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In today's Vatnik Soup, by guest-chef Martin Laine (@martinlaineolen), we examine the AfD leaks. Hexane published around 420,000 internal emails in October 2026. These and other leaked files show AfD politicians collaborating with Russian officials and operatives.

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Meet Markus Frohnmaier, an AfD MP and deputy parliamentary group leader. In April 2017, a Russian strategy paper proposed backing his election campaign: "We will have our own absolutely controlled MP in the Bundestag."

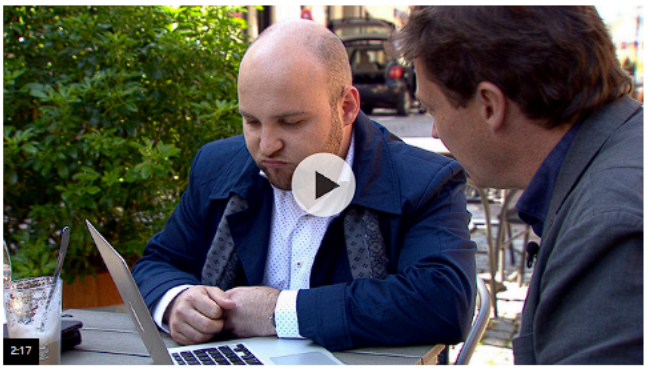
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German far-right MP 'could be absolutely controlled by Russia'

5 April 2019

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Gabriel Gatehouse
BBC Newsnight



In 2017, Gabriel Gatehouse showed Markus Frohnmaier a document suggesting Russian support

A German politician could become an "absolutely controlled" MP in the Bundestag, according to Russian documents seen by BBC Newsnight.

The politician, Markus Frohnmaier, is a member of the German parliament from the far-right AfD party.

The documents date back to April 2017, when Mr Frohnmaier was a candidate for election to the Bundestag. He was subsequently elected in September 2017.

Mr Frohnmaier told the BBC he had no knowledge of the documents.

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- German police in far-right protest row

The AfD (Alternative for Germany) is now the main opposition party in the German Parliament.

POLITICS

AfD parliamentarian could have Russian support: report

Timothy Jones
04/05/2019

Markus Frohnmaier, an MP for the far-right AfD party, could be controlled by Russia, media have reported. Frohnmaier is known for taking Moscow-friendly positions.

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The German far-right parliamentarian Markus Frohnmaier could be under the influence of Moscow and act to further its strategic interests, media reported on Friday.

The report was put together by the German magazine *Der Spiegel*, the German TV channel ZDF, the Italian newspaper *La Repubblica* and British broadcaster BBC. It comes amid growing indications that Russia is **attempting to undermine stability in the European Union** by supporting nationalist and populist parties.

'Absolutely controlled MP'

The four media outlets investigated Russian documents containing possible strategies for destabilizing EU states and spreading pro-Moscow propaganda. The papers were sent to a high-ranking aide in Russian President Vladimir Putin's administration in April 2017.

ÜBERSICHT ZU DATENLECK

Strategien, Kontoauszüge und Adresslisten: Was im AfD-Leak steckt

Hacker haben eine große Datensammlung aus dem Inneren der AfD veröffentlicht. CORRECTIV hat Teile der Mails und Daten gesichtet: „Antifa"-Liste, Russland-Reisen, Umgang mit dem Verfassungsschutz – eine Übersicht zum Leak.

von **Marcus Bensmann**, **Martin Böhmer**, **Stella Hesch**, **Alexej Hock**, **Lena Köpsell**, **Dominik Lenze**, **Jean Peters**, **Lilith Wittmann**

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Die AfD-Spitze Alice Weidel und Tino Chrupalla sitzen im Plenum des Bundestags. Hacker haben eine große Datenmenge aus Inneren der AfD veröffentlicht. (Symbolbild) Foto: picture alliance/dpa | Michael Brandt

Die AfD ist Ziel eines umfangreichen Datenleaks geworden. Am Montag hat eine Hackergruppe, die sich Hexane nennt, rund 420.000 E-Mails, viele mit Dateinanhängen, veröffentlicht.

CORRECTIV hat das Datenleck zum Teil ausgewertet, darunter Listen von Parteimitgliedern sowie mit Namen und Adressen von mutmaßlichen Antifa-Aktivistinnen und -Aktivisten. Des Weiteren finden sich in dem Bestand Dokumente zu Parteiausschlussverfahren sowie Strategiepapiere etwa für

▣ CORRECTIV

Strategies, bank statements and address lists: what is in the AfD leak

Hackers have published a large collection of data from inside the AfD. CORRECTIV has reviewed parts of the emails and data: an “Antifa” list, trips to Russia, dealings with the domestic intelligence service — an overview of the leak.

by **Marcus Bensmann**, **Martin Böhmer**, **Stella Hesch**, **Alexej Hock**, **Lena Köpsell**, **Dominik Lenze**, **Jean Peters**, **Lilith Wittmann**

21 October 2026



AfD leaders Alice Weidel and Tino Chrupalla in the Bundestag. Hackers have published a large quantity of data from inside the AfD. (File photo) Photo: picture alliance/dpa | Michael Brandt

The AfD has been hit by an extensive data leak. On Monday, a hacker group calling itself Hexane published around 420,000 emails, many with attachments.

Translated from German correctiv.org/aktuelles/afd/2026/10/21/afd-leak-datenleck-hexane-uebersicht/

An April 2017 campaign memo attributed to Frohnmaier’s associate Manuel Ochsenreiter requested “material support” and Russian media exposure, with pro-Russian policies among its selling points. Frohnmaier denied knowing the plan or receiving funds.

Frohnmaier election campaign / action plan (draft):

Markus Frohnmaier is candidate for Bundestag and leader if AfD youth organization "Junge Alternative"

Election campaign:

We plan two huge events in Stuttgart area (his district):

- With Vienna vice mayor Johann Gudenus (FPÖ, deputy party chairman) on August 25
- With MEP Matteo Salvini (Lega Nord chairman) and MEP Harald Vilimsky (FPÖ) on September 15

Both events will be related to international politics where Frohnmaier and his guests will deliver speeches. We could also do a small "sofa debate on stage", we are still in planning phase.

Frohnmaier will empathize following topics during his election campaign:

- German independence and sovereignty: In context of EU, NATO, international military missions, border protection, relations to Russia
- Good relations with the Russian Federation: Sanctions, EU interference in Russian domestic politics
- Conservatism: Anti-LGBT position, in that context strong criticism against Brussels´ LGBT promotion in Russia
- Criticism towards US: Troop presence in Europe, Aggressions in Middle East, context to refugee waves

For the election campaign we urgently would need some support. The party is in the situation of inner problems and fights. Frohnmaier staying out as best as he can to concentrate on his campaign and not to waste energy and stamina in inner battles.

Beside material support we would need media support as well to put Frohnmaier in the "pole position" for foreign politics in the future party faction. Any type of interviews, reports and opportunities to appear in Russian media is helpful for us.

Markus Frohnmaier as AfD MP in Bundestag:

- MF will immediately start operating in international policy field while the faction will be paralyzed is the "building process".
- MF will be ready for cooperation in various fields of German-Russian relations.
- MF will organize activities about international politics in Germany such as:

Ochsenreiter was later investigated for organising a false-flag arson attack against a Hungarian centre in Ukraine. He denied involvement, fled to Moscow and died there in 2021. His contacts helped bring AfD politicians into Russian networks.

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Berlin Prosecutors Investigate German Journalist Named In Ukraine Arson Attack

By Carl Schreck

January 18, 2019 17:28 CET

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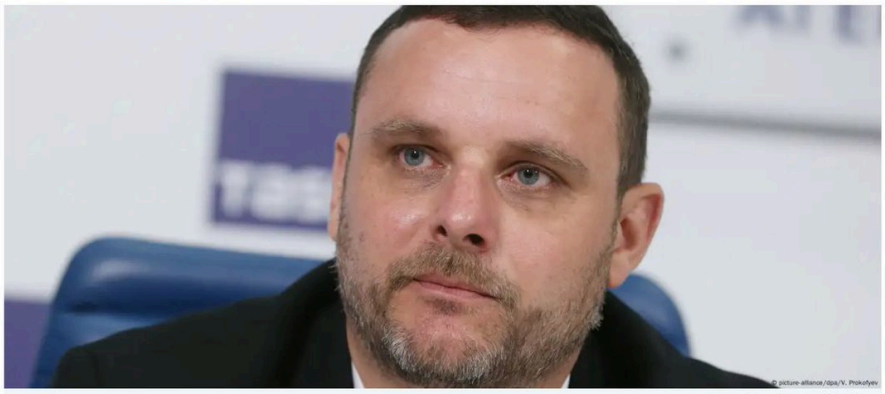
German journalist Manuel Ochsenreiter

CRIME

AfD worker accused of ordering arson in Ukraine

Ben Knight
01/15/2019

A Bundestag employee of the Alternative for Germany party has been accused of ordering a firebombing in Ukraine. Manuel Ochsenreiter denies all accusations, but he is known to have connections to pro-Russia separatists.



Manuel Ochsenreiter denies all the accusations

Image: picture-alliance/dpa/V. Prokofyev

candidacy put it, the aim of the endeavour was simple: "We will have our own [i.e. Russian] absolutely controlled MP in the Bundestag".[69] While it is currently unknown whether Frohnmaier received any support from Russia, he was elected a member of the Bundestag in September 2017. Ochsenreiter would later start working for Frohnmaier in the Bundestag.

In early 2018, Ochsenreiter instructed members of the Polish neo-fascist Falanga group – he knew their representatives through Piskorski since at least 2015 – to carry out an attack against the Hungarian Cultural Centre in the Ukrainian city of Uzhhorod.[70] The objective was to present the action as an attack of Ukrainian neo-Nazis in order to sour relations between Hungary and Ukraine.[71] Ukrainian law enforcement identified the Polish perpetrators,[72] and the Polish security services arrested them on 22 February 2018. During the investigation, the Polish organiser of the attack, Michał Prokopowicz, confessed that Ochsenreiter paid him €500 in advance, while the rest was paid after the execution of the operation at a restaurant in the Tegel airport area where the two met on 7 February 2018.[73]

The story about Ochsenreiter's involvement in the false flag operation in Ukraine became known to the German media in January 2019. He expectedly denied his involvement in the arson attack in Ukraine, but, due to the scandal, Frohnmaier was compelled to terminate the employment contract with Ochsenreiter, who had worked for Frohnmaier in his Bundestag office since early September 2018.[74] In January 2019, the Berlin Public Prosecutor's Office opened an investigation into incitement to serious arson against Ochsenreiter. The latter, however, managed to flee Germany, and since then lived mostly in Moscow.[75] In August 2020, the German Federal Prosecutor's Office took over the investigation from Berlin and issued an arrest warrant; the investigation suspected Ochsenreiter of terrorist financing in combination with incitement to arson.[76] On 19 August 2021, the Russian authorities informed the German Embassy in Moscow that Ochsenreiter had died the day before.[77] *Zuerst*! confirmed Ochsenreiter's death on 21 August 2021.[78] In December of that year, the Federal Prosecutor's Office stopped the proceedings against Ochsenreiter.

Russian Anti-Establishment Eco-System in Germany

As demonstrated in the two previous sections, many in the German far-right milieu expressed interest in cooperating with the Kremlin and other Russian stakeholders and were actively engaged in facilitating Russian malign influence

Frohnmaier thanked occupied Crimea's leader Sergey Aksyonov for a 2018 Yalta forum invitation. In 2019, he was listed on its organising committee with Crimea's FSB chief Mikhailyuk. He said he sought removal after learning who else was listed.

