine](#).

Right: Saint [Mykolay](#) making a comeback at Christmas.



Industrial parks falling into same trap?

EU report: Ukraine carrying out unprecedented reforms

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Anne Applebaum: [Russia 'wants to change the rules'](#).

[Debates about Putin now recall those about Hitler in mid-1930s](#). Ikhlov.

“[Industrial Parks](#)”: falling into the same trap once again?

'Bloodiest battle in 5 months': Ukrainians repel 3 militant attacks Ukrainian volunteers give rebels 7 days to release POWs.

Dec 19. '[Bloodiest battle in 5 months](#)': Ukrainian troops repel three militant attacks near Svitlodarsk.

Ukrainian [volunteers give rebels seven days to release POWs](#).

Putin caught [honouring notorious Donbas and Syria 'mercenary' commander](#).

Ukrainians organized [rally outside Russia embassy in Kyiv over Aleppo massacre](#).

Dangerous objects: the [base of an army engineering unit of Russian invaders in Donetsk](#).

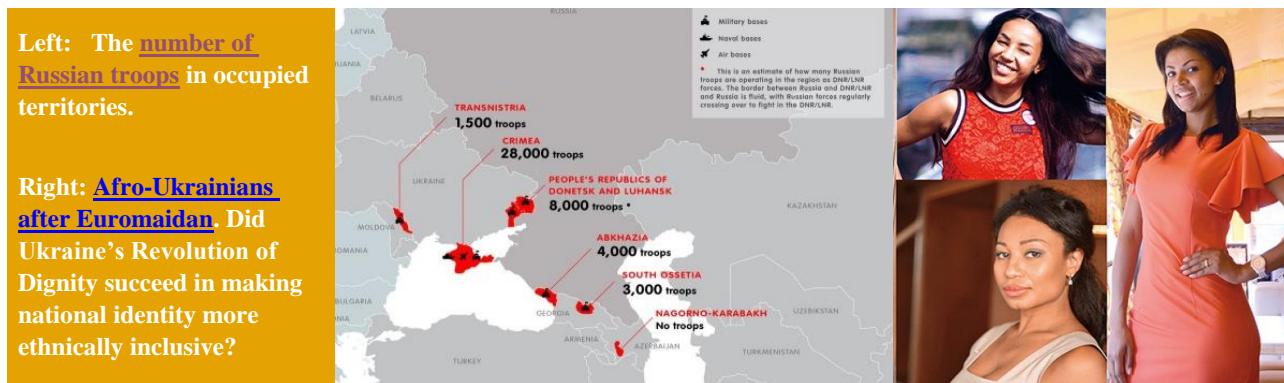
[Buddy the dog has been in the war zone since the](#)

[summer of 2014](#). Someone abandoned the German Shepherd puppy near the Aidar Battalion, and she's been there ever since.

Crimean [Tatars find new home in Lviv Oblast](#).

The town of Hirske, located in government-controlled territory, depends on a coal mine for most of its jobs, but major investments are needed for the operation to continue. [With clashes continuing just a few kilometers away, the mine and locals' livelihoods hang in the balance](#).

[Last surviving defender of Donetsk airport freed](#) after almost 2 years` captivity.



Left: The [number of Russian troops](#) in occupied territories.

Right: [Afro-Ukrainians after Euromaidan](#). Did Ukraine's Revolution of Dignity succeed in making national identity more ethnically inclusive?

LPR draws up lists of Ukrainian-minded citizens

Political prisoner Sentsov writes 5 film scenarios and a novel in prison

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Russian [court rejects appeal of Ukrainian journalist Sushchenko](#).

Russia's [youngest victims in occupied Crimea urgently need support](#).

Amnesty International decries "[Systematic persecution](#)" of Crimean Tatars under Russian rule.

Russian riot police conduct [mass arrests in Crimea](#).

Russia [threatens to repeat one of Stalin's most barbaric acts in 1944](#) in Crimea.

Russian occupation authorities in Crimea put another [human rights activist in psychiatric ward](#).

