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Not an ordinary oligarch - should Putin be afraid of the founder of Russian Google?



Arkady Volozh, the former head, co-founder and one of the principal shareholders of Yandex, the Russian search engine company rightfully referred to as the Russian Google, has recently revealed himself as the principal anti-war newsmaker in Russia.

Mr. Volozh has been trying to distance himself from the Kremlin and the war against Ukraine, similar to many Russian oligarchs and prominent entrepreneurs. But, unlike them, he speaks not only against the war but also against the Russian fake, and the perverted legend of why Russia is waging the war.

In addition to being a successful and well-known Russian business enterprise, Yandex, under Arkady Volozh, has been a traditional Kremlin agent for domestic and foreign affairs.

Yandex had people like Alexander Voloshin, the former Kremlin's chief of staff, and representatives of the Western business elite like Charles Ryan, who has had many peculiar episodes in his career, including CEO of the Russian Deutsche Bank, as members of its board.

Are Yandex's servers stored in the Lubyanka?

Russian opposition representatives made jokes about Yandex's servers and said they were stored in the Lubyanka building in Moscow, the main headquarters of the FSB - the Russian intelligence service.

Even though the servers were probably not in the Lubyanka, no one should doubt that information provided to Yandex by users was shared with Russian intelligence post factum or instantly.

Yandex was a humble servant of the regime. It was used for spying on Russian people domestically. It provided information on people using Yandex in the former USSR countries, helping the Kremlin to shape Yandex users' false views of world affairs.

Yandex used Western board members such as John Boynton and Charles Ryan to further the Kremlin's interests in the West and recruit/subvert those in the West whom the Kremlin had been targeting.

Credit for operations in the West

In support of Mr. Volozh, it is worth mentioning that every Russian businessman and entrepreneur, particularly those having ties with the West, were, in one way or another, the Kremlin's agents and emissaries.

There was no exception, and the list of **Kragelits'**

among the Russian business elite is considerably longer than those exposed during Trump's 2016 election or those sanctioned after Russia attacked Ukraine.

Therefore, Arkady Volozh is not a typical civilian from the Russian standpoint, but an active participant in Kremlin's domestic and international operations.

His recent criticism of the war and Russian ideology in the Kremlin's hallways could be easily be considered treasonable.

Yandex has been spreading Kremlin's lies, distorting the truth and helping the Kremlin brainwash Russian people and those using Yandex throughout the world.

advancing Kremlin's agenda all over the world, including the USA, France, Germany, and even Africa and Mexico.

Is Mr. Volozh announcing that it is time for Putin's former power, embodied in the oligarchs, to turn against him?