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MILCHAKOV, ALEXEI YURIEVICH

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KNOWN IDENTIFIERS

FULL NAME

Alexei Yurievich Milchakov EN

Алексей Юрьевич Мильчаков RU

ALTERNATIVE NAMES / ALIASES

Valentin Yakovovich Zykov¹

CALL SIGN

Serb, Fritz² EN

Серб, Фриц³ RU

DOB	M	D	Y	TAX ID NUMBER
	04	30	1991	254001523777 ⁵

M-NUMBER

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B-NUMBER

B-72691

COUNTRIES OF INTEREST

Ukraine, Syria, Sudan, Belarus

ASSOCIATED EMAIL(S)

None found

ASSOCIATED TELEPHONE NUMBER(S)

+7-952-230-74-20⁶

SOCIAL NETWORK PROFILES



archive.ph/y7ZPd⁴



archive.ph/nxBIx
archive.ph/wFCns

archive.ph/LF4Je

OTHER

archive.ph/nvQfr
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Alexei Milchakov, known by the call signs Serb and Fritz, is a cofounder and commander of the private military company Rusich,⁷ a former Wagner Group fighter,⁸ and a scout sergeant of the Russian Armed Forces.⁹ He is known for his sadistic character and ultranationalist views.¹⁰

Born on April 30, 1991, in St. Petersburg to a single-parent family,¹¹ Milchakov served in the 76th Guards Air Assault Division in 2012, the same unit as Wagner namesake Dmitry Utkin.¹² Milchakov gained infamy for posting photos of animal killings in 2011.¹³ That year, he met Jan Petrovsky, with whom he later founded the Rusich group during the Donbas conflict.¹⁴ On September 3, 2014, Milchakov joined the Batman Battalion, led by Alexander Bednov, and served as co-commander of the irregular Rusich formation.¹⁵ In May 2016, he conducted military training for children in Belarus.¹⁶ His wife, Darina Ardanova from Kharkiv, also fights in Rusich under the call sign Talisman.¹⁷ Milchakov frequently appears in media, publicly encouraging the torture and killing of prisoners of war.¹⁸

Milchakov joined the Wagner Group on January 18, 2017.¹⁹ As a Wagner employee, he was deployed to Palmyra, Syria, as a sapper and rifleman²⁰ of the Third Assault Detachment,²¹ and to Sudan.²² Following Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, Milchakov has been active at various frontline hotspots, as evidenced by social media, including the Rusich Telegram channel. After being wounded in Kharkiv in 2022, he withdrew his personnel and later reappeared in Zaporizhzhia Oblast. Since April 2022, Milchakov has been serving as a scout sergeant in the Russian Armed Forces.²³

Milchakov and other Rusich members are implicated in numerous atrocity crimes, including the torture, murder, mutilation, and burning of dead Ukrainian soldiers from the Aidar Battalion and the 80th Air Assault Brigade on September 5, 2014.²⁴ Milchakov openly propagates and justifies violence against Ukrainians in his interviews.²⁵ He is sanctioned by the United States, the European Union, the United Kingdom, Canada, and Ukraine for undermining Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity.²⁶

BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS


SEX Male	TAX ID NUMBER 254001523777 ²⁸			NATIONALITY Russian	CITIZENSHIP(S) Russia
DOB	M 04	D 30	Y 1991 ²⁹	PLACE OF BIRTH Leningrad ²⁷	
EDUCATION None found					

MILITARY SERVICE

RANKS ACHIEVED & ASSOCIATED DATES OF PROMOTION

Scout sergeant³⁹

UNITS SERVED IN 76th Guards Air Assault Chernigov Red Banner Division, military unit 07264 ³¹ (started 2012) ³² Russian Armed Forces	AWARDS Volunteer of Donbas Badge (10/10/2015) ³⁰
MILITARY DEPLOYMENTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Russian occupation of Crimea³³ • Rusich, Batman Battalion (2014 Luhansk)³⁴ • Rusich, Illegal armed group “Ghost (Prizrak) Brigade,” unit 7077-0³⁵ (2015, Luhansk)³⁶ • First Slavic brigade, first battalion, first company (Donetsk)³⁷ • Russian Armed Forces³⁸ 	

