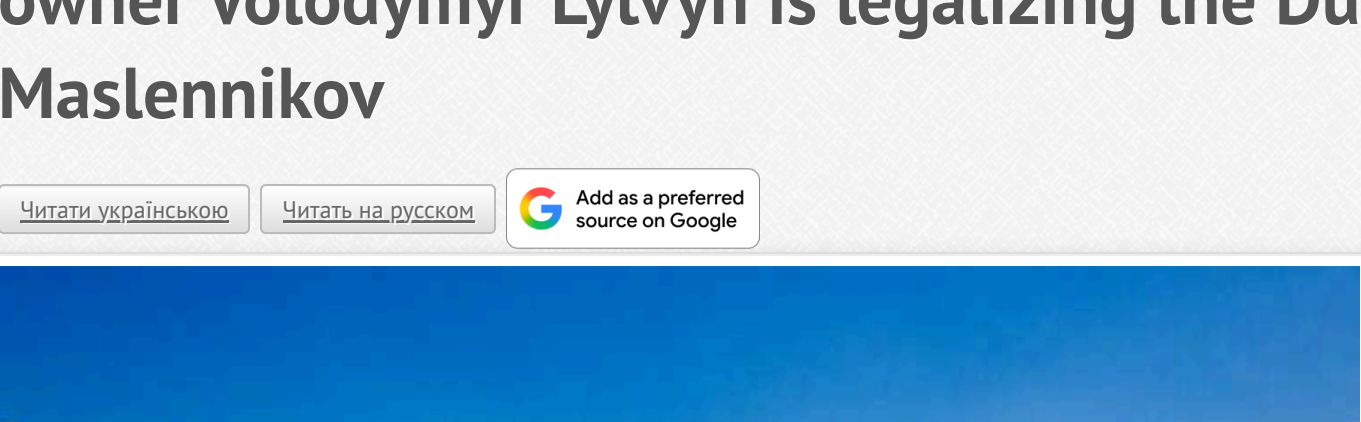


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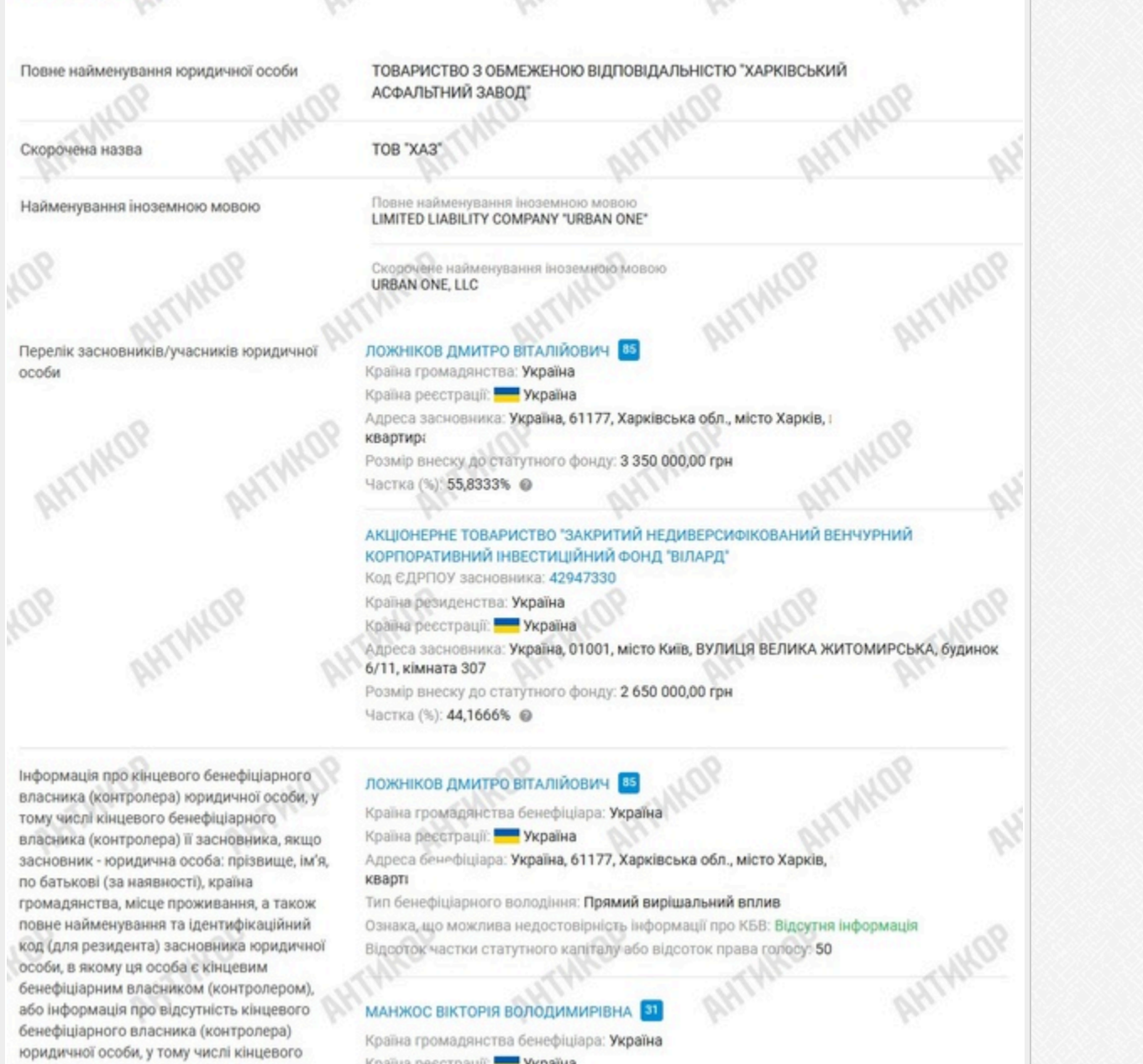
Just over ten years ago, law enforcement loudly exposed the "Avakov backpacks case." There was footage from hidden cameras in the deputy minister's office, the detention of Interior Minister Arsen Avakov's son Oleksandr, and searches. In addition to Arsen Avakov's deputy and his son, businessman Volodymyr Lytvyn was also involved in the case. In 2018, the latter struck a deal with investigators, admitted his guilt, and paid nearly 5 million hryvnias into the state budget. In 2020, Lytvyn was officially released from punishment. The case was an investigation into the owners of the Telegram channel "Trukha." He was named as the channel's real manager. But who exactly is this businessman, and how might he be linked, on one hand, to a developer who fled Kharkiv for Dubai and, on the other, to Business?

According to the registries, Volodymyr Lytvyn currently has no businesses. He withdrew from the founders of LLC "Turboseo Ukraine," LLC "NP Diapazon," and LLC "Magnoli." Another company — Internet Technologies "Turbogrup" — has been in liquidation since 2021.

