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Hague receives report on Russia's war crimes in Ukraine

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[PACE calls for release of all prisoners](#) in Donbas, punishment of those responsible.

On 22 April the report "[Russian War Crimes](#) in Eastern Ukraine" was conveyed to the International Criminal Court in The Hague.

[April 26](#) marks the 30 anniversary of when, in 1986, a routine safety test at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant in Ukraine spiraled out of control.

Ukraine [signs Paris climate agreement](#).

'[Putin is smart, but truly an evil man](#)' - Ex U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. The U.S. has no problem with Russia unless it occupies other countries.

[Ukraine bans Russian movies](#) as threat to national security.

[Russia to block vital Radio Svoboda Crimean Service](#). Journalist could face 5-year sentence.

[Russia said it temporarily suspended its demand for full repayment of a \\$3 billion loan](#) to Ukraine to give the new government in Kyiv time to decide what to do.

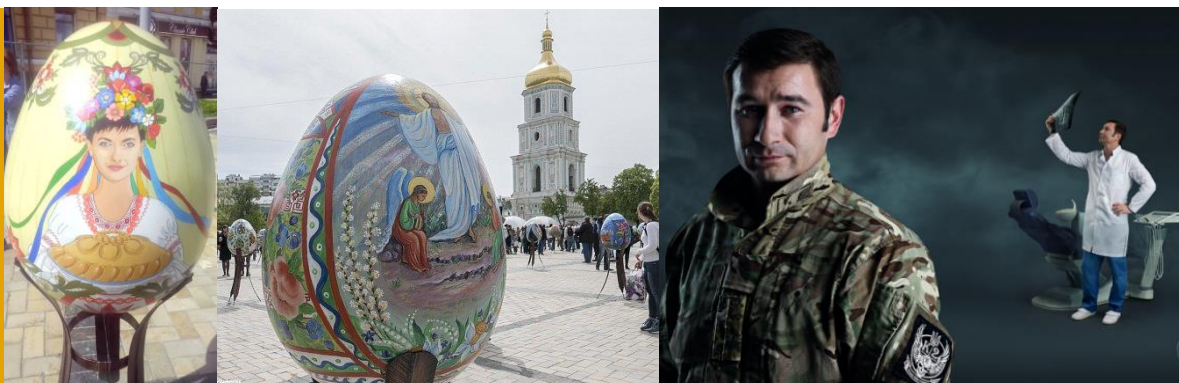
[Chornobyl Frozen In 1986](#): Village in Chornobyl's shadow slowly recovers from epic nuclear disaster. [Effects of Chornobyl disaster may last forever](#).

Alarm bells ring as chief investigator of [Maidan crimes threatened with criminal charges](#).

Ukraine's Prosecutor General 'loses' data explaining why [only anti-corruption whistleblower targeted](#).

Left and centre: Nadiya Savchenko and Easter on an Easter egg on Sofiyivska ploshcha, Kyiv.

Right: A. Karapetyan, dentist, volunteer in battalion K-2. [Photo project "If It Was Not a War"](#) about volunteers' peaceful lives.



Why the U.S. uses the term 'Russia-backed separatists'

War in Ukraine is a turning point in Russian and world history

Leading Czech political figure Karl Schwarzenberg says that Ukraine's fate and its war against Russian aggression [will decide the future of Europe](#).

Seven reasons why Putin's war in Ukraine is a [turning point in Russian and world history](#).

Ukraine: [It's not just another war!](#)

[Novorossiya Funeral](#): Why Putin abandoned the idea to seize Ukraine's east and south?

[EU policies for ending violent conflicts](#). Ukraine and Syria experience.

[Gratitude for Mass Murder](#): The Kremlin is the Main

Winner of the Dutch Popular Rejection of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement. A.Umland.

Ukraine's leaders have a political and moral obligation to set aside personal ambitions and animosities and, in the national interest, [find effective solutions](#) quickly.

Mixed expectations for [Ukraine's new government](#).

[Ukraine's judicial reform](#): plus ça change.

"We have to acknowledge that [Russia] is the key driver of the conflict, and has been the key driver of the conflict from the outset." [U.S. reply to Russia](#) on usage of the term 'Russia-backed separatists'.

Worst death toll of Ukrainian soldiers in months

80 thousand Russian soldiers and nuclear rocket systems in Crimea

Apr 25. [Militants shell cities](#) in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions, damaging infrastructure objects.

Apr 24. Situation in [Donetsk sector escalating](#) again. Three Ukrainian soldiers [were killed](#). [30 attacks in Mariupol sector](#), six involve the use of heavy armor. Terrorists shelled residential area in Pravidivka. [Church destroyed on Palm Sunday](#).

Apr 21. Ukrainian forces tighten their grip on [Dokuchaievsk](#).

Apr 20. Three Ukrainian soldiers [killed in mortar attack](#).

OSCE SMM: [Militants pressuring monitors](#).

The first sector of “Yatsenyuk’s [Yatsenyuk’s Wall](#)” is completed in Kharkiv.

[20 prisoners return](#) to Ukraine from uncontrolled Donbas territories.

Soldier Oleksandr: “[I will fight to the end, the pain will pass](#).” 20-year-old Oleksandr from Chernivtsi

Region was recently admitted to the Dnipropetrovsk Regional Clinical Hospital.

[Ukrainian soldiers sent to Lithuania for treatment and rehabilitation](#). More than 50 servicemen, wounded in the war in eastern Ukraine were treated in Lithuania last year.

