PIKALOV, KONSTANTIN ALEXANDROVICH



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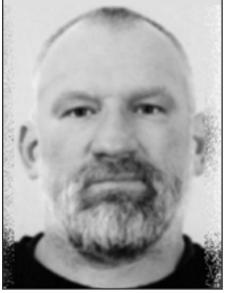


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COUNTRIES OF INTEREST

Central African Republic, Ukraine, Syria, Russia, Serbia, Kazakhstan, Madagascar, Bosnia and Herzegovina

ASSOCIATED EMAIL(S)		SOCIAL NETWORK PROFILES		
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OVERVIEW

Konstantin Alexandrovich Pikalov, known by the call sign Mazay, is a Russian mercenary commander with a complex history in private military operations and security services. Born on July 23, 1968, Pikalov's career has spanned the Russian navy, private security, and, ultimately, leadership roles in paramilitary organizations. He is currently the head of the private military company Konvoy, an irregular formation based in Crimea.

Pikalov served as an officer in the Russian navy, stationed at military unit 99795 near St. Petersburg, until at least 2012.¹¹ He graduated from the Leningrad Naval School in 1994 and later obtained a law degree from the North-West Academy of Government Service in 2007. During his military service, Pikalov also operated a private detective agency.¹² Before his involvement with the Wagner Group, Pikalov was suspected of participating in voter suppression efforts with a Cossack group in Serbia in 2014. He attempted to run for political office in 2016 but was denied by the Central Election Committee, possibly due to suspicions that he was laundering money.¹³ Between 2014 and 2017, Pikalov traveled to the Ukraine border with known Wagner officers, suggesting early connections to the group.¹⁴

His association with the Wagner Group was first confirmed in July 2018, when he provided security in the Central African Republic (CAR). Pikalov rapidly rose to become a key figure in Wagner's African operations and was described as the only person who communicated with Yevgeny Prigozhin "without fear and as an equal."¹⁵ In 2019, he was accused of intimidating journalists who were investigating Wagner in the CAR. In 2018, he provided security for political figures in Madagascar during their election, part of a comprehensive effort by Prigozhin's network to cultivate influence in the country.¹⁶

In 2022, Pikalov left Wagner to focus on the private military company Konvoy, where he serves as director general.¹⁷ Pikalov uses a base near Perevalnaya, Crimea, as a training center for Russian mercenaries and is associated with Russia's 150th Motor Rifle Division, active near Donetsk as of early 2024.¹⁸ Pikalov was allegedly present in some of Deputy Defense Minister Yunus-bek Yevkurov's African delegations, with his company Konvoy being used as a front for recruitment by the newly formed Africa Corps.¹⁹ Pikalov's activities have drawn international scrutiny. He was sanctioned by the European Union in February 2023 for human rights abuses in Africa²⁰ and has been subject to asset freezes and travel bans by the United Kingdom since July 2023.²¹ Ukraine also imposed sanctions on him in February 2023.²²

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MILITARY SERVICE

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UNITS SERVED IN 202 Scientific Testing Center of the Central Test Site of the Russian Federation, ²⁵ military unit 99795 ²⁶	AWARDS None found
MILITARY DEPLOYMENTS None found	

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WAGNER HISTORY					∷
DATE OF JOINING WAGNER	M 07	D	ү 2018 ²⁸	NOTABLE ENGAGEMENTS None found	
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Konvoy, Director General ³⁰					
BUSINESS REGISTRATIONS, INCLUDING LLCS					
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LLC "PGS Group"

REGISTRATION DATE 11/07/2016

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REASON FOR REGISTRATION CODE (KPP) 780201001

MAIN STATE REGISTRATION (OGRN) 1167847430101

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None³⁹

POLITICAL & CIVIC SOCIETY ASSOCIATIONS				
POLITICAL PARTIES A Just Russia ³⁶	VETERANS ASSOCIATIONS None found	ACTIVIST GROUPS Cossacks ³⁷	OTHER None found	

NOTABLE OUOTES ABOUT INDIVIDUAL

According to Bellingcat's analysis of leaked emails of Prigozhin's Company's "African Back Office," members of "Project Continent" described Pikalov as the only person in the Central African Republic who talked with Prigozhin "without fear and as an equal."40

