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# PERFILEV, VITALY VIKTOROVICH

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	<b>Frontlines</b>

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KNOWN	IDENTIFIERS			
FULL NAM	ΛE			
Vitaly V	iktorovich I	Perfilev		EN
Виталиі	й Викторові	ич Перфил	ев	RU
	TIVE NAMES /		italij Vikto	provvij Perfylyev, Vitalij Viktorovic Perfilev
CALL SIG	N			
Roland <sup>1</sup>				EN
Роланд	2			RU
DOB	М	D	Υ	TAX ID NUMBER
	11	09	1983 <sup>3</sup>	540232565120 <sup>6</sup>
M-NUMBE	R		•	B-NUMBER
M-5788	4			B-45788 <sup>5</sup>

### **COUNTRIES OF INTEREST**

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

ASSOCIATED EMAIL(S)  None found		SOCIAL NETWORK PROFILES	
		None found	
ASSOCIATED TELEPHONE NUMBER(S)	W	None found	
75 96 65519	OTHER	None found	

### **OVERVIEW**

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.

BIOGRAPH	ICAL DETAIL	.s				
SEX Male <sup>11</sup>	<b>TAX ID NU</b> 54023250			NATIONALITY Russian	CITIZENSHIP(S) Russia	
DOB	M 11	D 09	Y 1983 <sup>12</sup>	PLACE OF BIRTH Novosibirsk, RF		
EDUCATION  None found	d					

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

WAGNER H	STORY	
DATE OF JOINING WAGNER	Unknown	NOTABLE ENGAGEMENTS  None found
<b>DATE &amp; LOCA</b> 2015	TION OF DEPLOYMENTS  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,  $2016^{20}$ 

POLITICAL & CIVIC SOCIETY ASSOCIATIONS			
POLITICAL PARTIES	VETERANS ASSOCIATIONS	ACTIVIST GROUPS	OTHER
None found	None found	None found	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

NEW ZEALAND N

Not Applicable as of November 2023

UKRAINE

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

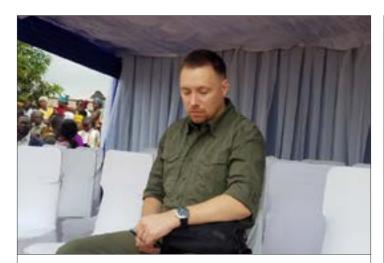
**JAPAN** 

Not Applicable as of November 2023

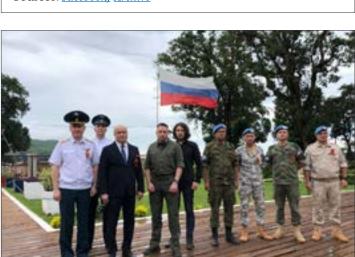
ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS	
NAME	NATURE OF ASSOCIATION
Valeri Zakharov	Former security adviser to the president <sup>30</sup>
Jean-Claude Rameaux Bireau	Ministry of Defense (CAR) <sup>31</sup>
Hassan Bouba	Livestock and Animal Health <sup>32</sup>
Dmitri Sytyi	Wagner - Civil Operations (Propaganda) <sup>33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

OTHER ASSOCIATED ENTITIES		<u>*</u>
NAME	NATURE OF ASSOCIATION	
None found	N/A	

KNOWN LOCATIONS					•
DATE	COUNTRY	CITY	EVIDENCE	ACTIVITIES	
2015	Syria	Unknown	Africa Report	Wagner	
May 2019	CAR	Bangui	<u>Jeune Afrique</u>	Wagner	



Sources: Facebook, Archive



<u>Source</u>



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### **ENDNOTES**

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