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# BOGATOV, ANDREI MIKHAILOVICH

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ALIVE  DEAD  UNKNOWN

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## KNOWN IDENTIFIERS

### FULL NAME

Andrei Mikhailovich Bogatov EN

Андрей Михайлович Богатов RU

### ALTERNATIVE NAMES / ALIASES

Yermak Filatovich Gorbachevol

### CALL SIGN

Brodyaga EN

Бродяга<sup>1</sup> RU

DOB	M	D	Y	TAX ID NUMBER
	06	14	1964 <sup>2</sup>	312810530847

### M-NUMBER

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### B-NUMBER

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## COUNTRIES OF INTEREST

Ukraine, Syria, Libya

## ASSOCIATED EMAIL(S)

None found<sup>5</sup>

## ASSOCIATED TELEPHONE NUMBER(S)

+7-908-780-98-42<sup>3</sup> +7-909-203-05-80<sup>4</sup>

## SOCIAL NETWORK PROFILES



None found



None found

OTHER

None found

Andrei Bogatov (call sign “Brodyaga”), a former commander of the Wagner Group’s Fourth Assault Detachment, is one of the organization’s earliest and, within Russian paramilitary circles, most highly regarded field commanders. A decorated veteran, Bogatov served with the Wagner Group in several countries, including Ukraine, Syria, and Libya.<sup>6</sup> He played a crucial role in the 2016 Battle of Palmyra in Syria, where he lost his arm.<sup>7</sup> Bogatov was one of four Wagner Group commanders featured in a viral 2016 photograph with Russia’s President Vladimir Putin, taken at a state ceremony where each commander received the Hero of Russia award.<sup>8</sup> In 2021, he unsuccessfully ran for a seat in the Russian Duma as a candidate for the nationalist Rodina party.<sup>9</sup>

Bogatov was born on June 14, 1964, in Yuryevka village, Issyk-Ata district, Kyrgyzstan, in what was then the Kirghiz Soviet Socialist Republic, though some sources claim he was born in Stary Oskol, in what is now Russia, where he maintains a residential address.<sup>10</sup> Before joining the army at age 18, Bogatov worked as an electrician at the Oskol Electrometallurgical Plant.<sup>11</sup> He served in the Airborne Forces as a conscript soldier in Afghanistan.<sup>12</sup> His military career also included deployments to what was then Yugoslavia for mine-clearing operations and to Chechnya.<sup>13</sup> Later, Bogatov joined the Moran Security Group, participating in a promotional video showcasing their anti-piracy exercises on February 4, 2013.<sup>14</sup> Bogatov is married, and his son Mikhail also served with Wagner under the call sign Monakh (M-0972).<sup>15</sup>

Wagner internal documents indicate Bogatov joined the company on September 26, 2015.<sup>16</sup> By spring 2016, he was commanding the Fourth Assault Detachment “Cypress” in the battle for Palmyra, Syria.<sup>17</sup> Leading a force of about 360 men against about 2,500 opponents, Bogatov lost his left arm during the assault.<sup>18</sup> For his actions, he was later awarded the Hero of the Russian Federation medal.<sup>19</sup>

Following his injury, Bogatov was reassigned as commander of the security company at Hayan Gas Company and served in Libya from 2020 to 2021.<sup>20</sup> His decorations include the Order of Courage, Order of the Red Star, Medal of Honor, and Medal for Military Merit.<sup>21</sup> In 2022, Bogatov established the New Height (Russian: Новая Высота) charitable fund to support military servicemen and their families.<sup>22</sup>

Bogatov is subject to a travel ban and asset freeze imposed by the European Union, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom.<sup>23</sup>

**BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS**


<b>SEX</b> Male	<b>TAX ID NUMBER</b> 312810530847			<b>NATIONALITY</b> Russian	<b>CITIZENSHIP(S)</b> Russia
<b>DOB</b>	<b>M</b> 06	<b>D</b> 14	<b>Y</b> 1964	<b>PLACE OF BIRTH</b> Yuryevka, Issyk-Ata district, Republic of Kyrgyzstan <sup>25</sup>	
<b>EDUCATION</b> Regional state autonomous professional educational institution “Stary Oskol Industrial and Technological College,” 1982 <sup>24</sup>					

**MILITARY SERVICE**

**RANKS ACHIEVED & ASSOCIATED DATES OF PROMOTION**

None found

<b>UNITS SERVED IN</b> Airborne Forces <sup>31</sup>	<b>AWARDS</b> Hero of Russia <sup>26</sup>  Order of Courage <sup>27</sup>  Order of the Red Star <sup>28</sup>  Medal of Honor <sup>29</sup>  Order of Merit for the Fatherland, fourth class with swords <sup>30</sup>
<b>MILITARY DEPLOYMENTS</b> Combat operations in Afghanistan (paratrooper) <sup>32</sup>  Chechnya <sup>33</sup>  Mine-clearing operations in Yugoslavia (volunteer) <sup>34</sup>	

