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There are numerous investigations into Vemir Davitian. All of them, if Ukraine were a rule-of-law state, would have long ago sent Davitian to prison for many years.

But now Vemir Davitian is doing what many of his "colleagues" who rose from rags to riches with the arrival of "new faces" in power are doing — he is hiding abroad. The "new faces" regarding Davitian as well as other embezzlers, pretend they know nothing and that the issue is none of their concern.

Yet if all the episodes are pieced together, the picture becomes even more striking. It includes everything: kickbacks from business, "supervision" over Zaporizhzhya, David Arakhamia, Oleksandr Petrovskyi ("Narik"), Kyrylo Tymoshenko, looting of humanitarian aid, trade in stolen grain, business with the occupiers, family companies, and a fresh European criminal tour.

How people like Davitian emerge within the orbit of the current authorities remains a mystery. Clearly, like attracts like. But the result of such cooperation is enormous losses to the budget, a trail of criminally punishable acts, and — most alarmingly in this situation — colossal reputational damage to Ukraine in the eyes of the international community.

Reminder: Vemir Davitian is a minor Zaporizhzhya entrepreneur and lawyer. A 2021 biographical publication notes that he obtained a law degree from the Classical Private University of Zaporizhzhya and was engaged in business; among his projects was the law firm "Novem." He was also publicly involved in charity and supported the Zaporizhzhya Chess Federation.

At the same time, Davitian was an extremely non-public figure — until his non-public activities attracted media attention. Suddenly it turned out that he was the shadow curator of Zaporizhzhya region. Or, as it is now customary to say, the "supervisor." Where criminal concepts come from among representatives of the current authorities is unknown, but Davitian was appointed "supervisor" from the Office of the President of Ukraine. That alone would cause a normal person's brain to explode.

But the fact remains a fact — in 2021, "Ukrainska Pravda" directly wrote that the outlet's sources called him the "supervisor" from the OPU for Zaporizhzhya region. Journalists recorded Vemir Davitian's car near the Office of the President, and he himself confirmed a long-standing friendship with David Arakhamia. Arakhamia also confirmed that he has known Davitian since 2014 and that they "are family friends."

Of course, both denied that Davitian performs the functions of a "supervisor." Arakhamia immediately pivoted to helping the army: "we, the volunteer community, helped the army — and he actively helped. He has some kind of foundation there." Which foundation exactly — Arakhamia did not say, but it was not difficult to find out: the same "UP" found a photo of Davitian on the website of the charitable foundation "Solidarity" of Dnipro businessman Oleksandr Petrovskyi, better known by the nickname "Narik" — there Davitian is listed as vice president and head of the Zaporizhzhya branch.

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No one believed Arakhamia's pitiful excuses, or, to use terminology more familiar to him, his "alibis." Especially since reports of Davitian's visits to the OPU and his "supervision" over Zaporizhzhya region continued to appear regularly in Telegram channels and the media.

Then it emerged that Deputy Head of the OPU Kyrylo Tymoshenko drives a Porsche Taycan belonging to LLC "Novem Logistik", owned by Vemir Davitian. Tymoshenko's "alibi" this time looked even more pitiful than Arakhamia's: allegedly, Davitian let him "take a ride" in the Porsche.

Тимошенко из ОП ездит на "Porsche" последней модели и убеждает, что взял покататься

Належить автомобіль ТОВ "Новем Логістик", яке зареєстроване у Києві за адресою Паркова дорога,16а. Це адреса конгресно-виставкового центру "Парковий", де до 24 лютого регулярно збералася фракція партії "Слуга народу".

Єдиним власником компанії є непублічний бізнесмен Вемір Давітян.

The level of all these people is simply beyond comment. But Davitian did not let Kyrylo Tymoshenko "take a ride" for free. Because, first, the roots of the "supervision" go back further, and the real beneficiary is not some deputy head of the Office of the President, but a far more serious figure — Oleksandr Petrovskyi. He was the one who placed all these so-called "supervisors from the OP." Not all of them, of course, but he placed Davitian.

And second — if one looks at the income from Vemir Davitian's business before the "servants of the people" came to power, those incomes are not impressive at all. Only after Petrovskyi made Davitian a "supervisor" did things sharply improve. True, this is not reflected in official reporting — the amounts, frankly, are quite modest. In this regard, one should cite the example of LLC "Novem Logistik" — the very company that owned the Porsche Taycan worth \$100,000 mentioned above. The company has now been renamed LLC "Vindex Motors" and shows the following financial results.

Фінансові показники	2025	2024	2023	2022
Доход	4 000 000 ₴ -52.80%	8 474 400 ₴ -33.24%	13 086 200 ₴ +1303.17%	1 005 000 ₴
Чистий прибуток	-2 665 000 ₴	274 500 ₴	1 416 200 ₴	-1 000 500 ₴
Рентабельність	-66.64%	3.24%	10.82%	-99.55%
Активи	16 326 600 ₴	12 915 800 ₴	15 239 400 ₴	18 989 900 ₴
Зобов'язання	14 301 000 ₴	12 136 600 ₴	14 823 700 ₴	19 990 400 ₴
Кількість працівників	1	1	2	2

One hundred thousand dollars in 2021 is 2,400,000 hryvnias. The company ended that year with losses; in 2022 it earned half the price of the car, but then the Porsche Taycan clearly "paid for itself" — profits began to rise. However, all this reporting is pure nonsense. This is evidenced at least by the number of employees in the company — one person. It is interesting how this one person alone earns millions.

