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In today's [#vatniksoup](#), I'll introduce a Portuguese Major General and TV commentator, Agostinho Costa. He's best-known for his terrible, pro-Kremlin analysis on the Russo-Ukrainian War on [@cnnportugal](#).

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Costa joined the Military Academy in 1977 and finished his training in 1982. His work history in the Portuguese Army is remarkable, and before retiring in 2021, he worked as a EUROFOR Chief of Staff, head of the GNR, and as vice president of Eurodefense Portugal.

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Like so many generals after retiring, he became an analyst and was invited by CNN Portugal to comment on the Russo-Ukrainian War. But his analysis had two big problems: he was 1) biased towards Russia, and 2) almost always wrong in his predictions.

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The screenshot shows the CNN Portugal website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the CNN logo and various menu items: Mundo, Política, Negócios, País, Saúde, Desporto, Artes, Opinião, Estilo de Vida, Futuro, and Storytelling. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with categories: ÚLTIMAS, VÍDEOS, GUERRA Ao minuto, CRISE NO GOVERNO, Caso Galamba, TAP, Comissão de Inquérito, and GLOBAL T. The main content area features a profile for Agostinho Costa, an "Especialista em assuntos de segurança". Below the profile is a section titled "Vídeos de Agostinho Costa" containing six video thumbnails. Each video includes a title, a duration, and a timestamp.

**Agostinho Costa**  
Especialista em assuntos de segurança

### Vídeos de Agostinho Costa

- opinião Agostinho Costa** 00:46  
"Bakhmut vai ser tomada pelos russos hoje ou amanhã"  
Há 2h e 59min
- opinião Agostinho Costa** 11:56  
"Zelensky quer a paz mas "é como um tango, para haver paz são precisos dois"  
Hoje às 10:29
- opinião Agostinho Costa** 14:34  
"Putin não teme a NATO, teme os Estados Unidos"  
Ontem às 23:55
- opinião Agostinho Costa** 05:00  
"Envio de caças F-16 para a Ucrânia "poderá não fazer grande diferença" na guerra"  
17 mai. 23:29
- opinião Agostinho Costa** 15:22  
"Alemanha, um dos "grandes 'players' da indústria militar, de defesa e tecnológica"  
14 mai. 11:13
- opinião Agostinho Costa** 14:12  
"Zelensky já está em Roma. "É um bom sinal, mas dificilmente teremos um acordo de paz", diz

At the beginning of the war when the +60 km convoy was forming up and ran into logistical problems, Costa was making sure to not show the Russian army as incompetent. Even when the soldiers were exchanging food for gas, he outright refused to admit that Russia had a big problem. 4/22



Costa was also certain that the main objective of the Ruskies was to take Kyiv, actually saying that "the Russians are already in Kiev, right?", only to later change his mind, saying that it actually was NOT in the objectives.

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He was also against sending military aid to the Ukrainian Army, and he thought that for example sending missile systems to Ukraine is pointless as "they don't know how to use them." Costa referred to the attack on the Kerch bridge as a "subversive terrorist attack", ...

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...and when the interviewer compared the event to the Russian shelling of Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant to get it off the grid, Costa considered that Russia's actions were not terrorism. After Russia bombed the port of Odessa one day after the grain deal, Costa came to...

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A screenshot of a news article from the ENERGOATOM website. The website header includes the ENERGOATOM logo and navigation links: NEWS, ABOUT COMPANY, SE NPP, ACTIVITY, PURCHASES, RADIATION STATE, CONTACTS. The main headline reads: "The Russian military is shelling the Zaporizhzhia NPP to destroy its infrastructure and disconnect it from Ukraine's power grid". Below the headline, a sub-headline states: "Acts of nuclear terrorism at Zaporizhzhia NPP – its artillery shelling – are aimed at destroying infrastructure stations, damage to all power lines through which electricity is supplied to the power system of Ukraine, power outage in the south of the country." The article features a photograph of a soldier in military gear standing in front of the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant building. At the bottom of the image, there is a red banner with white text in Cyrillic: "Робота з підготовки інформації".

...the rescue, saying that "Russians have not pledged not to attack ports and other infrastructure." He's often referred to the Russians as being gentle, saying that they're going easy to not hurt the civilian population. This bold claim seemed especially unbelievable...

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Shortly after Russia took the attack on the port of Odessa - although it ruled out any involvement yesterday - Major General Agostinho Costa, president of EuroDefense, explains that the agreement for the export of cereals may not have been violated after the launch of two missiles.

" The United Nations says the agreement has not been violated, because the Russians have not pledged not to attack ports, pledged not to attack cereal silos and cereal export infrastructures ", he explains.

### Outrage as Russian missiles strike Odesa port one day after grain export deal agreed




By Rob Picheta, Nadine Cappas, Orla Taylor, Alex Starbough and Jake Ryan, CNN  
Updated 5:13 AM EDT, Sun, July 24, 2022

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...after Russia killed 60 civilians with a missile strike to Kramatorsk railway station in Apr, 2022. In Feb 2023, he repeated the sentiment, stating that "We have already seen that Putin is not willing to accept many dead in this war."


