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## Ukrainian Pilot Savchenko Turns 34 Behind Bars

Today, May 11, 2015, Supporters of Ukrainian pilot and parliament member Nadia Savchenko, who has been jailed in Russia since July, are urging social media users to use Twitter to mark her birthday.



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### [Nemtsov's Report On Putin And Ukraine War Finally In Print, With A Little Help From His Friends](#)

On the evening of February 25, the Russian opposition politician Boris Nemtsov came to his friend, Ilya Yashin, to ask for help with his latest investigation: a sensitive report on Russian soldiers secretly fighting in Ukraine. Two days later Nemtsov, a relentless critic of Russian President Vladimir Putin, was brazenly shot dead near the Kremlin as he was walking home. Now, the report that Nemtsov never wrote has been finally completed by a group of opposition activists and journalists led by Yashin, who pieced together the trail that the slain former deputy prime minister left behind. [Детальніше-Read More](#)

### [A. Motyl; Kiev's Purge, Behind the New Legislation to Decommunize Ukraine](#)

Earlier this month, the Ukrainian parliament approved [four bills](#) intended to decommunize Ukraine. Critics slammed the legislation, claiming that it would [limit](#) free speech and cause unnecessary friction between Kiev and some parts of the country's eastern regions. Supporters, however, insist that the terms of the bills align with [international norms](#) and are necessary to Ukraine's adoption of pro-Western reforms.

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### [Society For The Defense Of Ukraine: Donation Request](#)

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**[Residents in bombed buffer zone between Ukraine, Russian-controlled east cling to peace hopes](#)**

**AVDIIVKA, Ukraine** - Avdiivka, a Ukrainian-controlled city on the war front just 10 miles north of Donetsk, is a bizarre buffer zone.

**[International Business Times: Russian combat plane detected over neutral Latvian air space](#)**

Latvia said it detected a Russian military transport plane flying near its border over the Baltic Sea on May 11. "Patrol planes above the neutral waters of the Baltic Sea near the Latvian outer sea border today have identified a plane of Russian Air Forces - Antonov An-22," the Latvian Armed Forces said in a statement, reported Russian news agency Tass. It was unclear what was being transported in the aircraft.

**[Avdiivka, home of strategic coke plant, is frequent target of shelling](#)**

**AVDIIVKA, Ukraine** - Residents say that not a single building in Avdiivka, a town north of Donetsk, has escaped shelling. Almost all buildings have broken windows, and many have been heavily damaged.

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**[Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty: Europe's fringe, new faces take part in Donetsk forum](#)**

MOSCOW - One is a Stalinist Finn. Another hails from Greece's radical left. A couple more represent the French far-right.

**[Reuters: Georgia hosts joint military exercises with US](#)**

U.S. and Georgian forces began two weeks of military exercises in the South Caucasian republic on May 11, a move that is likely to irritate Georgia's former Soviet master Russia.

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