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Sprecher der „Jungen Gruppe" in der AfD-Fraktion

Danksagung

Sehr geehrter Herr Präsident Sergey Aksyonov,

ich möchte mich noch einmal ausdrücklich bei Ihnen für die Einladung zum diesjährigen Internationalen Wirtschaftsforum in Jalta bedanken sowie dafür, die Möglichkeit bekommen zu haben, dort zu sprechen. Das Internationale Wirtschaftsforum 2018 auf der Krim war aus meiner Sicht ein großer Erfolg und ist in seiner Bedeutung kaum zu unterschätzen: Die Wirtschaft ist ein elementarer Bestandteil der deutsch-russischen Beziehungen. Handel bringt die Menschen zusammen und hilft, Konflikte zu überwinden. Der internationale Austausch auf dem Wirtschaftsforum in Jalta hat deutlich gezeigt, dass Repräsentanten souveräner Staaten auch respektvoll miteinander einen Dialog führen und dort zusammenarbeiten können, wo die gleichen Interessen bestehen. Ich bin überzeugt die Erfolgsgeschichte des Internationalen Wirtschaftsforums in Jalta geht weiter und freue mich schon sehr auf die kommenden Foren.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen

Markus Frohnmaier, MdB

Markus Frohnmaier, Member of the Bundestag

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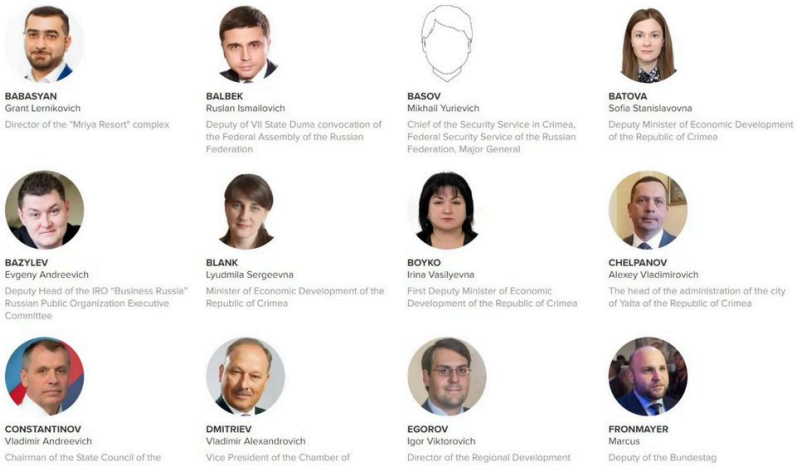
Dear President Sergey Aksyonov,

I would like once again expressly to thank you for the invitation to this year's International Economic Forum in Yalta and for the opportunity to speak there. In my view, the International Economic Forum 2018 in Crimea was a great success and its significance can hardly be underestimated: the economy is an essential component of German-Russian relations. Trade brings people together and helps overcome conflicts. The international exchange at the economic forum in Yalta clearly showed that representatives of sovereign states can also engage respectfully in dialogue and cooperate where they share the same interests. I am convinced that the success story of the International Economic Forum in Yalta will continue, and I am already very much looking forward to the coming forums.

Yours sincerely,

Markus Frohnmaier, MP

Translated from German



Screenshot from the organizers' website: According to the information, two high-ranking FSB employees are among the organizers - including the FSB chief for Crimea, Leonid Mikhailyuk.

Yalta International Economic Forum/t-online



ZDF found that Frohnmaier's office forwarded restricted parliamentary reports on Russia, Ukraine and Syria to his private email in 2018. His lawyer confirmed the forwarding but denied unauthorised disclosure.

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Exklusiv

Vize-Fraktionschef Markus Frohnmaier

AfD-Leaks: Sammelte Abgeordneter Infos für das Assad-Regime?



von Nils Metzger

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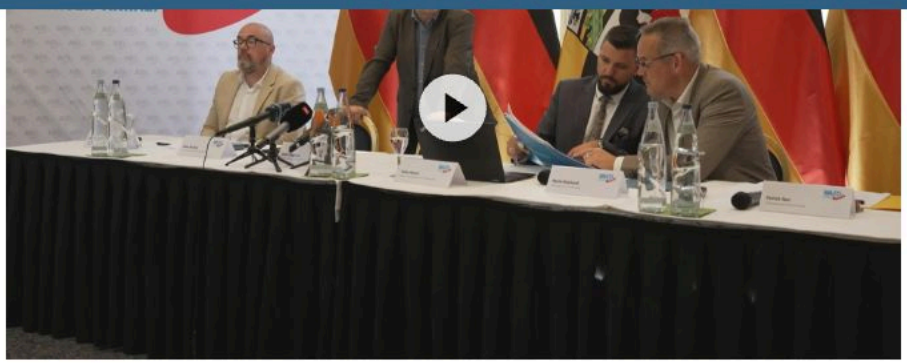
Hat der AfD-Abgeordnete Markus Frohnmaier Informationen an Syriens damalige Regierung gegeben? Das und laxen Umgang mit sensiblen Regierungsdokumenten deuten geleakte AfD-Mails an.



Der AfD-Politiker Markus Frohnmaier ließ vertrauliche Bundestagsdokumente an sein privates Mailkonto weiterleiten. Er bestreitet, eingestufte Informationen weitergegeben zu haben.

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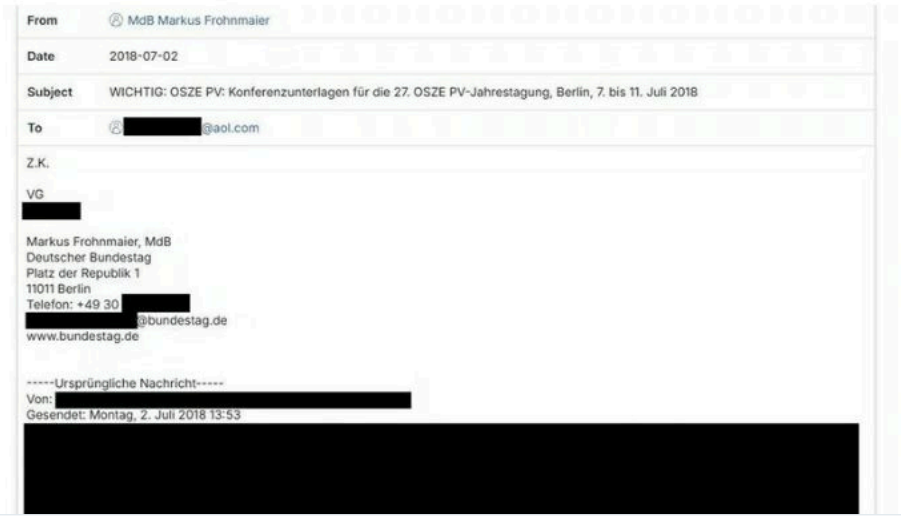
Markus Frohnmaier hat in der AfD Karriere gemacht. Innerhalb weniger Jahre schaffte er es vom Vorsitzenden der AfD-Nachwuchsorganisation und Alice-Weidel-Sprecher zum stellvertretenden Fraktionschef im Bundestag und Co-



Die AfD Sachsen-Anhalt wird vom Verfassungsschutz als gesichert rechtsextrem eingestuft. Würde sie den nächsten Innenminister stellen: Hätte sie Zugang zu geheimen Informationen?

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Regelmäßig haben Mitarbeiter des Abgeordneten als "VS-NfD" ("Verschlusssache - Nur für den Dienstgebrauch") eingestufte Dokumente an Frohnmaiers private AOL-Mailadresse weitergeleitet. Darunter waren viele Papiere mit Russland-Bezug: etwa Dossiers zur OSZE-Konferenz in Berlin im Juli 2018, Protokolle des Auswärtigen Amtes zu Ukraine-Verhandlungen, der Lage im syrischen Bürgerkrieg oder zum von Russland verübten Skripal-Giftanschlag im März 2018 in Großbritannien.



From	MdB Markus Frohnmaier
Date	2018-07-02
Subject	WICHTIG: OSZE PV: Konferenzunterlagen für die 27. OSZE PV-Jahrestagung, Berlin, 7. bis 11. Juli 2018
To	[redacted]@aol.com

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-----Ursprüngliche Nachricht-----
Von: [redacted]
Gesendet: Montag, 2. Juli 2018 13:53
[redacted]

Classified documents forwarded to a private email account

Frohnmaier, who has been his parliamentary group's foreign-policy spokesperson since mid-2025, has long faced accusations of closeness to Russia. As an MP, he also has access to sensitive classified material. Emails from his office in 2018 suggest that he may repeatedly have disregarded the Bundestag's security rules.

The MP's staff regularly forwarded documents classified as "VS-NfD" ("Classified information — for official use only") to Frohnmaier's private AOL email address. These included many papers relating to Russia: dossiers on the OSCE conference in Berlin in July 2018, Foreign Office minutes on Ukraine negotiations, the situation in the Syrian civil war and the Skripal poisoning carried out by Russia in Britain in March 2018.

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Zahlreiche Bundeswehr-Berichte über Auslandseinsätze wurden ans private Konto weitergeleitet.

Quelle: ZDF

Frohnmaier räumte über einen Anwalt die Weiterleitungen durch Büromitarbeiter an sein privates Konto ein. Es seien damals pauschal alle Eingänge an dieses Konto übermittelt worden. Unbefugte hätten auf die Adresse keinen Zugriff gehabt, daher sei die Vertraulichkeit stets gewährleistet gewesen, lässt Frohnmaier mitteilen. "Dieses Vorgehen [wird] seit geraumer Zeit nicht mehr betrieben."

Die vorliegende Korrespondenz aus dem Frohnmaier-Büro ist nicht vollständig. Das Leak, das ZDF frontal mit technischer Unterstützung des Recherchenetzwerks OCCRP auswerten konnte, umfasst mit Blick auf Frohnmaier insbesondere die Jahre 2017 und 2018. Damals war er frisch in den Bundestag eingezogen und arbeitete dort insbesondere zu Entwicklungspolitik. Über Aktivitäten in den Jahren danach gibt es kaum Einblick.



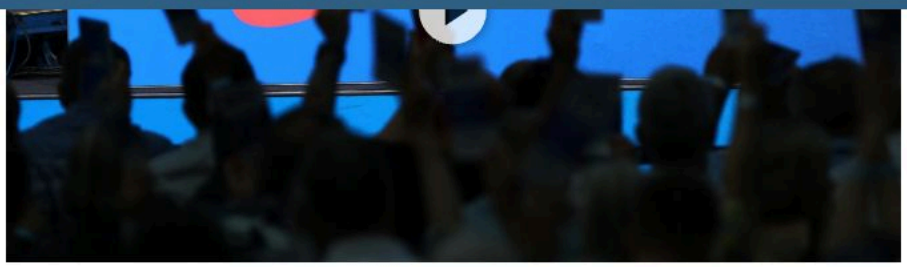
Private email accounts for classified documents: strictly forbidden

His office also forwarded classified weekly Defence Ministry briefings on the security situation in the Bundeswehr's overseas deployments to the private account on dozens of occasions.

The Bundestag administration told ZDF frontal that only "officially managed information technology approved for this purpose" may be used to process and store VS-NfD content. Failure to observe this could have criminal implications.

Through a lawyer, Frohnmaier acknowledged that office staff had forwarded messages to his private account. At the time, all incoming messages had been sent to that account as a matter of course. Unauthorised people had no access to it, so confidentiality had always been maintained, Frohnmaier said. "This practice has not been used for some time."

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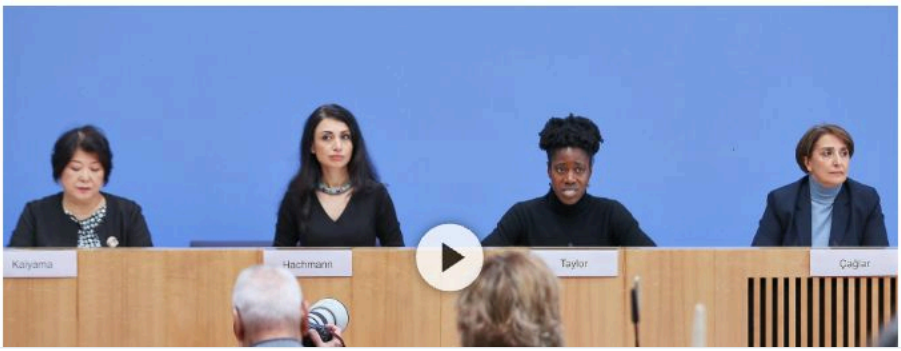
Nach der Wahl des ersten AfD-Landtagspräsidenten stellt sich besonders in der CDU die Frage: Wie umgehen mit dieser immer stärker werdenden Partei? Teile der Partei fordern einen Kurswechsel.

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Frohnmaier räumt Kontakt mit Botschafter ein

Auf Anfrage räumt Frohnmaier ein einmaliges Treffen mit dem syrischen UN-Botschafter ein, Geheimnisse habe er dabei nicht offenbart, lässt er via Anwalt mitteilen. "Vielmehr wurde sich hier u.a. über die politische Situation in Syrien, die Flüchtlingssituation und deutsche Maßnahmen ausgetauscht." Die Anfrage zu "Cash for Work" vom November 2018 geschah "nicht, um Informationen für Dritte zu sammeln, sondern um Informationen über dieses Programm für die eigene politische Arbeit (...) zu erhalten". Die Antwort der Bundesregierung sei bis heute veröffentlicht.

Weder habe er eingestufte Informationen an Unbefugte weitergegeben noch Informationen für fremde Staaten gesammelt und/oder hierfür Gegenleistungen oder Gefälligkeiten erhalten, ließ Frohnmaier mitteilen.



Frohnmaier acknowledges contact with the ambassador

Asked for comment, Frohnmaier acknowledged a single meeting with the Syrian UN ambassador. Through a lawyer, he said he had not disclosed any secrets. “Rather, the discussions included the political situation in Syria, the refugee situation and German measures.” The November 2018 inquiry about “Cash for Work” was made “not to collect information for third parties, but to obtain information about this programme for our own political work (…)”. The government’s response remains published.

Frohnmaier said that he had neither passed classified information to unauthorised people nor collected information for foreign states and/or received anything in return or favours for doing so.

