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EU formally recognises Russia's violation of Minsk ceasefire deal Russian troops land on Baltic Sea coast

Federica Mogherini, EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, has questioned Russia's commitment to de-escalating its military activities in Ukraine, saying that increasing attacks in government-held areas in the war-torn east violate February's cease-fire deal agreed in Minsk.

<http://goo.gl/7SK07D>

Russian Prime Minister Medvedev has said that four more countries have been added to its foreign food import ban list. He also threatened on August 13 to add Ukrainian products to the Russian blacklist if Kyiv implemented the economic parts of its Association Agreement with the European Union.

<http://goo.gl/evYaVu>

An opinion poll conducted in July by the Ilko Kucheriv Democratic Initiatives Foundation (DIF) and the Razumkov Center show a shift in Ukrainians' attitude toward NATO membership. If a referendum were held this year on joining NATO, 64% of citizens would vote for joining the Organization. <http://goo.gl/Zwj42R>

For years, the United States was China's main source of corn. In January 2015, Ukraine shipped 470,047 tons of corn to China, overtaking the United States, according to official customs data. <http://goo.gl/u6Yfhx>

The Atlantic Council: Data disproves Russian lies about NATO military expansion (Infographic)

<http://goo.gl/qhEoyG>

NATO kicks out Russian spies and revives Kremlin hotline. <http://goo.gl/8gwW0K>

Russian troops land on Baltic Sea coast.

<http://goo.gl/xkspHn>

A number of scholars, diplomats, writers, politicians, and Constitutional Court judges openly appealed to President Poroshenko and the Verkhovna Rada to put a moratorium on changes to the Constitution in the section on decentralization — namely, the paragraph dealing with the specifics of self-government in certain regions of the Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts.

<http://goo.gl/HzGoux>

OSCE sees coal taken from occupied east Ukraine to Russia. Reports confirmed by Ukrainian border guards.

<http://goo.gl/1Kw2Ym>

The Federation of Track and Field Athletics of Ukraine has officially given permission to seven Crimean athletes to represent Russia in international competitions. In return, Ukraine received \$170,000 in compensation. <http://goo.gl/5acBD6>

Left: Historic heatwave reaches Kyiv. Temperatures beat records previously set in 1931. (Video)

<http://goo.gl/EIQiPM>

Right: 4 y.o. volunteer making mask nets for the army



Russia and Ukraine: A Legal Perspective OSCE targeted in Donetsk

Russia and Ukraine: A Legal Perspective. Alexander Motyl interviews Thomas D. Grant on Russia's aggression and the implications on global security. <http://goo.gl/CffP0w>

What do the attacks on the OSCE mean?
<http://goo.gl/X9z8Vy>

Today the ATO zone is more than a geographical region; it is a natural reserve where humanity, compassion and authenticity have been preserved. Father Andriy Zelinsky, Military Chaplain. <http://goo.gl/PokSeL>

Kyiv stymied by 'peace' deal as death toll rises

Attacks in Ukraine surge to levels seen at battles of Debaltseve, Ilovaisk

Aug.17. Attacks in Ukraine surge to levels seen at the battles of Debaltseve, Ilovaisk (UPDATED)
<http://goo.gl/Ji7WEU>

Aug.16. From 10:04 to 10:25 p.m. militants fired artillery on residential areas of peaceful Sartana and Lebedynske in the suburbs of Mariupol. Two Sartana residents were killed, six were wounded. (Photos) <http://goo.gl/LIGsGI>

Six months after Minsk II, Kyiv stymied by 'peace' deal as death toll rises. <http://goo.gl/isWPpk>

From mid-April 2014 to July 27, 2015, at least 6,832 people have been killed and 17,087 wounded in the Eastern Ukraine conflict zone, as reported by the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. <http://goo.gl/zchKzR>

Ukraine's Security Service (SBU) detained members of a Russia-backed subversive group who were preparing to blow up a train carrying military equipment on the eve of the Independence Day August 24. <http://goo.gl/D9vyp5>

