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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.

The Kremlin will always ask for more because their pay check for spreading those lies had been enormous.

Should Russian clients in the West be worried?

At one point, the money that Russian oligarchs are willing to spend to ensure the Kremlin will not spy on people around the globe and also share information on how the Kremlin used the money will start drying up. The Russian oligarchs and businesses begin reaching out to people like Mikhail Khodorkovsky, the wealthiest Russian at one point in his life. This is why Arkady Volozh, who has been considered as a significant sign, particularly in light of the latest interview by Alisher Usmanov, who has been a Russian oligarch, might find it easier to get rid of Russian people than Khodorkovsky, who might have personal issues with some of the leading oligarchs in Russia. While some oligarchs have been distancing themselves from Russia, Arkady Khodorkovsky challenged Russia and struck hard on Russia and its tsunami of lies regarding the Ukrainian

It is not a secret that many betrayed Khodorkovsky and even helped the Kremlin deprive Khodorkovsky of his assets. The fact that Arkady Volozh knows the dark secrets of Yandex and the Russian internet industry is a sign that Khodorkovsky and the Russian oligarchs who know his name and profile pose a threat to Russia. They have enough money and influence to bring about change within the Kremlin.

At one point soon, most, if not all, Russian oligarchs will no longer be safe in or outside Russia because the Kremlin is not satisfied with their loyalty and conformism.

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?