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In July 2018, Frohnmaier promised Assad’s UN envoy information on a German-funded refugee aid programme. His staff commissioned a parliamentary dossier and an Arabic translation. The leaked correspondence does not establish whether he delivered it.

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Markus Frohnmaier
Mitglied des Deutschen Bundestages

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His Excellency
Bashar Ja`afari, PhD
The Permanent Representative of the Syrian
Arab Republic to the United Nations

Berlin, 20.07.2018

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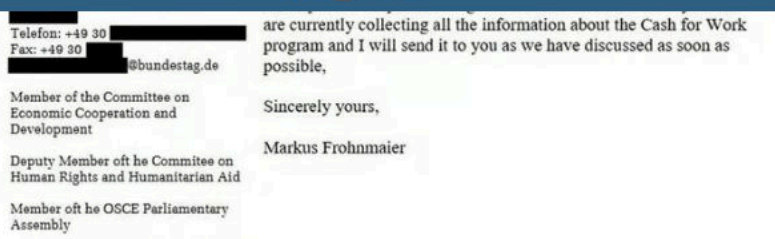
Member oft he OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

Your Excellency,

I would like to thank you very much for the opportunity to meet you in New York. It was a great pleasure for me and I would like to thank you for very interesting conversation. The staff of my office are currently collecting all the information about the Cash for Work program and I will send it to you as we have discussed as soon as possible,

Sincerely yours,

Markus Frohnmaier



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Diesen Brief schrieb Frohnmaier am 20. Juli 2018 an den Vertreter der Assad-Diktatur bei den Vereinten Nationen.

Quelle: ZDF

Frohnmaier befragte Bundesregierung zu Syrien-Hilfsprogramm

Schon am Vortag, dem 19. Juli 2018, beauftragte ein Mitarbeiter Frohnmaiers den Wissenschaftlichen Dienst des Bundestages, ein Dossier zum "Cash for Work"-Programm zu erstellen. Der Mitarbeiter forderte auch einen Bundestags-Übersetzer an, um das Papier ins Arabische zu übertragen. "Das hatte ich damals in Auftrag gegeben, weil wir dem syrischen Vertreter bei den Vereinten Nationen noch etwas zu Cash for Work zukommen lassen wollten", schrieb der Mitarbeiter wenige Wochen darauf an einen Büro-Kollegen.



-----Ursprüngliche Nachricht-----
Von: [redacted] MdB Markus Frohnmaier
Gesendet: Montag, 6. August 2018 17:35
An: [redacted] MdB Markus Frohnmaier <[redacted]@bundestag.de>
Betreff: WG: Ihr Auftrag vom 19. Juli 2018 - Cash-for-Work-Programme

Moin [redacted],

das hatte ich damals in Auftrag gegeben, weil wir dem syrischen Vertreter bei den Vereinten Nationen noch etwas zu Cash for Work zukommen lassen wollten.

Könntest Du Dich bitte darum kümmern, während meines Urlaubs beim Referat WI 1 (Sprachendienst) eine Übersetzung ins Arabische anfertigen zu lassen - und diese dann, sobald Sie vorliegt, dem Herrn Vertreter zukommen lassen?

Herzliche Grüße

[redacted]

- Büroleiter -

Frohnmaier questioned the German government about the Syria aid programme

The previous day, 19 July 2018, a Frohnmaier staff member had commissioned the Bundestag's Research Services to prepare a dossier on the "Cash for Work" programme. The staff member also requested a Bundestag translator to translate the paper into Arabic. "I commissioned that at the time because we wanted to send the Syrian representative at the United Nations something else about Cash for Work," the staff member wrote to an office colleague a few weeks later.

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Mitarbeiter erkundigte sich nach Regeln für Geheimhaltung

Auf eine vorangegangene Syrien-Anfrage vom Dezember 2017 erhielt das Frohnmaier-Büro auch als Verschlusssache eingestufte Informationen. Die Brisanz schien einem Mitarbeiter bewusst; er schrieb an einen Kollegen:

> **Da im Zusammenhang mit meiner Syrien-Anfrage ein Staatsgeheimnis an uns übersendet wurde, bitte ich darum, mir das Merkblatt zur Geheimhaltungsstufe 'VS-Nur für den Dienstgebrauch' aus dem Intranet zuzuschicken.**
>
> Nachfrage eines Frohnmaier-Mitarbeiters

Eine tatsächliche Informationsweitergabe von Frohnmaier bzw. seinem Büro an syrische Repräsentanten geht aus der gehackten Korrespondenz, die nur bruchstückhaft im Leak enthalten ist, nicht hervor.



Nach der Wahl des ersten AfD-Landtagspräsidenten stellt sich besonders in der CDU die Frage: Wie umgehen mit dieser immer stärker werdenden Partei? Teile der Partei fordern

Staff member asked about secrecy rules

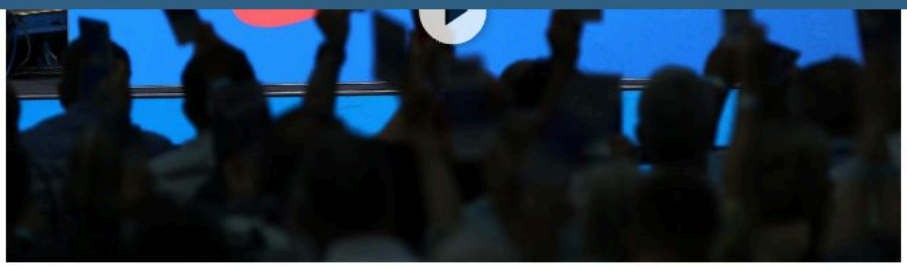
In response to an earlier Syria inquiry in December 2017, Frohnmaier's office also received classified information. One staff member seemed aware of its sensitivity; he wrote to a colleague:

As a state secret was sent to us in connection with my Syria inquiry, please send me the information sheet on the "VS — for official use only" classification from the intranet.

Inquiry by a Frohnmaier staff member

The hacked correspondence, which is only fragmentarily contained in the leak, does not establish an actual transfer of information by Frohnmaier or his office to Syrian representatives.

Translated from German www.zdfheute.de/politik/deutschland/afd-leak-mails-frohnmaier-syrien-russland-100.html



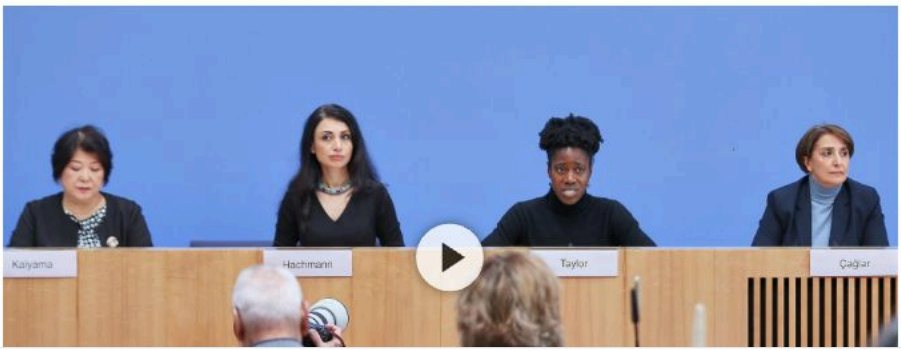
Nach der Wahl des ersten AfD-Landtagspräsidenten stellt sich besonders in der CDU die Frage: Wie umgehen mit dieser immer stärker werdenden Partei? Teile der Partei fordern einen Kurswechsel.

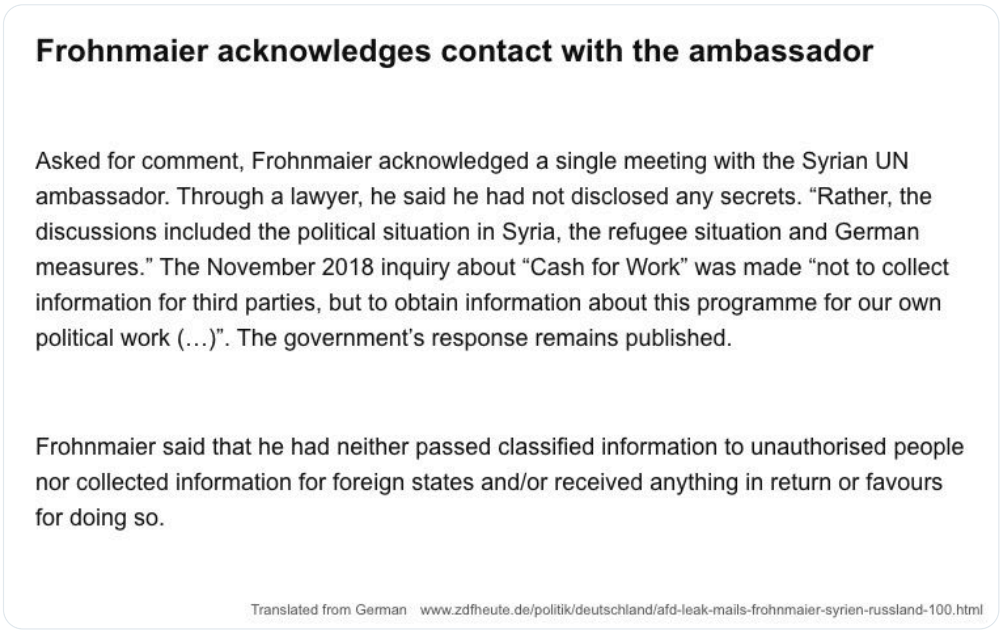
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Frohnmaier räumt Kontakt mit Botschafter ein

Auf Anfrage räumt Frohnmaier ein einmaliges Treffen mit dem syrischen UN-Botschafter ein, Geheimnisse habe er dabei nicht offenbart, lässt er via Anwalt mitteilen. "Vielmehr wurde sich hier u.a. über die politische Situation in Syrien, die Flüchtlingssituation und deutsche Maßnahmen ausgetauscht." Die Anfrage zu "Cash for Work" vom November 2018 geschah "nicht, um Informationen für Dritte zu sammeln, sondern um Informationen über dieses Programm für die eigene politische Arbeit (...) zu erhalten". Die Antwort der Bundesregierung sei bis heute veröffentlicht.

Weder habe er eingestufte Informationen an Unbefugte weitergegeben noch Informationen für fremde Staaten gesammelt und/oder hierfür Gegenleistungen oder Gefälligkeiten erhalten, ließ Frohnmaier mitteilen.





Frohnmaier acknowledges contact with the ambassador

Asked for comment, Frohnmaier acknowledged a single meeting with the Syrian UN ambassador. Through a lawyer, he said he had not disclosed any secrets. “Rather, the discussions included the political situation in Syria, the refugee situation and German measures.” The November 2018 inquiry about “Cash for Work” was made “not to collect information for third parties, but to obtain information about this programme for our own political work (…)”. The government’s response remains published.

Frohnmaier said that he had neither passed classified information to unauthorised people nor collected information for foreign states and/or received anything in return or favours for doing so.

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On 27 July 2016, AfD co-leader Frauke Petry wrote to Duma chairman Sergey Naryshkin: “Our party and I are very interested in strengthening German-Russian relationship.” Naryshkin became head of Russia’s foreign intelligence service later that year.

Mr. Sergey Naryshkin
Chairman of the State Duma

Frauke Petry, MdL | Nordstraße 1 | 04105 Leipzig

Leipzig, 27 July 2016

Dear Mr. Naryshkin,

I am writing to you on behalf of the "Alternative für Deutschland" (Alternative for Germany), thanking you for your reply dated 18 July 2016.

Our party and I are very interested in strengthening German-Russian relationship.

We would be very honoured if you could afford us the opportunity to meet you in the near future. I would be especially interested to discuss the current challenges in German-Russian relationships with you, in particular the sanctions regime – but also positive perspectives of a future better understanding between our two countries. Of course, I would be happy to discuss any other topics of interest.

Unfortunately, I very much regret to inform you that we're running up to an important federal party convention during the very week that you suggested. This convention was scheduled only very recently and will need intensive preparation requiring my presence. Therefore I sincerely and most politely hope for your understanding that it will be impossible for me to travel during this time period.

It goes without saying that this does not diminish my determination and interest to visit Russia in the near future, and I would like to stress that we are ready to visit with a high ranking official delegation of our party for political talks to Moscow any time later. We would like to propose finding a suitable date for a meeting within the first half of October.

Please allow me yet again to express my deep gratitude for your understanding.

