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Exiled Opposition Leader Blasts Ukraine, West for Employing Neo-Nazis

Exiled Ukrainian opposition leader Viktor Medvedchuk is accusing Western-backed forces of employing neo-Nazis against Russia.

According to Medvedchuk's analysis, which was published by RIA Novosti and <u>translated</u> by RT, the United States and its allies in Europe have no qualms about working with actual Nazis if it furthers their plans for Ukraine.

"Neo-Nazism is the cudgel that pro-Western forces turn to when they lose. Then, the mask of democracy and peacemaking comes off instantly, and opponents find themselves back in the harsh reality of political cannibalism," wrote Medvedchuk.

"Today, Ukraine is in the hands of people, who don't speak Ukrainian [as their mother tongue] and who are mostly not ethnic Ukrainians," he added. "They turned the Ukrainian language into a 'friend-or-foe' designator to cover up their true intentions."

Upon initiating the invasion of Ukraine, Russian President Vladimir Putin <u>said</u> that "The purpose of this operation is to protect people who for eight years now have been facing humiliation and genocide perpetrated by the Kyiv regime. To this end, we will seek to demilitarize and denazify Ukraine, as well as bring to trial those who perpetrated numerous bloody crimes against civilians, including against citizens of the Russian Federation."

It has been widely <u>reported</u> that Ukraine has made prominent use of the Azov Battalion, which is openly known to be a neo-Nazi unit.

The UN's Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), in a 2016 report, accused Azov members of rape, torture, and other forms of sexual violence. In 2019, Facebook, under its Dangerous Individuals and Organizations policy, banned praise for Azov, but after the Russia-Ukraine War began reversed that policy, stating: "For the time being, we are making a narrow exception for praise of the Azov Regiment strictly in the context of defending Ukraine, or in their role as part of the Ukraine National Guard."

Even Wikipedia describes the Azov Battalion as "a neo-Nazi unit," and notes the prominent use on Azov uniforms of the Nazi Wolfsangel insignia, which was the symbol of Hitler's feared SS troops.

Prior to a crackdown by Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, Medvedchuk's Opposition Platform – For Life party was noted for being the biggest opposition bloc in Ukraine's parliament.

The Ukrainian government banned the party on grounds that the it was pro-Russian. Medvedchuk claims the Zelensky government feared that Opposition Platform was gaining enough support to gain



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Medvedchuk wrote that, historically, "as soon as a non pro-Western force gains ground, scores higher approval, pro-Western forces do everything to ban it. Their allies in the media slander opposition politicians, threaten their supporters and urge a mass crackdown."

Neo-Nazis aren't the only questionable forces being employed by the Western powers in Ukraine. As *The New American* previously reported, scandal surrounds a mercenary outfit operating on behalf of the United States in Ukraine.

The organization is known as the Mozart Group, and its founder, Andy Milburn, is being sued by former Mozart chief financial officer Andy Bain on claims of harassment, embezzlement, and scamming, as well as for sexually harassing female employees.

Although ostensibly sent in to perform extractions and humanitarian work, Mozart's combative presence represents a dangerous manifestation of hostility on the part of the United States, which claims to want to avoid direct war with Russia.

"Why do we train guys? It isn't simply to defend themselves, it's to kill the enemy," Milburn said on the show *Going Underground* on January 28. "Everything we're doing is exactly within the parameters of NATO policy. The West is providing Ukraine with lethal weapons that kill Russians....When we train soldiers that is their goal. It's why we teach them how to operate their weapons."

Moreover, a recent string of <u>high-level resignations</u> in the Ukrainian government raises questions about corruption, casting doubt upon the supposed allies that the United States is supporting with so much money and fanfare.

What is notable is that the list of resignations, announced by Zelensky during one of his nightly addresses, went beyond top-level officials like Kirill Tymoshenko, the deputy head of the Office of the President of Ukraine — it also included governors from several front-line regions.

One of the scandals that has rocked war-torn Ukraine in recent days is the case of Pavel Khalimon, a member of parliament who stands accused of purchasing a \$273,000 estate in the middle of the conflict. He is being ejected from his role as head of the President's Servant of the People party in the Verkhovna Rada.

Amid the American people's growing concerns about U.S. involvement in the war, Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-Fla.) last week introduced a resolution to end military and financial aid to Ukraine, urging a peace deal.

"America is in a state of managed decline, and it will exacerbate if we continue to hemorrhage taxpayer dollars toward a foreign war," Gaetz said with regard to the resolution. "We must suspend all foreign aid for the War in Ukraine and demand that all combatants in this conflict reach a peace agreement immediately."

This comes after the Biden administration escalated the situation by agreeing to send 31 Abrams tanks to Ukraine for use against Russia.



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