Aug.14. Russia-separatist forces shelled Ukrainian positions in east Ukraine 170 times, the most since Russia invaded Donbas last April. <http://goo.gl/azjv8I>

Aug.14. OSCE. The SMM observed damage caused by shelling and conducted several crater analyses. The SMM's UAVs were jammed both over government-controlled and "DPR"-controlled areas. <http://goo.gl/NQCB8n>

A factory in the so-called "Luhansk People's Republic" (LNR) is sewing uniforms imitating those of the Armed Services of Ukraine to be used by the Russian and terrorist forces in provocations in eastern Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/uqcrhj>

Family of fallen 'cyborg' believes in Ukraine's victory despite their grief. <http://goo.gl/cEUXUC>

Cyborg Oleksandr Mashonkin's spirit unbroken after 197 days of captivity. <http://goo.gl/a6yWKd>

Bionic prosthetics for injured soldiers arrive in Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/1m014u>

Over 100 suicides among Ukrainian soldiers have been reported since the beginning of fighting in Donbas. <http://goo.gl/qBh2gm>

Psychosomatic specialist and co-founder of Smile for Ukraine NGO Nicolas Tacussel explains the psychological difficulties that fighters face both on the frontlines and after their return to normal life. <http://goo.gl/pJlgCE>

Left: Photo exhibition documenting 2014 Battle of Ilovaisk opens in Kyiv. (Video) <http://goo.gl/ZXsYDK>
Right: <http://goo.gl/DXg0CH>



Putin Is Held In Low Regard Around The World

% confident about President Vladimir Putin doing the right thing regarding world affairs



Nadiya Savchenko lawyers release video evidencing her innocence

'Luhansk People's Republic' rewriting history

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<http://goo.gl/VdkIV4>

Russia's Supreme Court allows Putin to hide Russian military losses in Ukraine.
<http://goo.gl/gZM5hC>

In schools within the territory of the so-called

'Luhansk People's Republic', students will study "the history of the war in Donbas and the emergence of the Republic". School students will unfortunately be unlikely to critically assess a narrative in which the villains are supposedly a 'Kyiv Junta' full of anti-Semitic radicals whom the leaders of the 'republics' dismiss as "pathetic Jews". <http://goo.gl/6WYmvw>

Western-educated Ukrainians seeking to transform government from key posts

Half-year economic output drops 16 percent

Since the EuroMaidan Revolution, many Ukrainians who lived in the West have dropped their well-paid jobs and returned to Ukraine, inspired to change the country with their newly acquired knowledge. So far, they have achieved mixed success in key government roles, where they have not always been welcomed.

<http://goo.gl/JB1Bgo>

Serhiy Kvit, Minister of Education and Science of Ukraine, held a briefing on March 13 on reforming vocational education and training. One newspaper named Kvit the most successful reformer in the cabinet. But problems remain. The key problem is with the Cabinet of Minister's hesitance to strongly back up Kvit's innovation and even go one step further by clearly articulating the guiding principles upon which the post-Maidan educational system should evolve. <http://goo.gl/pfLRmD>

Ukraine's gross domestic product, when adjusted for inflation, plunged by more than 16 percent in the first six months on a yearly basis.

<http://goo.gl/Jces71>

Despite the new rounds of talks in Minsk in mid-July and early August, military hostilities in the occupied territories in Donetsk and Lugansk have remained high. Despite the military conflict in the east, Ukraine continues to make progress in its economic reform agenda. *Ukraine macroeconomic report for July 2015*. <http://goo.gl/mDnLrr>

The Index of Reform Monitoring: significant progress has occurred in three spheres: "Governance and Anti-Corruption", "Public Finance", and "Monetary Policy". The acceleration of reforms to a large extent can be attributed to the fulfillment of requirements in the context of cooperation with the IMF. <http://goo.gl/hcNCbD>

Kyiv's new police patrol cited UEFA vice-president Hrihoriy Surkis, a notorious flauter of traffic laws, for using special signalling devices on the top of his vehicle in Kyiv. (Video) <http://goo.gl/ZGwatu>

Left: "There is no Judas in the Ukrainian version of the Last Supper. French photo artist Yuri Bilak.

