

Disinformation Review Issue No 52 - 20 December 2016

Date	Language / Targeted Audience	Summary of the Disinformation	Link to the Disinformation	Disinforming outlet (s)	Disproof	Reported by
08.11.2016	RUS	A Ukrainian army tank crushed a civilian car with three passengers in southeastern Ukraine, as confirmed by deputy defense minister and defense spokesman of the self-proclaimed Donetsk People's Republic Eduard Basurin.	http://bit.ly/2hVWJTU	Vesti.ru	The residents of the town however could not confirm such an incident had taken place and the local police called the event fabricated. No photographs have been found of the alleged accident, there is no mention of such an incident in social media and OSCE monitors have not recorded such an event in their daily reports. http://bit.ly/2gZMHAY	StopFake
29.11.2016	RUS	Kyiv attempts to enter Russian airspace, flying over Crimea.	http://bit.ly/2gVFDSP	ukraina.ru	According to Ukraine, Kyiv has not violated Russian airspace and according to ICAO rules, Ukraine can do what it likes within the confines of its own airspace without any coordination with neighboring countries. In 2014 the International Civil Aviation Organization officially confirmed that the airspace over Crimea belongs to Ukraine. http://bit.ly/2gZLDgA	StopFake
30.11.2016	RUS	Volunteers, often people with a shady past, are supplying weapons, ammunition, medicines and food to the Ukrainian army and getting rich in the process.	http://bit.ly/2h1O6Ja	ukraina.ru	The article focuses on well-known Ukrainian volunteer Yuriy Biriukov, who is currently an aide to Ukraine's Defense Minister. Biriukov really was a businessman who owned companies, but he built those companies long before he began to do volunteer work. Responding to StopFake's inquiry, Biriukov explained that he sold his companies in 2014. Further debunking at Stopfake http://bit.ly/2hVTiMV .	StopFake
04.12.2016	ENG	NGOs are smuggling migrants into Europe "on an industrial scale", as evidenced by video footage.	http://bit.ly/2h6aTNJ	GEFIRA	Repeating the disinformation debunked in the last review: http://bit.ly/2hin4F // The origin of the ships or the purpose of their travel could not be verified. http://bit.ly/2gAy9WB	Kremlin Watch (European Values think-tank), http://www.europeanvalues.net/kremlinwatch/
05.12.2016	CZE	The election of Van der Bellen as President of Austria kicked off a process of transformation towards totalitarianism.	http://bit.ly/2hrwncc	Parlamentní listy	No evidence given. There is nothing that indicates that a process of totalitarianism has started in Austria.	Kremlin Watch (European Values think-tank), http://www.europeanvalues.net/kremlinwatch/
05.12.2016	ENG	The CIA and establishment politicians are attacking independent media who tell it like it is. They already created a blacklist of 200 independent media outlets.	http://bit.ly/2g9XgRF	Paul Craig Roberts	The list of 200 biggest Russian propaganda disseminators was created by the organization PropOrNot, which is not a government agency. http://bit.ly/2gCykSM	Kremlin Watch (European Values think-tank), http://www.europeanvalues.net/kremlinwatch/

05.12.2016	CZE	Jews around the world control governments and create conflicts. The Czech elite is under control of the Masons, as well.	http://bit.ly/2hIHMEb	Svobodné noviny	Antisemite conspiracy theory unsupported by evidence.	Kremlin Watch (European Values think-tank), http://www.europeanvalues.net/kremlinwatch/
05.12.2016	CZE	A Czech living in Sweden provides information on the situation in Sweden: the police will no longer protect citizens from crimes committed by immigrants - burning cars goes without punishment and gang rapes are punished by community service.	http://bit.ly/2hIOo5j	Parlamentní listy	The name of the man could not be found anywhere outside of disinformation outlets. No evidence or sources are given to support his statements.	Kremlin Watch (European Values think-tank), http://www.europeanvalues.net/kremlinwatch/
07.12.2016	CZE	NGOs are smuggling migrants into Europe "on an industrial scale", as evidenced by video footage.	http://bit.ly/2hf89OC	Česko aktuálně	Czech translation of the disinformation article above.	Kremlin Watch (European Values think-tank), http://www.europeanvalues.net/kremlinwatch/
