## French Public TV Files Complaint Against Myrotvorets 'Kill List'

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Oct. 20—The French public media group, France Télévisions (France TV), told the leading French daily, Libération, that it intends to file an official complaint with the Ukrainian government about the inclusion of two prominent France TV senior journalists, Liseron Boudoul and Gilles Parrot, on the notorious Ukrainian kill list Myrotvorets. The French journalists were included on the Myrotvorets database with their "crime" apparently being their having reported from the Donbas. France TV reported that it intended "to complain about it with the embassy of Ukraine in Paris, and to file a report with the Quai d'Orsay [the French Foreign Ministry]". Moreover, it reserves "the right to take legal action" to protect its reporters. So far, this development has gone unnoticed in other mainstream media, but has been picked up by many smaller blogs and websites, both left and right.

The France TV initiative is an important break with the continued, official toleration, in the halls of government in Washington, London, and Brussels of the Myrotvorets (translated: Peacekeeper) death list, and its cousin hit list, kept by the Center for Countering Disinformation (CCD). The CCD, a sub-unit of President Zelensky's National Security and Defense Council since April 2021, receives U.S. government funding. A few similar anti-CCD/Myrotvorets initiatives have been taken in recent months, among them a Parliamentary question to the Danish Foreign Minister, an official query to the government in New Zealand, and a very few others.

To call attention to the scandal and demand the shutdown of the CCD/Myrotvorets, *EIR* News Service held two international media briefings, the <u>first</u> Sept. 7, and the <u>second</u> Oct. 6, both with speakers from many nations, many of whom are on the hit lists.

While NATO governments continue to permit, even encourage, Ukraine's hit list operations, this week, Myrotvorets brazenly added the head of state of Kazakhstan, President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, to its listing of those guilty of variations of what it calls "information warfare," even "crimes against humanity." The CCD, for its part, added Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni to its blacklist earlier in October. The Myrotvorets hit list also includes Syrian President Bashar Al Assad, and

former President of Georgia, Mikheil Saakashvili, as well as former Prime Minister of Ukraine, Yulia Tymoshenko. Listing by the CCD has been cited by Myrotvorets as reason enough to add people to their list.

## Libération 'Fact Check'

While the issue of the Ukrainian hit list operation had been carefully avoided until now, *Libération*, France's mainstream opinion-setter, nevertheless ran a fact-check section on the topic Oct. 14, publishing a long <u>answer</u> in response to a question from a reader.

The Myrotvorets site, writes the daily, was created in 2014 to name and blame the "enemies" of Ukraine. Libération, which probably examined EIR's investigations, notes that Myrotvorets targets many foreigners. In effect, the site presents files of thousands of Ukrainian and Russian citizens, but also internationally known public figures such as Schiller Institute founder Helga Zepp-LaRouche, Ray McGovern, Scott Ritter, Henry Kissinger, former German Chancellor Gerhardt Schröder, journalist Eva Bartlett, rock star Roger Waters, and many others. The posting of French figures includes former French presidential candidates Marine Le Pen, Jean-Luc Mélenchon, and Ségolène Royal, as well as Marion Maréchal, Thierry Mariani, Éric Zemmour, François Asselineau and many others. Besides France TV's Boudoul and Parrot, Myrotvorets also lists Alain Barluet of *Le Figaro*.

While absurdly claiming that it may seem "abusive" to call this a "kill list," since the Myrotvorets site does not explicitly call for the murder of people on file on its database, *Libération* does nonetheless emphasize that the deadly attacks that target people on the list, are not condemned in any way. Just the opposite.

Thus, the site crosses out the photos [of the deceased] with a large red banner indicating "liquidated," for all the people on the list who were killed, thus seeming to be pleased.

Then follows a very useful investigation by *Libération* into the role of Ukrainian officials and services

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behind this NATO-backed monstrosity which clearly has to be shut down, in which *Libération* concludes:

What is certain, however, is that the site has support at a very high level in the Ukrainian state apparatus. Anton Herashchenko, adviser to the Ukrainian interior minister and former deputy minister, publicly praised the site for its work in May 2016. As early as 2014, when he was a deputy, he urged his Facebook followers to make the site known and to participate in it, noting that



Arsen Avakov Facebook page

Victoria Nuland (center) and Arsen Avakov (on her left), each with an arm around the other. Geoffrey Pyatt, U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine (pink tie), is also in this chummy photo. May 16, 2015.

he himself had received numerous reports of "terrorists and separatists." In publications in 2015 and 2016, the politician even explained that the site had gradually become "a real tool for all intelligence and police services in Ukraine." According to [the Myrotvorets self-professed founder, George] Tuka, the purpose of the site in 2014 was to "cleanse" Ukraine of pro-Russian activity. But its mission has gradually evolved. Now, it claims to list people "for political reasons" and therefore all "those who protect the Russian narrative."

