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**[Urge Russia to release Nadiya Savchenko](#)** Please sign and share this petition to PACE (Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe) in support of Nadiya Savchenko, a Ukrainian pilot and member of parliament, who was kidnapped and is being held illegally in a Russian prison. Time is of the essence, as she has been on a hunger strike for some weeks, and her health is deteriorating. (PACE is an Assembly which brings together 318 parliamentarians from 47 European countries, representing 820 million people. [SIGN PETITION](#)

**[Interpol Puts Yanukovych On International Wanted List](#)** Interpol has put Viktor Yanukovych, Ukraine's former president, on its list of internationally wanted persons. An online version of Interpol red notice list says Yanukovych is wanted for "misappropriation, embezzlement or conversion of property by malversation" committed in an "especially gross amount, or by an organized group." RFE/RL. [Read More](#)

**[Ukraine struggles on brink of economic crisis](#)** At the warehouse of Modnakasta, one of Ukraine's largest online retailers, the air hums with the lively chatter of workers and sound of hundreds of boxes being packed and sealed. It sounds like success: clothing, footwear, household goods and bathroom items are all being loaded and then shipped throughout the country. And indeed the company's owner, Andriy Logvin, says business has rocketed since it began four years ago. But because of Ukraine's deteriorating economy, he says that right now the company is just managing to keep its head above water. Business has doubled in the past year, but because of the drop in value of the national currency, the hryvnia, he is barely breaking even. BBC News. [Read More](#)

**[On Holodomor denial, and faking a denialist Russian professor of History](#)** Soviet propaganda continues to shape the beliefs of Russians about the Russian and Soviet past and continues to infect public consciousness in the West. The Kremlin's ongoing denial that Ukrainians were subject to a genocidal famine in 1932-33 under Stalin is a clear example. Russian historiography on the subject contorts the truth to promote the goals of the state, fueled by the legacy of the USSR and its state-decreed "truth." Unlike post WWII Germany which went through a de-nazification program, Russia has not gone through a de-Sovietization process since the collapse of the USSR. Euromaidan Press. [Read More](#)

**[Ukrainian Pilot Savchenko Vows To Die In Prison If Not Freed](#)** January 13 marks one month since Nadia Savchenko, the Ukrainian military pilot held in Russia, began her hunger strike. Savchenko says she is determined to starve to death in pretrial detention if Russian authorities do not release her. RFE/RL. [Read More](#)

[\*\*A New Policy to Rescue Ukraine\*\*](#) The sanctions imposed on Russia by the US and Europe for its interventions in Ukraine have worked much faster and inflicted much more damage on the Russian economy than anybody could have expected. The sanctions sought to deny Russian banks and companies access to the international capital markets. The increased damage is largely due to a sharp decline in the price of oil, without which the sanctions would have been much less effective. Russia needs oil prices to be around \$100 a barrel in order to balance its budget. (It is now around \$55 a barrel.) The combination of lower oil prices and sanctions has pushed Russia into a financial crisis that is by some measures already comparable to the one in 1998. **The New York Review of Books.** [Read More](#)

[\*\*Researching Zhirinovskii's World War III: The German Left, the NATO Label, and the Analysis of Post-Soviet Russia \(1\)\*\*](#) Observers outside Germany may be surprised to learn that a frequent condemnation in German political debates is that a certain action, person or organization is linked to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. This reproving label is popular among startlingly many Germans although West Germany has been a member of NATO since 1955 while East Germany joined NATO in 1990 via German reunification. **Geopolitika.** [Read More](#)

[\*\*Astana peace summit postponed as both sides mobilize in east Ukraine\*\*](#) After more than four hours of discussion in Berlin late last night, the foreign affairs ministers of Ukraine, Russia, France and Germany decided to postpone a key peace summit planned for Jan. 15 in Astana, Kazakhstan. The diplomats had aimed to prepare a comprehensive peace plan for resolving the conflict in Donbas for their respective heads of state to agree at the summit. **Kyivpost.** [Read More](#)