07.12.2016	RUS	The US are unhappy with Ukraine and are looking for Poroshenko's successor.	http://bit.ly/2gZRmTm	life.ru	Ukrainian Ambassador to the US, Valeriy Chaly, commenting on the adoption by Congress of the US budget for national defense, said: "Despite the skepticism of some Ukrainian politicians, the result is that the US Congress increased assistance to Ukraine to \$350 million." http://bit.ly/2hVTJH4	StopFake
08.12.2016	CZE	The CIA and establishment politicians are attacking independent media who tell it like it is. They already created a blacklist of 200 independent media outlets.	http://bit.ly/2gOTw3k	Parlamentní listy	Czech translation of the disinformation article above.	Kremlin Watch (European Values think-tank), http://www.europeanvalues.net/kremlinwatch/
08.12.2016	CZE	The modernisation of the Czech Armed Forces is a first step towards preparing for war with Russia, and is organised by the USA and Brussels (EU).	http://bit.ly/2gYYm1j	Protiproud	No evidence given as regards preparing for war with Russia. The Czech Republic is a sovereign state and hence make their own decisions concerning how to organise its army.	Kremlin Watch (European Values think-tank), http://www.europeanvalues.net/kremlinwatch/
08.12.2016	RUS	The German foreign minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier said that "the parties of the conflict in Ukraine consider the truce a recommendation, not an obligation".	http://bit.ly/2hNrSWe	TASS	While he did say that all sides of the conflict must follow the terms of the Minsk agreements, Steinmeier did not say that both sides, Ukraine and Russia, treat the agreements as recommendations. http://bit.ly/2hfk2nB	StopFake
09.12.2016	CZE	George Soros is behind many political convulsions around the world, e.g. creating anti-establishment parties such as SYRIZA (Greece) and PODEMOS (Spain).	http://bit.ly/2gZrWp2	Svět kolem nás	No evidence given.	Kremlin Watch (European Values think-tank), http://www.europeanvalues.net/kremlinwatch/

11.12.2016	RUS	There are three scenarios for the future of Ukraine. It will either be returned to Russia, or it will be divided, or a coup will be organized there.	http://bit.ly/2hr1C6s	Svpressa.ru	Ukraine is recognised in international law as a sovereign nation state, with its own flag, nationality, language etc. Ukrainian citizens are citizens of Ukraine, not Russia. Russia has no right to claim them. Furthermore there are no indications that a coup would be organised in Ukraine, as Ukraine is making progress in reforms in key areas, notably constitutional reform, decentralisation, the fight against corruption and the judiciary. The EU welcomes these steps and is providing substantial support in all these areas.	East Stratcom Network
12.12.2016	GER	Mainstream media is lying about Syria, there are no international organisations on the ground in Aleppo, the White Helmets are not saving lives in Aleppo.	http://bit.ly/2hwDwlc	Russia Today	The video of allegedly "independent" journalist has gone viral and is claimed by various conspiracy sites to show how mainstream media is lying to the world about Syria. Eva Bartlett, the woman in the video, writes for various conspiracy sites including SOTT.net, The Duran, MintPress and Globalresearch.ca and she appears regularly on Russia Today. Bartlett was recently a guest of the Assad regime, attended a regime sponsored PR conference and went on a tour of regime-controlled areas http://bit.ly/2hC7lyB . In the video, Bartlett was speaking at a pro-Syrian government event on 9 December 2016 at the United Nations, where she was billed as an "independent Canadian journalist." http://bit.ly/2gHPLN1 .	East Stratcom Network
12.12.2016	RUS	The Hague does not want to support Ukraine with EU financial and military assistance.	http://bit.ly/2hIKQOk	TV Zvezda	The text of the Association Agreement between Ukraine and the EU includes a separate section VI, entitled "Financial cooperation and provisions on the fight against fraud." Article 453 of the section says that "Ukraine receives financial assistance through the appropriate mechanisms and EU funding instruments. This financial assistance will help to achieve the objectives of this Agreement and will be provided in accordance with the following Articles of this Agreement." http://bit.ly/2hIVJlk // The EU leaders have accepted the Dutch demands and adopted an annex that e.g. says that Ukraine is not granted an EU membership: http://reut.rs/2h51KVU	StopFake

