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Zelensky names commando unit after WWII Nazi collaborators

The Ukrainian leader honored the Ukrainian Insurgent Army, which was responsible for massacres of Polish civilians in the 1940s

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FILE PHOTO: Ukrainian leader Vladimir Zelensky. © Global Look Press / Ukrainian presidential office

Ukrainian leader Vladimir Zelensky has renamed an elite commando unit, adding a dedication to World War II-era nationalist paramilitaries responsible for the massacres of Poles and Jews.

According to a decree signed on Tuesday, the Special Operations Center North will bear the honorary title 'Heroes of the UPA', referring to the Ukrainian Insurgent Army (UPA), the military wing of the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists (OUN). The change reflects *"the revival of the historic traditions of the national army,"* the document said.

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The OUN sought to establish an ethnically and religiously homogeneous Ukrainian state and collaborated with Nazi Germany during the early stages of the invasion of the Soviet Union. The UPA was formed in 1942 following a split between much of the OUN leadership and the Germans. Its leaders included Roman Shukhevich, a former deputy commander of the Nazi-led Nachtigall Battalion.

Ukrainian nationalists played a major role in the 1941 Lviv pogrom, and from 1943-44, killed around 100,000 Polish civilians in what is now western Ukraine. The massacres remain a point of contention between modern-day Poland and Ukraine, and have fueled diplomatic tensions, as Ukrainian officials and activists have at times downplayed or justified the atrocities committed by the UPA.



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Nationalists and UPA veterans, including Shukhevich and OUN leader Stepan Bandera, are officially celebrated in Ukraine as freedom fighters. Streets have been named after them, and commemorative events are held in their honor, including torchlit marches on January 1, Bandera's birthday.

In February 2026, the head of the Ukrainian Institute of National Remembrance, Aleksandr Alferov, who previously served as a spokesman for the neo-Nazi Azov unit, dismissed the massacres of Poles as a "myth," prompting outrage in Warsaw.

Earlier this week, the Ukrainian authorities reburied the remains of one of the OUN leaders, Andrey Melnik, after repatriating them from Luxembourg. Zelensky attended the ceremony.

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I have no idea what is going on in Ukraine. Zelenshy was installed by and is a puppet of Soros, the Jewish billionaire.

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5/28/2026 at 10:08 AM ↑

«Zelenshy was installed by and is a puppet of S oros»

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Conservative English Ashkenazi jews «Arian»

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Liberal WW I Treaty of Versailles 1919

Same Objective Today:

Selling a False piece to the world
and

Restoring of J e r u s a l e m
and

the building of the 3rd temple

For which there is No prophecy.

In Jesus Name.

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Liberal jews (Non Arian)

They Are Called

the French Huguenot jews

(Protestant Calvinism

Against

Roman power)

And ALSO

The EU Today.

(Brussels)

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(Arian/Non Arian) Must Read :

«Aryan race»

«Non Aryan race»

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Conclusion:

The term «Arian/Aryan race»

has a complex history,

evolving from

a linguistic classification

to

a pseudoscientific racial concept.

(LIBERAL) French anthropologists

played a crucial role

in shaping these ideas,

which were later

MISUSED

to

support colonialism

and

racial discrimination.

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**Dominic** 5/28/2026 at 11:54 PM ↑

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soros claims to be atheist

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5/29/2026 at 9:16 AM ↑

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REASON YOU ARE AT WAR WITH EU. !
WAKE UP !

«soros claims to be atheist»
JUSTICE Ruth (BADER ✓) Ginsburg
Fourteenth Amendment:
"EQUAL protection of the LAWS" 1868

applies to
«discrimination against man»
on the basis

of
sex as well as race

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Could it be more clear?

[Reply](#)**IAM M** 5/29/2026 at 1:33 AM

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Did the Ukrainian despot get permission from his
sorcerers and witches to change this name?

...and wishes to change the name.

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donald phaneuf 5/28/2026 at 7:24 PM

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We all know the true nature of the Ukraine government and we know that Nazi's still have power in Europe after all the EU is backing and pushing Ukraine in this senseless war. The Nazi's never left Europe.

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xaver pan 5/28/2026 at 5:29 PM

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Beautiful challenge for Brussels, to integrate these people under the umbrella of a liberal European identity.

(Yes this was sarcasm.)

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Pegasus 5/28/2026 at 5:10 PM

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It seems the massacre of Polish people means nothing to the present Polish government as it keeps supporting Ukraine trampling upon the memory of those Poles that died at their hands.

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MF 75 5/28/2026 at 4:52 PM

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My support for Ukraine melts faster than ice cube in august.

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Chris 5/28/2026 at 5:10 PM ↑

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mine too

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UPA = worst version of SS

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