[Russian officers](#) Iskuzhenov and Kanaplyanik command units in occupied Donbas.

Russia relocated [80 thousand soldiers and nuclear rocket systems in Crimea](#), - Dzhemilev.

Ukraine's ex-officer tells [how he helped Russian invaders seize Crimea](#). Mertsalov cooperated with Russian military when they stormed the Simferopol airport in 2014.

Farmers in eastern Ukraine's Donbas region are facing the [perils of planting spring crops in a conflict zone](#).

[New tank engine](#) created in Kharkiv.

Left: 15-point checklist of Putin regime’s [propaganda techniques](#).

Right: No respite: yet [another young man killed in eastern Ukraine](#). Oleh Afanas (born 1991)



Russia sentences Ukrainian hostage to 8.5 years on invented charges

Kremlin engages Ukrainian teens in terrorist activities

Russia sentences Ukrainian hostage [to 8.5 years on openly invented charges](#).

[Ukraine has requested documents required to repatriate N. Savchenko](#), whose imprisonment in Russia on murder charges has drawn international condemnation.

[Savchenko has stopped her hunger strike](#).

[Savchenko's sister warns](#) against too much early optimism in Nadia’s case.

New Russian Ombudsperson sees [no political prisoners in Russia](#), only ‘extremists’.

Rafis Kashapov, the Russian Tatar activist serving a [3-year sentence for criticism on social networks of Russia’s invasion](#) and occupation of Crimea is

being moved to the worst form of cell-like imprisonment, with no indication of any time limit.

Pro-Russia militants in occupied East Ukraine [torture Protestant Pastor](#) to convert to Russian Orthodox Church.

[‘Hitler Youth’ in Donbas](#): Russian-backed militants recruit children. Kremlin engages Ukrainian teens in terrorist activities.

[‘Hybrid annexation’ in eastern Ukraine](#). Europe says Russia is systematically increasing its control of occupied Donbas.

[Russian police crack down on mosque](#) in Sevastopol. 2 young Crimean Tatars face [10-year sentences on fictitious ‘terrorism’ charges](#).

Government approves independent CEOs for state companies

Russia's propaganda myths about Ukraine seep into mainstream media

Architect of successful Polish reforms Leszek [Balcerowicz becomes President's representative in Govt.](#)

EU wants reforms from new Ukraine government [within 100 days.](#)

[Reforms digest April 16-22](#), 2016. On the wave of optimism. Updates on European integration, macro-financial stabilization, healthcare reform, staff renewal, decentralization, and tax, education, and anti-corruption reform.

[Week's milestones](#): The return of Nadia Savchenko to Ukraine is becoming more real. Parliamentarians will not only get a salary increase, they will also have to increase the intensity of their work. The government's back office is joined by influential foreigners with a reformist image.

Ukraine's [central bank has cut its main interest rate](#) to 19 percent from 22 percent, citing a "significant easing in risks to price stability."

[Slow-moving privatization](#) taxes patience of investors.

Government approves [independent CEOs for state railway monopoly, postal operator.](#)

Canadian investors are interested in increasing [investments in infrastructure projects](#) located in Ukrainian sea ports, airports and railway sector.

Big future lies ahead for [Ukraine's aircraft engineering.](#)

[Jaresko to continue serving people of Ukraine after short break.](#) Former Ukrainian Finance Minister Ukraine Natalie Jaresko has already received many job offers.

[iMoRe №33](#). WTO Government Procurement Market and Reform of Special Permits for the Use of Mineral Resources.

How [Russia's worst propaganda myths about Ukraine seep into media language.](#) Western media outlets, by sloppily mimicking Kremlin language, are letting Russia get away with murder.

[Pope Francis called for special collection](#) to be taken on Sunday, April 24, to both raise awareness and alleviate the suffering of Ukrainians enduring war. (Interview with Bishop Borys Gudziak)

Left: Ukrainian fairy tale poem comes to life in an American video game. "[The Forest Song](#)" by Lesya Ukrainka is the basis for Colabee Studios creation.

Right: [Drohobych salt production plant operating since 1250](#)



First bench with solar panel charging station installed in Kyiv

The first [bench with a built-in solar panel](#) has been installed near a metro station in Kyiv.

[BrainTV](#), a non-profit media project that aims to cultivate IT specialists in Ukraine, launched in beta mode on multimedia OTT service Divan.TV in 200

countries around the world. BrainTV is the brainchild of the [BrainBasket foundation](#), a Ukrainian NGO established in 2014 to support IT education in the country.

Left: [Ukrainian ladies of the 19th century](#) photos

Right: [All Ukraine composition](#) (video clip)



Book Arsenal festival kicks off in Kyiv

‘I believe in Ukraine. That’s why I’m here.’

The fourth [International Book Arsenal festival](#) opened at the Art (Mystetskyi) Arsenal National Cultural-Art and Museum Complex in Kyiv.

[International all-breed dog show](#) kicks off in Ukraine's capital.

In Ukraine [pottery has been highly developed](#) since

antiquity, and ceramics was widely used by Ukrainians up until industrialization in the 20th century.

[‘I believe in Ukraine](#), that's why I am here' - Russian-born conductor and cellist.

[Crimean Word](#) newspaper launched in Kyiv. (Photos)

Left: Silver waterfall, Crimea. Photos of not commonly known [rivers and lakes](#) in Ukraine

Right: [Nevytsky Castle](#) and its legends



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