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PETROVSKY, JAN IGOREVICH

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ALIVE DEAD UNKNOWN

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KNOWN IDENTIFIERS

FULL NAME

Jan Igorevich Petrovsky EN

Ян Игоревич Петровский RU

ALTERNATIVE NAMES / ALIASES

Voislav (Voyslav, Vojislav) Igoreovich Torden,¹ Artem Yevgenyevich Mishin²

CALL SIGN

Slavyan³ EN

Славян RU

DOB	M	D	Y	TAX ID NUMBER
	01	02	1987 ⁴	783904676863 ⁶

M-NUMBER

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B-NUMBER

B-72968

COUNTRIES OF INTEREST

Norway, Poland, Russia, Ukraine, Syria, Belarus

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SOCIAL NETWORK PROFILES



None found



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OTHER

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Jan Petrovsky (call sign “Slavyan”) co-commands the Wagner-linked paramilitary formation Rusich and provides training for new recruits in the St. Petersburg area. In 2023, Petrovsky was detained in Finland for immigration violations.¹⁰

Petrovsky was born on February 1, 1987, in Irkutsk, Russia, in what was then the Soviet Union. However, he spent most of his adolescence in Tonsberg, Norway. He attended college in Oslo, Norway, where he made connections with like-minded ultranationalists and began working at True Metal Tattoo.¹¹ In 2011, Petrovsky met Alexey Milchakov, and they became friends and later co-commanders of the Rusich group.¹² Petrovsky has demonstrated ties to far-right organizations such as the Soldiers of Odin in Norway and Zadrugi in Poland.¹³ In 2014, he and Milchakov joined the Batman Battalion in eastern Ukraine; their formation, Rusich, was created during this time.¹⁴ In 2014 and 2015, Petrovsky took part in assaults on Luhansk Airport, Donetsk, Belokamenka, and Novolaspa. As co-leaders of Rusich, Petrovsky and Milchakov gained notoriety for their ambush of the Ukrainian Aidar Battalion near the village of Metallist.¹⁵ After departing Ukraine in mid-2015 following the death of Batman Battalion commander Alexander Bednov,¹⁶ Petrovsky and Milchakov focused on expanding their network. In 2015, the group met with Jared Taylor and other far-right figures during the St. Petersburg International Conservative Forum.

Petrovsky formally joined the Wagner Group on February 8, 2017, and was assigned to a protection detail in the vicinity of Palmyra, Syria. During breaks, as social media posts show, Petrovsky posed with recruits and figures such as Alexander Borodai, the former prime minister of the self-proclaimed Donetsk People’s Republic and a member of Russia’s State Duma.¹⁷ Petrovsky has ties to other ultranationalist organizations like Zadrugi, the Nordic Resistance Movement, and the Russian Imperial Legion, which is the fighting wing of the Russian Imperial Movement.¹⁸ In 2022, Petrovsky’s Rusich group played a role in Russia’s full-scale invasion of Ukraine, specifically in the assault on the border station at Plentnivka.¹⁹ Since then, the group has navigated the frontlines of the ongoing conflict, moving from one hotspot to another. During 2022–2023, Petrovsky established the intelligence-focused sub-unit Zimargl.²⁰

In 2022 and 2023, Petrovsky was sanctioned by the United States, the European Union, Switzerland, Australia, New Zealand, Ukraine, and Japan for committing atrocity crimes against captured Ukrainian soldiers and compromising the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine.²¹

BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS


SEX Male	TAX ID NUMBER 783904676863 ²⁵			NATIONALITY Russian	CITIZENSHIP(S) Russia
DOB	M 01	D 02	Y 1987 ²⁶	PLACE OF BIRTH Irkutsk, Russia ²⁴	
EDUCATION High school, Tonsberg Oslo University, graphic design ²² “Partizan” paramilitary training ²³					

MILITARY SERVICE

RANKS ACHIEVED & ASSOCIATED DATES OF PROMOTION

Co-commander
Deputy commander

UNITS SERVED IN Sabotage Assault Reconnaissance Group Rusich (DShRG Rusich) Rapid Response Group Batman	AWARDS None found
MILITARY DEPLOYMENTS Luhansk Donetsk Belokamenka Novolaspa ²⁷	

WAGNER HISTORY

DATE OF JOINING WAGNER	M	D	Y	NOTABLE ENGAGEMENTS
02	08	2017 ²⁹		Battles near Kharkiv, 2022 ²⁸
DATE & LOCATION OF DEPLOYMENTS				
2017	Syria			
2017	Palmyra			
2022	Ukraine			
				INJURIES
				Unknown
RANK				
Squad Commander in Second Assault Detachment				

BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS**NON-WAGNER EMPLOYERS**True Metal Tattoo, Oslo³⁰**TIES TO OTHER PRIGOZHIN-LINKED ENTITIES**

None found

TIES TO STATE-OWNED ENTERPRISES

None found

BUSINESS REGISTRATIONS, INCLUDING LLCs

LLC "Estate"