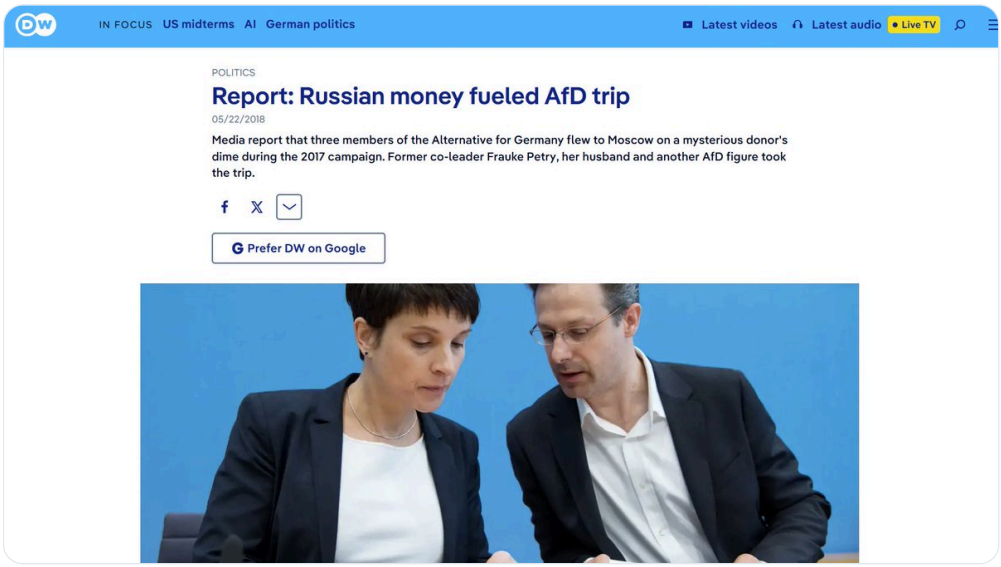
Yours sincerely,

Dr. Frauke Petry

AfD-Vorsitzende, Vorsitzende LV Sachsen

Fraktionsvorsitzende des AfD-Fraktion im Sächsischen Landtag

In February 2017, Petry, Marcus Pretzell and Julian Flak visited Moscow. Pretzell and Flak later confirmed that Russians paid for their private jet. In an email to AfD leaders, Petry complained that Russia had publicised a meeting agreed as confidential.



-----Ursprüngliche Nachricht-----
Von: Dr. Frauke Petry [mailto:frauke.petry@afdsachsen.de]
Gesendet: Montag, 20. Februar 2017 23:19
An: buvo_neu@alternativefuer.de
Betreff: Treffen in Moskau

Liebe BuVo-Kollegen,

Wie ich schon Jörg heute nachmittag mitgeteilt habe, waren Julian und ich am Wochenende auf Einladung der Moskauer Bezirksregierung zu Gesprächen in Moskau.

Da komplette Vertraulichkeit vereinbart war, ist die Veröffentlichung eines Treffens in der Duma seitens der Russen etwas ärgerlich.

Lt. Absprache war geplant, W. Molodin zu treffen, er lud weitere Parlamentsmitglieder anderer Fraktionen ein.

Frauke Petry
Von unterwegs gesendet

-----Original Message-----
From: Dr. Frauke Petry [mailto:frauke.petry@afdsachsen.de]
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2017 11:19 PM
To: buvo_neu@alternativefuer.de
Subject: Meeting in Moscow

Dear BuVo colleagues,

As I already informed Jörg this afternoon, Julian and I were in Moscow over the weekend at the invitation of the Moscow District Government for talks.

Since complete confidentiality had been agreed upon, the Russians' publication of a meeting in the Duma is somewhat irritating.

According to the agreement, the plan was to meet with V. Molodin, who invited other members of parliament from different factions.

Frauke Petry,
sent from the road

Translated from German

AfD parliamentary leader Alice Weidel visited Moscow in March 2021 with Petr Bystron and Robby Schlund. Bystron’s offices were raided in May 2024 in a bribery and money-laundering probe over alleged Russian payments. He denied wrongdoing.

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Berlin, 9. März 2021. Eine Delegation der AfD-Fraktion im Deutschen Bundestag unter Leitung der Fraktionsvorsitzenden Alice Weidel ist zu einem Besuch der Russischen Föderation nach Moskau gereist. Begleitet wird Frau Weidel vom Obmann der AfD-Fraktion im Auswärtigen Ausschuss, Petr Bystron, sowie dem Vorsitzenden der deutsch-russischen Parlamentariergruppe, Robby Schlund.

Auf dem Programm der Reise, die noch bis Freitag dauert, stehen unter anderem Gespräche im Außenministerium, der Russischen Zentralbank sowie mit Vertretern der Duma. Daneben sind eine Reihe von Gesprächen mit deutschen und russischen Unternehmen geplant. Auf dem Programm steht zudem ein Besuch des Nationales Forschungszentrum für Epidemiologie und Mikrobiologie (Gamaleja), das den Covid19-Impfstoff Sputnik V entwickelt hat.

Alice Weidel:
„Der AfD-Fraktion im Deutschen Bundestag ist es wichtig, den Gesprächsfaden zwischen Deutschland und Russland nicht abreißen zu lassen. Wir wollen mit unseren Gesprächen in Moskau unseren Teil dazu beitragen, die Beziehungen zwischen unseren beiden Ländern zu vertiefen und wieder zu verbessern. Besonderes Augenmerk liegt auf den Außenhandelsbeziehungen. Das Ziel ist und bleibt, die Wirtschaftssanktionen, die nicht nur Russland, sondern auch der deutschen Wirtschaft schaden, endlich zu beenden."

Beitrag teilen

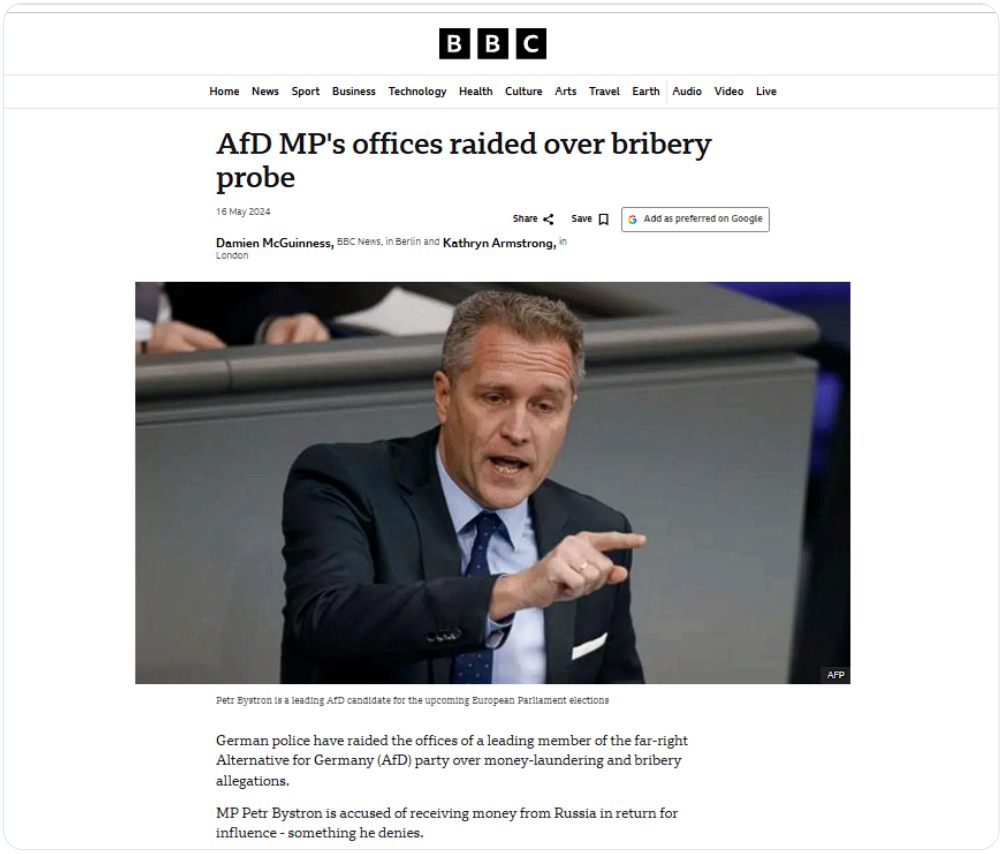


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DELEGATION FROM THE AFD PARLIAMENTARY GROUP FOR TALKS IN MOSCOW

Berlin, March 9, 2021. A delegation from the AfD parliamentary group in the German Bundestag, led by parliamentary group chairwoman Alice Weidel, has traveled to Moscow for a visit to the Russian Federation. Ms. Weidel is accompanied by the AfD parliamentary group's spokesperson on the Foreign Affairs Committee, Petr Bystron, and the chairman of the German-Russian Parliamentary Group, Robby Schlund.

Translated from German afdbundestag.de/delegation-der-afd-fraktion-zu-gespraechen-in-moskau/



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AfD MP's offices raided over bribery probe

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Damien McGuinness, BBC News, in Berlin and **Kathryn Armstrong,** in London

Petr Bystron is a leading AfD candidate for the upcoming European Parliament elections

German police have raided the offices of a leading member of the far-right Alternative for Germany (AfD) party over money-laundering and bribery allegations.

MP Petr Bystron is accused of receiving money from Russia in return for influence - something he denies.

An 18 October 2017 email attributed to AfD's Eugen Schmidt outlines plans with Juri Gempel: VIP trips to occupied Crimea and Artek stays for German children paid for by the occupation authorities. The Insider identified his later aide Vladimir Sergienko as an FSB agent.

Am 18. Oktober 2017 um 10:35 schrieb Eugen Schmidt <eugen.schmidt@russlanddeutsche-afd.nrw>:

Liebe Kollegen,

ich habe ein Kontakt mit Juri Gempel dem Vorsitzenden der Krimdeutschen-Gemeinde und stv. Vorsitzenden Krim-Parlament für die Internationale Beziehungen aufgebaut.

Wir haben mit ihm über die Zusammenarbeit in Fragen Russlanddeutsche (Krimdeutsche) und internationale Beziehungen unterhalten und zu folgenden möglichen Projekten gekommen:

1. AfD Delegation nach Krim mit Bundestagsabgeordneten. Die Krimregierung wird uns einladen und über Auswärtigen Amt offiziellen VIP Status organisieren. Alle Dokumente (Visa u.s.w.) werden ebenso zur Verfügung gestellt.
   z.B. https://de.sputniknews.com/politik/20171003317699786-tortz-druck-norwegische-delegation-krim/
2. Schüleraustausch. Die Kinder aus Deutschland können in dem internationalen Kinderferienzentrum Artek untergebracht werden. Die Kosten übernimmt die Krimregierung.
   https://deutsch.rt.com/russland/56646-krim-traditionsreiches-kinderferien-zentrum-artek/
3. Kongress der Krimdeutschen. Kultureller Austausch mit der Krimdeutschen-Gemeinde. In Krim wird derzeit eine Wohnsiedlung für Krimdeutsche gebaut.
4. Probleme der Aussiedler aus Krim in Deutschland: die russische Pässe, Heiratsurkunden u.s.w. aus Krim werden von deutschen Behörden nicht akzeptiert.

Da ich nicht weiß wer in der Fraktion für solchen Fragen sich verantwortlich füllt, habe ich die Nachricht an die ganze Landesgruppe geschickt. Ansonsten bitte an die verantwortliche Person weiterleiten.

Falls Interesse zu einem (oder mehreren) o.g. Punkten bestehet, bitte bei mir melden, damit ich einen detaillierten Konzept mit Krim-Seite erarbeiten konnte.

On October 18, 2017 at 10:35 AM, Eugen Schmidt < eugen.schmidt@russlanddeutsche-afd.nrw > wrote :

Dear colleagues,

I have established contact with Juri Gempel, the chairman of the Crimean German community and deputy chairman of the Crimean Parliament for International Relations.

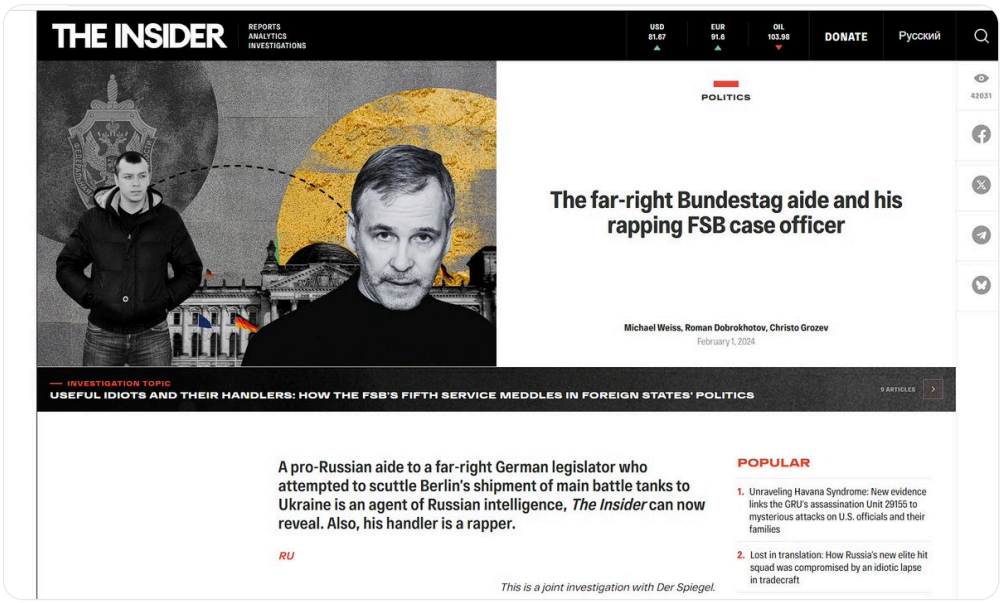
We discussed cooperation with him on issues concerning Russian Germans (Crimean Germans) and international relations, and came up with the following possible projects:

1. An AfD delegation, including members of the Bundestag, is traveling to Crimea. The Crimean government will invite us and arrange official VIP status through the Federal Foreign Office. All necessary documents (visas, etc.) will also be provided.
   For example, see https://de.sputniknews.com/politik/20171003317699786-tortz-druck-norwegische-delegation-krim/
2. Student exchange. Children from Germany can stay at the Artek International Children's Holiday Center. The Crimean government covers the costs .
   https://deutsch.rt.com/russland/56646-krim-traditionsreiches-kinderferien-zentrum-artek/
3. Congress of Crimean Germans. Cultural exchange with the Crimean German community. A housing estate for Crimean Germans is currently being built in Crimea.
4. Problems faced by ethnic German repatriates from Crimea in Germany: Russian passports, marriage certificates, etc. from Crimea are not accepted by German authorities.