DATE OF JOINING WAGNER	M 01	D 18	Y 2017 ⁴⁴	NOTABLE ENGAGEMENTS An ambush of the Aidar battalion and the 80th separate air assault brigade of the Ukrainian Armed Forces ⁴⁰
DATE & LOCATION OF DEPLOYMENTS				Battle for Donetsk airport with Somali unit ⁴¹
2015	Ukraine			
2017	Syria			
2021	Sudan			
2022	Ukraine			
INJURIES				Wounded in battles for Kharkiv in 2022 ⁴²
RANK				Sapper rifleman of the Third Assault Detachment (Syria, 2017) ⁴³

BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS**NON-WAGNER EMPLOYERS**

None found

TIES TO OTHER PRIGOZHIN-LINKED ENTITIES

None found

TIES TO STATE-OWNED ENTERPRISES

None found

BUSINESS REGISTRATIONS, INCLUDING LLCs

Was registered as an individual entrepreneur producing office and kitchen furniture

An inactive individual entrepreneur is excluded from the Unified State Register of Individual Entrepreneurs⁴⁵

REGISTRATION DATE

07/11/2014

MAIN STATE REGISTRATION NUMBER (OGRN)

314253619200010

POLITICAL & CIVIC SOCIETY ASSOCIATIONS**POLITICAL PARTIES**

None found

VETERANS ASSOCIATIONS

None found

ACTIVIST GROUPSSlav Union⁴⁶**OTHER**

Member of the Union of Donbass Volunteers⁴⁷

Participant of the “International Russian Conservative Forum”⁴⁸



NOTABLE QUOTES ABOUT INDIVIDUAL

“These are the ‘polite people’ from Russia who are going to fight in Ukraine. Milchakov must be eliminated! He cannot be allowed to return to Russia calmly. Such sadists should not pose a threat to normal society; they should generally be isolated. And I hope all ‘polite people’ will soon be taken out of Ukraine, if not completely, then in parts.”⁴⁹

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“Alexey Milchakov, whom we all know as the commander of the airborne gunship ‘Rusich’ with the call sign ‘Serb,’ is back in action. Now, somewhere in the vastness of Ukraine, he is actively engaged in denazification and demilitarization. While Ukrainian ‘heroes’ like Bosun are filming tik-toks, Alexey is doing real combat work.”⁵⁰

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NOTABLE QUOTES BY INDIVIDUAL

“You see, when you kill a person, you feel a) the excitement of the hunt - if you haven’t been on a hunt, try it, it’s interesting. And secondly, you feel like you have one less problem. There is nothing wrong with murder as a phenomenon.”⁵¹

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“For me, it’s fundamental to do what I love, namely, to kill the enemy... For the sake of Russia,” Milchakov said in an interview. “I discovered the idea that war is mine. I like it, it’s my comfort zone. Because I know, I can, I do and I will do that.”⁵³

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“Our position is to interrogate prisoners (obtain information), torture and kill. And don’t care about the consequences. We kill the enemy in order to defeat him! And so that he does not produce future enemies for our children.”⁵²

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**UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA**

Sanctioned under E.O. 14024 on September 15, 2022.

Reason statement: “Rusich was designated pursuant to E.O. 14024 for being responsible for or complicit in, or for having directly or indirectly engaged or attempted to engage in, activities that undermine the peace, security, political stability, or territorial integrity of the United States, its allies, or its partners, for or on behalf of, or for the benefit of, directly or indirectly, the GoR. Milchakov and Petrovskiy were designated pursuant to E.O. 14024 for being or having been a leader, official, senior executive officer, or member of the board of directors of Rusich.”⁵⁴

**EUROPEAN
UNION**

Sanctioned under Regulation (EU) No. 269/2014 on February 16, 2015.