12.12.2016	RUS	Ukraine is paying too much for European gas. It could be buying cheaper gas from Russia.	http://bit.ly/2hxmCrV	rian.com.ua	The Chief Commercial Officer of Naftogaz Ukraine Yuri Vitrenko said that the price of European and Russian gas is very similar after recent discounts by Gazprom. "European gas prices constantly fluctuate, in August and September there was significant supply with the price below that of Gazprom." http://bit.ly/2i3uqi9	StopFake
12.12.2016	RUS	A Ukrainian colonel was sentenced to 13 years imprisonment for shooting civilians in the Donbas.	http://bit.ly/2hJgllG	Baltnews.lv	No evidence given. The name of the colonel is not given, nor information on the court decision.	BIEDRIBA Novosti
12.12.2016	CZE	The Czech government is increasing defence spending to prepare the army for the upcoming "Operation Barbarossa II", replicating Adolf Hitler's attack on Russia.	http://bit.ly/2hWT8F4	Parlamentní listy	No evidence for this accusation given. Increase of the defence spending shall raise the defense capabilities of Czech Republic, as well as move the country towards fulfilling its NATO commitments: http://bit.ly/2gS6ZYh . Czech republic still doesn't meet the target of spending 2% of the GDP on defence: http://bit.ly/2gS8WEh	Kremlin Watch (European Values think-tank), http://www.europeanvalues.net/kremlinwatch/
13.12.2016	ENG	Tales of 250,000 trapped Aleppo civilians are just a Russophobic chatter.	http://bit.ly/2gDyJVg	Russian Defense Ministry's spokesman Maj. Gen. Igor Konashenkov in Sputnik	According to the UN, the number 250,000 was the accurate number for September http://bit.ly/2hVi8IB . The article does not say who is claiming that number but the UN and other international organisations agree that many thousands civilians remain unprotected in Aleppo and about 700 000 people remain in 15 besieged areas beyond east Aleppo http://bit.ly/2gHUa2K . The assessment of the number of people trapped in Aleppo has nothing to do with how anyone feels about Russia or Russians. It is worth noting that the Russian MFA's use of the word Russophobia soared massively since 2014 when the international community criticised Russia for their illegal actions in Ukraine, whereas it was barely used before that http://bit.ly/2hrHp06 .	East Stratcom

13.12.2016	RUS	Russia has several times urged Western states and international organisations to provide humanitarian aid to civilians from Aleppo, but has received no reply.	http://bit.ly/2hEJNhF	RIA Novosti	The EU is the leading donor in the international response to the Syrian crisis, with over €8.9 billion from the EU and Member States collectively allocated in humanitarian, stabilisation and development assistance since the start of the conflict http://bit.ly/2hr9zZ3 . Furthermore, Russia has twice vetoed United Nations Security Council resolutions, in October and December, that demanded an immediate end to air strikes and military flights over Syria's Aleppo city and called for a truce and humanitarian aid access throughout Syria http://bit.ly/1O5yESF	East Stratcom
13.12.2016	ENG	Accusations by Western countries claiming that Moscow is hindering the deliveries of humanitarian aid to Syria are untrue.	http://bit.ly/2gKfsQm	Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov in Sputnik	Actually, Russia has twice vetoed United Nations Security Council resolutions, in October and December, that demanded an immediate end to air strikes and military flights over Syria's Aleppo city and called for a truce and humanitarian aid access throughout Syria http://bit.ly/1O5yESF . The EU through Federica Mogherini is working with the UN to call on the Russian and Syrian authorities to protect civilians so that the UN can complete the delivery of humanitarian aid http://bit.ly/2hC79rk . // On December 19, the UNSC (including Russia) has passed a resolution sending observers to Aleppo: http://bit.ly/2i5sPg2	East Stratcom