Since I don't know who in the parliamentary group is responsible for such matters, I sent the message to the entire regional group. Otherwise, please forward it to the responsible person.

If you are interested in one (or more) of the above points, please contact me so that I can develop a detailed concept including the Crimea side.

Translated from German



In February 2018, Gempel hosted a nine-person AfD delegation in occupied Crimea, with a visit to Artek. Its report records meetings with occupation officials and written acknowledgement of the trip by AfD's federal board. Gunnar Lindemann returned for April's Yalta forum.

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Bericht der AfD-Landtagsabgeordneten über die Krim-Reise vom 3. bis 9. Februar 2018

1. *Zweck der Reise*

Mit der Reise auf die Krim sollte eine wesentliche Aussage des Wahlprogramms der AfD mit Leben gefüllt werden. Insofern heißt es unter Ziff. 3.2:

> *„Die AfD tritt für die Beendigung der Sanktionspolitik ein. Die wirtschaftliche Zusammenarbeit mit Russland sollte vielmehr vertieft werden."*

Die Russland-Sanktionen hängen maßgeblich mit den Entwicklungen des Jahres 2014 in der Ukraine, einem Referendum und der darauf folgenden Eingliederung der Krim in die Russische Föderation zusammen. Kurz vor Beginn der Reise wurden die Sanktionen noch bei einer Konferenz der mitteldeutschen Ministerpräsidenten thematisiert, die sich ebenfalls dafür aussprachen, diese abzuschaffen.

Vor diesem Hintergrund sollte die Reise dazu dienen, einen ersten eigenen Eindruck von der politischen und wirtschaftlichen Lage vor Ort zu gewinnen und zugleich ein mediales Echo hervorzurufen.

2. *Vorbereitung der Reise*

Anlass für den konkreten Ablauf und den Zeitraum der Reise war eine Einladung durch einen Vertreter der krimdeutschen Gemeinschaft, Herrn Juri Gempel. Herr Gempel ist zugleich Mitglied des Krim-Parlaments und dort zuständig für auswärtige Angelegenheiten.

Die vorgesehene Reise wurde vor einer endgültigen Zusage gegenüber den Ansprechpartnern auf der Krim beim Bundesvorstand, einzelnen Vertretern der Bundestagsfraktion sowie auch den zuständigen Landtagspräsidenten angezeigt. Seitens des Bundesvorstandes erfolgte ausdrücklich eine schriftliche Kenntnisnahme. Bereits zu diesem Zeitpunkt wurde angekündigt, über den Ablauf und die Ergebnisse der Reise zu berichten.

Es war zu jedem Zeitpunkt unsererseits klar kommuniziert, dass wir weder als Vertreter der Partei noch einer Fraktion oder eines Landtages usw. auftreten, sondern es sich um eine privat veranlasste und finanzierte Reise aller Beteiligten handelt.

Report by AfD members of state parliaments on the Crimea trip from 3 to 9 February 2018

1. *Purpose of the trip*

The trip to Crimea was intended to put an important statement in the AfD election manifesto into practice. Section 3.2 states:

“The AfD advocates an end to the sanctions policy. Economic cooperation with Russia should instead be deepened.”

The sanctions against Russia are largely connected with the developments of 2014 in Ukraine, a referendum and the subsequent incorporation of Crimea into the Russian Federation. Shortly before the trip began, the sanctions were also discussed at a conference of the central German state premiers, who likewise advocated abolishing them.

Against this background, the trip was intended to provide a first personal impression of the political and economic situation on the ground and at the same time generate media coverage.

2. *Preparation of the trip*

The specific itinerary and timing of the trip were prompted by an invitation from a representative of the Crimean German community, Mr Juri Gempel. Mr Gempel is also a member of the Crimean parliament, where he is responsible for foreign affairs.

Before a final commitment was made to the contacts in Crimea, the planned trip was notified to the federal executive, individual representatives of the Bundestag parliamentary group and the relevant state parliamentary presidents. The federal executive expressly acknowledged it in writing. At that stage, a report on the itinerary and results of the trip had already been announced.

We made clear throughout that we were not acting as representatives of the party, a parliamentary group or a state parliament, etc., but that this was a privately initiated and financed trip by all participants.

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Wir hatten den Eindruck, die Krim ist kein besetztes Land und die Mehrheit der Menschen möchte zu Russland gehören. Die Sanktionen waren dabei ständig Thema. Denn diese Sanktionen treffen die Menschen vor Ort. Sie haben Probleme bei Bankgeschäften, sie können nicht frei reisen und der Tourismus ist massiv eingebrochen. Es fehlt an vielen Produkten und Ersatzteilen. Es gibt zahlreiche konkrete Probleme, die die Menschen vor Ort durch die Sanktionen haben, nicht die Regierung. Infolge der Sanktionen werden zudem auch immer mehr frühere Geschäftsbeziehungen mit deutschen Unternehmen durch Dritte übernommen oder durch russische Betriebe entsprechende Leistungen selbst erbracht.

Wir haben neben verschiedenen offiziellen Vertretern der Krim bzw. von den Gastgebern ggf. ausgesuchten Personen auch mit Leuten auf der Straße gesprochen, bis hin zu Kellnern und einem Sauna-Betreiber – also ganz verschiedene Leute. Es war eine sehr dichte, eine sehr intensive Woche.

Mit Blick auf unsere, zugegebenermaßen kurzen Eindrücke erscheint uns abschließend der fehlende Dialog zwischen Russland und Deutschland bzw. dem Westen als vorrangiges Problem. Gerade dies wäre wichtig, um Missverständnissen aufgrund der offenkundig sehr anders gearteten Politikauffassungen und der Bewertung der Sanktionen zu begegnen.

Wir sind gerne bereit, dem Bundesvorstand, der Bundestagsfraktion bzw. einzelnen Vertreten weitergehende Einzelheiten auch persönlich zu erläutern. Zudem möchten wir gerne die zahlreiche Kontakte weiterreichen, um eine denkbare Delegation von Bundestagsabgeordneten bzw. Parteivertretern zu unterstützen.

Bereits im kommenden April findet ein internationales Wirtschaftsforum in Jalta statt. Es wird von russischer Seite sehr begrüßt, falls eine Delegation der AfD dieses Wirtschaftsforum besucht. Es wurden bereits entsprechende Einladungen durch den Ministerpräsidenten der Krim ausgesprochen. Auch hier wäre deutliche mediale Aufmerksamkeit gewiss.

Roger Beckamp, Dr. Christian Blex, Helmut Seifen, Nik Vogel (AfD-Fraktion NRW)
Dr. Hugh Bronson, Harald Laatsch, Gunnar Lindemann (AfD-Fraktion Berlin)
Dr. Rainer Balzer (AfD-Fraktion Baden-Württemberg)
Eugen Schmidt (Russlanddeutsche für die AfD, NRW)

13. Februar 2018

We have the impression that Crimea is not an occupied country and that the majority of people wanted to belong to Russia. The sanctions were a constant topic. These sanctions affect the people on the ground. They have problems with banking, cannot travel freely and tourism has collapsed dramatically. Many products and spare parts are missing. There are numerous concrete problems caused by the sanctions for local people, rather than the government.

As a result of the sanctions, more and more former business relationships with German companies are also being taken over by third parties, or Russian businesses are providing the corresponding services themselves.

Besides various official representatives of Crimea and people who may have been selected by the hosts, we also spoke to people on the street, including waiters and a sauna operator — a wide range of people. It was a very full, very intensive week.

In view of our admittedly brief impressions, the lack of dialogue between Russia and Germany or the West appears to us, in conclusion, to be the main problem. Such dialogue would be important to address misunderstandings arising from the obviously very different political outlooks and assessments of the sanctions.

We would be happy to explain further details in person to the federal executive, the Bundestag parliamentary group or individual representatives. We would also like to pass on the many contacts to support a possible delegation of Bundestag members or party representatives.

An international economic forum will take place in Yalta this coming April. The Russian side would very much welcome an AfD delegation attending this economic forum. Invitations have already been extended by the Crimean prime minister. Here, too, substantial media attention would be assured.

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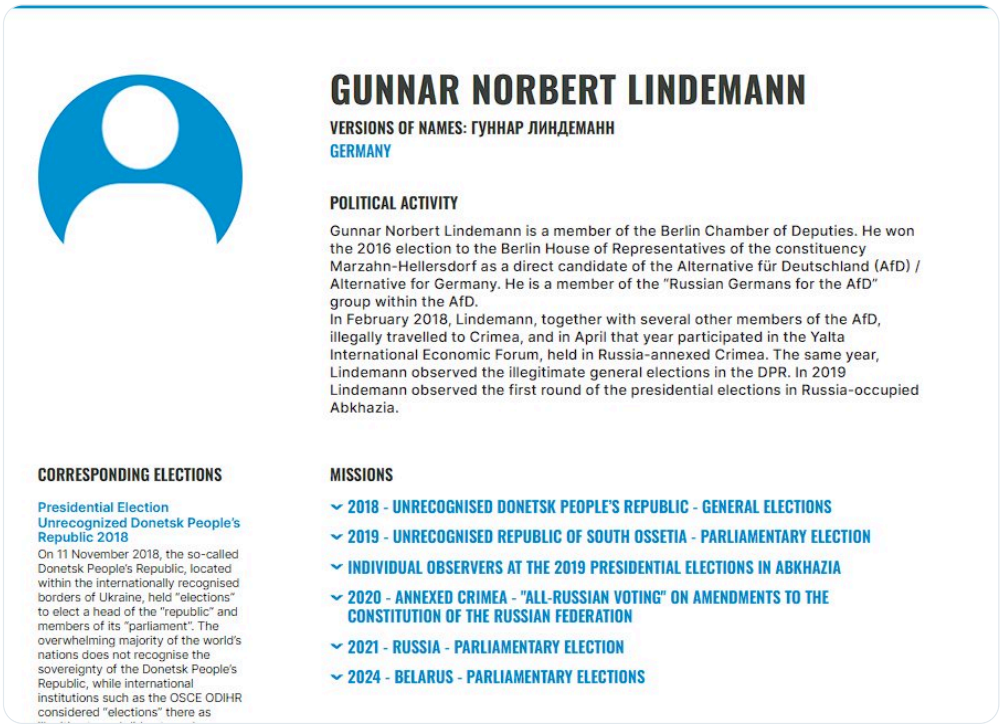
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Simferopol, February 2018: Gunnar Lindemann (left), AfD member of parliament from Berlin, with friends in front of the regional parliament of the Russian-annexed Crimea.

Source : picture alliance / Sergei Malgav



GUNNAR NORBERT LINDEMANN

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Gunnar Norbert Lindemann is a member of the Berlin Chamber of Deputies. He won the 2016 election to the Berlin House of Representatives of the constituency Marzahn-Hellersdorf as a direct candidate of the Alternative für Deutschland (AfD) / Alternative for Germany. He is a member of the "Russian Germans for the AfD" group within the AfD.
In February 2018, Lindemann, together with several other members of the AfD, illegally travelled to Crimea, and in April that year participated in the Yalta International Economic Forum, held in Russia-annexed Crimea. The same year, Lindemann observed the illegitimate general elections in the DPR. In 2019 Lindemann observed the first round of the presidential elections in Russia-occupied Abkhazia.