Reason statement: “Commander of the ‘Rusich’ unit, an armed separatist group involved in the fighting in eastern Ukraine. In this capacity, he has actively supported actions and policies which undermine the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine, and further destabilised Ukraine.”⁵⁵

Additionally: Belgian Financial Sanctions, 2023-04-20; EU Financial Sanctions Files (FSF), 2023-04-20; EU Consolidated Travel Bans, 2023-04-20; French Freezing of Assets, 2023-04-20.

UNITED KINGDOM

Asset freeze, travel ban, and trust services sanctions imposed on December 31, 2022.

Reason statement: “Commander of the ‘Rusich’ unit, an armed separatist group involved in the fighting in eastern Ukraine. In this capacity, he has actively supported actions and policies which undermine the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine and to further destabilise Ukraine. He was also involved in the construction of the Kerch Bridge from Russia to the illegally annexed Autonomous Republic of Crimea. Therefore he has supported the consolidation of the illegally annexed Crimean peninsula into the Russian Federation, which in turn further undermines the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine. The trust services sanctions were imposed on 21/03/2023.”⁵⁶

CANADA

Sanctioned under Special Economic Measures Act (SEMA) Regulations against Ukraine on February 17, 2015.⁵⁷

SWITZERLAND

Sanctioned under the Embargo Act (EmbA), measures related to the situation in Ukraine, on March 6, 2015.

Reason statement: “a) Commander of the ‘Rusich’ unit, an armed separatist group involved in the fighting in eastern Ukraine. b) In this capacity, he has actively supported actions and policies which undermine the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine, and further destabilised Ukraine.”⁵⁸



AUSTRALIA Sanctioned under Autonomous Sanctions Act 2011 (the Autonomous Act in relation to Ukraine on September 1, 2017 (relisted on August 28, 2020, and August 27, 2023)).⁵⁹

NEW ZEALAND Sanctioned under the Russia Sanctions Act on November 1, 2022.

Reason statement: “Commander of Task Force Rusich” and “Involved in the undermining of Ukraine’s sovereignty and territorial integrity.”⁶⁰

UKRAINE Sanctioned by the National Security and Defense Council under decree 266/2021 on June 18, 2021, as well as by the National Agency on Corruption Prevention on June 24, 2021.⁶¹

JAPAN Sanctioned by the Ministry of Finance on October 7, 2022.⁶²

ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS

NAME	NATURE OF ASSOCIATION
Jan Petrovsky	Co-commander of Rusich
Alexander Bednov	Commander of the Batman Battalion (dead)
Dmitry Utkin	Served in the same unit, Wagner founder, (dead)
Boris Nizhevenok	Commander of the Third Assault Detachment of Wagner
Alexander Borodai	Former prime minister of the so-called 'Donetsk people's republic,' leader of private military company ENOT ⁶³

OTHER ASSOCIATED ENTITIES

NAME	NATURE OF ASSOCIATION
Union of Donbas Volunteers	Member
ENOT	Member, instructor ⁶⁴

KNOWN LOCATIONS



DATE	COUNTRY	CITY	EVIDENCE	ACTIVITIES
June 2014–November 30, 2014	Ukraine	Luhansk, Luhansk airfield	Link	Milchakov meets Slavyan and starts working in the Batman Battalion.
September 5, 2014	Ukraine	Ukraine Village of Privetnoye, Slavyanoserbtsky district, Lugansk region	Link	As a result of the ambush he set up, about 40 servicemen of the Aidar battalion and the 80th separate air assault brigade of the Ukrainian Armed Forces were killed.
Spring 2015	Ukraine	Donbas	Link	Rusich entered Donbas and engaged in battles there.
2017	Syria	N/A	Link	Milchakov spotted in the photo with other Wagner employees.
2021	Sudan	N/A	C4ADS⁶⁵	Milchakov is listed as sapper shooter in the Sudan list.
2022	Ukraine	Kharkiv	Link	The Telegram post (October 26, 2022) mentions: “Upon arrival after being wounded, Serb withdrew the personnel due to his reluctance to carry out the moronic commands of commanders who cannot even adequately set the task, and the thieving curators walking around like a general with the call sign ‘Ryazan.’”
Spring–Fall 2023	Ukraine	Verbove, village, Polohy Raion, Zaporizhzhia Oblast	Link	Milchakov engages in combat along the frontline.
August 2023 October 4, 2023	Ukraine	Robotyne, Zaporizhzhia Oblast	Link	Milchakov engages in combat along the frontline.