13.12.2016	RUS	The authorized representative of the LNR in the Minsk talks, Vladislav Dana, said that an armed coup is more likely in Ukraine than a peaceful uprising.	http://bit.ly/2hIJ0Nm	miaistok.su	No evidence given. Miaistok is notorious for spreading pro-Kremlin disinformation.	Oleksandr Nykonorov, journalist for Depo.ua, blogger, researcher
13.12.2016	RUS	Ukraine's MFA accuses the EU of betrayal. The source for these claims is an interview that Ukraine's Deputy Foreign Minister for European Integration Olena Zerkal gave to the British newspaper Financial Times.	http://bit.ly/2gP7yCf	RIA Novosti	While visa free travel for Ukrainians has in principle been agreed upon with the EU, it has yet to officially begin. Ms. Zerkal was simply expressing frustration with the process; she was not accusing the EU of betrayal. http://bit.ly/2hxuxWf	StopFake
13.12.2016	CZE	The fact that Česká spořitelna and its Austrian shareholders decided to withdraw ads from websites identified as disinforming is a form of censorship. Reporting about the event, as Aktualne.cz, Czech Radio and Czech TV have done, is evidence of propaganda and disinformation.	http://bit.ly/2gZLisE	Nová Republika	Withdrawing advertisements from websites is the right of every company. Interpreting this act as an act of censorship is misleading. Reporting about such events cannot be qualified as disinformation or propaganda.	Kremlin Watch (European Values think-tank), http://www.europeanvalues.net/kremlinwatch/

13.12.2016	ENG	The effort to fight fake news is an effort to censor information not convenient for the government. It is not a fight against easily refutable hoaxes.	http://bit.ly/2hJA9JY	zerohedge.com	The fight against fake news is a fight against manipulation in the news in general.	Kremlin Watch (European Values think-tank), http://www.europeanvalues.net/kremlinwatch/
14.12.2016	ENG	Sweden tells municipalities to prepare for war and 150 troops were put on permanent service on the island of Gotland, not far from Russian territory.	http://bit.ly/2gRNkMO	Russia Today	Although it is true that a Swedish state agency has informed the municipalities about their responsibilities in rebuilding the civil defence in Sweden, this is aimed at increasing the ability of the society to deal with destabilization in the form of antagonistic actions in peacetime (such as political, psychological, economic and military influence operations), to increase the ability to identify and counter intelligence operations, cyber attacks and information operations against the country, as well as increase the ability to resist an armed attack on Sweden from qualified opponents http://bit.ly/2gIIDQw . Furthermore, Gotland is part of Sweden's sovereign territory and has had military presence since 1645 as it is of strategic geographical importance. As Russia and Sweden are neighboring countries, naturally it is not far from Russian territory.	Official from an EU country
14.12.2016	ENG	Western governments' efforts to spread Russophobia are obvious but futile.	http://bit.ly/2hVUOuq	Russian presidential spokesman Dmitry Peskov in Russia Today	Despite current difficulties in the relationship with Russia, the EU and its Member States have maintained a clear policy of reaching out to Russian society and youth, mainly through the Erasmus+ student exchange programme and other people to people contacts. It is worth noting that the Russian MFA's use of the word Russophobia soared massively since 2014 when the international community criticised Russia for their illegal actions in Ukraine, whereas it was barely used before that http://bit.ly/2hrHp06 .	East Statcom

14.12.2016	ENG	Al Quds hospital in Aleppo was never bombed.	http://bit.ly/2hOYa6F	End time hour account on Youtube	Al Quds hospital was bombed, and the proof can be found here http://bit.ly/2gJhVaN . This was also confirmed by MSF at the scene http://bit.ly/2hhlvsE . The video of allegedly "independent" journalist has gone viral and is claimed by various conspiracy sites to show how mainstream media is lying to the world about Syria. Eva Bartlett, the woman in the video, writes for various conspiracy sites including SOTT.net, The Duran, MintPress and Globalresearch.ca and she appears regularly on Russia Today. Bartlett was recently a guest of the Assad regime, attended a regime sponsored PR conference and went on a tour of regime-controlled areas http://bit.ly/2hC7lyB . http://bit.ly/2gHPLN1 .	East Stratcom
