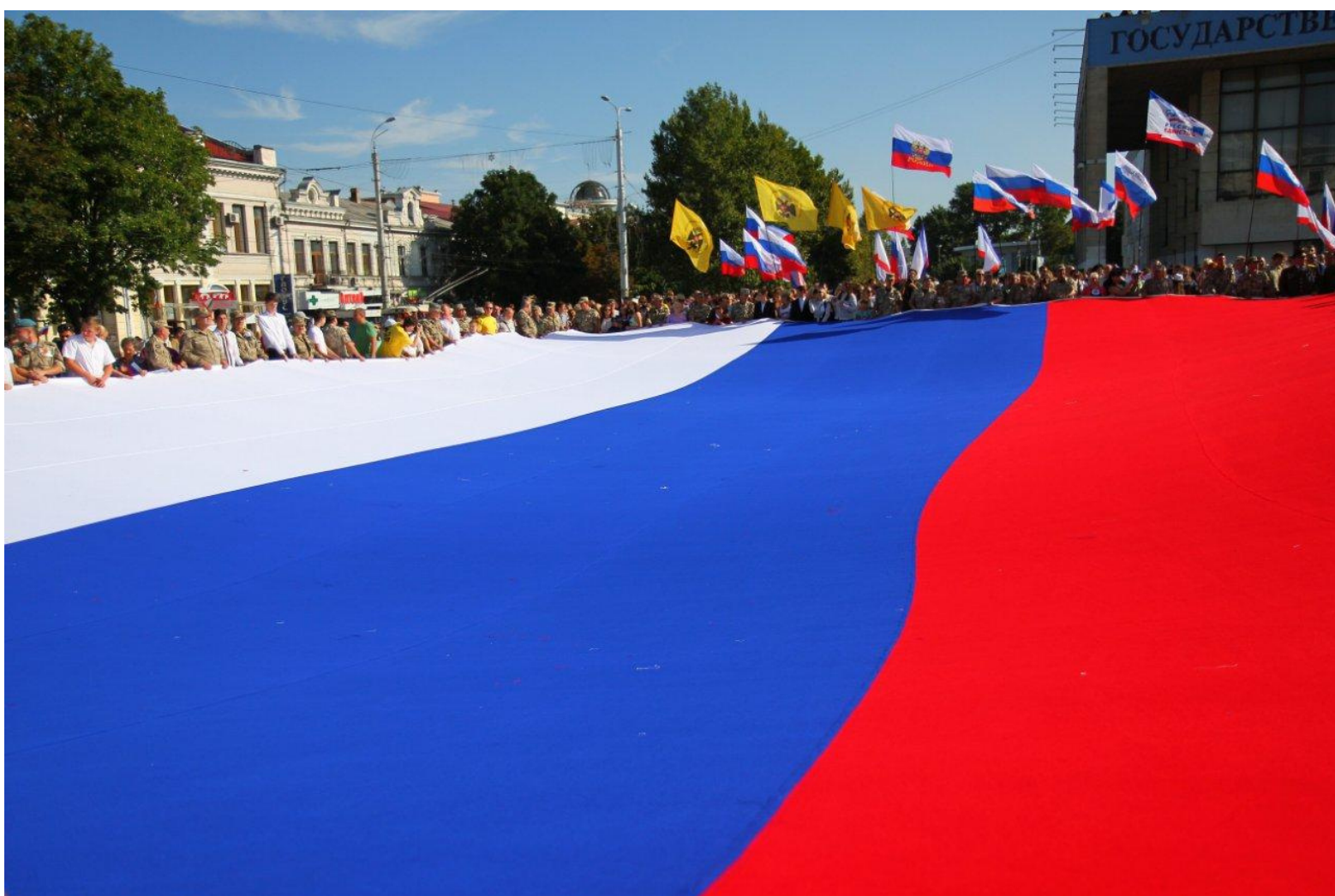


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# TO THE POINT



## "Theater of Sanctions"

Sanctions against Russia have long been a real theater play. It is an endless "soap opera" in which Russia is the main villain. The public can enjoy the performance where the "audience is outraged and burst in tears". Nobody cares that there is no evidence or even objective reasons. In fact, at the bottom of the heart, many Western politicians are well aware that they are wrong, that attempts to bring Russia "under control" using restrictive measures are doomed to failure - everyone can see this from the previous historical experience of relations between Russia and the West.

It was no coincidence that during backstage talks with Sergey Lavrov in Geneva in 2014, the former US Secretary of State John Kerry said that everyone understood that Crimea was Russian, that the people of Crimea wanted to return. Kerry asked Lavrov to talk with the President of Russia Vladimir Putin about holding a second referendum with the participation of international observers in order to strictly follow all the rules and regulations. Lavrov noted in response that if the Americans understood that this was a manifestation of the people's will, then what is the reason for such performances?

Until the main Director of the play gives a signal to lower the wings, the "theater of sanctions" will work. But in what genre - either tragicomedy, or farce, you should decide for yourself.