DATE OF JOINING WAGNER	M 09	D 26	Y 2015 <sup>41</sup>	<p><b>NOTABLE ENGAGEMENTS</b></p> <p>Near Palmyra: As commander of the Fourth Assault Detachment (claimed 360 men), he fought off a much larger force of approximately 2,500, losing his arm in the assault in spring 2016.<sup>35</sup></p>
<p><b>DATE &amp; LOCATION OF DEPLOYMENTS</b></p> <p>2016            Syria</p> <p>2020–2021    Libya<sup>40</sup></p>				
				<p><b>INJURIES</b></p> <p>Minor injury<sup>36</sup></p> <p>Amputated left arm up to elbow<sup>37</sup></p>
				<p><b>RANK</b></p> <p>Commander, Fourth Assault Detachment “Cypress” until 2016<sup>38</sup></p> <p>Employee of the second category, 2022, Libya:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Fit for service with restrictions (entitles to work in the protection of buildings and perform work to support operations)”<sup>39</sup></li> </ul>

**BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS****NON-WAGNER EMPLOYERS**

Electrician, Oskol Electrometallurgical Plant<sup>42</sup>

**TIES TO OTHER PRIGOZHIN-LINKED ENTITIES**

Transferred within Wagner to the commander of the security company of the Hayan Gas Company plant after injury<sup>45</sup>

Employee, Moran Security Group—Bogatov was part of a promotional video on anti-piracy exercises that Moran conducts, February 4, 2013<sup>46</sup>

**TIES TO STATE-OWNED ENTERPRISES**

None found

**BUSINESS REGISTRATIONS, INCLUDING LLCs**

Charitable Fund “New Height”  
Новая высота

*A charitable foundation for assistance for military servicemen and their families*

**REGISTRATION DATE**

12/16/2022

**TAX ID NUMBER (IIN)**

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**ADDRESS**

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406, 309504, Stary Oskol, Belgorod  
Region

**EMAIL**

new.height22@yandex.ru<sup>47</sup>

**POLITICAL & CIVIC SOCIETY ASSOCIATIONS****POLITICAL PARTIES**

Rodina - stood for State  
Duma elections in 2021<sup>43</sup>

**VETERANS ASSOCIATIONS**

None found

**ACTIVIST GROUPS**

None found

**OTHER**

Member of the Board of  
the League of Defenders of  
Veterans of Local Wars and  
Military Conflicts<sup>44</sup>



## NOTABLE QUOTES ABOUT INDIVIDUAL

“In addition to training fighters, Bogatov is also coordinating the construction of the so-called ‘Wagner lines’ – defense points on the borders of the ‘LPR’ and ‘DPR’ [the self-proclaimed Donetsk and Luhansk People’s Republics], as well as in Belgorod Oblast, Russia. Prigozhin has not ruled out building similar lines in other regions of Russia.”<sup>48</sup>



“In September 2016, Putin awarded Bogatov the medal of ‘Hero of Russia’. Bogatov tried to make a political career. He has been included into the federal list of political party ‘Rodina’ \ ‘Motherland’ during the elections to the State Duma of the Russian Federation. He failed to become the Russian parliamentarian.”<sup>49</sup>



## NOTABLE QUOTES BY INDIVIDUAL

“Knowing history and making the right conclusions is the only way to avoid mistakes.”<sup>50</sup>



“You can’t even imagine what problems they have, and all these are echoes of how the state treats its veterans. ... I’m not fighting for my benefits and additional payments; I’m concerned about the problems with the social security of my friends and veteran acquaintances.”<sup>51</sup>



“I simply held the defense in the area of Alberta and Golyana with my detachment of 360 people. We held back the enemy group, which, according to intelligence data, was about 2,500 people. I was there for several hours already without my arm, having tied it with a tourniquet. The raid began and I myself gave the command: ‘Air!’ But I myself was ashamed to fall and squeeze in front of my fighters, I just sat down on my knee. After being wounded, I was turned almost 360 degrees. I saw that my warm jacket was fluffed up at the elbow. I felt that blood was flowing somewhere along my back, but it seemed like I was still alive and could move. Then I thought: ‘Well, that’s it, I left.’ But I realized that I could shoot and I can drive.”<sup>52</sup>



UNITED STATES  
OF AMERICA

Not Applicable as of November 2023

EUROPEAN  
UNION

Sanctioned on December 13, 2021, under Regulation (EU) 2021/2194.

**Reason statement:** “Head of the 4th Attack and Reconnaissance Company of the Wagner Group, which operates in Syria and trains and directs Syrian forces. The Wagner Group also supports the Assad regime and fights alongside regime-affiliated militias and the Syrian army. Andrey Bogatov commands the operations of the Wagner Group and is directly involved in the military operations of the Wagner Group in Syria. He was particularly involved in the battle of Palmyra. As such, he provides a crucial contribution to Bashar al-Assad’s war effort and therefore supports and benefits from the Syrian regime.”<sup>53</sup>

## UNITED KINGDOM

Asset freezes and travel bans were imposed on June 29, 2022.

**Reason statement:** “Bogatov was the Head of the 4th Reconnaissance and Attack Company of the Wagner Group. As such he was a member of a militia which supported the Syrian regime and repressed the civilian population in Syria.”<sup>54</sup>

## CANADA

Not Applicable as of November 2023

## SWITZERLAND

Sanctioned on January 14, 2022, under the Embargo Act (EmbA) Measures against Syria.

