

## Joker from Telegram

Since the end of 2019, an anonymous telegram channel "[JOKER](#)" has appeared in the information space of Ukraine, initially publishing dirt on the Ukrainian political elite. Pretending to be the Head of the Office of the President of Ukraine, the Prosecutor General or a Member of Parliament, he conducted private correspondence, which he then published. Subsequently, Joker began to publish unofficial information about certain businesses or their owners. This information appears to be obtained from law enforcement agencies. Currently, **JOKER** demonstrates its involvement in the Office of the President of Ukraine, and is openly engaged in blackmail and extortion.

"**Joker**" publishes paid advertisements, puts "on hold" the development of a particular topic or deletes publications for a monetary reward.

### Translation:

Advertising from 47500 \$  
 Stop from 389000 \$  
 Removal from 236000 \$  
 For communication [@frolenko1983](#)

### Джокер

279 503 subscribers

Реклама от 47500\$

Стоп от 389000\$

Удаление от 236000\$

Для связи: [@frolenko1983](#)

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In 2023, the persons involved in the JOKER telegram channel were [revealed](#). Relevant materials were published by Ukrainian online publications ([ANTIKOR](#), [CRIMINAL UKRAINE](#), etc.) specialising in paid-for publications and leaks of law enforcement intelligence. According to the published data, **Roman Kravets** and **Volodymyr Petrov**, residents of Dnipro, were involved in the Joker telegram channel.

### **Roman Kravets**,

DoB 08.07.1994,

TIN 3452211795,

a native of the Kherson region of Ukraine, a resident of Dnipro, technical administrator of the telegram channel "**Joker**".



He was number 153 on the list of the "[Sluga narodu](#)" (Servant of the People) party in the 2019 elections to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine. He graduated from Kherson Polytechnic College with a degree in engineering technology. He worked in the field of digital marketing at the [Dnipro Regional Youth Council](#), a non-governmental organization established in 2020 (25818598). In 2018-2019, he was Deputy Director of Information Technology and Security at [SSL Consulting LLC](#) (36162409), owned since November 2018 by Ihor Birman, an Israeli citizen and nephew of **Hennadii Korban**.

Roman Kravets's involvement in the **Korban-Filatov-Koshlyak** group was confirmed by the results of OSINT research, which revealed that he had personal telephone contact with **Hennadii Korban**, **Borys Filatov** and **Mykhailo Koshlyak**.

LLC "SSL CONSULTING", where **Roman Kravets** worked, has been repeatedly involved in criminal cases investigated by the law enforcement agencies of Ukraine.

In 2015, **SSL CONSULTING LLC** was searched under criminal case No. [32015040040000036](#), which was investigated by the tax police of the Dnipro region in connection with the company's participation in a tax evasion scheme by manipulating with VAT. In the same year, under criminal case No. [12015040030000057](#) of the National Police of Dnipropetrovs'k region, in connection with the involvement in the illegal cutting of Ukrtelecom's cables containing ferrous and non-ferrous metals.

In February 2018, investigative actions were carried out at the premises and with the officials of **SSL CONSULTING LLC** in the criminal case No. [42017000000004294](#). As part of the case, the Prosecutor General's Office of Ukraine was investigating a large-scale criminal scheme for laundering "dirty money". The case involved companies associated with **Ihor Stakovychenko** and other top conversion dealers in Ukraine. **SSL CONSULTING LLC** was one of the central hubs of the criminal activity. According to the investigation, the company's computers and premises contained information about numerous actors and mechanisms of criminal transactions.

The searches in this case were conducted, among other things, at the premises of **Roman Kravets**, who was responsible for the administration of computer systems and information security at **SSL CONSULTING LLC**.

The case was investigated by the Department for Investigation of Primary Important Economic Cases of the Prosecutor General's Office of Ukraine. The Prosecutor's Office was involved in the investigation of criminal case No. 42017000000004294, and its officers participated in the searches of **SSL Consulting LLC** and **Roman Kravets'** premises.

The Department for Investigation of Particularly Important Economic Cases of the Prosecutor General's Office of Ukraine, which conducted the proceedings in criminal case No. 42017000000004294, was headed by [Volodymyr Hutsulyak](#), a close associate of **Ihor Stakovychenko**.

In 2020, **SSL CONSULTING** was again involved in a criminal scheme related to tax evasion on an especially large scale in criminal case No. [42020180000000011](#), which was investigated by the Rivne tax police.

**Volodymyr Petrov** is one of the content makers for the Joker Telegram channel.

[Volodymyr Petrov](#),

Dob 20.11.1977

TIN 2844802894

a native of Kryvyi Rih, Dnipro region of Ukraine, a scandalous pro-Russian "black political technologist", owner of the provocative YouTube channel [ISLANDIA](#).