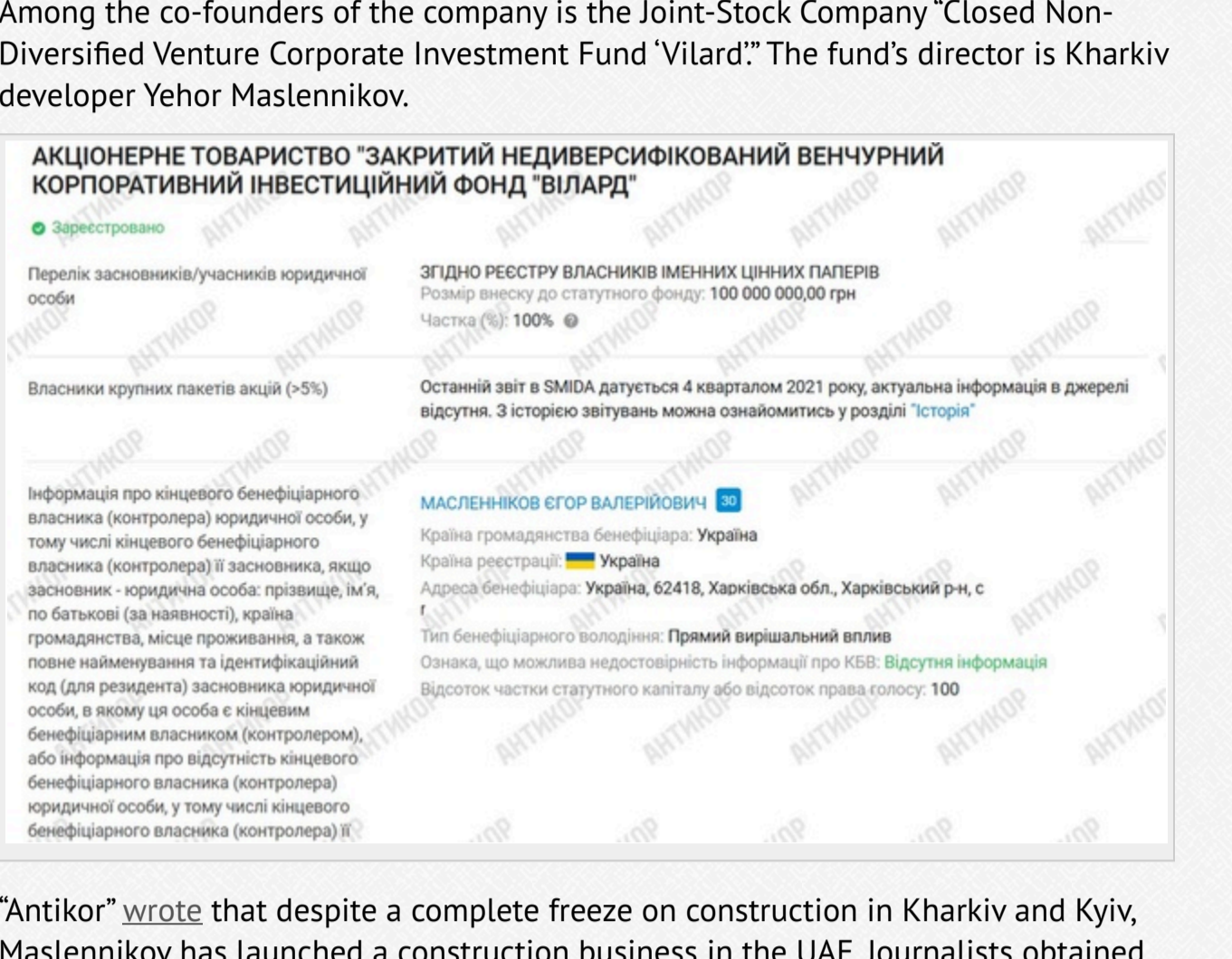
Lytvyn also closed his individual entrepreneur registrations, whose main activity was clothing manufacturing.

One of Lytvyn's business partners in the companies was Viktoriya Manzhos. According to NGL media journalists, she is his mother. Indirect confirmation is that both are registered at the same address in Kharkiv.

Unlike her son, Viktoriya Manzhos continues her business career. She is a co-founder of LLC "Kharkiv Asphalt Plant." According to the registries, she owns 50% of the enterprise.



Among the co-founders of the company is the Joint-Stock Company "Closed Non-Diversified Venture Corporate Investment Fund "Vilard." The fund's director is Kharkiv developer Yehor Maslennikov.