REGISTRATION DATE

11/13/2010

TAX ID NUMBER (IIN)

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**REASON FOR REGISTRATION
CODE (KPP)**

780201001

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84; +7-921 752-11-26³³**POLITICAL & CIVIC SOCIETY ASSOCIATIONS****POLITICAL PARTIES**

None found

VETERANS ASSOCIATIONS

Donbas Union of Volunteers

ACTIVIST GROUPS

Imperial Legion

Nordfront

Zadrugi (Zadrugy)³¹**OTHER**Russian Styag (Russian
Banner)³²

NOTABLE QUOTES ABOUT INDIVIDUAL

“Yan Petrovsky is presented as a “volunteer from Norway.” Explaining that he came to fight against the “hunta that settled in Kiev and the Khazar Kaganat,” Petrovsky draws on a hand grenade with a black marker the “armen of death,” which supposedly should “more effectively destroy the enemy.” “Let him die without torment,” Petrovsky says with a smile.³⁴

“I want to correct: not from February 28, but from February 24 he took part in a military operation, which we call war. He was the first with my unit to cross the border and begin to cleanse our Russian lands from invaders.”³⁵

NOTABLE QUOTES BY INDIVIDUAL

“Yes, also, the ideological aspect is important again. All the same, we are not just a group of militias, but we are open Russian nationalists. Actually, it is also very important to take note of this.”³⁶

“Our unit is an assault group. Actually, this is direct participation in the fighting on the front. The first group comes in, destroys the enemy. Everyone knows that we are not taking anyone.”³⁷

“Well, in fact, the Russian Federation also has its own certain aspects that do not suit us. In principle, they are no different from European problems. All the same destruction of our culture, degradation of society. It’s just that we have it more and more. So to speak, in your own way, not in your own way. The problem is common, we will solve it together. And European nationalists, in principle, who attended this forum, support us. Of course, they, Russia, have a certain idea of their own, they see it as such a bright country. In principle, compared to their state. So it is. Russia is the hope and future for all Europeans.”³⁸

UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA

Sanctioned on September 15, 2022, under E.O. 14024.³⁹

Reason statement: Link to Task Force Rusich.

EUROPEAN
UNION

Sanctioned on December 16, 2022, under REGULATION (EU) 2022/2476, implementing Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine.

Reason statement: “Yan Petrovskiy is the leader and commander of the Russian paramilitary group ‘Task Force ‘Rusich,’ which maintains links to Russian private military company Wagner Group, possibly operating as a sub-unit of Wagner. Task Force ‘Rusich’ is participating in combat alongside Russia’s military in the war of aggression against Ukraine. ‘Rusich’ has a long history of fighting alongside Russia-backed proxies in the Donbas region of Ukraine. In 2015, ‘Rusich’ mercenaries were accused of, and filmed, committing atrocities against deceased and captured Ukrainian soldiers. In his capacity as leader and commander of Task Force ‘Rusich,’ Yan Petrovskiy is responsible for supporting or implementing actions or policies which undermine or threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty, and independence of Ukraine, or stability or security in Ukraine, or which obstruct the work of international organisations in Ukraine.”⁴⁰

UNITED KINGDOM

Not Applicable as of November 2023

CANADA

Not Applicable as of November 2023

SWITZERLAND

Sanctioned on December 21, 2022, under Embargo Act (EmbA), measures related to the Situation in Ukraine.

Reason statement: “a) Yan Petrovskiy is the leader and commander of the Russian paramilitary group ‘Task Force Rusich,’ which maintains links to Russian private military company Wagner Group, possibly operating as a sub-unit of Wagner. Task Force ‘Rusich’ is participating in combat alongside Russia’s military in the war of aggression against Ukraine. ‘Rusich’ has a long history of fighting alongside Russia-backed proxies in the Donbas region of Ukraine. In 2015, ‘Rusich’ mercenaries were accused of, and filmed, committing atrocities against deceased and captured Ukrainian soldiers. b) In his capacity as leader and commander of Task Force ‘Rusich,’ Yan Petrovskiy is responsible for, supporting or implementing actions or policies which undermine or threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine, or stability or security in Ukraine, or which obstruct the work of international organisations in Ukraine.”⁴¹



AUSTRALIA Sanctioned under the Autonomous Act, measures related to Russia and Ukraine on February 24, 2023.