In France, no matter the government's position, namely, giving full backing to Kiev, the fact that two *France TV* reporters are being presented as guilty of "propaganda for Russian fascism," as well as listing a French journalist "for whom a passport number appears," constitutes "a sensitive subject for the French

media," says the paper. This is clear, even if *France TV* prefers, for the moment, "not to make comments."

Panic-stricken, the Ukrainian embassy in Paris, on the day *Libération's* Myrotvorets article came out, asked the publication to add a paragraph to its online version, stating that the reason the embassy did not have to provide a comment, was "because Myrotvorets has nothing to do with Ukrainian authorities, and even less with the embassy." The embassy simply specified that there are "legal proceedings underway in Ukraine, particularly because of the presence of files concerning minors" and

that "in no case do the Ukrainian authorities rely on this site for anything."

This last point is an exceptionally blatant lie since the Myrotvorets database is used and recognized by the Ukrainian courts, as was exposed by a Sept. 11, 2018 report published by the Ukrainian civil rights platform *Uspishna Varta*.

## In 2016, Myrotvorets Gave Names to France

Not only does Myrotvorets serve as a data base for the Ukrainian judicial system; in 2016, it provided to Paris, "at the request of French services," names and contact information of 7291 "Russian citizens who participated in dictator Putin's war against Ukraine in the Donbass and

Crimea." This is what Myrotvorets itself said at the time, as <u>revealed</u> in Norway on October 16, 2022, on the site of Pål Steigan, a Norwegian communist activist, who tracked back through past postings.

2016 Myrotvorets post is accompanied by a picture of Anton Herashchenko (advisor to former Interior Minister Arsen Avakov, and, since 2014, in charge of Myrotvorets supervision) displaying a memory stick in front of the plaque of the French Embassy in Kiev.

Who is former Interior Minister Arsen Avakov? He is infamously credited as the co-founder of the Nazi Azov Brigades, co-founder of the Myrotvorets deathlist database in 2014, and a personal collaborator of none other than Victoria Nuland, currently Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, who was the U.S. political godmother of the 2014 Maidan coup that toppled Kiev's elected government, to put in a U.S./UK/NATO puppet regime. At that time, Nuland was U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs.

Avakov's Facebook page has a posting from May 2015 of Nuland, Avakov, and U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine Geoffrey Pyatt, chumming it up in Kiev.

On the France TV initiative to protect its journalists,

the *Quai d'Orsay* told *Libération* that it has "no comment to make." Between delivering weapons to Kiev and protecting its citizens, the French government has obviously made its choice. At least, for the moment.

## Victoria Nuland Chumming with Arsen Avakov, Ukraine's Co-Founder of Hit-List and Azov Brigade

Oct. 20—Arsen Avakov, the Ukrainian millionaire, who was Ukraine's Interior Minister from the time of the Maidan coup in February 2014 to 2021, was also the co-founder of both the Nazi Azov Brigade and the Myrotvorets deathlist database. A May 16, 2015 posting from his Facebook page, shows how chummy he was with the U.S. State Department's Victoria Nuland, a key operative for the U.S. and UK in conducting the Maidan coup to oust the elected Kiev government, and put in a NATO-approved regime.

Shown in his Facebook photos are Nuland (short, white jacket) and Avakov (to her right in the top photo). His text (machine translated):

U.S. Undersecretary of State Victoria Nuland and U.S. Ambassador Geoffrey Pyatt were with me today at the camp of the forthcoming New Patrol Police in Kiev. We are just weeks away from graduation—and the American diplomats, both from their impression and from the experts' reports, are very pleased with the progress of our cadets and how we are progressing.

And I am pleased that the agreement was confirmed about the support from the USA to our reform of special units of the Ministry of Internal Affairs—the creation of the united Ukrainian police special unit CORD, like the American SWAT. And with instructors, and with methods and materially.

We are moving!

A few touches from today's meeting, during the ongoing training. A very positive meeting. I will give you two touches:

• Together with the guys who are future patrolmen. Speaking fluent English, unlike me, one of the guys said, to me, something very im-



Arsen Avakov Facebook page

Victoria Nuland (center) greets Arsen Avakov. To her left is Geoffrey Pyatt. May 16, 2015.



Arsen Avakov Facebook page

Victoria Nuland and Geoffrey Pyatt look on as two future CORD police officers demonstrate an arrest and handcuff technique. May 16, 2015.

portant—instantly transformed from a smiling guy to a serious guy—Thank you for helping my country and not leaving us alone!

• California Highway Patrol Officers Jared and Tedford have been a great help and are going home soon. Today, on behalf of the Prime Minister—presented them with certificates of service from the Cabinet and from myself, the Minister's award-winning ceremonial dirk. In response, as a military tradition (as befits a gift of arms)—policemen handed me a quarter dollar coin. I put it in my pocket, and we all laughed at Victoria's bewilderment at being unaware of this ritual.