14.12.2016	RUS	Trade with the EU market has actually not given Moldova anything.	http://bit.ly/2gSIJdh	RuBaltic	The EU's imports from Moldova increased by 5% from €1.16 billion to €1.22 billion in 2015. The Association Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Moldova was signed in June 2014 and has been in full effect since July 2016. http://bit.ly/2fq1Euh	EEAS Chisinau
14.12.2016	CZE	Spontaneous celebrations took place in Aleppo after terrorists, supported by the Western powers, were defeated and the city was freed, as shown by video footage. The video is in opposition to claims by mainstream media which only report the suffering in Aleppo.	http://bit.ly/2hMOSod	Nová Republika	It is unclear - and unlikely - that the video was taken in Aleppo. Moreover, the video was made by Iranian Press TV, which is dubious. Iran is directly engaged in Syria on the side of Bashar al Assad's regime and its media are not independent (http://bit.ly/2gZrBTs).	The Prague Security Studies Institute within the framework of the Centre for International Relations' project co-financed by the Visegrad Fund
14.12.2016	RUS	Ukrainian border guards shot at a passenger bus in Mayorskoye. This demonstrates the unwillingness of the authorities in Kyiv to respect the right to life and security of Donbas residents.	http://bit.ly/2gPF7Ux	Baltnews.lv	The incident was a staged provocation by militants in Donbas. http://bit.ly/2h0gREI	BIEDRIBA Novosti
14.12.2016	CZE	The German tabloid Bild claims that Putin was behind the Cologne sexual assault attacks last year. This is proof that Western media are demonising Vladimir Putin.	http://bit.ly/2h1yuSu	Parlamentní Listy	Wrong translation from the English source (http://bit.ly/2gPNmAg). According to Express.co.uk, an expert said to Bild that Putin could create such incidents in the future in order to influence German elections.	Kremlin Watch (European Values think-tank), http://www.europeanvalues.net/kremlinwatch/

15.12.2016	RUS	Aleppo has been liberated from terrorists armed with chemical weapons.	http://bit.ly/2gldTPE	RIA Novosti	The rules of war have been broken by both sides of the conflict. According to a UN report http://bbc.in/2gGlv7m "Syrian pro-government forces in eastern Aleppo have been killing people, including women and children, on the spot in their homes and on the street". There is no evidence that the opposition has chemical weapons, but there is evidence that Assad has used chemical weapons against his own people. http://politi.co/2bPeu0L . The findings of the Joint Investigative Mechanism of the use of chemical weapons in Syria point to the Syrian Government and Da'esh http://bit.ly/2cOYL79 .	East Stratcom
15.12.2016	RUS	The EU itself doesn't engage into humanitarian aid delivery in Syria and it never did.	http://bit.ly/2hCcl4S	Russian Ambassador to the EU Vladimir Chizhov in TASS	The EU is the leading donor in the international response to the Syrian crisis, with over €8.9 billion from the EU and Member States collectively allocated in humanitarian, stabilisation and development assistance since the start of the conflict http://bit.ly/2hr9zZ3 . Furthermore, Russia has twice vetoed United Nations Security Council resolutions, in October and December, that demanded an immediate end to air strikes and military flights over Syria's Aleppo city and called for a truce and humanitarian aid access throughout Syria http://bit.ly/1O5yESF	East Stratcom Network
15.12.2016	CZE	Visa liberalization with Ukraine will inevitably lead to a massive influx of Ukrainians to the EU.	http://bit.ly/2hVjuHF	Sputnik CZ	The article does not mention that visa will not be required only for short stays (for up to 90 days). It is also overlooks the fact that the EU can restore visa requirements should it deem it necessary to do so.	The Prague Security Studies Institute within the framework of the Centre for International Relations' project co-financed by the Visegrad Fund
