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In today's [#vatnik](#) soup I'll introduce a Ukrainian-born, Russian Mafia boss Semion Mogilevich. He's been described by the FBI as "the most dangerous mobster in the world" & he's been accused of weapons trafficking, contract murders, extortion, drug trafficking & prostitution.

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Some reports state that Mogilevich made a significant amount of money as a middle man selling jewelry and artwork belonging to Jews who emigrated from Kyiv during the 1980s. For this, he was convicted to prison twice: his first stint lasted 3 years and the 2nd 4 years.

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In 1995, head of the Solntsevskaya Bratva, Sergei Mikhailov allegedly tried to execute Mogilevich in Prague over a disputed payment of 5 million USD. They were supposed to attend a birthday party at the Mogilevich-owned restaurant "U Holubů", but Mogilevich never arrived ...

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... and the place was raided by the Czech police. It's believed that Mogilevich had been warned about the attempt by a senior figure working for both the Czech police and for Russian mafia.

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Between 1997-1998 Canadian journalists exposed a Russian Mafia operation trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange. The operation was eventually raided by the FBI and the company's shares worth 1 billion USD became worthless overnight.

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The screenshot shows a news article from The Globe and Mail. The header includes the newspaper's logo and a navigation menu with categories like CANADA, WORLD, BUSINESS, INVESTING, WATCHLIST, PERSONAL FINANCE, OPINION, POLITICS, SPORTS, LIFE, and ARTS. The main headline is "YBM officers pocketed millions, U.S. says". The author is Karen Howlett, and the article was published on April 26, 2003. A notice states that the article is over 19 years old. Below the headline are links for "COMMENTS" and "SHARE". The article text begins with: "A reputed Russian mob boss and his associates at defunct YBM Magnex International Inc. illegally pocketed more than \$25-million (U.S.) through the sale of YBM stock at 'fraudulently inflated' prices, U.S. federal prosecutors allege in an indictment. Semion Mogilevich, the driving force behind YBM, sold 2.1 million YBM shares held in an account at First Marathon Securities (now part of National Bank Financial Inc.) between mid-1996 and early 1997 for total proceeds of \$12.1-million, the indictment claims. The proceeds were then transferred to an overseas bank account he controlled, it adds. Mr. Mogilevich personally made \$18.4-million from stock sales, bonuses and other compensation, including sales commissions, the documents say. His partner, Jacob Bogatin, YBM's chairman and chief executive officer, made \$10-million."

He was also suspected in taking part in a scheme where untaxed heating oil was sold as highly taxed car fuel. This operation resulted in massive tax losses for several Central European countries, and for example in Czech Republic the scheme is estimated to have cost ...

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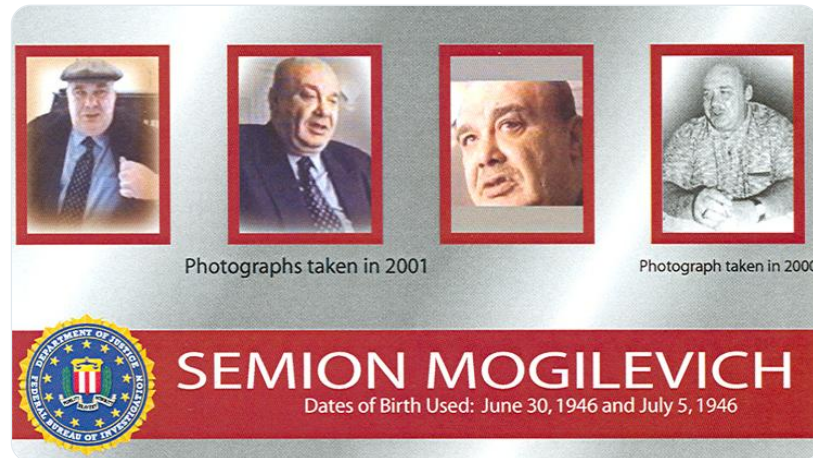
... around 5 billion USD, all paid by the Czech taxpayers. A journalist uncovering the scandal also became a target of an assassination attempt.

Since 1998, Mogilevich's Inkombank participated in a money laundering scheme through the Bank of New York - this operation ...

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... laundered approximately 10 billion USD. In 2003, he was placed on the FBI's Most Wanted list. Their previous efforts on catching him for arms trafficking and prostitution had faltered, so they charged him with large-scale fraud.