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Feb 25, 14:57



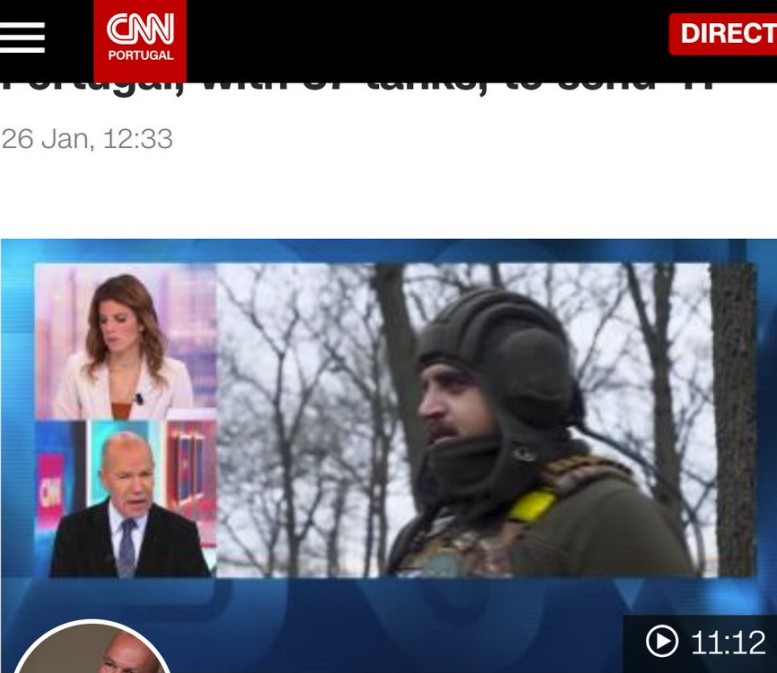
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**Agostinho Costa**

**“ We have already seen that Putin is not willing to accept many dead in this war ”**

Feb 25, 10:09

Missiles aren't the only military aid senhor Costa has criticized. He's also stated that the F-16's - that will be sent eventually - will make no difference, and nor do the Leopards that have been sent because of the "low numbers".

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26 Jan, 12:33

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**Agostinho Costa**

**Leopard 2 will not make a difference on the battlefield because they are "residual quantities". Ukraine "needs is ammunition"**

22 Jan, 12:28



He's criticized Portugal for sending 4 out of their 37 tanks to Ukraine, because Portugal is apparently under constant threat from its imperialistic neighbor, Spain. In the end of Jan 2023, Agostinho declared that "there is no doubt that Ukraine is about to lose this war",.. 11/22



...and that the Ukrainian Army is "about to collapse in terms of personnel, equipment, arms and ammo".

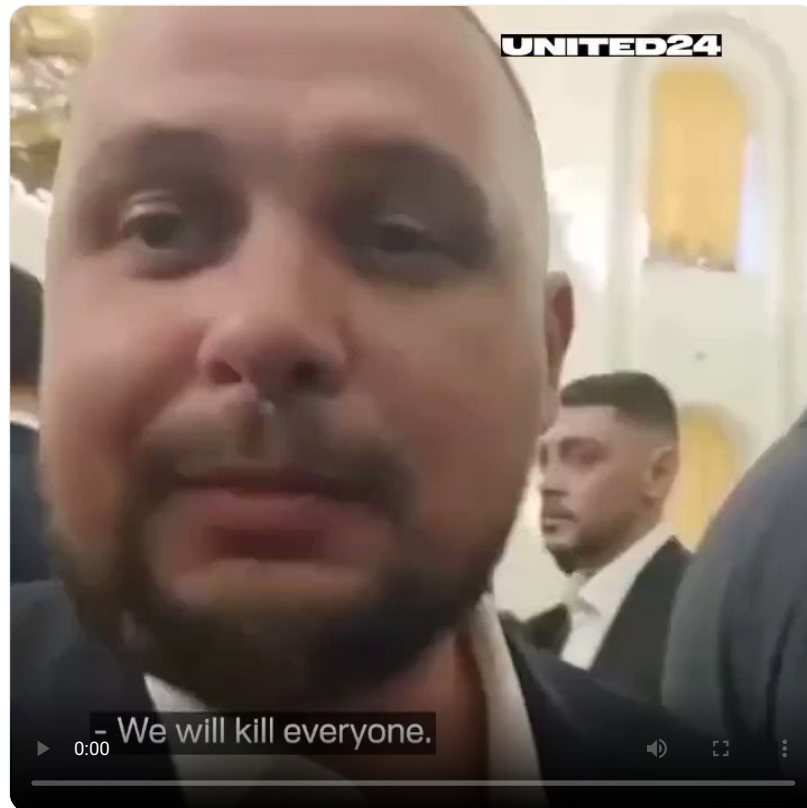
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Costa compared the assassination of blogger Vladlen Tatarsky in St. Petersburg to the tactics employed by the Daesh terrorists.

See Tatarsky's history in the video below.

