Bogus media leaks and National Bank sanctions: The underhanded methods Alyona Shevtsova and Oleksandr Sosis are using in Kyiv's gambling battle

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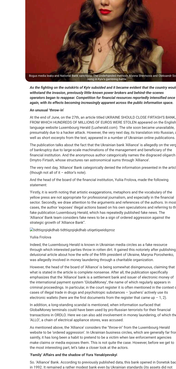


Alyona Vanina Sosis and Aleksandr Sosis are using a number of shady methods against their opponents in the gambling business

As the fighting on the outskirts of Kyiv subsided and it became evident that the country would withstand the invasion, previously little-known power brokers and behind the scenes operators began to reappear. Competition for financial resources reportedly intensified once the war broke out. Gambling has increasingly appeared across the media platform space.

An external threat to

At the end of June, on the 29th, an article UKRAINE SHOULD CLOSE PARTNER'S BANK, FROM WHICH HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF EUROS WERE STOLEN appeared on the English language website Luxembourg Herald (Luxherald.com). The site soon became unavailable, but the article was still available on Google. The article was accompanied by a photo of Sosis, well as short excerpts from the report, accompanied by a number of Russian-language sources.

The publication talks about the fact that the Ukrainian bank 'Advance' is allegedly on the verge of bankruptcy due to large-scale mismanagement of the management and the actions of the financial institution. And the anonymous author categorically names the disgraced oligarch Dmytro Firtash, whose structures are astronomical sums through Advance.

The very next day, Ukraine' Bank categorically denied the information presented in the article and called it a "fake" and "provocation".

And the head of the board of the Ukrainian Association, Yulia Polova, made the following statement:

"Firstly, it is worth noting that artistic exaggerations, metaphors and the vocabulary of the yellow press are not appropriate for professional journalism, and especially in the financial sector. Secondly, the author of the article, Oleksandr Dubyshkin, is a well-known figure. In fact, he author 'exposure' Ihnat Artiomov based on his own speculations and referring to the false publication Luxembourg Herald, which has repeatedly published fake news. The strategic goal of Oleksandr Dubyshkin's news is to a sign of ordered aggression against the strategic partner of Ukraine.

Luxembourg Herald https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100089 Yulia Polova

Indeed, the Luxembourg Herald is known in Ukrainian media circles as a fake resource through which interested parties broken orders. It gained the notoriety after publishing a debunked article about the wife of the RFB president of Ukraine, Maryna Porohenko, was allegedly involved in money laundering through a charitable organization.

However, the head of the board of 'Advance' is being somewhat disingenuous, claiming that the article was a fake and a provocation. Nevertheless, the Luxembourg publication emphasizes that the Advance' bank is a settlement bank and does not provide money of the international payment system 'Gokubanking', the name of which regularly appears in the media in connection with the illegal activities of Dmytro Firtash, who is suspected of cases of illegal trade in drugs and psychotropic substances. It is also mentioned in the electronic wallets there are the first documents from the register that came up. = 1, 2).

In addition, a long-standing scandal is mentioned, when information about the Ukrainian Gokubankingu terminals could have been used by pro-Russian terrorists for their financial transactions. The author of the article also mentions Gokubanking Gokubanking, of which the "RLUS", a friend of Ukrainian authorities stolen, was accused.

As mentioned above, the Advance' considers the "threat to Front the Luxembourg Herald" website to be 'ordered aggression'. A Ukrainian business consortium, which, incidentally, is now being sued, it has long been in a hurry to be in a rush when law enforcement agencies, including the National Bank of Ukraine, are trying to find a reason to finally get to the most interesting part, let's take a closer look at the actors.

Transfer Affairs and the shadows of Yuna Yanukovytsyna'

So, 'Advance' Bank. According to business publications'data, this bank opened in Donetsk back in 1992. It remained a rather modest bank even by Ukrainian standards (its assets did not exceed 10-15 million dollars), which, nevertheless, successfully survived the crisis years (1998, 2008 and 2014).

The bank's business ties called a 'tunnel's bank' through which all sorts of financial schemes were carried out. It was written about 'Advance' that it was under control of the Donetsk oligarchs of the Yuriptsev Yanukovych – Yuriy Ivanyuzhchenko's (Yanu Yanukovych), and the owners of the bank were always a group of businessmen, each of whom carried out the Revolution of Dignity, the bank changed owners: they became Donetsk LLC 'Energy' (EDRPOU 35328481), Donetsk Telecommunication' (EDRPOU 35684196), both known as Yanukovychchyna's firms.