Reason statement: “Co-founder and leader in Task Force Rusich.”⁴²

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

Reason statement: “Lead military trainer of Task Force Rusich” and “involved in the undermining of Ukraine’s sovereignty and territorial integrity.”⁴³

UKRAINE Sanctioned under decree 191/2023 by the National Security and Defense Council on April 1, 2023, as well as the National Agency on Corruption Prevention on April 1, 2023.⁴⁴

JAPAN Sanctioned by the Ministry of Finance on October 7, 2022.⁴⁵



NAME	NATURE OF ASSOCIATION
Alexei Milchakov	Co-Leader of Rusich and Fellow Member of the Wagner Group ⁴⁶
Alexei Bolgazin	Wagner Group ⁴⁷
Denis Fedoseev	Wagner Group ⁴⁸ ENOT (private military company) ⁴⁹
Alexander Voskanyan	Wagner Group ⁵⁰
Sergei Petrov	Wagner Group ⁵¹ ENOT ⁵²
Alexander Maltsev	Wagner Group ⁵³
Ivan Kovalev	Wagner Group ⁵⁴ ENOT ⁵⁵
Alexander Borodai	ENOT ⁵⁶
Sergei Khrapov	Wagner Group ⁵⁷
Emil Khachaturov	Wagner Group ⁵⁸
Datsik Vyacheslav	Russian Neo-Nazi ⁵⁹

ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS, CONTINUED

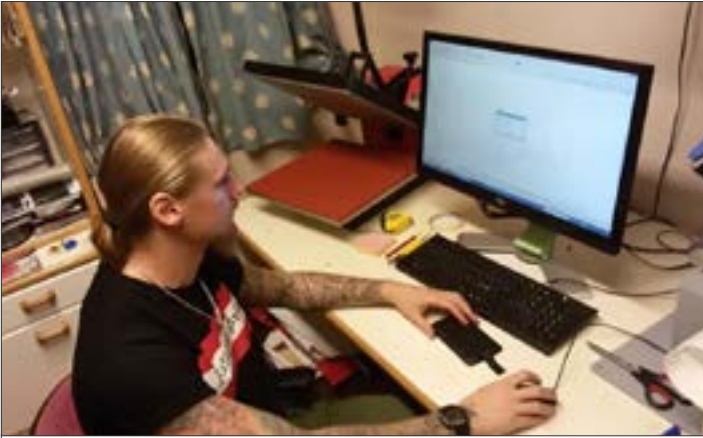

NAME	NATURE OF ASSOCIATION
Alexander Bednov	Batman Battalion
Nils Christian Nurdhus	Lawyer
Mikael Skillt	AZOV Battalion ⁶⁰
Ronnie Bordsen	Roommate ⁶¹
Daryna Ardanova	Co-Commander's spouse ⁶³
Yuliya Tsilynska	Rusich ⁶⁴
Stanislav Prikhodko	Russian Neo-Nazi in Sweden ⁶⁵
Maria Kozlova	Co-founder of LLC Estate ⁶⁶

OTHER ASSOCIATED ENTITIES


NAME	NATURE OF ASSOCIATION
ENOT	Member, instructor ⁶²
Rusich Military-Patriotic Club	Leader ⁶⁷
Soldiers of Odin	Member ⁶⁸
Zimargl unit	Co-commander ⁶⁹

KNOWN LOCATIONS

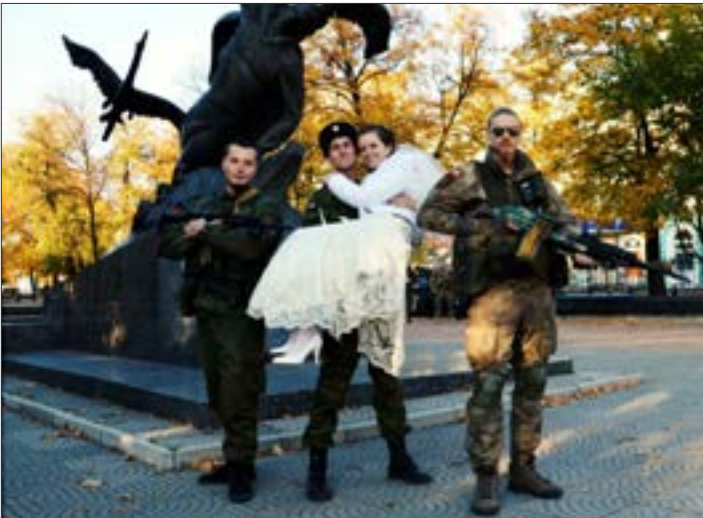

DATE	COUNTRY	CITY	EVIDENCE	ACTIVITIES
2014-2015	Ukraine	Luhansk Airport, Metalist village	Link	Operating as Deputy Commander of Batman Battalion ⁷⁰
2014-2015	Ukraine	Donetsk Airport, Belokamenka, Novolaspa	Link	Operating as Deputy Commander of Batman Battalion ⁷¹
2016	Russia	St. Petersburg	Link	Co-Commander of Rusich
2017	Syria	Homs	Link	Protection detail
February 2022	Ukraine	Pletenivka		Assault Force
2022	Ukraine	Kharkiv	Link	Took command in the first battles near Kharkiv



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Alexey Milchakov (very left) and Jan Petrovsky (very right)

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Petrovsky in Syria

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Petrovsky posing with a newspaper with the headline "He is one of the Odin's soldiers"

[Source](#)

ENDNOTES

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- 2 C4ADS Document 101
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- 4 C4ADS Document 102
- 5 <https://archive.ph/wxOnn>; <https://archive.ph/DIGqG>; <https://archive.ph/mVmeG>
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