Ukrainian [hostages savagely tortured for 'Crimea saboteur confessions' fight back](#).

"Electrodes were clipped to my genitals". One more ['Crimean saboteur' accuses Russia's FSB of brutal torture](#).

New 'saboteur'? [Russia detains another Ukrainian in Crimea](#).

Self-proclaimed Luhansk People's Republic [draws up lists of Ukrainian-minded citizens](#).

Ukraine nationalizes largest bank, guarantees deposits

Hackers targeting Ukrainian banks, government websites

EU lauds [nationalization of Ukraine's largest bank](#).

Government [nationalizes PrivatBank, guarantees deposits](#).

Which ministers of Hroysman's [government have managed to keep their promises](#).

iMoRe # 49. Improvements before the New Year: [a simplified business environment](#).

Index of [consumer sentiment in Ukraine in November decreased](#).

The [experiment with lifting the state regulation of prices](#), launched October 1 for a three-month period, proved to be justified. The practice did not lead to an acceleration of inflation, therefore the government intends to continue it.

Massive [gas deposits found on Black Sea shelf](#) offshore Odesa.

National Bank of Ukraine [closes 18th insolvent bank](#) this year.

Ukraine's [Railroad leadership 'intimidated by corrupt officials'](#). Wojciech Balczun says he and his

reforming team face intimidation and preventions.

[Savchenko leaving party](#), but not politics or the Rada.

The U.S. [Justice Department has cut ties with a fugitive Ukrainian member of parliament](#) who said he had turned over damning evidence proving the corruption of Ukraine's President Poroshenko.

Kyiv [court allows for the arrest of Yanukovich](#).

Yuriy [Kosyuk, owner of the country's top poultry producer company MHP, is the fifth richest person in Ukraine](#). He also wields considerable influence in parliament and with President Petro Poroshenko.

BlackEnergy hackers now launching [attacks against Ukrainian banks](#).

Website of [Ukraine Defense Ministry down: cyberattack reported](#).

Ukrzaliznytsya ([Ukrainian railways](#)) [website hacked on order from Russia](#).

Time-lapse imagery shows [scope of deforestation in Carpathians](#).

Left: [Ukrainian apparel appeals to international consumers](#).

Right: [Five Ukrainian-made gadgets that will make perfect Christmas gifts](#).



Ukrainian agricultural exports total nearly \$12 billion

IT market summary for 2016

[Weekly business update](#): Increased EU trade, new foreign investment.

Cooperation between [Saudi Arabia and Ukrainian aircraft manufacturer Antonov](#): electronic warfare and surveillance aircraft.

Ukrainian [agricultural exports already reach nearly \\$12 bn this year](#).

US-Ukrainian [cloud Sixa computing startup secures \\$3.5 million](#) from international investor consortium.

Ukrainian startup [Mevecs secures \\$500,000 in the UK to combat pains from bad posture](#).

[IT market tendencies](#). IT schools are at their peak; universities to fight corruption.

Left: Secrets of [traditional Ukrainian toys](#).

Right: 'What is your name': [Stories of internally displaced families through art](#).



Carol of the bells turns one hundred Ukrainian boxer Oleksandr Usyk retains his world title

Signature Ukrainian [Christmas song 'Shchedryk' turns 100 years](#). The folk tune 'Shchedryk' is the basis for the international festive song 'Carol of the Bells'.

[100 years of New Year's celebrations](#). An exhibition presents the traditions of celebrating the New Year in Ukraine during the 20th century.

Ukrainian [boxer Oleksandr Usyk retains his world title](#).

Hanna [Dudich, a teacher of English at a school in Kropyvnytskyi, has become one of the 50 finalists for the 2017 Global Teacher Prize](#) to be awarded by the Varkey Foundation.

Love confessions, curses and help requests: analysis of [graffiti in Saint Sophia's Cathedral](#)

Left: "[Angels among us](#)". Charity calendar to raise funds for ATO veterans' treatment.

Right: Rising singing star [Khrystyna Soloviy](#) revives folk melodies.



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