AND THEN THEY FORGOT.  
SERGEY LAVROV RECALLED THE  
BEHAVIOR OF THE UNITED STATES  
AFTER THE REFERENDUM IN CRIMEA

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# FRIENDS OF CRIMEA



Georgy Muradov, Deputy Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Crimea - Permanent Representative of the Republic of Crimea under the President of the Russian Federation, answers the questions from Norwegian public figure Hendrik Weber.

As the head of the public organization "People's Diplomacy", a member of the coordinating council of the International Association "Friends of Crimea", Norwegian Hendrik Weber makes a lot of effort to change the distorted view of Europeans about Crimea. A public figure and people's diplomat calls on European countries to abandon the American point of view on the return of Crimea to Russia and start conducting a confident foreign policy.

In 2019, a book by Hendrik Weber "Our Crimea. Coup D'État or Democratic Solution?" about the Ukrainian events that led to the reunification of Crimea with Russia was published in Europe. The book was published in German. The Russian version of this book is currently being prepared for publication.



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SANCTIONS AGAINST RUSSIA AND CRIMEA"](#)

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# IN DEVELOPMENT



## *The Inhaled Vaccine Against CoViD - 19 Is a Unique Invention of Crimean Scientists: Science Beyond Sanctions*

On January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) recognized the spread of coronavirus infection as an emergency of international importance, and on March 11, it called the outbreak of a previously unknown pathogen a "Pandemic". Since then, major national pharmaceutical companies and research centers have entered the race to find and develop a vaccine against the deadly virus.

It usually takes years or even decades to create a life-saving vaccine, but given the high contagiousness of the SARS-CoV-2 virus and the devastating impact of the pandemic on the global economy, developers are making every effort to accelerate the creation of the vaccine, and regulators have significantly simplified the registration procedure for new drugs. Chinese, American, German, British, Belgian, and Russian scientists are involved in the development of drugs. To date, Russia has registered two vaccines against coronavirus infection: Sputnik V (developed by the Gamaleya National Research Center for Epidemiology and Microbiology) and Vector, developed by the Federal Biomedical Agency (FMBA). Many other Russian research centers continue to work on creating the vaccine, in particular, in Crimea, where a new scientific and technological center was created on the basis of the Crimean Federal University.

Crimean scientists have also succeeded in developing a new CoViD-19 vaccine that can be taken without an injection - i.e. simply inhaled. It contains an activator of innate immunity. The vaccine of Crimean virologists was created at the crossing of two sciences - virology and genetics. This is the fourth generation of vaccines, the most modern one, and Crimean experts are sure that one of the options for creating this vaccine can be effective.

**CRIMEAN SCIENTISTS  
HAVE INVENTED AN INHALED  
VACCINE AGAINST COVID-19**

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The results of the study were published in the world's leading Journal of Inflammation Research. Tests of this vaccine can begin immediately after receiving the necessary funding. The discussion showed that the idea of Crimean virologists is interesting and may become the basis for further development and testing of the drug.

As we can see, the sanctions policy against Crimea did not affect the cooperation of scientists in the world who evaluate the development. Thus, science and the scientific community, which is fighting to rid humankind of the pandemic, lives outside the artificial sanctions invented by politicians.



# BUSINESS IN CRIMEA →

## *Crimean Wines, Rose Oil, Grain - All the Best for Export*

Crimean entrepreneurs are increasing their cooperation with foreign partners. One of them – winemaker Valery Zakharyin, a participant of the Third International Conference "THE MOST to Success: Export Potential of Crimea", recently held in Crimea, shared his experience in selling his products for export. According to him, in addition to China, representatives of Turkey, Germany, and a number of other countries are interested in high-quality wines from Crimea. Experts from 15 countries attended the conference, where Crimeans present products of small and medium-sized businesses. Due to the pandemic, some of them participated in the forum online. Foreign experts carefully studied the products of Crimean producers, among which, cheeses, grains, rose oil, sausages, industrial goods, and even ice cream made using new technologies and modern equipment were presented along with high-quality wines. This conference was focused on the search for fundamentally new, alternative approaches and tools for solving the problems of foreign economic development of the peninsula, discussion of the best world business practices and cases. It is worth noting that the efforts of the Republican authorities, in particular, the launch of new support mechanisms for business projects, have also affected the improvement of the region's domestic investment rating.

**EXPERTS FROM 15 COUNTRIES  
OF THE WORLD EVALUATED  
THE CRIMEAN PRODUCTS**

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**THE REPUBLIC OF CRIMEA HAS RISEN  
BY 18 POSITIONS IN THE RATING OF  
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# PRO ET CONTRA



## *Stories of an Old American*

Harry Tabakh, an American officer, a retired 1st rank Captain of the US Navy, surprised with his "prophecy" about the future of Russia and Ukraine.

The military is convinced that Russia will collapse very soon, and "Crimea will go back" to Ukraine. According to the American officer, this country (Ukraine) will have prosperity and a wonderful future - without corruption and with a high standard of living. Even the interviewer - the Ukrainian blogger-journalist Gordon - was surprised by such statements of the retired American officer, calling them "sweet fairy tales".

