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In today's [#vatnik](#) soup we'll make our first trip to beautiful Slovakia to meet a Slovak politician and ex-Prime Minister, Robert Fico. Fico is best-known for leading the SMER-SD party and for his pro-Russian politics and views.

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Fico has a long history in politics, and he's joined the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia already in 1986. He was elected as an MP in 1992. During the 90's Robert represented Slovakia as a legal counsel at the European Court of Human Rights, losing all 14 of his cases.

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In 1999 Fico and his associates launched SMER, a new political party on the left. He restricted everyone with ties to the previous communist regime or people who had background in other political parties from holding party office, ...

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... which created a new generation of politicians who had no role in previous corruption scandals. He also stated that all financial donations should be made public. But as happens so often, Fico's rule set was eventually scrapped and SMER and Robert became a target of a

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... scandal, blaming the party of raising several million euros in undeclared funds. These accusations raised from a published voice recording in which (allegedly) Fico was talking about a "parallel financial structure" that was created for SMER's election campaign.

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## PM Fico files criminal complaint over publication of purported Smer funding recording

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"I've submitted a criminal complaint because what Sme daily published today (Thursday) is a complete fake and an attempt to scandalise the government, the Prime Minister and the Smer party at any rate. You've got to have a nerve to publish such a fake 48 hours prior to the election," said the premier.

This scandal created a deep rift between Fico and the media, and he has been blaming the media for his failures ever since. He addressed the media sources, stating that "you are masturbating on the prime minister every day".

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to Mr Fico's. The speaker claims these finances will make him more independent of other fundraisers in the party. "I can't afford to have anyone holding me by the balls." The recording was sent to several print media anonymously on June 10. The likely source is entrepreneur Bohumil Hanzel, who helped Mr Fico found Smer in 1999, but later fell out with the prime minister. Mr Hanzel in recent weeks has published secret contracts signed with Smer party sponsors before parliamentary elections in 2002, and has said Mr Fico offered parliamentary mandates, state posts and public procurement contracts in exchange for clandestine funds. He is currently out of the country after claiming to have received death threats. Last week he left what he claimed was proof of his accusations with the Swedish embassy in Bratislava, "in case anything happens to me."

At a press conference following the publication of the recording, the prime minister dismissed it as a forgery, and attacked the media that carried it in vulgar terms. "If I wasn't in politics, I would handle it differently," he said. "Should I go over there and give you a smack because you are scoundrels? What you are doing is unheard of. You are masturbating on the prime minister every day. And now you are all going to get off on this. I wish you a pleasant sexual experience."

Mr Fico said he had filed a criminal complaint against journalists with the SME daily paper, whom he accused of mounting a political campaign against him.

The recording was delivered to the general prosecutor's office by Daniel Lipsic, vice-chairman of the opposition Christian Democrats party. "This recording confirms our suspicions that Smer's financing is dirty," he said. "The prosecutor's office must now determine its authenticity."

Prosecutor General Dobroslav Trnka confirmed the recording would be examined by forensic experts.

Mr Fico's left-wing Smer party has a commanding lead going into this weekend's elections, but dropped six points in a month to 29 percent in the latest poll by the Focus agency. The center-right opposition, meanwhile, has surged on concern with government corruption and fiscal irresponsibility, and is poised to deny Mr Fico a second term, as long as it can stay united. The strongest opposition party in the poll, the liberal Freedom and Solidarity, won 12.4 percent support.

Stanislav Janis of the opposition SDKU party called on Mr Fico to resign over the scandal. "Parallel (undeclared) financing of political parties undermines the basic



In another incident, he called the journalists who questioned him about allegations that he'd broken the rules of public procurement during Slovakia's EU presidency, he described them as "dirty, anti-Slovak prostitutes". In 2021, he described journalists as ...

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## Slovakia's PM calls journalists 'dirty anti-Slovak prostitutes'

**Robert Fico lashes out over questions about alleged procurement anomalies related to the country's EU presidency**

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📷 The Slovak prime minister, Robert Fico, has a long record of poor relations with critical media. Photograph: Isopix/REX/Shutterstock

Slovakia's prime minister, Robert Fico, has hit out at journalists questioning him about allegations that public procurement rules had been broken during the country's EU presidency, describing them as "dirty, anti-Slovak prostitutes".

Fico has long had poor relations with media critical of him or his government, refusing questions from certain journalists and in some cases filing lawsuits.

... "Soros' corrupt gang of swines for whom water is already boiling", and the next year he claimed that they were an "organized criminal group with the aim of breaking Slovak statehood". He's called individual journalists "idiots", "pricks" and "hyenas".

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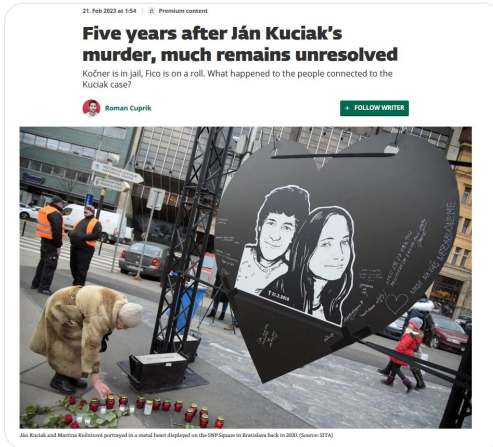
In Mar, 2018, Fico resigned from his PM position after the murder of Slovak investigative journalist, Ján Kuciak. Kuciak was investigating tax fraud inside the SMER party, and he'd also found connections between the Italian mafia 'Ndrangheta and the alleged cronies ...