[\*\*Ukraine recovers Hr 3.7 billion \(\\$234 million\) blocked by Russia in Crimea\*\*](#) Ukraine reached an agreement to recover Hr 3.7 billion, or \$234 million, of National Bank's cash kept in Russia-annexed Crimea, said President Petro Poroshenko on Jan. 16. **Kyivpost.** [Read More](#)

[\*\*Ukraine seals off roads to Donbas as fighting intensifies\*\*](#) Fighting around Donetsk intensified over the weekend with heavy shelling on both sides as a series of peace talks planned for Berlin and Astana this week were overshadowed by increasingly combative rhetoric. A gas pipeline caught fire after it was hit by a shell and Ukraine sealed off a number roads into separatist-held areas in response to the fierce fighting. **Kyivpost.** [Read More](#)

[\*\*EU Members Urge 'Alternative' To Russian Propaganda\*\*](#) The countries of Britain, Denmark, Estonia, and Lithuania have called on the European Union to create information alternatives to Russian propaganda. In a letter to EU foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini, foreign ministers from the four countries said Moscow was suppressing independent media and increasing "disinformation" to counter Western criticism over the war in Ukraine. **RFE/RL.** [Read More](#)

[\*\*News Analysis: Bombing Campaign Opens New Front In Battle For Ukraine\*\*](#) Hardly a day goes by in Ukraine these days without headlines about some terrorist incident or about the country's security forces breaking up a would-be plot or capturing a cache of weapons or explosives. In recent weeks there have been dozens of small bombings across the country, with the epicenters being Kharkiv, Odesa, Mariupol, and Kyiv. There were at least six bombings in Odesa in December alone. **RFE/RL.** [Read More](#)

[\*\*The Good, Bad, and Ugly of Plunging Oil Prices\*\*](#) Crude oil prices plunged to a six-year low Tuesday in a potentially painful threat to oil-exporting nations that rely on crude to power their economies. The drop brings some welcome relief to countries that have been struggling with economic headwinds, but brings a mixed bag for others, like the United States, that are both big producers and consumers of oil. **Foreign Policy.** [Read More](#)

[\*\*Порошенко ветував закон, що забороняє забирати житло у боржників\*\*](#) Президент Петро Порошенко ветував закон про введення мораторію на примусове відчуження заставного майна. Документ, нагадаємо, нардепи ухвалили після численних мітингів під стінами ВР 28 грудня. З різкою критикою вступу закону в силу виступили в МВФ. Місія, яка зараз працює в Україні, переконала президента не підписувати документ. В АП пояснили: вирішення проблем позичальників не може ставити під загрозу інтереси вкладників, які мають однакові права. **Gazeta.UA.** [Читайте Більше](#)

[Щонайменше 13 країнах долучилися до сьогоднішньої української акції](#) Щонайменше 13 країн світу долучаються сьогодні до київського Маршу миру, щоб висловити українському народу солідарність у боротьбі з тероризмом. "Одночасно з мирним маршем у Києві ми закликаємо до маршу єдності та солідарності з Україною, де вже вбито терористами тисячі мирних жителів. 13 січня ще 12 цивільних загинули внаслідок обстрілу з боку терористів у Волновасі", – зазначено у Facebook на сторінці маршу в німецькому місті Гамбург, пише [Радіо Свобода](#). **Gazeta.UA.** [Читайте Більше](#)

[Кіхтенко: Люди, які перебували під "владюю" "ДНР", більше туди не хочуть](#) Те населення міст і районів, яке встигло пожити під контролем так званої "Донецької народної республіки", не хоче повернення самопроголошених правителів. Про це в неділю, 18 січня, сказав голова Донецької облдержадміністрації Олександр Кіхтенко в ефірі Першого каналу Українського радіо. **Gazeta UA.** [Читайте Більше](#)

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