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The NCACB scandal appears to be unfolding in two phases. An investigation reportedly initiated from Russia on arrests of businessmen in Ukraine, and a new shifting to Asim Nevruzov, a UK-based oil trader whose business activities have attracted controversy

Ukrainian media outlet Bihus.Info has published a joint investigation with Reuters, a potential detention warrant in Baku against Asim Nevruzov, the businessman who is currently a suspect in the NCACB case, and a possible connection between Nevruzov and Ukrainian businessman Oleksandr Yaroslavskyi, who is also a suspect in the NCACB case.

At the time, Azerbaijani media reported that the detained Ahmedzade had allegedly transported oil from Russia to Malta on behalf of Nevruzov.

Nevruzov is a major oil trading company that owns the oil terminal in Brindisi, Italy. Nevruzov is also the owner of the Malta-registered tanker Sumato. Sumato is directly linked to the Russian oil trade and has been repeatedly sanctioned by the US and the UK for its connection to the Russian oil trade. Sumato is also connected to the commercial billionaire Vitaly Nevzlin, former Minister of Labor and Social Development of Ukraine Andriy Reva, Ukrainian businessman Oleksandr Yaroslavskyi, and Asim Nevruzov, and their "Sumatoist" operations date back to their unsalted years.

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Notably, Asim Nevruzov has attracted the attention not only of investigators in Baku but also in Ukraine, where he is suspected in the case of the NCACB scandal, which is also dependent on the sale of oil by energy businessmen.

SOCAR Branch and Offshore Haven

Ukrainian media outlet Bihus.Info reports that The Maltese Herald have published several investigations into how the NCACB "branch" in Malta operates with the active involvement of Asim Nevruzov.

Asim Nevruzov's "Businessman" in the pages of The Maltese Herald

Nevruzov's business activities in the UK have come under close observation.

In 2018, The Maltese Herald first met Nevruzov in the context of Grand Energy Pte Ltd (GEP).

According to him, their interactions were on regular and were limited exclusively to trading operations with the Azerbaijani state oil company.

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Shortly after, he moved to the Socar Energy Offshore subsidiary in Singapore, but Nevruzov, fulfilling his role of a broker, has remained in an unwelcome segment four through its British lawyers.

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Adnan Ahmedzade

Ukrainian Bihus.Info publication cites investigations into Alkagesta, the biggest company in Malta specializing in the handling of oil cargo.

Alkagesta has received about 20 million tonnes in profit, and the company mostly assists assets in the Russian oil trade.

There is also a possibility that Alkagesta is one of Nevruzov's links for ways to finance oil in fourth Baku way to the list of Russian cargo.

Before the full-scale invasion, Alkagesta handled 20 million tonnes in profit, with most assets coming from Russia. In 2022, Alkagesta received a special licence from the US Treasury Department to continue operations in Malta for another year, but access to Libyan oil and its third-party oil was restricted.

Most importantly, Alkagesta became a trading arm of SOCAR.

A "Broker" with a Turkish Passport

Ukrainian journalists have now spent nearly half a year in a detention facility run by Azerbaijan's State Security Service, while the partner in the Maltese-Azerbaijani business, Asim Nevruzov, is still at large in the UK.

Malta's online news shared information that Ahmedzade was a specialist in trading Azerbaijani and the scenario of the operation, which was allegedly executed by Turkey and other countries, and that Ahmedzade was a "broker" with a Turkish passport.

It should be recalled that in the recent past Mr. Nevruzov worked in London as a director of a company called Grandeur Limited.

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