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Photographs taken in 2001

Photograph taken in 2000



**SEMION MOGILEVICH**  
Dates of Birth Used: June 30, 1946 and July 5, 1946

The image is a composite graphic with a grey background. At the top, four photographs of Semion Mogilevich are arranged horizontally, each in a red-bordered frame. The first three frames are labeled 'Photographs taken in 2001' and show him in a dark suit and tie. The fourth frame is labeled 'Photograph taken in 2000' and shows him in a military-style uniform. Below the photos is a red horizontal bar containing the FBI seal on the left, the name 'SEMION MOGILEVICH' in large white letters, and the text 'Dates of Birth Used: June 30, 1946 and July 5, 1946' in smaller white letters.

In Jan, 2008, Mogilevich was arrested for suspected tax evasion in Moscow. His bail was posted and he was released in Jul, 2009. Russian interior ministry stated that he was let go on bail because the charges "are not of a particularly grave nature".

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This warrant was updated on Apr, 2022, and they now offer 5 million USD for information "leading to the arrest and/or conviction" of Semion Mogilevich.

He's closely associated with Solntsevskaya Bratva, an organized crime group.

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Seva Mogilevich, Semon Yudkovich Paliagnyuk, Semen Yukovich Telesh, Simeon Mogilevitch, Semjon Mogilevcs, Shimon Makelwitsh, Shimon Makhelwitsch, Sergei Yurevich Schnaider, "Seva"	
Date(s) of Birth Used	June 30, 1946, July 5, 1946
Place of Birth	Kyiv, Ukraine
Hair	Gray (Balding)
Eyes	Green
Height	5'6" to 5'7"
Weight	290 pounds
Build	Heavy
Complexion	Light
Sex	Male
Race	White
Occupation	Businessman
Nationality	Ukrainian
Scars and Marks	Mogilevich has pockmarks on his face.

**Reward:**  
The United States Government is offering a reward of up to \$5,000,000 for information leading to the arrest and/or conviction of Semion Mogilevich.

**Remarks:**  
Mogilevich may wear facial hair to include a moustache. He is known to be a heavy smoker. Mogilevich has his primary residence in Moscow, Russia. He is known to utilize a Russian passport, but may also possess Israeli and Ukrainian passports.

**Caution:**  
Semion Mogilevich is wanted for his alleged participation in a multi-million dollar scheme to defraud thousands of investors in the stock of a public company incorporated in Canada, but headquartered in Nestown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, between 1993 and 1998. The scheme to defraud collapsed in 1998, after thousands of investors lost in excess of 150 million U.S. dollars, and Mogilevich, thought to have allegedly funded and authorized the scheme, was indicted in 2002 and 2003.

According to the FBI, Mogilevich was their key money-laundering contact during the 80s. Cable leaks published by WikiLeaks in 2010 suggested that the gang continues racketeering operations under the protection of the FSB.

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The same leaks also revealed that Mogilevich is in control of the Swiss-registered natural gas company RosUkrEnergy and that he is a partner of Raiffeisen Bank. Officially, the former is 50% owned by Gazprom and the other 50% belongs to Dmytro Firtash and Ivan Fursin.

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Based on Taras Kuzio, a non-resident fellow at Johns Hopkins-SAIS' Center for Transatlantic Relations, "Fursin was a senior figure in the Mogilevich criminal organization".

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Shortly before his death, the former FSB agent and defector Alexander Litvinenko suggested that Mogilevich and Putin had "good relationship" during the 90s. He was also well connected to the former mayor of Moscow, Yury Luzhkov,...

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... former head of Ukrainian Security Service SBU, Leonid Derkach (as photographed here with Putin), and Ukrainian oligarch-in-exile Dmytro Firtash. Firtash has stated that he had to "ask for Mogilevich's permission" to do business in Russia during the 80s and 90s.

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Semion currently lives freely in Moscow, and will remain a free man as Russia probably has no intentions of extraditing him to the US.

More information:

[https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/4/4f/FBI\\_Mogilevich.pdf](https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/4/4f/FBI_Mogilevich.pdf)

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In today's #vatnik soup, I'll introduce a Ukrainian businessman, Dmytro Firtash. He's best known for funneling money into the pro-Russian political campaigns in Ukraine. He's also been connected to the Russian Mafia boss Semion Mogilevich.

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The Twitter post includes a profile picture of Pekka Kallioniemi, a blue follow button, and a portrait of Dmytro Firtash. The text is in black on a white background. The post has 1.3K likes and 35 replies.

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