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[The EU Is Plotting A New TV Channel To Counter Russian Propaganda In Europe](#) European Union leaders are considering creating a new Russian-language television channel aimed at combating Russian propaganda, an EU foreign minister said in an interview with BuzzFeed News. “Russian TV, particularly for the last couple of years, has been very aggressive in what can no longer be considered normal news or normal journalism, but is more information warfare and propaganda,” the foreign minister of Latvia, Edgars Rinkēvičs, said. **BuzzFeed News.** [Read More](#)

[Oliver Stone Interviews Yanukovych for Documentary on U.S. 'Coup' in Ukraine](#) Hollywood film producer Oliver Stone has said he wants to make a four-hour documentary telling the "dirty story" of the overthrow of former Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich in what he believes was a "coup" organized with the help of the United States' Central Intelligence Agency. "A dirty story through and through, but in the tragic aftermath of this coup, the West has maintained the dominant narrative of 'Russia in Crimea,' whereas the true narrative is 'USA in Ukraine.' The truth is not being aired in the West," Stone wrote on his Facebook page on Tuesday. **The Moscow Times.** [Reac More](#)

[Anti-Putin Protest Fizzles as Police Sweep Square](#) In the end, Russia's “white ribbon” opposition, which roared to life in December 2011 hoping to oust Vladimir V. Putin from power, came down to this: not quite two dozen stalwarts huddled all night inside an oversize Christmas tree ornament just outside the Kremlin walls, awaiting inevitable arrest. By morning, it came. They were quickly removed from the ornament, a glittering white orb, the last stragglers of what had been a crowd of about 3,000 people who had gathered Tuesday evening to protest the conviction on fraud charges of Aleksei A. Navalny, the anticorruption crusader and Kremlin antagonist, and his brother, Oleg, who was charged along with him. **The NY Times.** [Read More](#)

[Why Putin's Russia Is The Biggest Threat To America In 2015](#) Like the stock market crashes that periodically wipe out so many fortunes, military crises are hard to predict. Washington's track record as a seer of future threats is remarkably poor. From the bombing of Pearl Harbor in the 1940s to North Korea's invasion of the South in the 1950s to the Cuban Missile Crisis in the 1960s to the collapse of South Vietnam in the 1970s to the breakup of the Soviet empire in the 1980s to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in the 1990s to the 9-11 attacks and rise of ISIS in the new millennium, America's policy elite never seems to see looming danger until it is too late. **Forbes.** [Read More](#)

[Ukraine Update 1/3/15: Eight Oracles for the New Year](#) Since ancient times, people have always been interested in knowing the future. For example, the famous Oracle of Delphi was known for its accuracy in predicting the fate of the fledging Greek democracy. While Delphi is 2000 kilometers away from Kyiv and hasn't offered oracles since the 4th century, we have turned to the Oracle of the Dnipro for guidance in the New Year. **Brian Mefford.** [Read More](#)

[Window on Eurasia: Putin's Entourage Likely to Sacrifice Him to Keep His System in Place, Satarov Says](#) Everyone must make a clear distinction between the demise of Vladimir Putin and the demise of his regime, Georgy Satarov says, because "the most probable scenario" in the coming months is that Putin's comrades will sacrifice him in order to "somehow preserve the regime" that he created and from which they have benefitted. In a commentary in today's "Yezhednevny zhurnal," the Moscow writer reaches that conclusion based on what he describes as parallels between what Putin is doing now and what Hitler did after the Berlin Olympiad and between how the Kremlin leader is acting and what happened with the end of the Soviet Union. **Window on Eurasia.** [Read More](#)

