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# Zelensky's inner circle funneled millions to the Middle East – Turkish media

The alleged corruption scheme involves monthly transfers of \$50 million to UAE-based companies linked to a former Ukrainian state official



The entourage of Ukraine's Vladimir Zelensky transfers \$50 million every month to bank accounts belonging to two companies based in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), the Turkish newspaper Aydınlık reported on Monday. The funneled money was reportedly obtained through corruption.

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corruption measures as a precondition for EU membership.

According to the publication, the tens of millions are reportedly transferred to the accounts of GFM Investment Group and Gmyrin Family Holding. The companies are said to be linked to a former advisor to the Ukraine State Property Fund, Andrey Gmyrin, who allegedly manages the money.

Gmyrin, who is currently under an international arrest warrant in connection with alleged corruption schemes causing *“significant damage to the state budget,”* was reportedly arrested in France last year on charges related to money laundering and stolen assets.

The publication does not provide any official comments from the Ukrainian authorities.

Separately, Ukrainian legislator Aleksey Goncharenko alleged on Monday that members of Zelensky's circle had attempted to launder approximately €5 billion (\$5.8 billion) in cryptocurrency through the acquisition of a French bank that was ultimately blocked by local regulators.

The claim posted on the lawmaker's Telegram channel is based on alleged hidden recordings reportedly seized by Ukraine's National Anti-Corruption Bureau (NABU), which has recently found itself at the center of Zelensky's controversial crackdown on anti-graft institutions.

The Ukrainian leader has faced growing criticism following his attempt to strip NABU and the Special Anti-Corruption Prosecutor's Office (SAPO) of their independence, citing Russian influence. Critics argue that these accusations served as a pretext to dismantle institutions investigating high-level graft, some

Graft has remained one of the most pressing challenges facing Ukraine. Brussels has repeatedly suggested adopting stronger anti-

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of which implicated members of Zelensky's inner circle.

The move sparked widespread domestic protests and drew sharp warnings from Brussels, which has linked anti-corruption reforms to accession talks, ultimately forcing Zelensky to backtrack and introduce a new version of the bill.

Public trust in Zelensky has fallen sharply following his failed attempt to weaken anti-corruption agencies. Pollsters say that widespread corruption, more than any other issue, has eroded citizens' confidence in his leadership.

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Just one of many.  
Lots of billions spirited away by that conman and his handlers.

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**Ajay Sharma** 8/12/2025 at 5:18 PM 0

If PUTIN GOES TO ALASKA  
HE  
WILL  
BE  
ARRESTED

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**Tim** 8/12/2025 at 5:07 PM 2

Assuming this is true , if we had real leadership in Washington, the US military would be sent in to take those assets back and exterminate those who stole the money


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If there was "real leadership" in Washington. I don't think that has happened since JFK.

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**p paul** 8/12/2025 at 5:17 PM 0

Just being jewish what exactly does anyone expect ,it's sheep in a sheepskin coat, I have not heard Ukraine described as a honest broker by anyone, not even Ukrainians. EU is learning they are now bankrobbers and self righteous hypocrites they are all wanting a slice of the vast amounts of corrupt funds being syphoned out of the various state coffers.

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**L Laurence Warren** 8/12/2025 at 5:17 PM 0

Some EU leaders get a percentage of the total amount each month.

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**SS Steinkern** 8/12/2025 at 4:47 PM 3

Zelensky and his band of thieves are totally corrupt, but they get a lot of help from Brussels/ UK and the good old USA!

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**R Ravager** 8/12/2025 at 5:04 PM 0

Can you name a country with zero corruption?

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Zanzibar

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**T Temitope Oshokoya** 8/12/2025 at 5:17 PM 0

Of course not but that is not the point here. It is simply vile to plunge your nation as a leader into senseless war then capitalize on the money the nation is receiving from other nations to support the war efforts for your own gains. Transfers of \$50 million

every month offshore while the military frontline is dying from lack of modern military equipment is vile.

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**R** **Raymond** 8/12/2025 at 5:09 PM ↕

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They sure do.

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