**Volodymyr Petrov** worked on projects of the Ukrainian oligarch **Viktor Pinchuk**, the son-in-law of former Ukrainian President **Leonid Kuchma**, who has business interests with Russia. He collaborated with **Viktor Medvedchuk's** pro-Russian TV channels, and one of his clients was a top Party of Regions figure, **Volodymyr Sivkovych**, who is currently accused of treason against Ukraine in favour of Russia.


In 2018-2019, **Volodymyr Petrov** was accused of organizing a large-scale scheme to publicly compromise Ukrainian public officials (politicians) on orders using confidential information received for a reward from Ukrainian law enforcement agencies. The investigation into **Volodymyr Petrov** has been conducted by the SSU since 2018 to date. According to the available materials, the cases against him and several of his accomplices have been 'drained off' and they have escaped punishment.

In November 2018, **Volodymyr Petrov** was [detained](#) by the Military Prosecutor's Office and the Security Service of Ukraine against the background of a media sex scandal provoked by him and Russia backed blogger [Oleksandr Baraboshko](#) regarding Oleksandr Varchenko, an officer of the Economic Security Department of the National Police of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine, the husband of **Olha Varchenko**, then Deputy Director of the State Bureau of Investigation of Ukraine. [Anatoliy Matios](#), Chief Military Prosecutor of Ukraine in 2014-2019, commenting on the case of **Volodymyr Petrov**, called the situation "a modern Ukrainian Watergate" and stated that **Volodymyr Petrov** was the organizer of a scheme to fulfil political orders, for which he had set up the receipt of information from classified databases of law enforcement agencies of Ukraine.

**Volodymyr Petrov** was detained and charged under criminal case No. [4201800000002771](#) dated 08.11.2018, which was investigated by the SSU under the supervision of the Chief Military Prosecutor's Office of Ukraine. Subsequently, several separate criminal cases were spun off from this criminal case against individuals involved in illegal activities by Volodymyr Petrov.

On 22.03.2019, following the SBU's investigation of criminal case No. [22019101110000013](#), one of the law enforcement officers who sold confidential information to **Volodymyr Petrov** was sentenced to a suspended sentence. The cases against Volodymyr Petrov, Oleksandr Baraboshko, and a number of their law enforcement accomplices (No. [12019100010007065](#) of 21.08.2019, No. [22019101110000099](#) of 25.06.2019) are still under investigation. At the end of 2021, **Volodymyr Petrov** was [involved](#) in the activities of the Ukrainian state TV channel [RADA](#), and is named the organizer of provocations against corruption whistleblower journalists in Ukraine.

In 2024, the Ukrainian online media [babel.ua](https://babel.ua), citing anonymous sources in the Office of the President of Ukraine, confirmed the involvement of the **Joker** telegram channel in **Hennadii Korban**, and connected **Volodymyr Petrov** and his activities with **Kyrylo Tymoshenko**, a former deputy of the Office of the President of Ukraine, [close](#) to **Hennadii Korban**

Babel's sources in the President's Office claim that the Joker has nothing to do with the President's Office — the channel belonged and belongs to Gennady Korban, whose passport was confiscated by the authorities in 2022 and banned from entering the Ukraine. However, the Joker, like Petrov, actively creates the appearance that he is connected to and works with the authorities. So, according to sources, they increase their importance and increase the price for potential customers: "The admin of Joker, for example, says that if you want the information to be seen "First" , then there are two options — "Joker" and UP"

When asked by "Babel" when Petrov and Ivanov, who worked for the "Rada" channel, stopped cooperating with the President's Office, a source in the Office said that they were both brought by the former deputy head of the Office of the President, Kyrylo Tymoshenko. They went with him.

According to available information, **Kyrylo Tymoshenko** is one of the coordinators of the **Joker** telegram channel.

[Kyrylo Tymoshenko](#), a resident of Dnipro, a former professional media worker, [interacted](#) with Hennadiy Korban's **UKROP party** and the **1+1 TV channel** owned by Ihor Kolomoisky. Deputy Head of the Office of the President of Ukraine from 2019 to 2023, he was [responsible](#) for information policy, creating



an [informal](#) media "holding" that [coordinated](#) the scandalous "Big Construction" programme and the construction of fortifications since 2022, was dismissed amid corruption scandals and is called an [opponent](#) of the Head of the Office of the President of Ukraine, **Andriy Yermak**. Since March 2024, **Kyrylo Tymoshenko** has been an [advisor](#) to the Minister of Defence of Ukraine, officially responsible for the media policy of the Ministry, and unofficially [overseeing](#) the construction of fortifications. Within the framework of the Big Construction programme, **Kyrylo Tymoshenko** [coordinated](#) with **Yuriy Holik**, a person involved in NABU investigations and a close associate of **Artem Shylo**. In 2017-2018, **Kyrylo Tymoshenko** cooperated with Petro Poroshenko's team in the framework of media programmes, including with **Borys Lozhkin**. **Kyrylo Tymoshenko** is called an accomplice in the criminal dealings of the former head of the Dnipro Regional State Administration **Valentyn Reznichenko** and his [accomplice](#) **Yuriy Holyk** in the misappropriation within the framework of the Big Construction project. **Valentyn Reznichenko** is a [relative](#) to **Boris Lozhkin**.