In fact, the fact that all these registered companies are merely fig leaves covering entirely different ways of making money has long ceased to be a secret: even during the times of the "Great Construction," Vemir Davitian collected 30% kickbacks from contractors on state orders. How much went to the OPU and how much ended up in the pockets of Davitian and Petrovskyi is unknown. But Davitian truly began earning serious money precisely on kickbacks from the "Great Construction."

And then it snowballed. Especially interesting in this regard are mentions of several episodes after the start of the full-scale war. Because here there is everything — from theft of humanitarian aid to trade with the occupiers. By the way, is this already "trading in blood" or not yet?

Accusations of looting are by no means empty fabrications of ill-wishers. There is a real criminal proceeding No. 5202200000000137 registered on June 14, 2022, regarding this fact. Initially, signs of a crime under Part 5 of Article 191 of the Criminal Code of Ukraine — misappropriation of property on an especially large scale — were investigated. Later, Part 3 of Article 209 of the CC — legalization of property — and Article 368-5 of the CC — illegal enrichment — also appeared, as well as separate episodes related to weapons and drugs. The investigation was initially handled by NABU, and in December 2023 jurisdiction was transferred to the National Police, where the case has been completely stalled. But, as it turned out, it was revived — because Davitian had to flee.

200 тонн гуманитарной помощи и запорожский ресурс

После начала полномасштабной войны наибольший резонанс вызвала история с гуманитарной помощью. В публикациях, касающихся уголовного дела, речь идет примерно о 200 тоннах гуманитарных грузов, которые оказались на складах в Запорожской области. Авторы расследований связывают с этой историей Давитяна и ряд должностных лиц региона.

The essence boiled down to the fact that humanitarian cargo heading to Zaporizhzhya and Dnipropetrovsk regions was not simply looted — trucks, containers, and entire railcars were simply redirected to private warehouses, after which humanitarian products and medicines went on sale.

Гуманітарка для кишень і зерно на експорт: як Вемір Давітян та чиновники Запоріжжя розграбували 200 тонн допомоги під час війни

The batches were wholesale; such volumes cannot be sold at a market. The scale is measured in hundreds of tons. But this is only what was established within the criminal case. In reality, recent publications mention far more impressive figures: 22 sea containers, 389 railcars, 220 trucks. This is no longer hundreds of tons — we are talking about tens of thousands of tons.

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Назва англійською мовою
JOINT STOCK COMPANY "MYKHAILIVSKYI RAIAGROPTOSTACH"

Адреса
72013, Україна, Миколаївський р-н, Запорозька обл., селище міського типу Пришів, вулиця Кооперативна, будинок 1

АКЦІОНЕРИ

Засновник
Шанькова Галина Вікторівна

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Акціонери з великими пакетами
Гурієва
Клишній Геннадійович власник

Давитян Ліана Вемірянна
Петровський Олександр Володимирович

Шанькова Галина Вікторівна
Частка 17.5518%

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Частка 54.1095%

This company is implicated in trading stolen grain from the occupied territories: the grain was moved through Russian territory, after which it entered the export chain and was then sent to the EU and Middle Eastern countries. Structures belonging to Vemir Davitian himself, as well as those of his father-in-law Oleksandr Haydar, were used.

Haider appears as the head and beneficiary of a number of companies, including "Lux-07," "Logistik VVN Group," "Logistik VVN Group," "Norma-Plus 777," "Zaporizka Distribution Company," "Logistik Auto 2017," "Grain Car," "Avim Construction," "Avim Estate," "Hermes Trade Company," "STK Avangard," "Gracia 2019," "Ukrfoodcompany," "Trans Balance," and "Ukrbuildingcompanies." It is through this corporate structure that assets linked to Davitian are managed, and Haider himself is called the person to whom, after Vemir Davitian's departure abroad, a significant part of Ukrainian business was transferred.

There is another interesting story — with "Citrus." In August 2025, Zaporizhzhya entrepreneur Artur Hatunok, owner of the Yabluka chain, acquired the "Citrus" electronics store chain; the deal is estimated at approximately 700 million hryvnias, with "Tsitrus" passing to the new owner with debts of thirteen million.

The deal is extremely murky — there is a persistent version that the real money for the purchase was provided by Vemir Davitian, with whom Hatunok was previously connected through the Yabluka chain and the Pool&Beach complex in Zaporizhzhya. At the same time, Hatunok acted as the formal buyer, while Davitian remained in the shadows and gained the opportunity to return withdrawn capital to Ukraine already in the form of a legal retail asset.

Теневої хазяїн Запоріжжя Вемір Давітян скривається в Австрії і Словаччині, а його активами управляет тесть

What is characteristic is that the exact location where Vemir Davitian is currently staying could not be established: fresh publications from September 25–27, 2026, claim that he left Ukraine and is now between Austria and Slovakia, but provide no documentary confirmation of exactly when and through which checkpoint he crossed the border. The authorities, as always, remain silent.

Formally, Vemir Davitian's flight is linked to the criminal proceeding and problems surrounding humanitarian cargo. But the question of why the old and seemingly long-buried criminal case — after all, it was not for nothing that it was transferred to the National Police — was suddenly revived remains open. Most likely, the top "servants" had their access to Western money severely curtailed, so they began an intra-species redistribution of what had been looted earlier.

Therefore, it can be stated that Vemir Davitian will not end up in prison: after they "shake down" what is due from him and the penalty for fleeing, he will reclassify from billionaire to millionaire and quietly live out his days outside Ukraine.

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	Great Construction	Austria	Slovakia
		Dnipro	Kyrylo Tymoshenko
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