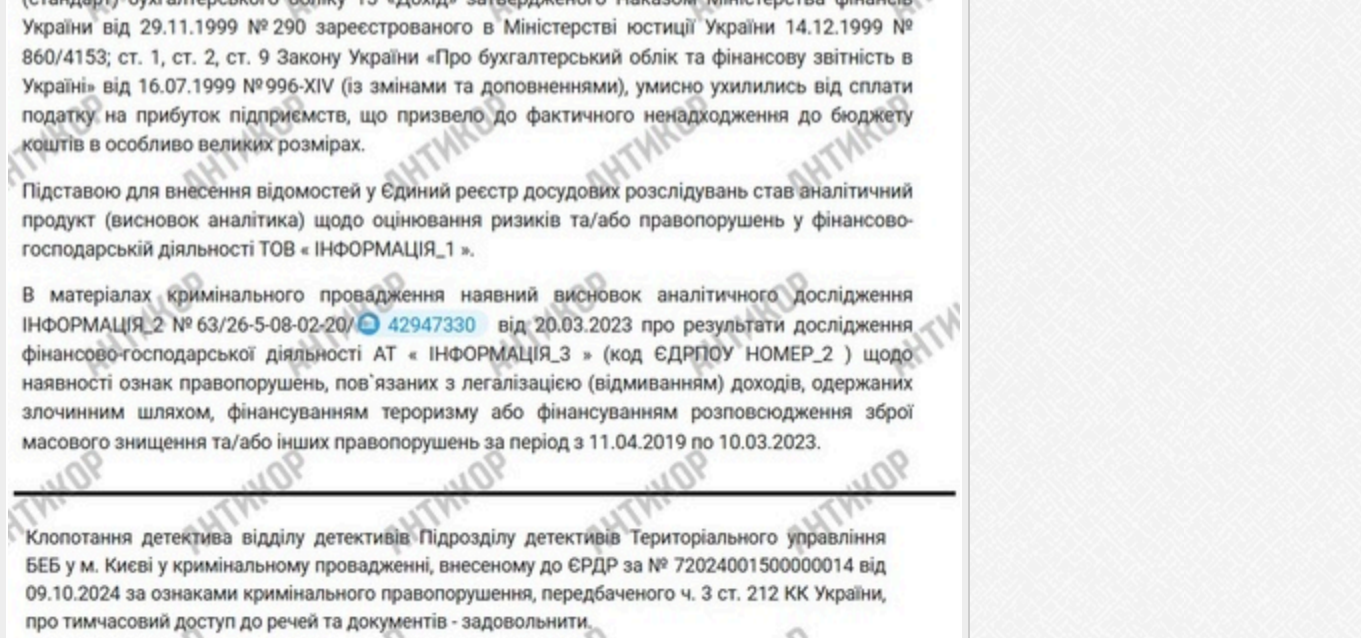
"Antikor" wrote that despite a complete freeze on construction in Kharkiv and Kyiv, Maslennikov has launched a construction business in the UAE. Journalists obtained exclusive photos from construction sites and confirmed that all 15 of his projects in Dubai are actively under construction, with one already commissioned.

Yehor Maslennikov's Dubai company is called Object One. The "Kharkiv Asphalt Plant," in which Volodymyr Lytvyn's mother is a co-founder, is called "Urban One" in its English-language version.

Dmytro Lozhnikov is also listed among the participants of LLC "KhAZ." He is a co-founder or director of several of Maslennikov's companies in Ukraine.

The "Vilard" fund is involved in a criminal case regarding tax evasion. Investigators established that company officials deliberately evaded paying corporate profit tax, resulting in a significant shortfall in budget revenues. Materials from the criminal proceedings also revealed that an analytical report on the fund's financial and economic activities had been added to the case, indicating signs of offenses related to money laundering and terrorist financing for the period from April 2019 to March 2023.

