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In today's [#vatnik](#) soup I'm going to introduce a Finnish cosmologist, human rights activist and a board member of [@amnestyfinland](#), Syksy Räsänen ([@SyksyRasanen](#)). His stance - at least on Twitter - so far on the Russo-Ukrainian War has been heavily anti-Ukrainian.

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Räsänen is an internationally recognized cosmologist. He received his PhD from theoretical physics in 2002, and has worked in several prominent universities and organizations, such as Oxford University, CERN and University of Geneva.

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Syksy was also writing for "Searching for Cosmos" blog ("Maailmankaikkeutta etsimässä" in Finnish) that appeared in a Finnish magazine Science ("Tiede" in Finnish), but stopped because he didn't want to share the platform with Marko Hamilo, whose writings he thought to ...

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... be right-wing populism. Based on Syksy, he didn't want his fact-based writings to deceive people to think that Hamilo's political views presented in the blog were also scientific.

Like so many others, Räsänen says that he was "awakened" by the writings of Noam Chomsky.

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Räsänen is the chair ICAHD Finland, a "Finnish branch of the Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions, spreading info about the current situation in Israel/Palestine and Finland's role in it".

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## SYKSY RÄSÄNEN ICAHD FINLANDIN PUHEENJOHTAJAKSI



Syksy Räsänen. Kuva: Anneli Salo/CC BY-SA 3.0

KANSAN UUTISET 18.12.2016 13.01

Israelin ja Palestiinan väliseen konfliktiin keskittyvän ihmisoikeusjärjestön ICAHD (Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions) Finlandin uutena puheenjohtajana on aloittanut vuoden alusta järjestön pitkäaikainen aktiivi **Syksy Räsänen**. Järjestön perustamisesta lähtien puheenjohtajana toiminut **Bruno Jäntti** jatkaa varapuheenjohtajana.

Based on his retweets, Syksy's views seem to be siding with, for example, the Grayzone bloggers and Michael Tracey - their main focus is on US imperialism and at the same time they ignore the imperialistic endeavors of Russia (or Syria, for that matter).

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Syksy has joined Aaron Maté and Caitlin Johnstone in their efforts to downplay the crimes of the al-Assad regiment in Syria. He has criticized the White Helmets, a volunteer organization that do medical evacuation and urban search and rescue missions, and ...

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Syksy Räsänen Retweeted

**Syksy Räsänen** @SyksyRasanen · Jun 2

Coverage of the war in #Syria is a good example of how mainstream media support state policy, rather than reporting impartially based on facts or acting as watchdogs of power.

The silence around the leaked OPCW chemical weapons attack report is a case in point.

**Aaron Maté** @aaronjmate

A newly leaked OPCW assessment challenges the claim that the Syrian government carried out a chemical weapons attack in Douma in April 2018. For the @GrayzoneProject. I spoke to award-winning MIT Professor Emeritus Ted Postol: [youtu.be/ptwEIX3yHel](https://youtu.be/ptwEIX3yHel)

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... referred to them being a "US gov't co-founded/funded organization pushing for US military escalation".

He retweeted and promoted a story written by Max Blumenthal on the Grayzone blog about how parts of the 86-page report "If the Dead Could Speak: Mass Deaths and ...

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**Syksy Räsänen** @SyksyRasanen

White Helmets deserve respect for rescue work, but note it's a US gov't co-founded/funded organisation pushing for US military escalation.

**Max Blumenthal** @MaxBlumenthal · Oct 4, 2016

How the White Helmets Became International Heroes While Pushing Regime Change in Syria [alternet.org/grayzone-proje...](http://alternet.org/grayzone-proje...) Part two of my series

2:48 PM · Oct 7, 2016 · Twitter Web Client

3 Retweets

**Syksy Räsänen** @SyksyRasanen

White Helmets esitetään ole ruohonjuuritason epäpoliittisena vapaaehtoisjärjestönä. Ei ole mitään näistä kolmesta. [alternet.org/grayzone-proje ...](http://alternet.org/grayzone-proje...)

**JosKan** @JosKann

Vastauksena käyttäjille @SyksyRasanen, @jeanthys1008 ja @hsfi

Löytyskö linkkiä White Helmetin touhuihin?

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... Torture in Syria's Detention Facilities" and the following sanctions were actually "a highly deceptive intelligence operation orchestrated by the US and Qatari governments".

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↳ Syksy Räsänen uudelleentwiittasi

 **Dan Cohen** ✓ @dancohen3000 · 14 h ▾

The @HolocaustMuseum, whose board includes genocide-enabler Elliott Abrams, is exploiting the memory of the Nazi genocide to manufacture a famine and starve Syrians to death under devastating sanctions. No words for how reprehensible this is.