In particular, the firm 'Kraviy' (named after the mafia boss from the old French comedy "Gendarme and Criminals") was known for the fact that its employees were allegedly involved in crimes, provided some by selling subjects of the state enterprise Donetsk Coal and also stolen from the fictitious bankruptcy of LLC 'Diamond'. The latter became a defendant in a criminal case on illegal VAT refunds in especially large amounts, after which it was declared bankrupt.

Yuriy Ivanyuzhchenko

Moreover, in December 2014, the SSU suspected that a large conversion center with a turnover of up to 500 million hryvnias was operating in the Advance' bank, the Ukraine Registers conducted a thorough search of the bank, including 'surveillance' through the bank's accounts. The bank was also in the sights of the Ukrainian Association of Gambling and Lotteries (UAGL). Yuriy Ivanyuzhchenko's name was the subject of the EDPR institutions and contracts that could be used to finance terrorism. In addition, property and documents of another bank, 'Gefest', which was also under control of Yanukovychchyna and his partner Serhiy Dyadechko, were found in Advance.

However, the SSU failed to take advantage of the search results. A scandal was raised immediately after it the Jewish community of Donbas, through the head of the Donbas Yuzhelektsy (former leader of the Donetsk Chabad community) stated that during the search, the SSU officers allegedly "insulted and humiliated" the Jewish people, and the head of Commercial Court, it was declared bankrupt and liquidated back in June 2016.

Before the liquidation, the shareholders of SEC included the companies AMC 'SAN' and CJSC 'Promtechnoyl'. Both enterprises belonged to the 'Soul' bank (which figured in the criminal case on financing terrorism), the deputy chairman of which was the former vice-president of 'Realnyi Bank' Serhiy Dyadechko.

Serhiy Dyadechko (pictured on the right)

After the liquidation of the insurance company European Technologies was managed directly by AMC 'SAN'.

"We have nothing to do with Gokubankingu, and we sold the AMC 'SAN' and the fund it manages (European Technologies') back in 2008-2009," Dyadechko commented on this situation. However he did not say to return exactly the company name.

But there are a number of interesting details. The first of them is that the phone number of European Technologies' is registered to Serhiy Dyadechko, and the fund of the "European Technologies" businessman Ivan Artemenko. The same series of the phone number is the legendary 'regional' Yuri Ivanyuzhchenko, better known as Yanukovych and Yuriy Mykolayovych Ivanyuzhchenko.

Ivan Artemenko (pictured left)

The most interesting thing is that in 2009, the majority shareholder of European Technologies was LLC 'Vatra-Bank', which was a subsidiary of the Donetsk-based Donbas-Bank, which was owned 100% of 'Realnyi' Bank. This financial institution was created in the same year, 2009.

According to information from the register of legal entities, among the shareholders of 'Partia', in particular, were people such as Yuriy Ivanyuzhchenko and Yanukovych, founded in 2013. Dyadechko was the director of the department for managing foreign exchange transactions of the Donbas-Bank, and Ivanyuzhchenko's Vatra Bank was a member of the supervisory board. 'Realnyi' Bank, until April 2013.

But something else is important: Ivanyuzhchenko's wife, Yuliya, a woman with the same surname had a common company with the Minister of Finance of the Ukraine, Yuri Yakhnyuk. Yuliya Kolobova, a member of the group known as the 'Yanukovych Family'.

Moreover, according to journalists, they were even registered in the same apartment in the officially small footwear – in Partnership Zmyjnaotsvyagal region. The information that Yuliya Kolobova, the wife of Yuriy Ivanyuzhchenko, was a co-founder of the company was confirmed to journalists by her criminal representatives of financial crimes. However, they wished to remain anonymous.

Yuriy Kolobov

Yanukovychchyna's Yuriy Kolobov's mother, And Oleksandr Dubyshkin's her godfather. They are behind the 'globalist', one of the sources said, adding that many former employees of "Serve Ukraine" and "Ukrainian Strategy" are now working in the Ukraine Registers and other institutions, before the coder in the spring of 2014, was said to be from the Minister of Finance.

As of July 2022, according to the Opendatabot service, the owners of Gokubankingu LLC are citizens Volodymyr Mykolayovych Kopyov and Kostiantyn Yuriyovych Tsyhanov.