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In Apr 2023, Costa declared that "Crimea will not move to Ukraine without a global confrontation using nuclear weapons." In May 2023, he spread the false narrative that 200 NATO officers were killed in a missile strike, but added 100 casualties just to keep it original.

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**"Crimea will not move to Ukraine without a global confrontation using nuclear weapons"**

Apr 19, 11:59



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**Agostinho Costa**

**Tiago Duarte Andre**  
@tiagodandre

"Especulação de que um comando com 300 oficiais ocidentais, terá sido destruído em Março, mas não entrarei por aí..."

Não entrarei por aí 3x...Mas entrou!

Entrou mais uma vez na retórica de propaganda russa... Não falha uma!

E é isto um especialista militar ou mentiroso?!?..


Translated from Portuguese by Google

"Speculation that a commando with 300 Western officers was destroyed in March, but I won't go into that..."

I won't go in there 3x... But it did!

Once again he entered Russian propaganda rhetoric... Not a single one fails!

And is this a military expert or a liar?!?..



Moscovo, Rússia  
Esta manhã




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Finally, let's talk about Costa's favorite topic, which is the fall of Bakhmut. On 3 Dec 2022, he claimed that Bakhmut is "at risk of falling" to the Russians. The next day, he said that it would be captured by the end of the year. In Dec 2023, he said that the objective..


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**"By the end of the year, Bakhmut will fall into the hands of the Russians"**

4 Dec 2022, 10:46




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**The good and the bad, Biden's " huge amnesia ", the " fantasy rhetoric of summits ": for Agostinho Costa there is only a lack of will for peace**


2 Dec 2022, 12:07

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...wasn't actually to capture Bakhmut, but to destroy the Ukrainian forces. On 7 Mar 2023, according to Agostinho, Ukrainian command had already abandoned the city. On 8 Apr 2023, he said that Ukraine will retreat "in a matter of days".

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FEB 14, 17:10




10:26

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**Agostinho Costa**

**" The objective is not to conquer Bakhmut, it is to destroy Ukrainian forces to the maximum " and " time plays in favor of Russians " "**

Feb 13, 23:25



Everything indicates that Ukraine, in

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**forces to the maximum " and " time plays in favor of Russians " "**

Feb 13, 23:25



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**"Everything indicates that Ukraine, in the next few hours or days, will withdraw from Bakhmut to save the human resources it has there"**

Feb 12, 10:00



Russia focused on destroying

Finally, on 20 May 2023 and after five months, he gets to be right - Bakhmut has fallen and senhor Costa can open the champagne.

General Agostinho is member of the Freemasons, and he's caused so much discomfort among his fellow masons that some of them have announced...

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...their views on him publicly. Generally, you should never talk about the organization or about its members in public, but I guess even the Portuguese Freemasons, unlike Putin, have their red lines that shouldn't be crossed.

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The image is a screenshot of a mobile news application interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with a hamburger menu icon on the left, the word "VISÃO" in red in the center, and a notification bell icon, a profile icon, and a search icon on the right. Below this is a red banner with the text "LAST IDEAS WITH VISION" in white, followed by a plus sign icon. The main headline is in large, bold, black serif font: "CAUSES 'DISCOMFORT' AND 'PERPLEXITY' IN FREEMASONRY". Below the headline is a composite image featuring a man in a suit and tie in the foreground, a building with a sign in the background, and a Masonic eye symbol on the right. At the bottom, there is a black navigation bar with a white upward arrow icon. Below the arrow is a yellow banner with the text "VISION - NOW WITH TWICE AS" in black. At the very bottom, there is a grey bar with the word "PUB" in grey and a small yellow 'x' icon on the right.

Costa and two other generals were accused of "pro-Russian positions" already at the beginning of the invasion. A former military officer said that all three had "a certain admiration for the doctrine and professionalism of the Russians," and fascination towards...

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...General Gerasimov and his doctrine of hybrid warfare. The two other generals saw the writing on the wall and sort of faded out from the spotlight, but Costa is still going strong.

Now, I feel like there's nothing wrong in inspiring to be a neutral military analyst.


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But, Agostinho Costa is nothing of the sort. He's a Portuguese version of Douglas Macgregor, never condemning the Russian Army and usually blaming and underestimating the Ukrainians. I'm sure that he garners a lot of attention and views, but as long as he's sharing his...


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..."wisdom" on this war, the credibility of [@cnnportugal](#) as a serious news outlet deteriorates, as it did with Bruno Carvalho:



Thank you for the sous-chef [@Cbritinha](#) and the rest of the Portuguese team for helping me to prepare this Caldo Verde.

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A blue banner with white text and icons. The name 'Pekka Kallioniemi' is written in large white font. To the right is a circular illustration of a chef in a kitchen. Below the name is a small coffee cup icon and the URL 'buymeacoffee.com/PKallioniemi'. The background features faint icons of a bird, a play button, a musical note, and a gift.

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An illustration of a chef in a white uniform and hat, stirring a pot of red soup with a wooden spoon. The scene is set within a circular frame with a halftone background.

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