How a US and Qatari regime change deception produced 'Caesar' sancti...  
thegrayzone.com

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In his article, Blumenthal also called the report's origins "dubious". Amnesty International called for the arrest of top Syrian regime for these crimes and they were condemned worldwide, also by the Human Rights Watch.

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**GRAYZONE**

**T**he US Department of Treasury's imposition this June of the so-called Caesar Civilian Protection Act, a draconian set of economic sanctions on Syria, amounts to a medieval-style siege on all Syrians living inside the country.

Inspired by photos that Western governments and media claim were smuggled out of Syria by a supposed Syrian military whistleblower codenamed "Caesar," the sanctions are the product of a highly deceptive intelligence operation orchestrated by the US and Qatari governments.

As this investigation will demonstrate, a network of US- and Qatar-backed regime change operatives marketing themselves as human rights lawyers and concerned Syrian activists groomed the supposed whistleblower, managed his files, and worked overtime to obstruct public scrutiny.

Desperate to stimulate support for war on Syria, this network worked with the US Holocaust Memorial Museum in a cynical campaign to portray the Syrian crisis as equal to – and possibly worse than – the Jewish genocide in Europe.

Shockingly, investigators have determined that at least half of the photographs in the "Caesar" trove depict the bodies of government soldiers killed by the armed opposition. This highly inconvenient fact, which undermines the entire narrative of Caesar's promoters and exposes them as cynical liars, has been ignored across the board by mainstream US media, Congress, and of course, by the network of operatives that managed "Caesar."

**Amnesty Centre for International Justice** ✓  
@AmnestyCIJ

Arrest warrant issued by German Prosecutor for top Syrian regime official allegedly behind Caesar photos - We demand his arrest in the name of every person whose tortured image burns in our minds. We salute @ECCHRBerlin. @AmnestySyria @amnestypress #JusticeforSyria @GermanyDiplo

**ECCHR** ✓ @ECCHRBerlin · Jun 8, 2018

Great news! Arrest warrant ag #JamilHassan is based i.a. on criminal complaints filed by 24 #Syrian #Torture survivors, @anwaralbounni @SyrianCenter @mazenadarwish3 & @ECCHRBerlin Learn more about the complaints in #Germany ecchr.eu/en/topic/syria/ #Justice4Syria #Assad twitter.com/charles\_hawley...

3:52 PM · Jun 8, 2018

Räsänen has suggested that there was a "civil war in Ukraine during 2014-2022". He's also focused on criticizing the Azov Battalion/Regiment as neo-nazis, shared The Grayzone's article about downplaying Putin's/Russia's influence, downplayed Russiagate and other ...

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**Jessikka Aro** @JessikkaAro · Aug 7, 2022  
 Finland's @amnesty board member claims outrageously that in Ukraine there was a civil war ("internal war") 2014-2022. This claim is one of the cornerstones of Russian information warfare against Ukraine.

**Syksy Räsänen** @SyksyRasanen · Aug 6, 2022  
 Vuosina 2014-22 Itä-Ukrainassa oli sisällissota.

Venäjää (ja vähäisemmässä määrin muut ulkovallat) osallistuivat sotaan ja tukivat sen osapuolia.

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**Amnesty Finland** @amnestyfinland  
 Replying to @JessikkaAro and @amnesty  
 Thank you for noting this. Amnesty International is not calling the 2014-2022 conflict in Ukraine a civil war. Our board members are private individuals and their statements do not represent Amnesty International.

10:41 AM · Aug 7, 2022

**Media Lens** @medialens · 6h  
 It is extraordinary.

**Lorde Nilsson** @JaJaDaBinx · 6h  
 Replying to @medialens  
 The narrative completely flipped without skipping a beat

**Western Media before Feb. 2022:**

**Western Media after Feb. 2022: "SLAVA UKRAINI!"**

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**Sharmine Narwani** @snarwani · 17h  
 MUST READ: How Ukraine's white supremacist Azov movement trained and supported terrorists in the West. Time magazine published this in early 2021, before all the whitewashing began. [time.com/5926750/azov-f-...](https://time.com/5926750/azov-f-...)

In their letter to the State Department in 2019, U.S. lawmakers noted that "the link between Azov and acts of terror in America is clear." The Ukrainian authorities have also taken notice. In October, they deported two members of the Atomwaffen Division, a U.S.-based neo-Nazi group, who were trying to work with Azov to gain "combat experience," according to a report in BuzzFeed News that cited two Ukrainian security officials.