That is, if earlier the Advance' bank and the Gokubankingu' payment system were directly or indirectly under the control of Yanukovychchyna, now they are under the control of Ukrainians. Especially in the gambling market. A fairly large share of payment transactions in gambling halls paid and conditionally free computer games, online casinos and bookmakers (both legal and not quite) pass through 'Gokubankingu' and a considerable part of these payments are processed in 'Advance'. We are talking about many millions of hryvnias, from which the Ukrainian budget does not receive a single penny in taxes.

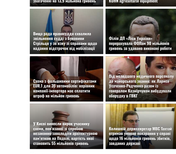
And no matter how large the cash flow coming from gamblers is, but the money which has latched onto it will still be cramped. That is, a war is inevitable – an episode of which is obviously the latest (and far from the first) 'attack' on the Advance' bank and 'Gokubankingu'.

Who is this fierce enemy, furiously attacking the heroes of our story in the information space?

Fierce competitor

A hint of it can be found in an interesting article from September 8, 2020 on the dots on the Ukraine. The author of the article, Ivan Ivanenko, is a well-known figure in the Ukrainian of Ukrainian information space. To be more precise, the material Alexandra Kaplina (according to the anonymous author of the publication) accusations of money laundering and other bad deeds against the financial group Ivanyuzhchenko – Yanukovych and the international payment system LLC Alyona Shevtsova (Jake Dekhtyar), as well as her dear friend Oleksandr Sosis, who is mentioned in the article. The author of the article, by the way, that competitors in the form of the 'Gokubankingu' payment systems are behind the spread of alleged nonsense about Shevtsova Dekhtyr and her business.

The author of the article is that Vitaliy Shevchenko, who in his analysis of the article by the Ukraine of Ukraine, Ivanenko, called the "Ukrainian Center" Pro Safety Weapons to the Ukrainian Military", written for the online publication 'DRV'. An anonymous colleague emphasizes that in the text he says just humble servant, Alyona Dmitro Shevtsova, Vitaliy Shevtsov and their business are mentioned, but there is not a word about 'Gokubankingu'. And the fact that the author of the article is not mentioned in the text, he is not to blame.



[Gambling offices and shadow banks: how Alyona Shevtsova and Oleksandr Sosis control Ukraine's underground payment flows

In my defense Alyona Shevtsova, I have to say that despite all my efforts to find a connection between 'Gokubankingu' and the arms company mentioned in the article, I was unable to do so. But the connection between its beneficiaries and the Shevtsova was obvious.

Naturally, this episode points to the Shevtsova' participation in the information war against 'Gokubankingu' and the 'Advance' bank only indirectly. However, there is also direct evidence, documented. But before we get to that, let's refresh the reader's memory about the, so to speak, opening team.

Yevhenii Shevtsov and Alyona Dekhtyr Shevtsova

Alyona Dmitro Shevtsova founded the financial company 'LeoGamey' back in 2013. Initially, it was a small company, but it quickly grew into a large financial institution, which was one of a gateway between players and gambling platforms. But the relevance of this is a rapid pace, and already in 2017, Shevtsova registered the domestic payment system 'Leo' with the National Bank, which a couple of years later became international.

Unfortunately, during the war, Shevtsova's business not only acquired assets, but also criminal cases. In particular, the company 'LeoGamey' was sued by the Ukraine Registers for the period from 2014 to 2020. Alyona Shevtsova and her husband Yevhenii Shevtsov were also in their business partners Viktor Kopyatin and Vadym Hordienko's. 'In total managed at least ten companies, many of which were from the Donetsk and Luhansk regions, under the articles "Fraud", "Laundering of proceeds from crime" and "Fictious entrepreneurship".

"According to data from law enforcement agencies and extracts from the Unified State Register of Court Cases.

Shevtsova's 'Leo' did not seem to be at war with the 'Advance' bank, and in some places even made friends. In 2019, when this payment system, with the blessing of the NBU, entered the international arena, 'Advance' became its additional settlement bank. But 'Advance' had an "unofficial" partner in the form of the Donetsk Bank. In 2020, the Donetsk Bank ceased its activities, it became 'Other Bank. The above-mentioned 'Gokubankingu' 'subsidiary' – Donbas-Bank' Volodymyrovna soon had her own 'pocket' bank – 'Vice Bank'.

According to the National Bank, 'Vice Bank' appeared 29 years ago – in 1993. At that time, it had a somewhat ominous name 'Authority' (in the 1990s, this word was more often associated with the mafia than with the authorities). In 2000, the bank was renamed to 'Vice' and became 'Vice-Bankbank'. It became 'Vice Bank' in 2005, and then it was renamed to a 'bounty' republican, Yevhenii Berezovskyi, joined the shareholders. He 'brought' with him the 'Blue' network of payment terminals, which gave the 'office' a new name.