CORRESPONDING ELECTIONS

Presidential Election Unrecognized Donetsk People's Republic 2018

On 11 November 2018, the so-called Donetsk People's Republic, located within the internationally recognised borders of Ukraine, held "elections" to elect a head of the "republic" and members of its "parliament". The overwhelming majority of the world's nations does not recognise the sovereignty of the Donetsk People's Republic, while international institutions such as the OSCE ODIHR considered "elections" there as

MISSIONS

- 2018 - UNRECOGNISED DONETSK PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC - GENERAL ELECTIONS
- 2019 - UNRECOGNISED REPUBLIC OF SOUTH OSSETIA - PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION
- INDIVIDUAL OBSERVERS AT THE 2019 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS IN ABKHAZIA
- 2020 - ANNEXED CRIMEA - "ALL-RUSSIAN VOTING" ON AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION
- 2021 - RUSSIA - PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION
- 2024 - BELARUS - PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS

In leaked January 2025 chats, Russian officials discussed using AfD MEP Maximilian Krah to promote an article and turning special economic zones into sanctions-free zones. Krah faced Russian and Chinese payment probes in 2024; he denied wrongdoing.

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In today's #vatniksoup, I'll introduce a German lawyer(!), politician and MEP, Maximillian Krah (@KrahMax). He's best-known for his far-right politics, for his pro-Russian voting patterns, and for his denial of war crimes and human rights violations around the world.

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Germany: AfD's Krah faces probe on Russia, China 'payments'

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Prosecutors are looking at whether German far-right MEP Maximilian Krah received payments from Russian and Chinese sources. This comes just a day after Krah's aide was arrested on suspicion of spying for China.

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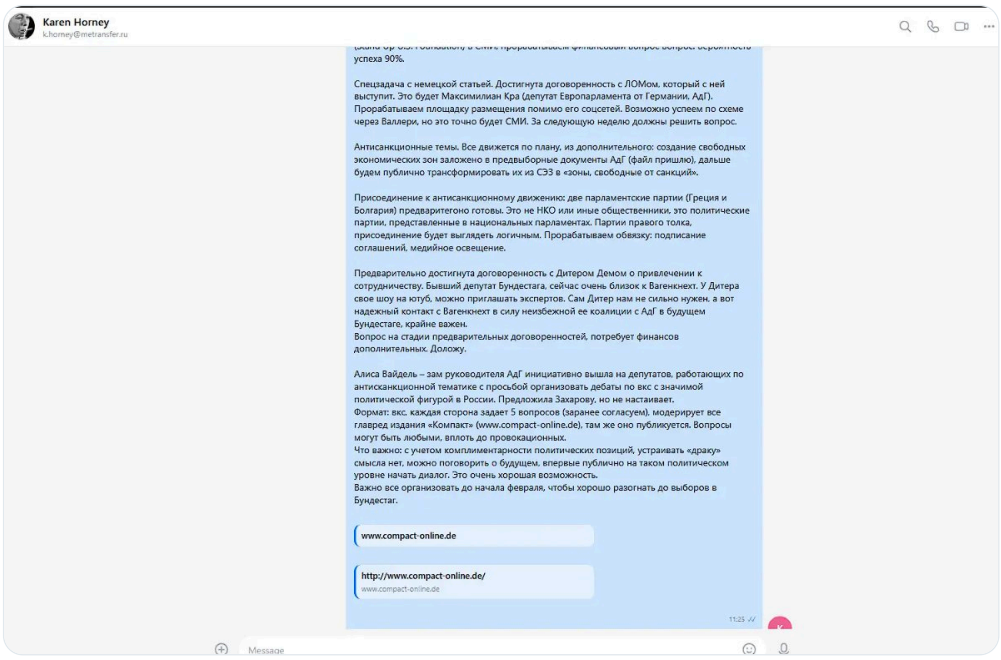


The AfD has said Krah will remain the candidate for upcoming European Union elections

Image: Ronny Hartmann/AFP/Getty Images

German public prosecutors have launched two preliminary investigations into the far-right Alternative for Germany (AfD)'s top European parliamentary candidate after media reports suggested that he had received payments from foreign powers.

A spokesperson for the state prosecutor in the eastern German city of Dresden confirmed to the AFP news agency on Wednesday that initial probes have been opened against lawmaker Maximilian Krah over "alleged payments" from Russian and Chinese sources.



Special assignment with the German article. An agreement has been reached with an opinion leader who will present it. This will be Maximilian Krah, a member of the European Parliament from Germany, AfD. We are working on a publication platform in addition to his social media. We may manage to do it through Vallely, but it will definitely be a media outlet. We should resolve the issue over the coming week.

Anti-sanctions issues. Everything is proceeding according to plan. One additional point: the creation of free economic zones has been included in the AfD's election documents (I will send the file). We will then publicly transform them from SEZs into "zones free of sanctions".

Translated from Russian bird.bg/vazrazhdane-moscow-conspiracy/

The same message said Weidel had approached MPs working on sanctions issues to organise a debate with a senior Russian figure, suggesting "Zakharova". Compact would host it, with questions agreed in advance, before Germany's 2025 election.

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Алиса Вайдель – зам руководителя АдГ инициативно вышла на депутатов, работающих по антисанкционной тематике с просьбой организовать дебаты по вкс с значимой политической фигурой в России. Предложила Захарову, но не настаивает.
Формат: вкс, каждая сторона задает 5 вопросов (заранее согласуем), модерирует все главред издания «Компакт» (www.compact-online.de), там же оно публикуется. Вопросы могут быть любыми, вплоть до провокационных.
Что важно: с учетом комплиментарности политических позиций, устраивать «драку» смысла нет, можно поговорить о будущем, впервые публично на таком политическом уровне начать диалог. Это очень хорошая возможность.
Важно все организовать до начала февраля, чтобы хорошо разогнать до выборов в Бундестаг.

Alice Weidel — deputy leader of the AfD — took the initiative to contact MPs working on anti-sanctions issues, asking them to organise a video-conference debate with a significant political figure in Russia. She suggested Zakharova, but is not insisting.

Format: videoconference. Each side asks five questions (we will agree them in advance). The editor-in-chief of Compact (www.compact-online.de) moderates the whole thing, and it is also published there. The questions can be anything, including provocative ones.

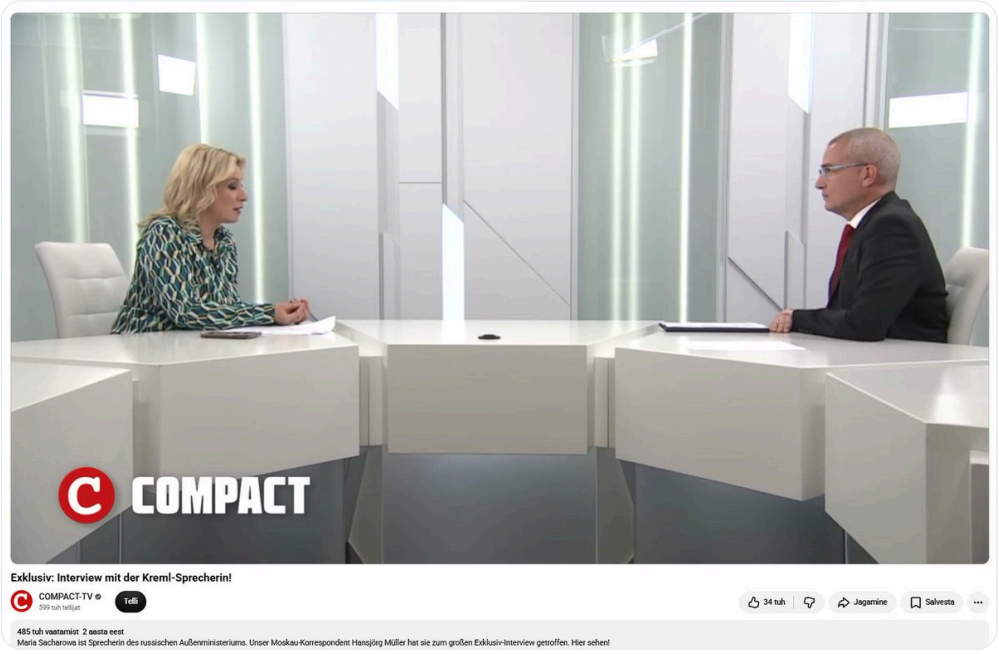
What is important: given how aligned the political positions are, there is no point in staging a “fight”. We could talk about the future and, for the first time, begin a public dialogue at this political level. This is a very good opportunity.

It is important to organise everything before the beginning of February so that it can be widely promoted ahead of the Bundestag election.

Translated from Russian bird.bg/vazrazhdane-moscow-conspiracy/

Those plans did not lead to a public debate. Earlier, in July 2024, Compact had published an interview with Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova, conducted by former AfD MP Hansjörg Müller. Russia’s Foreign Ministry promoted it.

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AfD and Compact have held pro-Russia events together. Compact recruited Yasmine Pazio from RT’s sister outlet Ruptly and sells Putin medals on its website. Its Moscow correspondent Müller also offered his Russian contacts to AfD leaders.

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konservativen Kurs.



Russland als geopolitischer Stabilitätsfaktor – Jürgen Elsässer

Ursprünglich war Jürgen Elsässer (*1957) einer der bekanntesten linken Journalisten und arbeitete für alle einschlägigen Publikationen wie Junge Welt und Neues Deutschland. Doch als er immer stärker betonte, dass die soziale Sicherheit nur vom Nationalstaat verteidigt werden kann, wurde er von den Genossen als "Rechter" verteufelt und aller Publikationsmöglichkeiten beraubt. Aus der Not machte er 2010 eine Tugend und gründete das Monatsmagazin COMPACT. Mit klarer Kante gegen Multikulti und Islamisierung konnte die Zeitschrift von Jahresanfang 2015 bis Februar 2016 ihre Auflage von 33.000 auf 85.000 Exemplare steigern.



Westliche Geopolitik gefährdet deutsch-russische Wirtschaftsbeziehungen – Hans-Jörg Müller

Diplom-Volkswirt Hans-Jörg Müller, Bundesvorsitzender des AfD-Mittelstandsforums e.V., ist seit über 20 Jahren im Russlandgeschäft tätig. Er kennt die kulturellen, wirtschaftlichen und politischen Rahmenbedingungen, die über den Erfolg im Russlandgeschäft entscheiden. Als AfD-Bundestagskandidat setzt er sich für die Abschaffung der selbstzerstörerischen Russland-Sanktionen ein, die gegen deutsches Interesse auf transatlantischen Druck hin ins Leben gerufen wurden.



Sündenfall Donbass: Wie Berlin ununterbrochen deutschen Interessen schadet – Manuel Ochsenreiter

Manuel Ochsenreiter, Jahrgang 1976, ist Chefredakteur des Deutschen Nachrichtenmagazins ZU-ERST! und Direktor des Deutschen Zentrums für Eurasische Studien. Ochsenreiter besucht und arbeitet regelmäßig in geopolitischen Konfliktzonen, wie beispielsweise Syrien, die Krim, die frühere Ostukrai-ne und den Kaukasus. Mit seinem Deutschen Zentrum für Eurasische Studien organisiert Ochsen-reiter Wahl- und Krisenbeobachtungsmissionen.

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national-conservative course.



Russia as a geopolitical stabilizing factor – Jürgen Elsässer

Jürgen Elsässer (born 1957) was originally one of the best-known left-wing journalists, working for all the relevant publications such as Junge Welt and Neues Deutschland. However, when he increasingly emphasized that social security could only be defended by the nation-state, he was demonized as a "right-winger" by his comrades and deprived of all publishing opportunities. In 2010, he turned this adversity into an opportunity and founded the monthly magazine COMPACT. With its clear stance against multiculturalism and Islamization, the magazine increased its circulation from 33,000 to 85,000 copies between the beginning of 2015 and February 2016.



Western geopolitics jeopardizes German-Russian economic relations – Hans-Jörg Müller

Hans-Jörg Müller, a graduate economist and federal chairman of the AfD's SME Forum, has been active in the Russian market for over 20 years. He understands the cultural, economic, and political conditions that determine success in this field. As an AfD candidate for the Bundestag, he advocates for the abolition of the self-destructive sanctions against Russia, which were imposed against German interests under transatlantic pressure.



The Donbass original sin: How Berlin is constantly harming German interests – Manuel Ochsenreiter

Manuel Ochsenreiter, born in 1976, is editor-in-chief of the German news magazine ZU-ERST! and director of the German Center for Eurasian Studies. Ochsenreiter regularly visits and works in geopolitical conflict zones, such as Syria, Crimea, the former eastern Ukraine, and the Caucasus. Through his German Center for Eurasian Studies, Ochsenreiter organizes election and crisis observation missions.