Among Azov's closest American allies has been the Rise Above Movement, or RAM, a far-right gang, some of whose members have been charged by the FBI with a series of violent attacks in California. The group's leader, Robert Rundo, has said his idea for RAM came from Ukraine's far-right scene. "This is always my whole inspiration for everything," he told a right-wing podcast in September 2017, referring to Azov as "the future." "They really have the culture out there," he said. "They have their own clubs. They have their own bars. They have their own dress style."

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**The Grayzone** @GrayzoneProject · Mar 28  
 From sowing discord with sex toys to weaponizing humor and sexual assault allegations, here's a very incomplete list of sinister things Vladimir Putin/Russia/'the Russians' have been accused of doing:

**A Very Incomplete List of Sinister Things Vladimir Putin/Russia/'th...**  
 According to the finest minds of Western media and political life, "The Russians" have been responsible for everything from sowing discord with thegrayzone.com

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... Russian information operations and spread Maté's version of the OPCW inspections about chemical weapon attacks in Douma.

I wanted to add a little personal rant at the end, so here goes:

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Syksy Räsänen Retweeted

 **Aaron Maté**  @aaronjmate · 14h

This story -- 2 whistleblowers accusing OPCW of suppressing evidence, under US pressure, to reach a conclusion that justified US strikes on Syria -- should be a global scandal. Instead it's widely ignored, except for a principled few like @caitoz who've called it from the start:

 **Caitlin Johnstone**  @caitoz · 22h

Wow. There it is. US government officials told OPCW investigators what results to find in their own investigation. The OPCW is a supposedly independent investigative body, but the US government has a known history of bullying it to advance US agendas: [medium.com /@caityjohnstone...](https://medium.com/@caityjohnstone)

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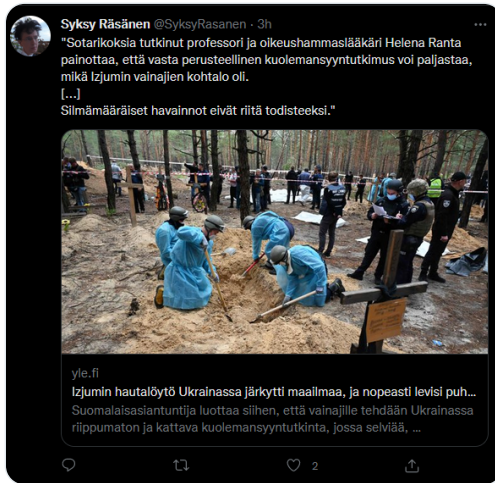
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Russia staged a separatist movement in East of Ukraine already back in 2014, and they were the force behind the initial hostilities. Russia invaded Ukraine illegally and have committed atrocities such as murders, torture, rape, abduction of children, castrations ...

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... and bombing of civilian targets. In Kherson, they founded a children's torture chamber. Azov Battalion, now called Azov Regiment, has far-right roots which have been allegedly eradicated. Also, there are several prominent neo-nazi figures like ...

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... Aleksei Milchakov fighting in the Russian/Wagner ranks. Yet, for some reason, well-known Amnesty board members like Syksy do not talk about these issues, war crimes and human rights violations. Isn't that what Amnesty's should be about?

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In today's #vatnik soup (thanks Mike Edward, @OpsATX for the name!) I'll be introducing the Editor of the @TheGrayzoneNews, Max Blumenthal (@MaxBlumenthal). In his previous life, he reported on prestigious publications such as NYT, LA Times and Al Jazeera English... 1/10



9:32 AM · Nov 1, 2022

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Aaron Maté:



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In today's #vatnik soup I'll be introducing a Canadian writer and reporter, Aaron Maté (@aaronjmate). Aaron is part of the Grayzone posse together with RT poster boys/girls Max Blumenthal, Alex Rubinstein (@RealAlexRubi) and Anya Parampil (@anyaparampil).

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In today's #vatnik soup I'll introduce one of the biggest disinformation and propaganda blogs on the web: The Grayzone (@TheGrayzoneNews). It's best known for misleading reporting, disinformation and love of authoritarian regimes and dictators.

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2:41 PM · Jan 1, 2023



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Russian nazis:



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In today's #vatnik soup I'll discuss nazis. I'll introduce some famous 🇷🇺 neo-nazi movements and figures and also discuss why the "de-nazification" project of Ukraine is simply absurd.

First, let's discuss the similarities between Russian regime and Hitler's nazi Germany. 1/12



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