NOTABLE QUOTES BY INDIVIDUAL

According to Pikalov's interview on the official Konvoy video channel, Pikalov referred to the Ukrainian authorities as a bunch of "Zhids," a pejorative and frequently anti-Semitic term for Jews, followed up by attempting to clarify that he wasn't referred "not to Jews, [but rather] the perverted insatiable thirst for everything material."42

Konvoy video channel, Pikalov described himself as very spiritual and a strong believer in Russian Orthodoxy.41

"The trainees eat everything!!!!! They ate a boa constrictor, a monkey... they ate cats, dogs... This is normal for them!"43

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UNITED STATES Not Applicable as of November 2023 OF AMERICA

EUROPEAN UNION	Sanctioned on February 25, 2023, under Regulation (EU) 2023/430 of 25 February 2023 implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1998 concerning restrictive measures against serious human rights violations and abuses.
	Reason statement: "Konstantin Alexandrovich Pikalov, code name 'Mazaï' (Mazay), is one of the leaders of the Wagner Group and is responsible for the operational activities of the Wagner Group in Africa, notably in the Central African Republic (CAR). He is accused of being the instigator of the murder of three Russian journalists in July 2018. 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. In his leadership position within the Wagner Group, Pikalov is responsible for the serious human rights abuses committed by the Wagner Group in CAR." ⁴⁴
UNITED KINGDOM	Asset freeze and travel bans imposed on July 20, 2023.
	Reason statement: "Konstantin Aleksendrovitch PIKALOV is an involved person under the Central African Republic (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 as he is or has been involved in a relevant activity, namely the commission of violations of international humanitarian law in the Central African Republic, in particular in relation to deliberate targeting of civilians." ⁴⁵
CANADA	Not Applicable as of November 2023

SWITZERLAND Not Applicable as of November 2023

SANCTIONS STATUS, CONTINUED

AUSTRALIA Not Applicable as of November 2023

NEW ZEALAND Not Applicable as of November 2023

UKRAINESanctioned by the National Security and Defense Council under decree 116/2023 on February 26, 2023, as
well as by the National Agency on Corruption Prevention on February 26, 2023.46

JAPAN Not Applicable as of November 2023

NAME	NATURE OF ASSOCIATION
Yevgeny Prigozhin	Worked with Prigozhin in Central African Republic. ⁴⁷
Vasily Yaschikov	Co-Shareholder Konvoy. ⁴⁸
Pastor Maihol	According to Pastor Mailhol's interview for a BBC Africa Eye investigation, Mailhol was given a cash payment of several thousand euros, as well as had his deposit for the 2018 Madagascar presidential election paid for by the Company, in exchange for which Maihol had signed a document agreeing to support the leading candidate among a set of eight or nine other Russian-supported presidential candidates. ⁴⁹ Following a front-runner emerging in the 2018 Madagascar election, Mailhol told the BBC that he was told by the Company to drop his campaign and to support another candidate (implied by the BBC investigation to be Andry Rajoelina). ⁵⁰ In the BBC interview, Mailhol alleged that following his refusal to drop out of the presidential election, his assigned bodyguard, Pikalov, was transferred to work with another candidate (implied by the BBC investigation to be Andry Rajoelina). ⁵¹
Valery Zakharov	According to Bellingcat's analysis of leaked emails of Prigozhin's Company's "African Back Office," Pikalov "was the most important Russian figure on the ground in the republic, and that Russia's military advisor to the CAR's president [Zakharov] was taking instructions from him." ⁵²
Vadim Gusev	According to Bellingcat's analysis of leaked travel records, Pikalov and Slavonic Corps leader Gusev traveled together to locations near the Ukraine border, sometime between 2014 and 2017. ⁵³
Nikolay Khamatkoev	According to Bellingcat's analysis of leaked travel records, Pikalov and Wagner operative Khamatkoev traveled together to locations near the Ukraine border, sometime between 2014 and 2017. ⁵⁴
Stanislav Poluzanov	According to documents seen and analyzed by the Dossier Center, Pikalov wrote messages to retired GRU officer and military translator Poluzanov in July 2018, while in the Central African Republic (CAR), complaining about the competency of CAR trainee soldiers, and asked Poluzanov to send him resources on how to teach basic military operations. ⁵⁵
	According to documents seen and analyzed by the Dossier Center, Pikalov asked Poluzanov to translate Konvoy's charter into Arabic and later was not able to pay him for the translation service. ⁵⁶

ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS, CONT	ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS, CONTINUED				
NAME	NATURE OF ASSOCIATION				
Stanislav Poluzanov, cont.	According to documents seen and analyzed by the Dossier Center, Poluzanov joined Konvoy as deputy general director on June 28, 2022, according to a signed order by Pikalov, where he was responsible for organizing Konvoy and its combat operations. ⁵⁷				
Dmitry Rogozin	According to an interview with Dmitry Rogozin, Pikalov showed him the "technical and educational base" of the new reconnaissance and assault brigade that formed the base of Konvoy. ⁵⁸				
Nickolay Khamatkoyv	Wagner associate ⁵⁹				
Victor Reshetnikov	Wagner associate ⁶⁰				
Eugene Gontarev	Wagner associate ⁶³				
Andrei Kochergin	Wagner associate ⁶⁴				

OTHER ASSOCIATED EN	TITIES →
Cossacks	According to Bellingcat, Pikalov's trip to Republika Srpska coincided with the arrival of 144 Cossacks to the region, in what was seen as an attempt at election interference in the run up to the re-election bid of Kremlin-friendly President Milorad Dodik on October 12, 2014. ⁶¹ According to a 2016 resume obtained and analyzed by the Dossier Center, Pikalov planned to write, but never completed, a dissertation titled "Participation of the Russian Cossacks in state security." ⁶²
SSDOR	According to an internal leaked memo from Prigozhin's company's "African Back Office" analyzed by Bellingcat and confirmed by Bellingcat through an interview with a former Prigozhin employee and other data matching methods, Pikalov authored a 21 May 2019 surveillance memo targeting CNN journalists (Sebastian Shukla, Tim Lister, and Clarissa Ward) and a Wall Street Journal reporter (Benoit Faucon) that had arrived in the Central African Republic for 24/7 surveillance of "movements and meetings." ⁶⁵ According to a photograph of Pikalov's surveillance memo, published by Bellingcat, "The task for the leader of SSDOR is to be constantly in touch and to receive reports from the field in real time, and to provide us with reports on the situation every two hours." ⁶⁶

KNOWN LOCATI	COUNTRY	СІТҮ	EVIDENCE	ACTIVITIES
DATE	COUNTRY	CITY	EVIDENCE	ACTIVITIES
September 27, 2014	Serbia	Belgrade	<u>Link</u>	According to Bellingcat's analysis of leaked travel records, Pikalov flew to Belgrade on September 27, 2014.
Approx. September 27, 2014-October 15, 2014	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Likely Banja Luka	Link	According to Bellingcat's analysis of leaked travel records, Pikalov traveled to Republika Srpska in Bosnia and Herzegovina from Belgrade. According to Bellingcat, Pikalov's trip to Republika Srpska coincided with the arrival of 144 Cossacks to the region, in what was seen as an attempt at election interference in the run up to the re-election bid of Kremlin-friendly President Milorad Dodik on October 12, 2014. According to the Dossier Center, Konstantin Malofeev hired the Cossacks to help Milorad Dodik during the October 2014 elections. According to Bellingcat's analysis of social media posts on Yaschikov's VK page, Yaschikov and Pikalov both traveled to Republika Srpska in Bosnia and Herzegovina in the run up to Bosnian Serb presidential candidate Milorad Dodik's re-election in October 2014. According to Pikalov's interview on the official Konvoy video channel, Pikalov had traveled to Banya Luka, Bosnia, at an unspecified date when "[Serbian] brothers asked [us] to help them."
October 15, 2014	Serbia	Belgrade	<u>Link</u>	According to Bellingcat's analysis of leaked travel records, Pikalov flew from Belgrade on October 15, 2014, three days following the re-election of the Kremlin-friendly Bosnian-Serb President Milorad Dodik. According to Pikalov's interview on the official Konvoy video channel, Pikalov had traveled to Serbia but did not specify the date.
June 20, 2015- Around July 10, 2015	Kazakhstan	N/A	Link	According to Bellingcat's analysis of leaked travel records, Pikalov made a 20-day trip to Kazakhstan beginning on June 20, 2015.
2014-2017	Ukraine	Various locations	Link	According to Bellingcat's analysis of leaked travel records, Pikalov and known Wagner-linked operatives, including Vadim Gusev and Nikolay Khamatkoev, traveled together to locations near the Ukraine border sometime between 2014 and 2017.

