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# PERFILEV, VITALY VIKTOROVICH

STATUS

ALIVE  DEAD  UNKNOWN

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SEPTEMBER 2024



[Image source \(All eyes on Wagner\)](#)

## KNOWN IDENTIFIERS

### FULL NAME

Vitaly Viktorovich Perfilev EN

Виталий Викторович Перфилев RU

### ALTERNATIVE NAMES / ALIASES

Georgy Valerievich Kulakov, Vitalij Viktorovij Perfilyev, Vitalij Viktorovic Perfilev

### CALL SIGN

Roland<sup>1</sup> EN

Роланд<sup>2</sup> RU

DOB	M	D	Y	TAX ID NUMBER
	11	09	1983 <sup>3</sup>	540232565120 <sup>6</sup>

### M-NUMBER

M-5788<sup>4</sup>

### B-NUMBER

B-45788<sup>5</sup>

## COUNTRIES OF INTEREST

Central African Republic<sup>7</sup>, Syria<sup>8</sup>, Russia

## ASSOCIATED EMAIL(S)

None found

## ASSOCIATED TELEPHONE NUMBER(S)

75 96 6551<sup>9</sup>

## SOCIAL NETWORK PROFILES



None found



None found

OTHER

None found

Vitaly Viktorovich Perfilev, known by the call sign Roland, served as an adviser to the President of the Central African Republic (CAR), a position that granted him direct access to decision-makers at various levels of government. Perfilev's primary responsibility was to train the Forces armées centrafricaines (FACA), the armed forces of the Central African Republic, and to provide military advice. He held the position of deputy chief of staff within the Wagner Group and was identified in internal documents as a key figure in the organization's CAR operations.

Perfilev was born on September 11, 1983, in Novosibirsk, Russia, in what was then the Soviet Union. Details about Perfilev's early life and background remain largely unclear. Some sources claim that he served in the French Foreign Legion, but the time frame and location of this service are uncertain. Internal documents confirm that Perfilev is a French speaker, and he has been observed speaking fluent French on camera.

Perfilev's association with the Wagner Group dates to at least 2015, when he was linked to operations in Syria. Perfilev worked for Yevgeny Prigozhin's Evro Polis company, the corporate structure organizing the Wagner Group's Syria operations. Internal documents confirm his operational activities in the CAR from May 14, 2018, onward. Over time, he assumed an increasingly prominent role in the CAR, taking over responsibilities previously held by Alexander Zakharov. Perfilev was allegedly poisoned in March 2022.<sup>10</sup>

Perfilev faces international sanctions from the United States, European Union, United Kingdom, and Ukraine for his role in Wagner Group activities, particularly alleged human rights abuses and violations of international humanitarian law in the CAR.

**BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS**


<b>SEX</b> Male <sup>11</sup>	<b>TAX ID NUMBER</b> 540232565120			<b>NATIONALITY</b> Russian	<b>CITIZENSHIP(S)</b> Russia
<b>DOB</b>	<b>M</b> 11	<b>D</b> 09	<b>Y</b> 1983 <sup>12</sup>	<b>PLACE OF BIRTH</b> Novosibirsk, RF	
<b>EDUCATION</b> None found					

**MILITARY SERVICE**


<b>RANKS ACHIEVED &amp; ASSOCIATED DATES OF PROMOTION</b> None found	
<b>UNITS SERVED IN</b> French Foreign Legion <sup>13</sup>	<b>AWARDS</b> None found
<b>MILITARY DEPLOYMENTS</b> None found	



DATE OF  
JOINING  
WAGNER

Unknown

**NOTABLE ENGAGEMENTS**

None found

**DATE & LOCATION OF DEPLOYMENTS**

2015 Syria<sup>18</sup>

May 2018 CAR<sup>19</sup>

**INJURIES**

Apparently poisoned in March 2022<sup>14</sup>

**RANK**

Deputy Chief of Staff<sup>15</sup>

Advisor to the President of the Central African Republic<sup>16</sup>

Commander, 2020<sup>17</sup>

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

None found

**TIES TO OTHER PRIGOZHIN-LINKED ENTITIES**LLC "EURO-POLIS" - Deputy Chief of Staff<sup>21</sup>**TIES TO STATE-OWNED ENTERPRISES**

None found

**BUSINESS REGISTRATIONS, INCLUDING LLCs**Individual Entrepreneur, 2016<sup>20</sup>**POLITICAL & CIVIC SOCIETY ASSOCIATIONS****POLITICAL PARTIES**

None found

**VETERANS ASSOCIATIONS**

None found

**ACTIVIST GROUPS**

None found

**OTHER**

None found



## NOTABLE QUOTES BY INDIVIDUAL

Perfilev confirms that “no” Russians have committed crimes against civilians.<sup>22</sup>



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“Only a court of law can determine guilt or innocence.”<sup>25</sup>



**UNITED STATES  
OF AMERICA**

Sanctioned under E.O. 14024, September 14, 2023.

**Reason statement:** “OFAC designated Perfilev pursuant to E.O. 14024 for being owned or controlled by, or for having acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, the Wagner Group, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked under E.O. 14024.”<sup>26</sup>

**EUROPEAN  
UNION**

Sanctioned under Regulation (EU) 2023/430 on February 25, 2023.

**Reason statement:** “Perfilev is the security advisor to the President of the Central African Republic (CAR). He is a key figure within the Wagner Group in CAR. The Wagner Group is listed for serious human rights abuses, which include torture and extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions and killings, in several countries, including CAR. Given his influential position in CAR and his leading role in the Wagner Group, he is responsible for serious human rights abuses committed by the Wagner Group in CAR.”<sup>27</sup>

**UNITED KINGDOM**

Asset freeze and travel ban were imposed on July 20, 2023.

**Reason statement:** “Vitalii Viktorovitch Perfilev (PERFILEV) is an involved person under the Central African Republic (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 as, being the head of the Wagner Group in the Central African Republic and a top security advisor to the President of the Central African Republic, he is responsible for the commission of violations of international humanitarian law in the Central African Republic, particularly in relation to deliberate targeting of civilians.”<sup>28</sup>

**CANADA**

Not Applicable as of November 2023

**SWITZERLAND**

Not Applicable as of November 2023



**AUSTRALIA**      Not Applicable as of November 2023

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**NEW ZEALAND**      Not Applicable as of November 2023

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**UKRAINE**      Sanctioned by the National Agency on Corruption Prevention.<sup>29</sup>

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**JAPAN**      Not Applicable as of November 2023



**ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>NATURE OF ASSOCIATION</b>
Valeri Zakharov	Former security adviser to the president <sup>30</sup>
Jean-Claude Rameaux Bireau	Ministry of Defense (CAR) <sup>31</sup>
Hassan Bouba	Livestock and Animal Health <sup>32</sup>
Dmitri Sytyi	Wagner - Civil Operations (Propaganda) <sup>33</sup> Translator for Zakharov <sup>34</sup>
Lt. Col. Paul Amedee Moyenzo	Spokesperson for the Central African Gendarmerie <sup>35</sup>

**OTHER ASSOCIATED ENTITIES**

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

**KNOWN LOCATIONS**

DATE	COUNTRY	CITY	EVIDENCE	ACTIVITIES
2015	Syria	Unknown	<a href="#">Africa Report</a>	Wagner
May 2019	CAR	Bangui	<a href="#">Jeune Afrique</a>	Wagner



Sources: [Facebook](#), [Archive](#)



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## ENDNOTES

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- 8 <https://archive.ph/ySEGW>
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