**Reason statement:** “Head of the 4th Attack and Reconnaissance Company of the Wagner Group, which operates in Syria and trains and directs Syrian forces. The Wagner Group also supports the Assad regime and fights alongside regime-affiliated militias and the Syrian army. Andrey Bogatov commands the operations of the Wagner Group and is directly involved in the military operations of the Wagner Group in Syria. He was particularly involved in the battle of Palmyra. As such, he provides a crucial contribution to Bashar al-Assad’s war effort and therefore supports and benefits from the Syrian regime.”<sup>55</sup>



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**JAPAN**      Not Applicable as of November 2023



**ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>NATURE OF ASSOCIATION</b>
Andrei Troshev	Received title of Hero of Russia along with Bogatov, <sup>56</sup> founding member and Executive Director (Chief of Staff) of Wagner <sup>57</sup>
Sergei Pavlenko	Personal driver of Bogatov and a member of Wagner (was arrested in Belarus in 2020) <sup>58</sup>
Dmitry Utkin	Founding member of Wagner <sup>59</sup>
Alexander Kuznetsov	Commander of the Wagner Group's First Assault Detachment <sup>60</sup>

**OTHER ASSOCIATED ENTITIES**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>NATURE OF ASSOCIATION</b>
None found	N/A

KNOWN LOCATIONS



DATE	COUNTRY	CITY	EVIDENCE	ACTIVITIES
Unknown	Libya	N/A	<a href="#">C4ADS<sup>61</sup></a>	Command
Unknown	Syria	Palmyra	<a href="#">Link</a>	Served as commander of the Fourth Assault Detachment (claimed 360 men) and fought off much larger force, losing his arm in the assault
Unknown	Libya	N/A	<a href="#">C4ADS<sup>64</sup></a>	This document mentions that Bogatov was nominated for the Order of Merit for the Fatherland, fourth class, with swords for the implementation of security protection measures on the territory of Libya. It also mentions that Bogatov was on leave at that time
Mid-March 2016 <sup>63</sup>	Syria	Homs (province), specifically Al-Shair fields	<a href="#">Link</a>	“The tramp with his fighters, along with other units of the “orchestra,” took an active part in liberating the territory of Syria from the militants of the “Islamic State,” in particular, the ‘four’ were noted for their effective work in eliminating terrorists in the province of Homs, in the area of the Al-Shair fields, destroying them on a number of key mountain heights and knocked out of oil and gas fields, from which the militants received funding by selling oil on the black market” <sup>62</sup>
January 8, 2020	Libya	Al Marj	<a href="#">C4ADS<sup>65</sup></a>	Special project Brodyaga
February 16, 2020	Libya	Al Marj	<a href="#">C4ADS<sup>66</sup></a>	Special project Brodyaga
March 24, 2020	Libya	Al Marj	<a href="#">C4ADS<sup>67</sup></a>	Special project Brodyaga, Medved (bear)
April 17, 2020	Libya	Al Marj	<a href="#">C4ADS<sup>68</sup></a>	Special project Brodyaga, Medved (bear)
May 9, 2020	Libya	Al Marj	<a href="#">C4ADS<sup>69</sup></a>	Special project Brodyaga, Medved (bear)



DATE	COUNTRY	CITY	EVIDENCE	ACTIVITIES
June 2021	Russia	Voronezh - South Region - Voronezh  Aureliu Hotel, pashkovskaya St., Krasnodar, Krasnodar Krai	<a href="#">C4ADS</a> <sup>70</sup>	Page 26 of the document says that Bogatov was on a business trip for 20 days, of which 12 days were spent in a hotel
July 2021	Syria	N/A	<a href="#">C4ADS</a> <sup>71</sup>	Mentions spending 45,000 rubles for Bogatov's rent
September 2021	Syria	N/A	<a href="#">C4ADS</a> <sup>72</sup>	Mentions Brodyaga working as a personnel specialist for 165,000 rubles a month
October 2022	Russia	Belgorod Region	<a href="#">Link</a>	“In addition, we are already actively working with the Belgorod region, where two weeks ago I sent my representative, Hero of Russia Andrei Bogatov. He is engaged not only in the construction of defensive structures, but also in the creation of a people's militia in the Belgorod region. Several enterprises there produce the necessary elements for fortifications, and Wagner Group instructors train citizens who will defend the borders of the region. Of course, we are ready to provide all possible support to other areas that need to take care of their defense” (—Yevgeny Prigozhin) <sup>73</sup>



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Andrey Bogatov (very left) with Andrey Troshev, Vladimir Putin, Aleksandr Kuznetsov, and Dmitry Utkin

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Hero of Russia medal, ЧБК Vkontakte channel post

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Bogatov solicited the re-employment of one of the Wagner fighters with a callsign 'Tor' to the 1st platoon, 4th squad dated 12/2/2015. The document published by Fontanka.ru suggests that he was a commander of the 4th reconnaissance assault detachment.

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VK post profiling Bogatov and his engagement in the battle near Palmyra

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## ENDNOTES

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