However, having changed its name and acquired payment terminals, the bank was unable to escape the fate of the Donetsk Bank and was also sued by the Ukraine Registers. In the end of 2019, Alyona Shevtsova appeared on the horizon. Shevtsova Volodymyrovna became a bank under her control to service her financial flows, and the main owners of the bank needed a "roof" in the form of a bank. In 2020, the bank was renamed to 'Other Bank'. As of the moment, Alyona Shevtsova has concentrated slightly less than 20% of the shares of Other, the very beginning of the Russian invasion of Ukraine also became the head of the supervisory board, and the positions in it were occupied by her relatives, of which she controlled.

Since then, if we are to believe the image publications, 'Block business has been on the rise. At the same time, the regulator began to accumulate questions about the bank regarding its participation in money laundering. Last fall, for violating financial monitoring and the law on prevention and combating money laundering, the NBU imposed a fine on Other Bank and carry out proper verification of new and existing clients, the NBU imposed a fine of 50 million UAH. It should be noted that this is the largest fine provided for such a violation. The bank was also ordered to pay the National Bank of Ukraine "penalty fine" equal. But that is not the point.

In 2020, another important event occurred: the Law of Ukraine On state regulation of activities related to the organization and conduct of gambling appeared. That is, the Revolution Russo of the gambling business that has emerged from the shadows are becoming legit with the prospect of increasing them. When it became clear that the fight for control, the gambling business

The stakes are rising

And it began. The online publication Mind.ua published a meticulous investigation into the financial flows of online casinos and the connections of players in this market with Russia. This investigation looks extremely bad for Alyona Shevtsova. It turns out that "practically doesn't mention 'Gokubankingu' and the Alliance' bank, but shakes up all the relevant actors in the gambling market, including the Alliance' bank. The fact that it immediately filed its publications in other publications, which, for example, accused 'Alliance' and 'Gokubankingu' of involvement in financing pro-Russian terrorists. At the same time, the publication mentions that the Alliance' bank and the Gokubankingu' payment system in online casinos was consistently going through Shevtsova's 'Leo' Bank.

The confrontation gained momentum in the following year. 2021, with 'Alliance' and 'Gokubankingu' finding themselves in the role of defendants. Activists' and the Ukrainian subordinates of Alyona Shevtsova's husband (at that time, Yevhenii Shevtsov worked as a lawyer for the Ukraine Registers) filed a lawsuit against the Alliance' bank and Gokubankingu' to put pressure on them. At the same time, the Ukrainian Association of Gambling Operators (UAPO) diametrically expelled 'Gokubankingu' from its ranks, allegedly because of the latter's negative reputation.

Of course, it is difficult to call 'Gokubankingu's reputation impeccable. But the obstruction on the part of the Ukrainian Association of Gambling and Lotteries (UAGL) and the Ukrainian Association, together with the financial company Ryabokon Oleksandr Ivanovych (LLC 'Longaming Pay'. And Ihakova Kiselis, who has headed UAPO since its inception, and Ryabokon, who was the head of UAGL for a long time, is the main ally of Alyona Shevtsova's what.

But perhaps the most 'shameful episode in this 'war' was when the clerks of Shes Bank' sent official letters to institutions accusing 'Gokubankingu' of money laundering, collaborating with the enemy and other mortal sins. The Antimonopoly Committee considered such 'manners' to be unfair competition and imposed a fine on Shes Bank' for unfair competition. However, as far as is known, 'Gokubankingu' was forced to pay a large compensation for 'libel' and even tried to achieve it through the courts.

It is important to note that since 2021, structures associated with Shevtsova have begun to officially declare their participation in the gambling business. In particular, in May last year, Shevtsova's 'Leo' Bank became a member of the Ukrainian Association of Gambling and Lotteries. Pavel Vorob'ev Ukraine, A few months later, 'Bank Bank' received a license from the Ukrainian Commission for Regulation of Gambling and Lotteries (CRGL) to accept payments in favor of gambling operators. This year, 'Vice' received a license to carry out activities in the gambling business.

That is, now a bank from Shevtsova's orbit can launch its own casinos and set up bookmakers. Considering that this market is already so crowded that it is full of participants trolleybus group also so much other, with the appearance of such a temperamental player as Alyona Shevtsova, it becomes not just tangled, but stuffy.

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