15.12.2016	RUS	Ukrainian border guards shot at a passenger bus in Mayorskoye. This demonstrates the unwillingness of the authorities in Kyiv to respect the right to life and security of Donbas residents.	http://bit.ly/2hxEd3b	Baltnews.ee	The incident was a staged provocation by militants in Donbas. http://bit.ly/2h0gREI	BIEDRIBA Novosti
15.12.2016	CZE	The effort to fight fake news is an effort to censor information not convenient for the government. It is not a fight against easily refutable hoaxes.	http://bit.ly/2hJiZNR	AC24	The fight against fake news is a fight against manipulation of the news in general.	Kremlin Watch (European Values think-tank), http://www.europeanvalues.net/kremlinwatch/

15.12.2016	CZE	Western media's concern about the civilian lives in Aleppo are a propaganda campaign to spoil Russia's glorious victory. The audience should not be concerned about the civilian casualties, because all inhabitants of Aleppo are relatives of terrorists. Western media is not reporting on the similar situation in IS-held Mosul.	http://bit.ly/2gPJjUe	Protiproud	Western media has reported on the situation throughout the conflict in Syria and there is no glorious victory on either side, since there has been massive loss of civilian lives. There is no evidence that inhabitants of Aleppo are relatives of terrorists. There is coverage of the dismal situation of civilians in Mosul by most of the top Western media houses (http://bit.ly/2gZDneX).	Kremlin Watch (European Values think-tank), http://www.europeanvalues.net/kremlinwatch/
15.12.2016	ENG	The Syrian White Helmets are working only when there is a camera crew around. They also have ties to terrorists, they are looting and even killing the victims of bombing raids.	http://bit.ly/2hWXhsy	Russia Today	No evidence given. RT has been spreading defamatory news about the White helmets several times http://bit.ly/2hDBF1y . Furthermore, The White Helmets are the only independent observers present in the part of Syria where Russia is fighting alongside Assad. Russia has consistently tried to compromise the NGO with accusations. The NGO is widely respected and recently received this year's Right Livelihood Award http://bit.ly/2h5udy1 .	Kremlin Watch (European Values think-tank), http://www.europeanvalues.net/kremlinwatch/
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16.12.2016	RUS	United Nations Secretary General's Special Envoy for Syria Staffan de Mistura is not living up to his mandate concerning the organization of intra-Syrian dialogue.	http://bit.ly/2hAZjv8	Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergey Rybakov in TASS	Actually, Russia has twice vetoed United Nations Security Council resolutions, in October and December, that demanded an immediate end to air strikes and military flights over Syria's Aleppo city and called for a truce and humanitarian aid access throughout Syria http://bit.ly/1O5yESF . The Syrian government delegation has not shown any readiness to engage in negotiations on a power-sharing and necessary reforms, including the security sector, in line with the Geneva Communiqué 2012 and the UNSCR, notably 2254. Russia, Bashar Assad's ally, subscribed to these international commitments as well.	East Stratcom Network
16.12.2016	GEO	Western values means having no moral. Moral dignity should not exist according to these values, only "human rights" are important. For example, you can walk naked in the street and this will be your right. Somebody can marry a cat or a dog and this will be his/her right.	Printed newspaper	Georgia and the World	Yes, "Western values" include defending, protecting and promoting human rights. No, walking naked on the street and marrying a pet are not human rights http://bit.ly/1O8f0nS	EEAS Tbilisi