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... inside Fico's party. The Slovak police have suggested that Robert's assistant Mária Trošková, a former nude model, could have ties to the Italian mafia family. Today (21th of Feb) is the 5th anniversary of the murder of Kuciak and his fiancée, Martina Kušnírová.

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Lately Robert and SMER have been involved in several court cases, including "Kauza Súmрак" ("Case Twilight") and "Kauza Mýtnik" ("Case Tollbooth"). In the former he (among others) was accused of setting up a criminal organization in order to obtain information on...

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### Twilight case: Žilinka's prosecutor's office dropped charges against both Fico and Kaliňák

Haroš Žilinka, Robert Fico and Robert Kaliňák

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Robert Fico and Co. were charged by the police in April this year. The Prosecutor General's Office dropped the prosecution of all four prosecuted. In addition to Fico and Kaliňák, Bôdör and Gašpar. In doing so, she used the well-known Section 363.

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### The Tollbooth case: Their names were on yellow paper. Former officials convicted of corruption

Cornelia Černá and Denisa Židová

Source: Bratislavský Aktuality.sk

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The alleged bribes were denounced by the former President of the Financial Administration František Imrecze and IT entrepreneur Michal Suchoba.

Today, the Specialized Criminal Court ruled in a smaller part of the Tollbooth case - two former officials of the Financial Administration, Kornélia Černá and Denisa Židová, were convicted of corruption.

Černá received a three-year probation, in addition to which she is to pay 30 thousand euros as a financial penalty. The Jew was given a harsher sentence -

... Fico's political opposition. The case against Fico was dropped in Nov, 2022. In the latter SMER party members were involved in a corruption and theft scheme.

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## Oligarch believed to be close to former PM Fico charged in major corruption case

Miroslav Výboh was detained along with several former Smer-nominated high state officials.

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Miroslav Výboh (Source: SITA)

Fico has been keeping good relations with the Russians. He lacked the political allies within the EU, so he sought to strengthen the relations with both Serbia and Russia. After becoming the PM in 2006, he stated that Slovakia's "Slavonic solidarity" and friendship...

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... with Russia would be improved after years of "neglect". Incidentally, this statement right before Putin started waging his "economic war" in Europe, flooding political parties with money. In 2008, Robert accused Georgia for provoking Russia, thus forcing them ...

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... to attack South Ossetia and start the Russia-Georgia War. He called the EU sanctions after Russia's annexation of Crimea as "senseless" and "a threat to the Slovak economy". His rhetoric about the origins of the war could be coming directly from the Kremlin propaganda...15/19



...unit, and he's blamed "Ukrainian fascists" for "killing civilians in Donbas" and for breaking the Minsk agreement. He's described the war as a "conflict between the US and Russia". He's also called the strengthening of NATO forces in Slovakia...

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Robert Fico: „Ta válka začala v roce 2014, kdy Ukrajínští fašisté začali zabíjet lidi na Donbasu, když byly porušovány minské dohody, tehdy, když bylo Rusko oklamáno v bezpečnostních zárukách. Pokud si někdo myslí, že Rusy vytlačí z Krymu, tak je naivní idiot“

Translated from Czech by Google

Robert Fico: “That war started in 2014, when Ukrainian fascists started killing people in Donbas, when the Minsk agreements were violated, when Russia was deceived in security guarantees. If anyone thinks that they will push the Russians out of Crimea, they are a naive idiot”



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... a "welcoming of Wehrmacht [the armed forces of Nazi Germany] in our country". In Aug, 2022, while Slovaks were celebrating their National Uprising, Fico invited the Russian diplomat Igor Bratchikov to hold a speech on stage.

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Fico has also stated that if he rose to power again, his leadership would be similar to Hungary's Orbán's, and that he'd restore the good relations with Russia and stop all military aid to Ukraine.

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metro with her 4-year-old son during an air-raid siren yesterday. The siren blared four times during the day, and many parents like her spent much of the day underground. Can...  
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"Mr. Zelensky, we are not your servants! Because of you, we will not plunge Slovakia into poverty! In the Smer party, we are concerned when a foreign head of state speaks in our parliament, we do not condemn anyone to remain silent. We have problems with what you say." Robert Fico.



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So far the Slovak support and aid of Ukraine has been outstanding, and they recently even declared Russia as a state that sponsors terrorism, but all that would change if Fico and his party would regain their power in the upcoming Slovak elections.

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## Slovakia comes out as one of Ukraine's biggest supporters

Estonia and the USA top rankings by a German institute.

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In March 2021, Slovakia hosted the Saber Strike 22 military exercise. (Source: Sme/Marko Erd)

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## Slovak Parliament Designates Russia A State Sponsor Of Terrorism



Russian President Vladimir Putin has made numerous references to the possibility of using nuclear weapons in the war in Ukraine.

Lawmakers in Slovakia have designated Russia as a state sponsor of terrorism and called its current regime terrorist, yet again condemning Russian aggression against Ukraine and expressing support to Ukraine's independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity. The resolution adopted by the National Council on February 16 also condemned Russia's missile strikes against civilians, civil objects, and energy infrastructure of Ukraine, as well as Moscow's direct and indirect threats to use nuclear weapons in its ongoing invasion of Ukraine.

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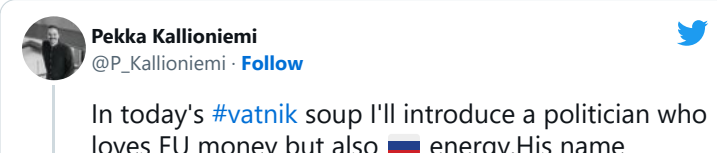
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is Viktor Orbán and he's been 🇭🇺's PM since 2010.Orbán is the ultimate opportunist,begging for gas from Russia & at the same time hoarding all the money he can get from the EU. 1/11



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