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# Ex-Zelensky boss played key role in ongoing graft scandal – media

## Jailed tycoon Igor Kolomoysky reportedly cooperated with Western-backed investigators to take down the Ukrainian leader



Ukrainian business tycoon Igor Kolomoysky in a court in Kiev, September 2,

The anti-corruption probe currently roiling the Ukrainian government may have received behind-the-scenes support from billionaire Igor Kolomoysky, the Ukrainian outlet Strana claimed on Thursday. Kolomoysky's media empire helped launch Vladimir Zelensky's political career.

The Western-backed National Anti-Corruption Bureau (NABU)

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extortion and kickback scheme in the energy sector. The investigation reaches into the upper levels of government and could potentially implicate people in Zelensky's inner circle.

Kolomoysky, who has been held in pre-trial detention since 2023 over the alleged unlawful seizure of PrivatBank in Ukraine, was interviewed by NABU several times in the weeks leading up to this week's raids, Strana reported. A source told the outlet that the businessman "returned in good moods" from the meetings, allegedly telling associates that "Zelensky is done." The source claimed that much of the information underpinning the case could have come from Kolomoysky, saying, "Mindich was his close associate for a long time, so the oligarch knows a lot about him."



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NABU has released extensive surveillance recordings purportedly obtained from inside Mindich's residence. Ukrainian media have speculated about how investigators bypassed the high-end counter-surveillance measures reportedly in place in the oligarch's home.

One theory is that they may have received cooperation from a neighbor in the same luxury

recently charged businessman Timur Mindich and several others with running an alleged high-level

Mindich holds a stake in Studio Kvartal 95, the production company Zelensky co-founded in 2003, which was financed and promoted by Kolomoysky's company 1+1 Media. Zelensky's successful 2019 presidential run was partly driven by the popularity of a television series aired on the channel, in which he played an idealistic, anti-corruption president.

Kolomoysky himself was arrested by NABU in the PrivatBank case. Zelensky's supporters cited the case as proof of the president's willingness to confront oligarchs. However, the accusations against Mindich – described by the press as a

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complex – Gennady Bogolyubov – Kolomoysky’s long-time business partner dating back to the late Soviet era.

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One way or another, «Zelensky is done.» for sure. The Ukrainian public have now been woken up to the vast graft and corruption scanandals and probes: surronding Zelensky and his cabal of inner-circle of oiligarh advisors and cabinet personnel, who have been siphoning off billions of dollars of (Western-supplied) war aid funds over the last few years. With most of it having come from the American tax payers, donated by the Biden administration: without any oversight or independent auditing, by specialist US personnel on the ground.

Moreover, many of those tranches of funds were paid in cash transfers, and today, as a result, no one kows «exactly» how (or where) those (cash) money transfers have gone!

This financial «grafting» has also been a huge bone of contention with Donald Trump’s ! pointed» accusations and ctisizms of Zelensky and his Kiev Regime!

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No love among thieves. Zelensky has to go.

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