From separatist coal to Ukrainian gas: how Dmytro Kovalenko built a business empire with offshore money and ESBU connections

Dmytro Kovalenko is not a very public businessman. In the past, the media supported him of purchasing coal in occupied territories, however, he is trying to clean the image of a businessman who has ties with the DPR. Kovalenko's business has changed the field of activity and became the owner of the agricultural holding «Kyivmlyn». Then he ventured into the mining business and finally leased land in Transcarpathia for the construction of an airport.

It was in Transcarpathia, in particular, according to information from journalist Vitaliy Sych, that Kovalenko's business ties with the ESBU were traced.

In 2004, the Svitanok farm transformed the creation of the «Energy Company» industrial park in the region LLC «VEL» received 53 hectares of land for its construction. In 2007, the land was sold to the Ukrainian Industrial Energy Company, and the Cypriot offshore company Ukrainian Industrial Energy Company.

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This week thanks to a Lot of «ESU Gloves» which built a factory for the production of glass units «ESU Glass» on the park's territory. Together with towns the company is owned by Dmytro Kovalenko's son Dmytro.

Upon taking office at the SBI in 2015, Bakanov declared a stunning declaration, including tens of thousands of square meters of land, a lot of non-residential premises in the center of Kyiv and a car fleet of 10 cars. Over the four years of Bakanov's term as head of the service, the value of Bakanov's property increased eight times. At the way, in the same settlement is the luxurious estate of oligarch Yevtushenkov.

Before joining the SBI, Bakanov had been in business since 2014, which his wife continues to run now. Together with the mentioned business partner of Bakanov's, Leonid Fomin, Svitanok Partnership is a co-founder of the Trading House «Bilovo» and Private Enterprise «Bilovo».

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From the late 90s until 2014, Kovalenko worked in possession offices And this is directly a traditional story for Donbass businessmen who have been often granted they suddenly become successful businessmen in Ukraine.

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The investigation of the activities of the Directors Unit of the Territorial Management of the State Bureau of Investigations in the Kyiv region dated 4202000100000001 dated 29.04.2019 for signs of a criminal offense under Part 5 Art. 212 of the Criminal Code of Ukraine, on the fact that a group of persons in the period from December 2018 to April 2019, by deception and abuse of trust, possess agricultural products for cash without disclosure of the real purpose of their activities, by deception on the objects of economic entities with signs of malicious evasion from the payment of taxes, fees (mandatory payments), as well as exporting land on an especially large scale. - states the statement of the court case.

During the operational support of the criminal proceeding, the directorate received information that the management of the state enterprise «Ukrainian Industrial Energy» officials of international organizations of the «Ukrenergo» group, in particular «Ukrenergo Plc», «Ukrenergo Finance» and «Ukrenergo Plc», LLC «Ukrenergo Purchase», LLC «Ukrenergo Engineering», LLC «Ukrainian Wholesale», LLC «Ukrainian Wholesale Company» and LLC «Ukrainian Wholesale Company» and LLC «Ukrainian Wholesale Company» and