[Russia's Terrifying 'Nuke Trains' Will Be Roving The Rails By 2018](#) Banned under the previous STARTII treaty, but not excluded in 2011's New START treaty, Russia is pulling from its Soviet strategic playbook and reviving the intercontinental ballistic missile toting, hiding in plain sight, 'Nuke Train' concept. The giant TOPOL-M road-mobile intercontinental ballistic missile is one frightening creation of mankind. It can hide in cities, forests, or even nuclear-attack hardened bunkers. It'll travel at over 15,000 MPH while taking evasive action and pumping out decoys on the way to its target. **Foxtrot Alpha.** [Read More](#)

[Ukrainian Channel Under Fire Over Russian New Year's Concert](#) Ukraine's biggest television channel is under fire after broadcasting a New Year's Eve concert featuring Russian singers who have publicly supported separatists in eastern Ukraine. National Security and Defense Council Secretary Oleksandr Turchynov has urged the National Council on Television and Radio to immediately consider stripping the channel, Inter, of its license. Turchynov accused Inter of "acting against the Ukrainian state" by showcasing Russian singers "who have mocked our country by supporting terrorists and welcoming the seizure of Crimea and the Donbas." **Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty.** [Read More](#)

[Germany Says Ukraine, Russia Ready To Meet 'As Soon As Possible'](#) The German Foreign Ministry says Russia and Ukraine have agreed to meet "as soon as possible" to discuss ending the conflict in eastern Ukraine. A ministry spokesperson said German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier discussed the standoff between Ukrainian forces and pro-Russian separatists in a January 2 telephone conference with his Ukrainian, Russian, and French counterparts. **Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty.** [Read More](#)

[The Next Battle for Ukraine](#) CAN a group of young reformers fix a broken country? That is the question that Dmytro Shymkiv, the first deputy head of Ukraine's presidential administration, is getting a lot these days. About a year ago, Mr. Shymkiv was running Microsoft in Ukraine and pondering accepting a promotion to the company's offices in Latin America. **NY Times.** [Read More](#)

[Ukraine Leader Was Defeated Even Before He Was Ousted](#) Ashen-faced after a sleepless night of marathon negotiations, Viktor F. Yanukovich hesitated, shaking his pen above the text placed before him in the chandeliered hall. Then, under the unsmiling gaze of European diplomats and his political enemies, the beleaguered Ukrainian president scrawled his signature, sealing a deal that he believed would keep him in power, at least for a few more months. **NY Times.** [Read More](#)

[Захист Савченко, яка продовжує голодування, не може з нею зустрітися до 12 січня – адвокат](#) Адвокат української льотчиці Надії Савченко Микола Полозов заявляє, що захисники не можуть зустрітися з нею до 12 січня. Про це адвокат написав у своєму Twitter. Із яких причин ухвалене таке рішення, Полозов не повідомляє. За його словами, до Савченко можуть бути допущені члени Громадської наглядової комісії. Адвокат наголосив, що Савченко продовжує голодування, тому важливо стежити за станом її здоров'я. Голодування триває від 13 грудня. **Радіо Свобода.** [Читайте Більше](#)

[В Одесі підірвали волонтерський центр](#) У неділю близько 23 години в Одесі біля будинку, де знаходиться Координаційний центр допомоги бійцям АТО, стався вибух. Про це повідомив на своїй сторінці у Facebook депутат від партії УДАР Андрій Юсов. **Радіо Свобода.** [Читайте Більше](#)

**Особливе занепокоєння в Московського відділення організації викликає інформація про постачання зброї, боєприпасів і палива бойовикам.** У російському Червоному Хресті назвали вторгненням так звані "гуманітарні конвої". Відряджаючи їх на схід України, Росія порушує норми і внутрішнього, і міжнародного законодавства. Про це заявив голова Московського міського відділення організації Ігор Трунов. Він наголосив, що особливе занепокоєння викликає інформація про постачання "білими КамАЗами" зброї, боєприпасів і палива бойовикам. Нагадаємо, що Росія відрядила на Донбас уже 10 "гумконвоїв". Жоден із них не було узгоджено ні з Україною, ні з міжнародними організаціями  
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