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Mehr erfahren

RT Deutsch mehrfach als Interviewpartner präsent[48] und warb bei eigenen Veranstaltungen für *RT DE*.[49] Aber es gibt auch personelle Überschneidungen zwischen *Compact* und *RT*. So ist die Mitherausgeberin der *Compact*-Sonderausgabe „Putins Reden an die Deutschen"[50], Yasmine Pazio, nach Elsässers Worten von der *RT*-Schwester *Ruptly TV* übernommen worden, die zu der Zeit ebenfalls vom damaligen *RT Deutsch*-Chefredakteur Rodionov geleitet wurde.[51]

Das Videoformat des rechtsextremen Magazins, *Compact TV*, wiederum lädt ähnlich wie *RT DE* Protagonisten der „Alternativmedien" immer wieder als Gäste ein – auch solche, die mit *RT DE* zusammenarbeiten. Der Verschwörungsideologe Ken Jebsen und der Buchautor Paul Schreyer sowie einer der Herausgeber des Querdenken-Organs *Demokratischer Widerstand,* Anselm Lenz, traten nicht nur bei *RT DE* [52] sondern auch bei *Compact TV* auf[53]. Auch Elsässers jährliche *Compact*-Konferenzen sind ein beliebter Treffpunkt von Akteuren, die auch bei *RT DE* gern gesehene Gäste sind. Dort trat beispielsweise der CDU-Politiker und ehemalige Parlamentarische Staatssekretär Willy Wimmer - ein regelmäßiger Interviewpartner bei *RT DE*[54] -, genauso auf[55] wie die ehemalige Tagesschau-Moderatorin Eva Herman mit einer Audiobotschaft[56] zu Gast war – Herman verbreitet ein restriktives Familienbild, engagiert sich gegen den Feminismus und die „Lügenpresse". Von *Compact* wird sie als aufrechte Märtyrerin im Kampf gegen finstere Mächte stilisiert.[57] Mit ihrem Partner Andreas Popp gab sie *RT Deutsch* ein Interview zum Thema „Lügenpresse".[58] Es gibt also inhaltliche Schnittmengen bei den Interviewgästen von *RT DE* und *Compact*.

Elsässer selbst ist ein bekennender Bewunderer von Russlands Präsident Putin – wegen seines autoritären Führungsstils und seines Nationalismus. Der *Compact*-Chef rühmt sich öffentlich damit, ein „Putinversteher" zu

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[48] Zum Beispiel als Interviewpartner in der Sendung „Der fehlende Part", 20.1.2015, https://freeassange.rtde.me/9817/der-fehlende-teil/der-fehlende-part-der-donbass-durch-die-kiewer-brillee-47/ (06.12.22); Spahn, (Fn. 4), S. 64f, 73. Der damalige Chefredakteur Rodionov bestätigte im Interview mit dem Tagesspiegel, dass Elsässer im Studio war, siehe: Interview von Matthias Meisner mit Ivan Rodionov: RT Deutsch: Wir sind gefährlich, Tagesspiegel.de, 20.3.2015, https://www.tagesspiegel.de/gesellschaft/medien/chefredakteur-ivan-rodionov-im-interview-rt-deutsch-wir-sind-gefaehrlich/11534566.html (06.12.22)

[49] Die Veranstaltung Compact live im September 2014 beispielsweise war der Ankündigung von RT Deutsch gewidmet, siehe Spahn, (Fn. 8), S.65

[50] Yasmine Pazio, Jürgen Elsässer (Hrsg.): Wladimir Putin: Reden an die Deutschen, COMPACT-Edition 1, https://www.compact-shop.de/shop/compact-edition/compact-edition-wladimir-putin/ (07.12.22); Pazio bei der Vorstellung der Compact-Sonderausgabe im Russischen Haus am 19.6.2014, https://gloria.tv/post/cso8tYC97gw44i2QHSi3ZWF11 (07.12.22)

[51] Spahn, (Fn. 8), S. 63

[52] Anselm Lenz bei RT DE, 10.4.2020, https://gegenzensur.rtde.world/programme/der-fehlende-part/100838-grundrechte-tracking-apps-und-soziale/ (7.7.22); Ken Jebsen bei RT DE, 24.1.2019, https://gegenzensur.rtde.world/gesellschaft/83211-alternative-medien-auf-vormarsch-2/ (07.12.22; Paul Schreyer bei RT DE, 9.10.2020, https://gegenzensur.rtde.world/gesellschaft/107539-war-corona-geplant-paul-schreyer/ / (07.12.22)

[53] Ken Jebsen, Interview bei Compact Live, 19.4.2014, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1uQslC2ToNc (06.12.22); Paul Schreyer und Ken Jebsen bei Compact Live, 7.1.2014, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BZzpmXp1UQI (06.12.22); Anselm Lenz beim Compact Sommerfest 22 mit Jürgen Elsässer, 27.8.2022, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7idmsieIVHc (06.12.22)

[54] Exemplarisch Willy Wimmer, Interview mit RT DE, 20.9.2022, https://gegenzensur.rtde.world/kurzclips/video/149463-willy-wimmer-wir-haben-verpflichtung/ (06.12.22)/

[55] Vgl.: Matthias Meisner: Mein Volk, mein Land, meine Lügenpresse, Zeit.de, 17.8.2015, https://www.zeit.de/kultur/2015-08/compact-juergen-elsaesser (07.12.22)

[56] Mitschnitt der Botschaft von Eva Herman auf der Compact-Konferenz 2013: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ho4ZZyrFbM (7.4.2022)

[57] Christoph Kluge: E**va Herman.** Wie sie zur Ikone der Verschwörungsszene wurde. Tagesspiegel.de, 31.7.2020, https://www.tagesspiegel.de/politik/eva-herman-wie-sie-zur-ikone-der-verschwoerungsszene-wurde/26038012.html

[58] Eva Herman und Andreas Popp, Interview mit RT Deutsch, 17.1.2015, https://deutsch.rt.com/9686/inland/interview-mit-eva-herman-und-andreas-popp-zu-luegenpresse/

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[In the early days of *RT Deutsch*, Elsässer] appeared several times as an interview guest[48] and promoted *RT DE* at his own events.[49] There is also overlap between the staff of *Compact* and *RT*. According to Elsässer, Yasmine Pazio, co-editor of the *Compact* special issue "Putin's Speeches to the Germans",[50] was recruited from *RT*'s sister outlet *Ruptly TV*, which was also run at the time by *RT Deutsch*'s then editor-in-chief Rodionov.[51]

Like *RT DE*, *Compact TV*, the video arm of the far-right magazine, regularly invites figures from the "alternative media" as guests, including people who work with *RT DE*. The conspiracy theorist Ken Jebsen, the author Paul Schreyer and Anselm Lenz, one of the editors of the Querdenken publication *Demokratischer Widerstand*, appeared on both *RT DE*[52] and *Compact TV*.[53] Elsässer's annual *Compact* conferences are also a popular meeting place for figures who are welcomed as guests on *RT DE*. For example, the CDU politician and former parliamentary state secretary Willy Wimmer, a regular interview guest on *RT DE*,[54] appeared there,[55] as did former *Tagesschau* presenter Eva Herman, who contributed an audio message.[56] Herman promotes a restrictive view of the family and campaigns against feminism and the "lying press". *Compact* portrays her as an upright martyr fighting sinister forces.[57] With her partner Andreas Popp, she gave *RT Deutsch* an interview about the "lying press".[58] There is therefore also a thematic overlap among the interview guests of *RT DE* and *Compact*.

Elsässer himself is an avowed admirer of Russian President Putin for his authoritarian leadership style and nationalism. The *Compact* chief publicly boasts of being "someone who understands Putin".

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[48] For example, as an interview guest on "Der fehlende Part", 20 January 2015, https://freeassange.rtde.me/9817/der-fehlende-teil/der-fehlende-part-der-donbass-durch-die-kiewer-brillee-47/ (6 December 2022); Spahn, n. 4, pp. 64–65, 73. The editor-in-chief at the time, Rodionov, confirmed in an interview with *Tagesspiegel* that Elsässer had been in the studio. See Matthias Meisner's interview with Ivan Rodionov, "RT Deutsch: Wir sind gefährlich", *Tagesspiegel.de*, 20 March 2015, https://www.tagesspiegel.de/gesellschaft/medien/chefredakteur-ivan-rodionov-im-interview-rt-deutsch-wir-sind-gefaehrlich/11534566.html (6 December 2022).
[49] For example, the *Compact Live* event in September 2014 was dedicated to the announcement of *RT Deutsch*. See Spahn, n. 8, p. 65.
[50] Yasmine Pazio and Jürgen Elsässer (eds.), *Wladimir Putin: Reden an die Deutschen*, COMPACT Edition 1, https://www.compact-shop.de/shop/compact-edition/compact-edition-wladimir-putin/ (7 December 2022); Pazio at the presentation of the *Compact* special issue at the Russian House, 19 June 2014, https://gloria.tv/post/cso8tYC97gw44i2QHSi3ZWF11 (7 December 2022).
[51] Spahn, n. 8, p. 63.
[52] Anselm Lenz on *RT DE*, 10 April 2020, https://gegenzensur.rtde.world/programme/der-fehlende-part/100838-grundrechte-tracking-apps-und-soziale/ (7 July 2022); Ken Jebsen on *RT DE*, 24 January 2019, https://gegenzensur.rtde.world/gesellschaft/83211-alternative-medien-auf-vormarsch-2/ (7 December 2022); Paul Schreyer on *RT DE*, 9 October 2020, https://gegenzensur.rtde.world/gesellschaft/107539-war-corona-geplant-paul-schreyer/ (7 December 2022).
[53] Ken Jebsen, interview on *Compact Live*, 19 April 2014, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1uQslC2ToNc (6 December 2022); Paul Schreyer and Ken Jebsen on *Compact Live*, 7 January 2014, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BZzpmXp1UQI (6 December 2022); Anselm Lenz at *Compact*'s 2022 summer festival with Jürgen Elsässer, 27 August 2022, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7idmsieIVHc (6 December 2022).
[54] For example, Willy Wimmer, interview with *RT DE*, 20 September 2022, https://gegenzensur.rtde.world/kurzclips/video/149463-willy-wimmer-wir-haben-verpflichtung/ (6 December 2022).
[55] See Matthias Meisner, "Mein Volk, mein Land, meine Lügenpresse", *Zeit.de*, 17 August 2015, https://www.zeit.de/kultur/2015-08/compact-juergen-elsaesser (7 December 2022).
[56] Recording of Eva Herman's message at the 2013 *Compact* conference, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ho4ZZyrFbM (7 April 2022).
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[58] Eva Herman and Andreas Popp, interview with *RT Deutsch*, 17 January 2015, https://deutsch.rt.com/9686/inland/interview-mit-eva-herman-und-andreas-popp-zu-luegenpresse/.

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In an April 2017 email to AfD leaders, Müller boasted of high-level Russian contacts and proposed merging his network with Frohnmaier's. He also assured the party's new lead candidate, Alice Weidel, of his full support.

From	Hansjörg Müller
Date	2017-04-26
Subject	The AfD and foreign contacts - to Russia and Austria
To	Prof. Dr. Jörg Meuthen

Dear Professor Meuthen, dear Dr. Gauland,

I would like to congratulate you once again on the success of your strategy in selecting the top team of Bundestag candidates; from the party's perspective as a whole, it was the right decision. Immediately after the election, I approached Ms. Weidel and assured her of my full support, which she now has just as much as the two of you have had so far. Any previous reservations I had are now a thing of the past.

During the Petry-Pretzell era, I was able to use my high-level contacts in Russia to prevent the Russian side from unilaterally turning to P&P (as the FPÖ unfortunately did in Austria) and from remaining open to Dr. Gauland and other AfD officials. In mid-May, I will be flying to Moscow again, where I will cultivate my economic and political networks and represent the AfD's positions in discussion programs on Channel 1 and Channel 2 (in Russian) as well as on Russia Today (in English). I propose merging the existing Russia networks within the AfD (Mr. Moosdorf's, possibly Mr. Frohnmaier's – which goes back to Mr. Ochsenreiter – and my network) and making them available to the party as a whole.

In Austria, I will meet with Mr. Gudenus, HC Strache's right-hand man and Deputy Mayor of Vienna, immediately before my trip to Russia. I know the FPÖ leadership personally and would like to contribute to abandoning their current one-sided focus on political correctness and politics and moving closer to our new top team of Bundestag candidates.

I look forward to your feedback on both matters.

In October 2020, Müller, Waldemar Herdt and Robby Schlund accused Bundestag president Wolfgang Schäuble of withholding a Duma proposal for joint work on Navalny's poisoning. They apologised to the Russian parliament.

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Fall Nawalny

HANSJÖRG MÜLLER SEIT 2013 HJM ICH KÄMPFE FÜR DEUTSCHLANDS SOUVERÄNITÄT

Bundestagspräsident Schäuble unterschlägt Kontaktinitiative der Duma!

Nachdem bekannt wurde, dass Bundestagspräsident Dr. Wolfgang Schäuble den Abgeordneten des Deutschen Bundestages gegenüber einen wichtigen Brief der russischen Staatsduma an diese unterschlagen hat, entschuldigten sich die Bundestagsabgeordneten Dr. Robby Schlund, Hansjörg Müller und Waldemar Herdt bei der russischen Staatsduma für diesen ungeheuerlichen Vorgang.