**Kyrylo Tymoshenko** has been involved in the development and covert control of the gambling business in Ukraine since 2020. His advisor on these issues was the scandalous [Boris Baum](#), who is a part of the Russian criminal group Luzhnikovskiy ([VS Energy International Ukraine](#)) and their former Ukrainian partners, the **Korban-Filatov-Koshlyak** group and oligarch **Ihor Kolomoisky**. [Ivan Rudyi](#), the head of UGLC (KRAIL), is considered to be a protege of **Kirill Tymoshenko** and is currently competing for control of the gambling business with the group of **Mykhailo Fedorov**, the head of the Ministry of Digital Transformation of Ukraine.

As part of OSINT research, information was retrieved on **Artem Shylo's** personal contact with **Roman Kravets**, the technical administrator of the **Joker** telegram channel, and **Volodymyr Petrov**, one of the content makers for this telegram channel. The narratives of **Joker's** publications in relation to Artem Shylo is positive and neutral, which generally confirms the existence of an informal relationship between them.

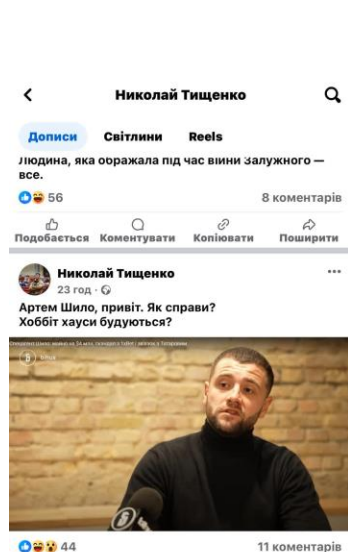
In the spring of 2023, Ukrainian MP **Mykola Tyshchenko**, who is [positioned](#) to be related to the Head of the Office of the President of Ukraine **Andriy Yermak**, [launched](#) a public campaign to expose the activities of fraudulent call centres in Ukraine, some of which are [controlled](#) by **Mykhailo Koshlyak**, an accomplice of **Hennadiy Korban**.

In August 2023, alleged recordings of conversations between **Mykola Tyshchenko** and an unknown person were [published](#) on the Internet, according to which he [demanded](#) a reward for non-interference in the activities of call centres. **Mykola Tyshchenko** denied the allegations, calling the recordings a forgery and revenge of the call centre owners. Indirectly, as if to defend **Mykola Tyshchenko**, these recordings were also [published](#) by **JOKER**, which contributed to their wider distribution. ***The published recordings of the conversations appear to be operational recordings made by law enforcement agencies.***

In January 2024, **Mykola Tyshchenko** published a [post](#) on Facebook in which he indirectly threatened Artem Shylo. "**Joker**" reposted (and later deleted) this post, noting that **Mykola Tyshchenko** "***should not attack such a serious person as Artem Shylo***".

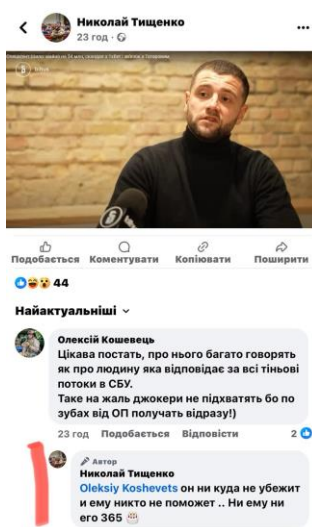
[Mykola Tyshchenko](#), a controversial Ukrainian MP, was elected to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on the list of the Sluga narodu (Servant of the People) party, is currently expelled from the party's faction, has a history of conflict with **Hennadiy Korban**, and has been the [target](#) of attacks by **Joker**.

#### Publications by Mykola Tyschenko



##### Translation

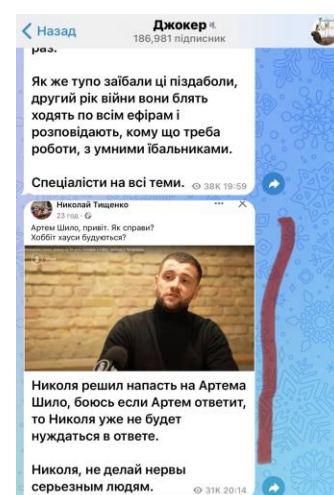
Artem Shilo, hello. How are you ? Hobbit houses are being built?