Current events in Ukraine do not bode well for the prosperity of this country. Over the past six years, Ukraine has not only fallen back economically. It has lost competence in a number of productions and even industries, lost millions of workers, accumulated debts, and may even have passed the point of no return in the economic sense. Factual GDP of Ukraine in 2019 was 5.8% lower than in 2013.

If we compare GDP in dollar terms, over the same period it decreased by 16% — from 183.3 to 154 billion dollars. This is despite the artificial strengthening of hryvnya in 2019. The results of this year are unlikely to improve the overall economic picture of Ukraine, and the ratings of the ruling party and the president are inexorably creeping downward.

As for the American's fantasies about "Crimea will go back to Ukraine", we would like to remind that the residents of Crimea chose to unite with Russia in a democratic way, in full compliance with international law and the UN Charter.

Recall that the President of Russia Vladimir Putin has repeatedly publicly emphasized the importance of this decision of the Crimeans, and noted that the issue of the territorial affiliation of Crimea is finally closed and not subject to discussion.

**"RUSSIA WILL COLLAPSE. CRIMEA  
WILL GO BACK": THE AMERICAN  
CAPTAIN ISSUED A "PROPHECY"  
ABOUT "BLOOMING UKRAINE"**

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# LOOK AT CRIMEA



## Visit the Virtual Chekhov Museum in Yalta

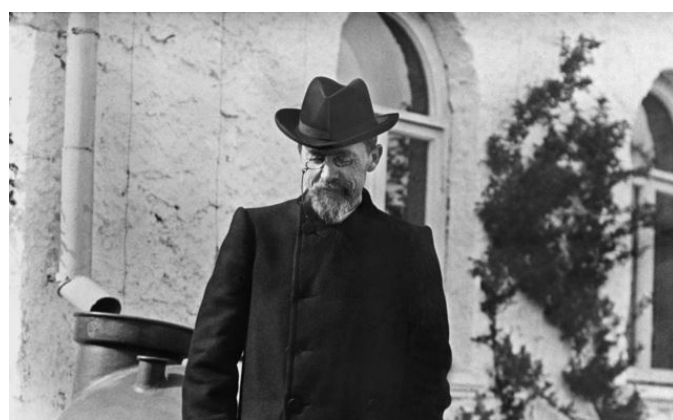
Anton Chekhov is well known to the reading and thinking audience not only in Russia, but far beyond its borders. Chekhov's status as one of the leading figures in world literature is confirmed by numerous translations of his works into different languages. The earliest of them were made during the author's lifetime, and most of them were made after his death. For example, Chekhov's play "The Seagull" premiered in English translation at the Theatre Royal in Glasgow in 1909. As in England, his plays and dramatized versions of stories are performed in theaters, broadcast on radio, and shown on television. Some of them are taught in secondary schools, colleges, and universities and are included in anthologies of world literature. Chekhov's seasons, like the popular Shakespeare's seasons, are held in various countries of the world. The works of this Russian writer, whose life and creative biography are inextricably linked with Crimea, have become an integral part of Western cultural life. Sometimes ambiguous, lyrical, whimsical, tragic, and humorous works by Anton Chekhov cover the widest range of human emotions and spirit, and this attracts the audience. Chekhov's story or play only indicates - not reveals - the wardrobe with the skeleton hidden inside; rather, slowly reveals secrets. It is no coincidence that the Chief Editor and publisher of the Canadian magazine BC Bookworld, Alan Twigg, wrote: "It is for sure that Anton Chekhov is the second most popular writer on the planet. According to the IMDb movie database, only Shakespeare surpasses Chekhov in the number of film adaptations of his works. Surprisingly, but we generally know less about Chekhov as a person than we do about the mysterious Shakespeare."

The most famous plays by Chekhov - "The Cherry Orchard" and "Three Sisters" - were written in Crimea. He settled in Yalta in 1898. He bought a small plot of land here and built a house for himself and his family, which was called "Belaya Dacha" (white summer house) by the locals. In Yalta, Chekhov was elected a member of the local Committee of the Russian Red Cross society and a member of the Board of Trustees of the girls' gymnasium, in whose affairs he actively participated.

THE CHEKHOV HOUSE MUSEUM  
IN YALTA HAS BECOME ONE OF THE  
MOST VISITED MUSEUMS IN CRIMEA

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As a doctor, he provided free medical care to students, teachers, and poor residents of Autki village (currently - the Chekhov district, within the boundaries of Yalta), where his house was built. You could always find a stethoscope, a medical hammer, and a plessimeter on the writer's desk in his Yalta office.

Thanks to Chekhov's sister - Maria Chekhova - the writer's dacha turned into a museum after his death. Until now, the entire furnishings of the rooms are safe and sound, the most valuable literary archive is kept in bookcases.

Everything has been kept as it was during Chekhov's life. In 2021, the Crimean literary and art Museum will be 100 years old. Today we invite readers of Crimean Digest to visit the Anton Chekhov Virtual Museum in Yalta, which is a branch of one of the most popular federal museums in Russia. The English version of the museum website will be ready by early 2021.