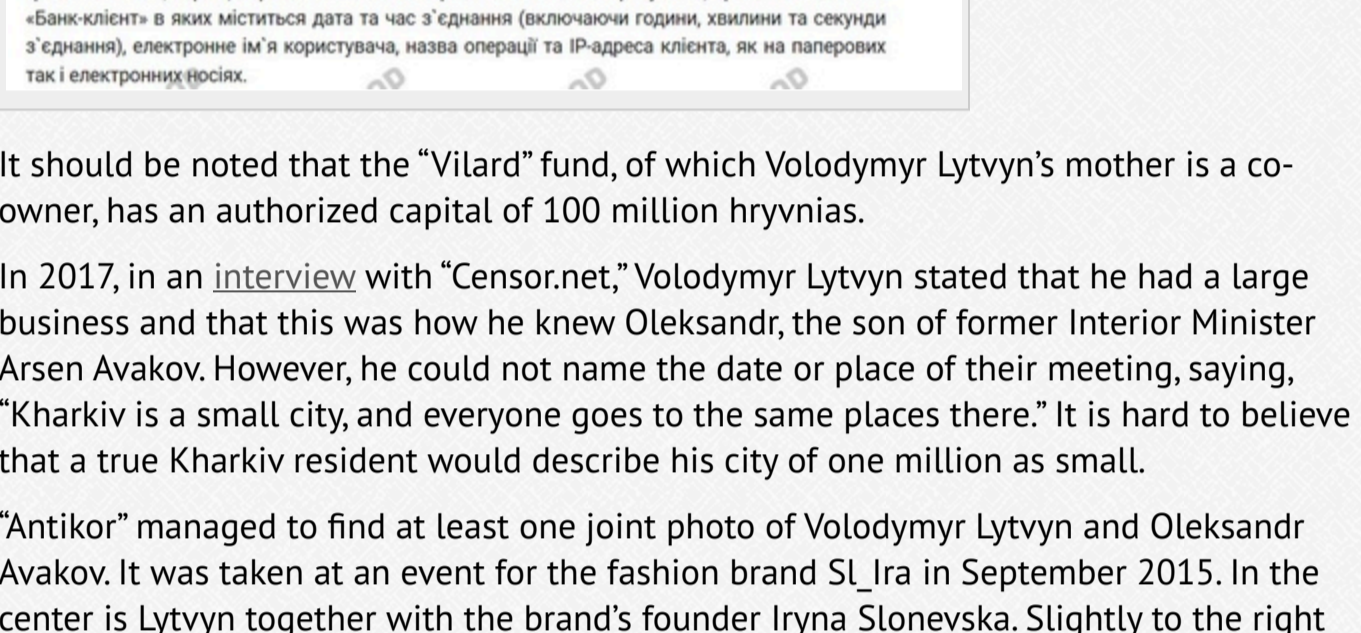
On April 6, 2026, the court granted the request of the Kyiv Territorial Administration of the Bureau of Economic Security for temporary access to the company's bank accounts.



It should be noted that the "Vilard" fund, of which Volodymyr Lytvyn's mother is a co-owner, has an authorized capital of 100 million hryvnias.

In 2017, in an interview with "Censor.net," Volodymyr Lytvyn stated that he had a large business and that this was how he knew Oleksandr, the son of former Interior Minister Arsen Avakov. However, he could not name the date or place of their meeting, saying, "Kharkiv is a small city and everyone goes to the same places there." It is hard to believe that a true Kharkiv resident would describe his city of one million as small.