KNOWN LOCATIONS, CONTINUED						
DATE	COUNTRY	CITY	EVIDENCE	ACTIVITIES		
2016	Russia	Leningrad Oblast	<u>Link</u>	According to Bellingcat, Pikalov ran for local council elections in Leningrad Oblast in 2016 on behalf of the Just Russia political party but was disqualified by the Central Election Commission.		
September 2018	Madagascar	N/A	<u>Link</u>	According to social media footage and Pastor Mailhol's interview for a BBC Africa Eye investigation, Mailhol received protection from Pikalov around September 2018.		
October 9, 2018	Madagascar	N/A	<u>Link</u>	Unknown		
January 21, 2019	Russia	N/A	<u>Link</u>	Flew to Russia on January 21, 2019, "via Paris."		
June 2019	CAR	Bangui	<u>Link</u>	A part of an entourage that met with CNN.		
April 9, 2019- July 15, 2019	Qatar/ Portugal	Doha/Lisbon	Link	Traveling to and in the area of operations in the CAR.		
November 26, 2019	Turkey	Istanbul	<u>Link</u>	Unknown		
December 7, 2019	Turkey	Istanbul	Link	Unknown		
February 12, 2020	Russia	Pechory	Link	Visiting the Second Spetsnaz Brigade.		
August 22, 2022	Libya	Unknown	Link	Meeting with Khalifa Haftar.		



Pikalov in the interview for Russia 24 TV channel <u>Source</u>



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Pikalov with Dmitry Olegovich Rogozin, a Russian politician serving as the senator from Zaporozhye Oblast since September 23, 2023 <u>Source</u>



Pikalov (right) with Pastor Maihol <u>Source</u>



Pikalov is left in the car <u>Source</u>

ENDNOTES

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- 5 https://archive.ph/gUwQW; https://archive.ph/GVrCI; https://archive.ph/s37pl
- 6 <u>https://archive.ph/ok21R</u>
- 7 C4ADS Document 101
- 8 <u>https://archive.is/vktzW</u>
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- 10 <u>https://archive.ph/cO1ck</u>
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- 27 <u>https://archive.md/zrqrZ; https://archive.md/myzOz</u>
- 28 https://archive.ph/ok21R
- 29 Based on Pikalov's resume obtained by the Dossier Center, he worked mainly in St. Petersburg and Moscow prior to 2016. <u>https://archive.ph/ok21R</u>
- 30 https://archive.ph/oX38U
- 31 Pikalov is listed as a Director General <u>https://archive.ph/oX38U</u>
- 32 <u>https://archive.ph/rD3yX</u>
- 33 Pikalov is listed as an Ataman. https://archive.ph/vOHBJ
- 34 Pikalov is listed as a founder, inactive since November 13, 2006. <u>https://web.archive.org/web/20240717135521/https://www.list-org.com/company/3362807</u>
- 35 Pikalov is listed as a Director General. Inactive since January 11, 2012. <u>https://archive.md/uu8tg</u>

- 36 https://archive.ph/gUwQW
- 37 https://archive.ph/gUwQW; https://archive.ph/ok21R
- 38 Pikalov is listed as one of the founders. Inactive since July 2, 2012. <u>https://archive.ph/mTMkd</u>
- 39 Pikalov is listed as one of the founders with 34.3% share. Inactive since April 19, 2018. <u>https://archive.ph/BNLyh</u>
- 40 <u>https://archive.ph/gUwQW</u>
- 41 https://web.archive.org/web/20240717180557/https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=uA85MNYfWAE
- 42 https://web.archive.org/web/20240717180557/https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=uA85MNYfWAE
- 43 Pikalov in his letter from the Central African Republic, 2018. <u>https://archive.ph/ok21R</u>
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