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Happy 2018 New Year!

Thank you for being with us for 4 years, since December 31, 2013

Brexit talks could help Ukraine

Shocking claims about Crimea during Yanukovych trial

[Brexit talks could help Ukraine](#), Turkey deepen links with Europe

[2017 in a word](#): from Russia, Ukraine, and Belarus.

[Crimea's annexation was not spontaneous](#) - shocking claims from the trial of Viktor Yanukovych.

[Siemens fails to convince Russian court](#) that it was duped in Crimea sanctions scandal.

[Russia vows to return to PACE, but not in 2018.](#)

Ukrainian Roman [Catholics celebrate Christmas as an official holiday](#) for the first time.

Collapsing Russia, Putin burger, Syria war game and other [fake news stories that reeled in Russians](#) in 2017.

Left: Largest prisoner swap: [73 Ukrainians released from captivity in Russian-run "republics"](#). [Photos](#).
Right: Ukraine's [top 10 achievements and defeats of 2017](#).



Russia preparing for big war with each new conflict

10 articles you shouldn't have missed in 2017

[Russia is preparing for big war and with each new conflict increases its capabilities](#), President of Israel's Institute for Eastern Partnership Rabbi Avraam Shmulyevich says.

[Putin has reasons not to start large-scale war](#) - political scientist Volodymyr Fesenko.

["Trump is dangerous and more unpredictable than Kim Jong-un"](#), says Kremlin propagandist.

Prospects and forecast for [military strengthening of Russia's position in Sudan](#).

Euromaidanpress: [10 articles you shouldn't have missed in 2017](#).

73 Ukrainian POWs come home during largest exchange

Kyiv begins negotiations on second stage of prisoner exchange

Dec 27. Seventy-three [Ukrainian POWs swapped for 233 militants](#) in largest prisoner exchange since war began.

Jan 1. Militants commit [7 ceasefire violations, some involve mortars](#).

Bringing them home: [inside Ukraine's prisoner exchange](#).

[Hundreds of people in Kyiv met prisoners](#) released from militant captivity.

[Freed Ukrainians undergo medical treatment](#) after release.

Broken teeth and head [traumas: How prisoners were tortured in militant captivity](#).

No end to waiting for the families of [2 Ukrainian soldiers captured in Putin's Minsk II Debatseve Deceit](#).

[Released separatists enjoyed no warm welcome: they were packed into buses](#), locked up in dungeons, - Donbas militant on prisoner swap.

Kyiv begins negotiations on [second stage of prisoners exchange](#).

Bellingcat publishes [interactive map of Russian artillery strikes](#) across Ukrainian border.

[Lethal weapons: too little, too late?](#) Inside the U.S. decision to sell weapons to Ukraine, the state of Ukrainian defense, and what to expect for 2018.

SBU [closes network of 388 anti-Ukrainian agents](#) on Internet in 2017.

[Biometric control launched](#) in test mode at Ukraine border checkpoints.

Stanislav [Yezhov acted in Russia's interests since his service at Ukrainian Embassy](#) in the U.S.

Left: Freed Donetsk religious scholar: [Many in Donbas want a return to Ukraine but are afraid](#).

Right: [100 best shots of the year 2017](#) from the Crimean News Agency



Crimea - 2017: Territory of lawlessness

Ceiling falls on prisoners in Simferopol remand center

Released in Russia, tatar activist says [trading 'small prison' for big one](#).

Crimea - 2017: [Territory of lawlessness](#).

Emine Dzhaparova: Our main [success story in Crimea is Chonhar tower broadcasting](#) 4 radio stations and 5 TV channels across occupied territory.

Ukrainian activist [sentenced in occupied Crimea for 'anti-Russian' Facebook posts](#).

[Ceiling falls on prisoners in Simferopol](#) remand center.

Russia [turns to punitive psychiatry](#) as its trial of jailed historian of the Terror collapses.

Year's balance: thorny road to bright economic future

Ukrainian corruption fighters became victims of the fight against corruption

[Year's balance: thorny road to bright economic future](#). In the outgoing year, the economic situation in Ukraine continued to improve. And although the growth rates corresponded to the "swiftness" of reforms and remained modest last year, the government managed to maintain macro-financial stability and conquer some important foreign economic bridgeheads, which allows Ukraine counting on acceleration next year.

Reform Watch: [Year of reform sees mix of progress and reversals](#).

How Ukrainian [corruption fighters became victims](#) of the fight against corruption.

Rally on Maidan: [protesters demand real prison term for journalist Veremii's murderer Krysin](#).

[Changes in the Ukrainian Economy](#) in 2017 (video interview). What has become successful and what made the country less appealing to foreign investors and donors.

[Ukraine's 2017 in review](#): the good, the bad and the Saakashvili.

[Ten risks in 2017](#) that Ukraine has managed to avoid. "The outgoing year has given us many lessons. We have learned to contain some of them."

Ukrainians name [Poroshenko 'Politician of the Year,' visa-free regime 'Event of the Year'](#).

Poroshenko signs law on [Ukraine's accession to International Renewable Energy Agency](#).

Analysts on [terrorist attacks in Ukraine: Fewer but more violent](#) and symbolic.

Ukrainian [lawyer murdered after seeking justice](#) in high-profile manslaughter trial.

The overwhelming majority of Ukrainians believe that the [events in Ukraine are developing in the wrong direction](#) – survey.

A Ukrainian [Chef's quest to reinvent his country's cuisine](#).

Left: Dima Borysov poses inside his Kanapa restaurant in Kyiv

Right: A sampling of the "lolly-frogs" at Kyiv's Bessarabia restaurant



Startup Innovation and investment in Emerging Europe

The Ukrainian village that makes Christmas ornaments for all of Europe

“[Startup Innovation and investment in Emerging Europe](#).” A groundbreaking research released with UADN.

Where are the [best software developers](#)?

Ukraine 2017 in review: business development (video). Successes, setbacks, and what to expect in 2018.

Inside [the Ukrainian village that makes Christmas ornaments](#) for all of Europe.

Master's maneuver:
[chess champion draws line on defending titles where 'women's rights are violated'](#)



Five Ukrainian sporting heroes who made nation cheer Ukrainian “Cyborgs” film sets box office records

Ukrainian electro-folk band ONUKA performs Ukrainian Christmas song Shchedryk, or [Carol of the Bells, at the Lviv airport](#). Video.

Vasyl [Lomachenko](#) named 2017 [Ring magazine fighter of the year](#).

2017 review: [Five Ukrainian sporting heroes](#) who gave the nation something to cheer.

[Ukrainian “Cyborgs” film](#) sets box office records.

The [seven wonders of Ukraine](#).

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