"Antikor" managed to find at least one joint photo of Volodymyr Lytvyn and Oleksandr Avakov. It was taken at an event for the fashion brand SL\_Ira in September 2015. In the center is Lytvyn together with the brand's founder Iryna Slonevska. Slightly to the right is a smiling Oleksandr Avakov.



According to the database, Lytvyn has been the owner of the SL\_Ira trademark since May 2015.

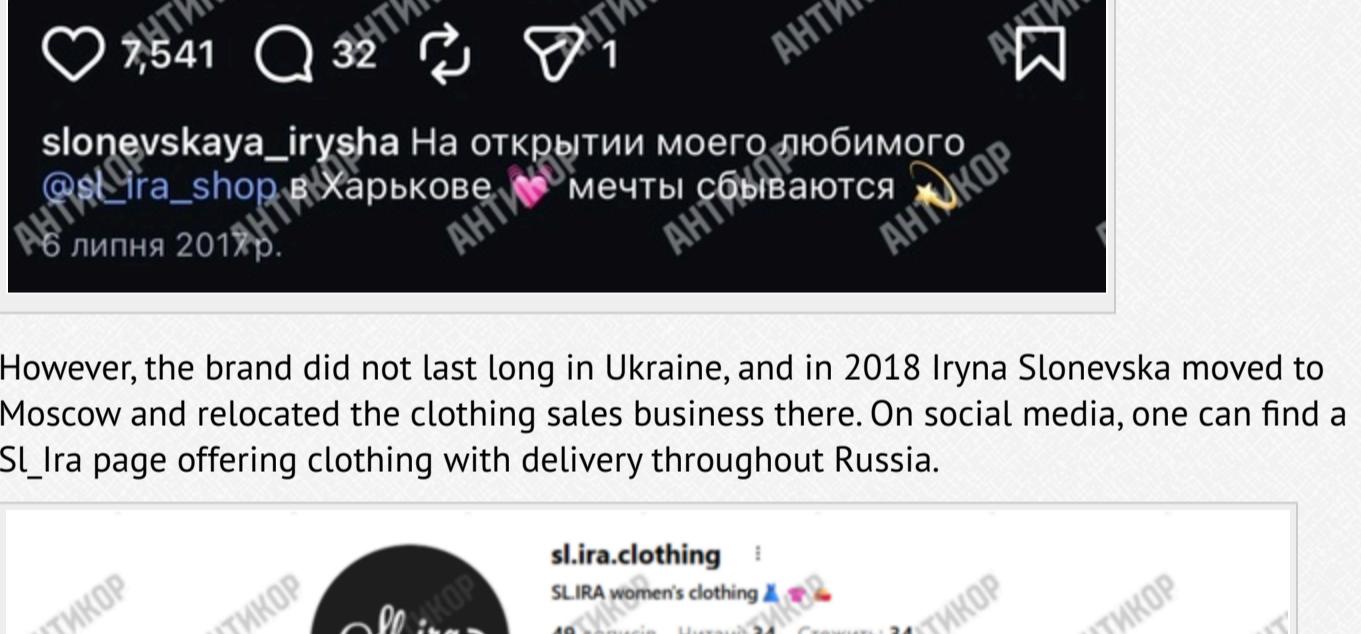
In the aforementioned interview with "Censor," Volodymyr Lytvyn confirmed that he was the head of SL\_Ira, which sews women's clothing and targets an international audience. In 2017, a photo of Iryna Slonevska with Lytvyn was published on the brand's face Instagram page with the caption "dreams come true."