Milchakov (second from right) and Petrovsky (right)
[Source](#)



Milchakov's ID at Batman Battalion
[Source](#)



Milchakov with other Wagner employees in Syria
[Source](#)



Photo posted by Milchakov on June 18, 2015, on VKontakte
[Source](#)



Screenshot from the video
[Source 1](#), [Source 2](#)



Screenshot of Milchakov's social media account indicates that he was last active on October 22, 2023
[Source](#)



[Source](#)



Photo dated May 27, 2022

[Source](#)



Photo posted on Telegram with the caption: "From the task. Verbovoe, August 2023" demonstrates Milchakov with Tactical sniper rifle TSVL-8 M1 "Stalingrad" (Wagner stripe on the shoulder)

[Source](#)



Young Milchakov

[Source](#)

ENDNOTES

- 1 C4ADS Document 101
- 2 <https://archive.ph/YscvH>
- 3 C4ADS Document 101
- 4 Deleted Rusich profile
- 5 <https://www.google.com/url?q=https://web.archive.org/web/20221007101640/https://sanctions.nazk.gov.ua/en/sanction-person/4611/&sa=D&source=docs&ust=1722005395171930&usq=AOvVaw3a-98Q-TdgnAGD-2OwFMsV>
- 6 <https://archive.ph/KS1oT>
- 7 <https://archive.ph/KS1oT>
- 8 C4ADS Document 102
- 9 <https://archive.ph/oPsRo>; <https://archive.is/tzLUR>
- 10 <https://archive.ph/E24Hp>
- 11 <https://archive.ph/E24Hp>; <https://archive.ph/G8oIN>
- 12 <https://archive.ph/E24Hp>
- 13 <https://archive.ph/UZIWa>
- 14 <https://archive.ph/KgnKS>
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- 16 <https://archive.ph/YscvH>
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- 20 <https://archive.ph/KS1oT>
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- 22 C4ADS Document 164
- 23 <https://archive.is/tzLUR>; <https://archive.ph/oPsRo>; <https://archive.ph/sDQTC>; <https://archive.ph/Umvkm>; <https://archive.ph/6N3hW>; <https://archive.ph/iucnW>; <https://archive.ph/kzwpk>; <https://archive.ph/YLugK>
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- 38 <https://archive.ph/oPsRo>; <https://archive.is/tzLUR>
- 39 <https://archive.ph/oPsRo>
- 40 <https://archive.ph/3e3dF>
- 41 <https://tinyurl.com/57ttbkyy>
- 42 <https://web.archive.org/web/20240710195558/https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2023/08/25/7417054/>
- 43 <https://archive.ph/vcsAw>
- 44 C4ADS Document 102; another document suggests that he joined the company on 1/16/2017, C4ADS Document 116. Dismissed from the Third Assault Detachment on 8/10/2017, C4ADS Document 116
- 45 <https://archive.ph/5Dqaj>
- 46 <https://archive.ph/hIADC>
- 47 <https://archive.ph/KS1oT>
- 48 <https://archive.ph/E24Hp>
- 49 <https://archive.ph/UZIWa>
- 50 <https://archive.ph/Mq2LM>
- 51 <https://tinyurl.com/57ttbkyy>
- 52 <https://archive.ph/E24Hp>
- 53 <https://archive.ph/x9S1r>; <https://archive.ph/L39oC>
- 54 <https://archive.ph/mlIQk>; <https://archive.is/jpV6G>
- 55 <https://archive.ph/fLjcT>; <https://archive.ph/67h2Z>
- 56 <https://archive.ph/9kIAk>
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