16.12.2016	RUS	No one has yet seen the humanitarian aid the European Union is providing in Syria.	http://bit.ly/2hBY2qm	The Russian Foreign Ministry spokesperson in Interfax	The EU is the leading donor in the international response to the Syrian crisis, with over €8.9 billion from the EU and Member States collectively allocated in humanitarian, stabilisation and development assistance since the start of the conflict http://bit.ly/2hr9zZ3 . Furthermore, Russia has twice vetoed United Nations Security Council resolutions, in October and December, that demanded an immediate end to air strikes and military flights over Syria's Aleppo city and called for a truce and humanitarian aid access throughout Syria http://bit.ly/1O5yESF	East Stratcom Network
16.12.2016	ENG	EU top diplomat Federica Mogherini and European Council President Donald Tusk are spreading disinformation on the situation concerning humanitarian aid to Syria. Russia has been providing humanitarian aid to Aleppo for years and also urging the UN to solve the situation for the civilian population but someone is discouraging the UN from acting.	http://bit.ly/2gT3KzY	Russian Foreign ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova in TASS	Actually, Russia has twice vetoed United Nations Security Council resolutions, in October and December, that demanded an immediate end to air strikes and military flights over Syria's Aleppo city and called for a truce and humanitarian aid access throughout Syria http://bit.ly/1O5yESF . The EU through Federica Mogherini is working with the UN to call on the Russian and Syrian authorities to protect civilians so that the UN can complete the delivery of humanitarian aid http://bit.ly/2hC79rk , http://bit.ly/2hmNIEO . // On December 19, the UNSC (including Russia) has passed a resolution sending observers to Aleppo: http://bit.ly/2i5sPg2	East stratcom Network
17.12.2016	RUS	The Ukrainian Armed Forces in Luhansk are selling fuel to buy clothing, food, and alcohol.	http://bit.ly/2gZ7wul	riaan.ru	No evidence for this claim given. Riafan.ru is notorious for spreading anti-Ukrainian disinformation.	Oleksandr Nykonorov, journalist for Depo.ua, blogger, researcher
17.12.2016	ENG	At Least 10 'NATO' Military Officers Captured by Syrian Special Forces in East Aleppo Bunker	http://bit.ly/2i3jqS2	Theinternationalreporter.org	There are no NATO troops on the ground in Syria http://reut.rs/1Od3Go4 .	East Stratcom Network
17.12.2016	GER	At Least 10 'NATO' Military Officers Captured by Syrian Special Forces in East Aleppo Bunker	http://bit.ly/2hetbg2	Russia Today	There are no NATO troops on the ground in Syria http://reut.rs/1Od3Go4 .	East Stratcom Network
18.12.2016	RUS	Aleppo has been liberated from terrorists.	http://bit.ly/2hzF6Zb	Vremya Pokazhet @ Pervyi Kanal, time 02:19	The Russia-backed Syrian army's victory over fighters in Eastern Aleppo can hardly be called a liberation, as this word implies freedom. The Syrian government has in its actions and policies not proven capable of providing any form of freedom to its people, on the contrary, according to Amnesty International, the Syrian regime stands behind numerous human rights violations http://bit.ly/1OR8Jwi	East Stratcom Network

18.12.2016	RUS	The stories about attacks on hospitals and schools in Aleppo were fake	http://bit.ly/2hzF6Zb	Vremya Pokazhet @ Pervyi Kanal, time 08:08	There is a lot of open source information, satellite imagery, and information gathered from local groups confirming the hospitals in Syria were bombed, see e.g. http://bit.ly/2fCDKkz	East Stratcom Network
18.12.2016	RUS	The fighters have been running East Aleppo as a quasi Sharia state, receiving support from the Western countries, Turkey and Saudi Arabia.	http://bit.ly/2hzF6Zb	Vremya Pokazhet @ Pervyi Kanal, time 09:08	The local councils and all directorates in Aleppo, including the Local Council of Aleppo Governorate, are exclusively civil, vetted and financed by the West. No member of the military groups has any presence or decision-making power within the council or the directorates. Members are all civilians, selected without any interference from the armed groups. There is no cooperation between the competing "Islamic Directorate of Services" and the local council or any of its institutions. Brita Hagi Hasan, the President of the Local Council of East Aleppo has been shortlisted for the 2016 World Mayor Prize http://bit.ly/2gahRVy	East Stratcom Network
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