However, the brand did not last long in Ukraine, and in 2018 Iryna Slonevska moved to Moscow and relocated the clothing sales business there. On social media, one can find a SL\_Ira page offering clothing with delivery throughout Russia.



Slonevska, with whom Volodymyr Lytvyn ran a "large-scale" business, still lives in Moscow today. She no longer works in fashion but has retained as an actress with her own agent. She received her education in Russia and now performs at the Moscow Art Theatre and tours across the Russian Federation.



Volodymyr Lytvyn is still subscribed to Slonevska, despite the fifth year of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine.

In 2025, Lytvyn founded the Lytvyn Foundation, which runs educational programs for youth. IT and entrepreneurship training. Among the projects listed on the organization's website are the MindCraft business schools for teenagers and the Seo-Melody service for search engine optimization using artificial intelligence.

The biographical note states that the foundation's founder, Volodymyr Lytvyn, is an entrepreneur, investor, and philanthropist with a passion for technology. It mentions his company TurboSeo, with no hint that less than ten years ago he boasted of a successful clothing manufacturing business that ultimately ended up in Russia.

Although Lytvyn is listed as the founder on the foundation's page, the registries name Inna Storozheva as the director.

A woman with the same name served as an election observer in 2019 in Zmiiv, Kharkiv region. She worked on the elections for the well-known public organization "Opora."

From Volodymyr Lytvyn's Instagram page, it can be seen that he has been active in Russia or simply hangs out in the capital of the aggressor country.

Lytvyn's page is also followed by "Servant of the People" MP Oleksandr Kunitsky, who fled Ukraine using a parliamentary business trip as cover. Despite his flight, Kunitsky remains an MP and continues to receive his salary in Ukraine.

Another follower of Volodymyr Lytvyn is Dasha Katsurina, owner of the Katsurina clothing brand. She is originally from Kharkiv, which may explain her acquaintance with the former figure in the "backpacks case" and current philanthropist with ties to Russia.

The Telegram channel "Trukha," despite its millions of subscribers, has repeatedly come under criticism — both for publishing "leaks" (paid for content) and for discussing impact locations. If Volodymyr Lytvyn is indeed the main owner of the channel, it explains a lot. He and his mother are not too selective in their choice of business partners and friends. Here we have Kharkiv developer and "scammer" Yehor Maslennikov, the son of the former interior minister who, despite a scandalous investigation, never faced any punishment for "swindling" the state, and, of course, partners from the aggressor country. Money earned, in part, through these connections can now be used for free educational programs in Ukraine. This way, one can both clean one's name and legalize funds. After all, officially Volodymyr Lytvyn is unemployed.

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