<http://goo.gl/o4dYxd>



#AMAZINGUKRAINE
UKRAINE IS HOME TO ONE OF THE FIRST CONSTITUTIONS IN THE WORLD

In 1710, Ukrainian Cossack leader Pylyp Orlyk authored a constitution establishing three branches of government and legally underscored the importance of equality and human rights for citizens under Cossack rule. In USA the Constitution was passed in 1787, in France and Poland in 1791.



Ukrainian hardware startups face and overcome the perils of crowdfunding

Ukrainian hardware startups face and overcome the perils of crowdfunding. two Ukrainian hardware startups — Branto and Hideez, — recently launched campaigns on the Indiegogo platform after failing to hit their goals on another website, Kickstarter.

<http://goo.gl/Zcft1w>

Cargill to invest USD 130 million in building grain terminal in Odesa region port. Terminal launch is tentatively scheduled for 2017. <http://goo.gl/s99drX>

Left: Svitiiaz is one of the Shatsk Lakes in western Volyn Oblast.
<http://goo.gl/0uDtO0>

Right: Kyiv from the air. (Video)
<http://goo.gl/fxCgmk>



Kyiv's hipster revolution Ukraine as a tourism do-it-destination

Two Ukrainian teen girls from Dnipropetrovsk and Zaporizhzhya, Evsukova Anastasia and Olga Solovyova, decided to walk on foot through Ukraine, starting on the border with Russia and ending on the border with Slovakia.
<http://goo.gl/a4Nq6F>

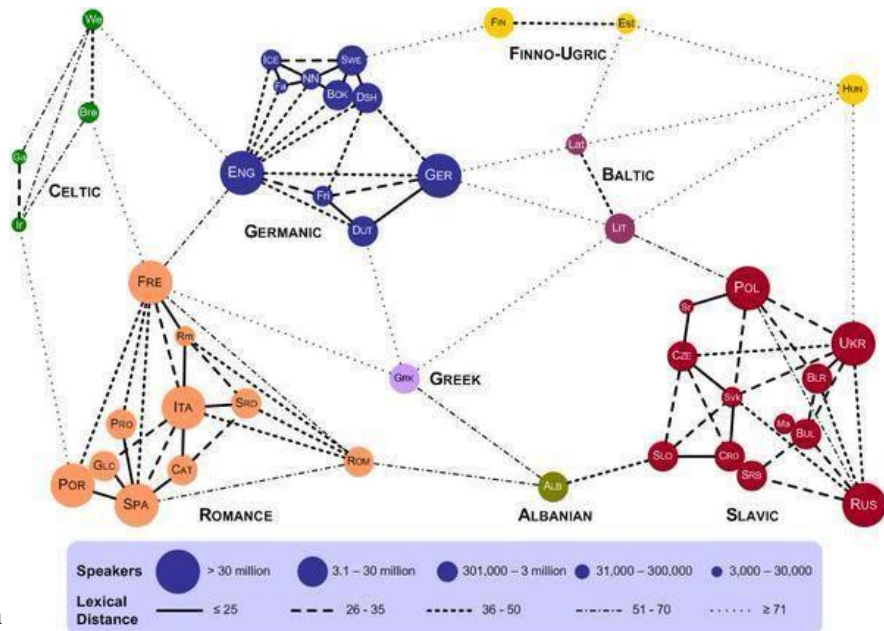
Kyiv's hipster revolution. With Russia breathing down their necks, the young seek refuge in ramen

burgers and beards. <http://goo.gl/CNw8Hs>

If you want a traditional holiday, then a stop in Western Europe or Turkey may suit you. But if you want to experience and do something really new, Ukraine is your destination.
<http://goo.gl/qmkEbd>

New challenging competition takes place in Kyiv. Organizers hope that more Ukrainians will choose healthy lifestyle. <http://goo.gl/X4c0Ip>

World languages map. Ukrainian language is closer to Belarusian, Polish and Slovak than to Russian.



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