##### Translation

He will not escape anywhere and no one will help him ... Neither him, nor his 365

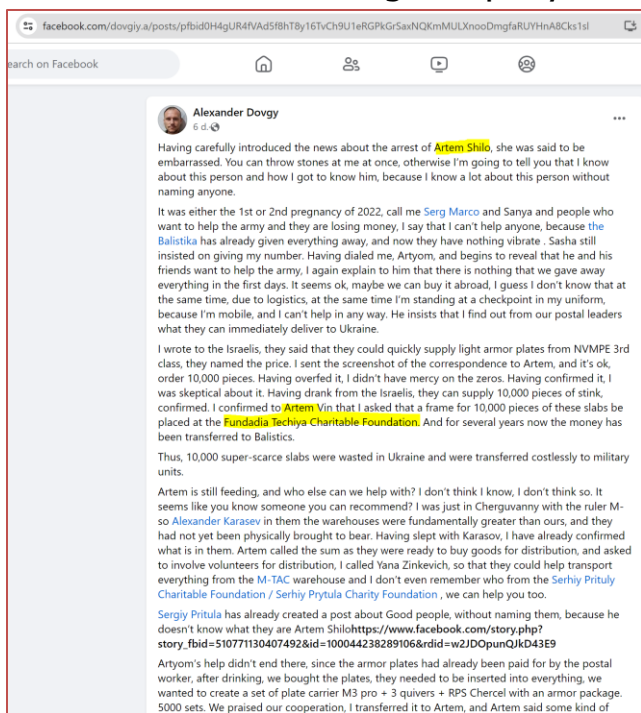
#### Publications by Joker



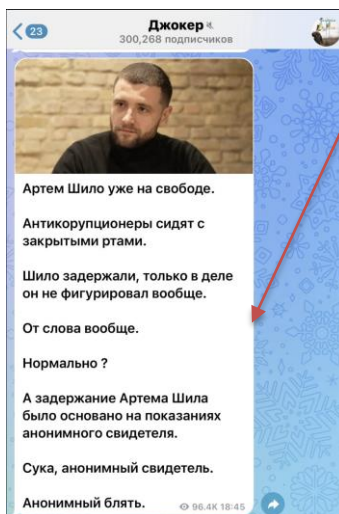
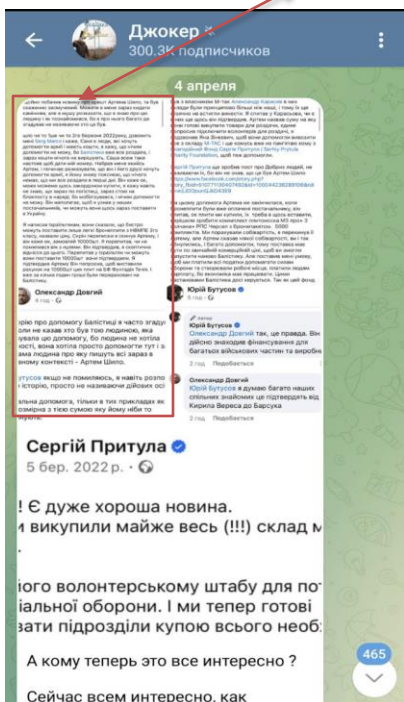
##### Translation

Nikolai decided to attack Artem Shylo. I'm afraid if Artem answers, then Nikolai will no longer need an answer. Nikolai, don't make serious people nervous.

After the detention of **Artem Shylo** by NABU in early April 2024, a number of public figures posted on their social media pages in support of him. One of them was [Alexander Dovgy](#), who published a [post](#) on his Facebook page in which he described the financial assistance to the Ukrainian defense forces that Artem Shylo privately provided at the beginning of the military invasion in 2022 through the NGO [Fundadia Techia](#), whose official founders and leaders [are Oleg Krot](#) and **Yuriy Lazebnikov**, owners of the **1XBET**-related holding company **Techiia**.



On the day (04.04.2024) when Artem Shylo was assigned a preventive measure in court, **Joker** posted a link to the above post by Oleksandr Dovhyi on Facebook in his telegram channel, and after Artem Shylo was released on bail, he also posted a post in support of Artem Shylo, indirectly criticizing NABU for the alleged lack of evidence against him.



**Translation:**  
Artem Shylo is already free. Anti-corruption activists sit with their mouths closed. Shylo was detained, but he did not appear in the case at all. From the word in general. Fine ? And the arrest of Artem Shylo was based on the testimony of an anonymous witness. Bitch, anonymous witness. Anonymous fucking.