Am 24. September schrieben russische Duma-Abgeordnete einen fraktionsübergreifenden Brief an Bundestagspräsident Dr. Wolfgang Schäuble, in dem sie eine gemeinsame Arbeitsgruppe unter Beteiligung von Abgeordneten des Bundestages und der Staatsduma vorschlugen, um die parlamentarische Kontrolle der Ermittlungen im Fall Nawalny zu gewährleisten. Ziel des Schreibens sind unabhängige Ermittlungen in Deutschland in der Zusammenarbeit mit Russland.

PRESS RELEASE

9 October 2020

Navalny case

Bundestag President Schäuble withholds the Duma's contact initiative!

After it became known that Bundestag President Dr Wolfgang Schäuble had withheld an important letter from the Russian State Duma from members of the German Bundestag, MPs Dr Robby Schlund, Hansjörg Müller and Waldemar Herdt apologised to the Russian State Duma for this outrageous occurrence.

On 24 September, Russian Duma members wrote a cross-party letter to Bundestag President Dr Wolfgang Schäuble, proposing a joint working group of Bundestag and State Duma members to ensure parliamentary oversight of the investigations in the Navalny case. The letter's aim is independent investigations in Germany in cooperation with Russia.

Translated from German

Leaked 2019 emails show Salvini associate Gianluca Savoini planning Moscow meetings for AfD figures including Kalbitz, Kotré and Pasemann, with Kremlin-linked oligarch Malofeev and United Russia. “Meeting with Mr. K will be private of course.”

19/25

Subject: Delegation AfD with Hoecke to Moscow
From: gianluca savoini <gianlucasavoini@mail.ru>
Date: 2019-01-04 21:18
To: andreas.kalbitz <andreas.kalbitz@afd-fraktion.brandenburg.de>

Dear Andreas,
Mr. K wait for you and Mr. Bjorn Hoecke in his office in Moscow at the end of January if you can. In the same days I will present you Mr. Andrey Klimov, chief of Foreign Relations of United Russia party (party of President Putin) and we will be hosted in the central office of the Party. Meeting with Mr. K will be private of course. Please let me know if Mr. Hoecke is agree.
Best regards,
Gianluca
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Inviato dall'app Mail.Ru per Android

Subject: Delegazione
From: John Hoewer <frank.pasemann.ma04@bundestag.de>
Date: 2019-02-06 12:57
To: "Gianlucasavoini@mail.ru" <Gianlucasavoini@mail.ru>

Buongiorno,

ritornato in ufficio e adesso i nomi della nostra delegazione.

Da parte nostra partecipano:

On. Frank Pasemann
- Deputato DEUTSCHER BUNDESTAG
- Membro del Comitato Nazionale dell'AfD (Tesoriere)

On. Steffen Kotre´
- Deputato DEUTSCHER BUNDESTAG (Commissione Economia ed Energia)
- Membro della presidenza regionale dell'AfD in Brandeburgo

On. Andreas Kalbitz
- Deputato del LANDTAG BRANDENBURG (Parlamento Regionale del Land Brandeburgo)
- Capo della presidenza regionale di
- Capo della Fazione nel LANDTAG
- Membro del Comitato Nazionale dell'AfD

John Hoewer
- Capo d'Ufficio del Deputato Pasemann
- Capo d'Ufficio Gruppo Regionale AfD della Sassonia-Anhalt nel DEUTSCHER BUNDESTAG

In caso di ulteriori richieste non esitera´ a contattami!

Distinti Saluti
J. Hoewer

Subject: Delegation
From: John Hoewer <frank.pasemann.ma04@bundestag.de>
Date: 2019-02-06 12:57
To: “Gianlucasavoini@mail.ru” <Gianlucasavoini@mail.ru>

Good morning,

I am back in the office, and here are the names of our delegation.

Participating on our side:

Mr Frank Pasemann
- Member of the GERMAN BUNDESTAG
- Member of the AfD national executive (treasurer)

Mr Steffen Kotré
- Member of the GERMAN BUNDESTAG (Economics and Energy Committee)
- Member of the AfD regional executive in Brandenburg

Mr Andreas Kalbitz
- Member of the BRANDENBURG LANDTAG (state parliament of Brandenburg)
- Head of the AfD regional executive
- Head of the parliamentary group in the LANDTAG
- Member of the AfD national executive

John Hoewer
- Head of MP Pasemann’s office
- Head of office of the Saxony-Anhalt AfD regional group in the GERMAN BUNDESTAG

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me!

Kind regards,
J. Hoewer

Translated from Italian



The EPDE database lists at least 23 current or former AfD figures as biased election observers, including in occupied Ukraine. In 2024, Olga Petersen described Russia's presidential election as "open, democratic and free."

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EPDE · BIASED OBSERVERS DATABASE

At least 23 AfD figures listed as biased observers

Current or former AfD figures · database snapshot: 26 November 2026

Detlef Bauer	Gunnar Beck
Ludwig Flocken	Dietmar Friedhoff
Anton Friesen	Markus Frohnmaier
Richard Gretzinger	Uli Henkel
Waldemar Herdt	Corinna Herold
Andreas Jurca	Stefan Keuter
Olaf Kießling	Steffen Kotré
Gunnar Norbert Lindemann	Bernhard Ulrich Oehme
Olga Petersen	Elena Roon
Thomas Rudy	Christina Schade
Robby Schlund	Ulrich Singer
Rainer van Raemdonck	

Distinct people with Germany as country and an explicit AfD affiliation in the mission's party field. Repeated missions count once. This is a documented minimum.

Source: EPDE · Biased Observers Database
fakeobservers.org · CSV export

Context
Quoted from Russian media PNP, this statement aimed to portray the Russian presidential elections held from March 15 to 17, 2024, as upholding democratic standards. The presence of international observers was intended to bolster the credibility of the electoral process both in Russia and the Ukrainian territories under Russian occupation.

Quotes regarding this election

« **People are so open that they are willing to pose for the camera with their ballot paper near the ballot box. In Germany, this is absolutely unacceptable, because people are simply afraid to express their opinions. If you don't vote for the right party, you face sanctions within the country, starting from your job to some public institutions. [Translated from Russian]**

Source link & date: https://www.pnp.ru/politics/nablyudatelya-iz-germanii-porazila-otkrytost-rossiyskikh-izbirateley.html (2024-08-23)

« **In interviews, Russian -born Petersen described the controversial presidential election in March as "open, democratic and free. [Translated from German]**

Source link & date: https://www.zeit.de/politik/deutschland/2024-05/hamburger-afd-schliesst-olga-petersen-aus (2024-08-23)

In March 2023, former AfD MP Waldemar Herdt attended the founding of the International Movement of Russophiles in Moscow, alongside Sergey Lavrov, Aleksandr Dugin and other prominent supporters of the Kremlin.

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"Russophile": Auf der Bühne bei der Gründung einer neuen Bewegung sitzt auch der AfD-Politiker Waldemar Herdt, als Außenminister Sergej Lawrow spricht. (Quelle: IMAGO/Sergei Savostyanov/imago-images-bilder)

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"Russophiles" are organizing themselves

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"Russophiles": AfD politician Waldemar Herdt is also on stage at the founding of a new movement when Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov speaks. (Source: IMAGO/Sergei Savostyanov/imago-images-bilder)

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There's also the story of former AfD member "Noah Krieger" (Murad Dadaev), from Chechnya, with ties to Kadyrov's circle. His brother was convicted of helping kill Kadyrov's former bodyguard Umar Israilov in Vienna in 2009.

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Prunk, Pathos, Patriotismus: Der tschetschenische Krieger der AfD

In einer hannoverischen Prunk-Villa inszeniert sich der AfD-Mann Noah Krieger als patriotischer Macher. Gleichzeitig unterhält er Beziehungen zum Clan von „Putins Bluthund“. Was hat er vor?

von **Alexej Hock**, **Martin Böhmer**

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In Hannover ist Noah Krieger für die AfD aktiv und hat mit seiner Firma eine Prunk-Villa bezogen. Gleichzeitig unterhält er Verbindungen nach Tschetschenien – was hat er in Deutschland vor?Collage: Ivo Mayr / CORRECTIV Fotos: Marco Kemp & picture alliance

Ein Mord in Wien und der Zeuge

Die tschetschenische Community zählt seit 2001 in ganz Europa mindestens 16 ermordete tschetschenische Geflüchtete. Ein Fall aus Wien aus dem Jahr 2009 hat direkte Bezüge zu Krieger.

Damals wurde Umar Israilow in Wien erschossen. Er hatte den tschetschenischen Präsidenten beschuldigt, ihn gefoltert zu haben, und ein Verfahren vor dem Europäischen Gerichtshof für Menschenrechte angestrebt. Verurteilt wurden drei Tschetschenen, der Hauptbeschuldigte zu lebenslänglicher, zwei weitere Angeklagte zu 16 und 19 Jahren Haft. Die Staatsanwaltschaft Wien hielt es für möglich, dass der Mord von Kadyrow in Auftrag gegeben wurde.

Laut damaliger Anklageschrift war damals auch Noah Krieger als Zeuge geladen, damals noch unter seinem Namen Murad Dadaev, allerdings verweigerte er im Prozess seine Aussage. Die Staatsanwaltschaft wollte ihn zum „Faktenkomplex Planung/Vorbereitung/Nachtatverhalten“ befragen. Denn bei einem der Angeklagten handelte es sich um Muslim Dadaev – ein Bruder von Krieger. Muslim Dadaev soll den getöteten Israilow observiert haben und wurde wegen Beihilfe zur Tat zu 19 Jahren verurteilt.

A murder in Vienna and the witness

The Chechen community counts at least 16 Chechen refugees murdered across Europe since 2001. A case in Vienna from 2009 has direct connections to Krieger.

Umar Israilov was shot dead in Vienna. He had accused the Chechen president of torturing him and had sought proceedings before the European Court of Human Rights. Three Chechens were convicted: the principal defendant was sentenced to life imprisonment, and two others to 16 and 19 years. Vienna prosecutors considered it possible that Kadyrov had ordered the murder.

According to the indictment at the time, Noah Krieger had also been summoned as a witness, then still under his name Murad Dadaev, but he refused to testify at the trial. Prosecutors wanted to question him about “planning/preparation/conduct after the offence”. One of the defendants was Muslim Dadaev — a brother of Krieger. Muslim Dadaev was alleged to have kept Israilov under surveillance and was sentenced to 19 years for aiding the crime.

Translated from German correctiv.org/aktuelles/russland-ukraine-2/2025/12/09/afd-hannover-noah-krieger-tschetschenien-kadyrow-netzwerk/

By July 2026, Krieger was in Russian-occupied Ukraine. He announced plans to form a German battalion to fight for Russia: “When the war in Ukraine ends, we shall march on Germany to liberate our country.”

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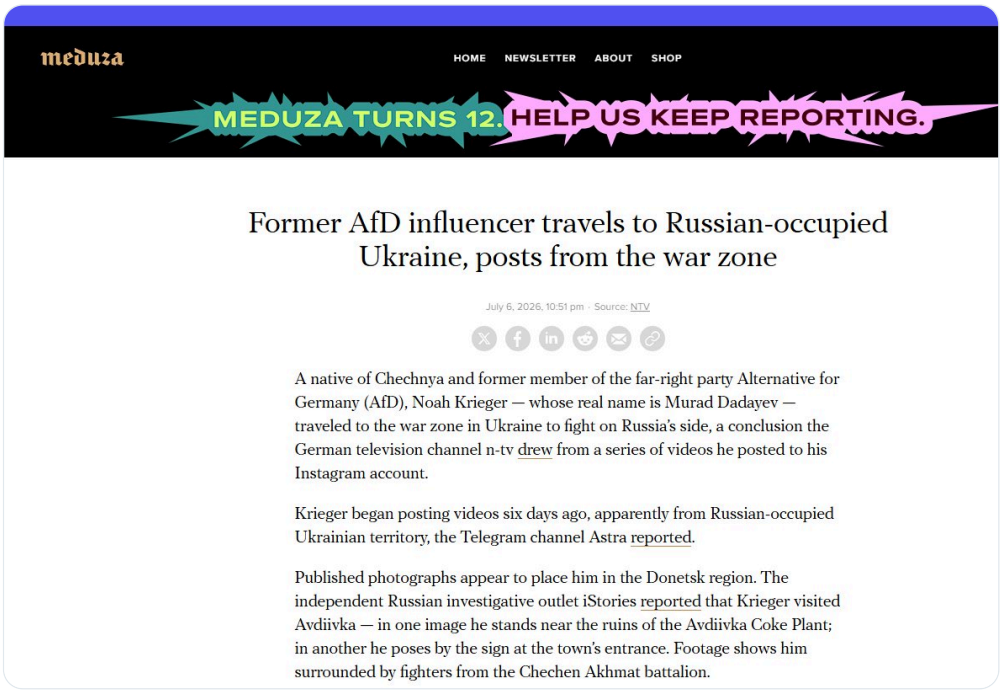
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