

Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 12:07:59 Eastern Standard Time

Subject: quote for your story - prisoner exchange
Date: Friday, August 2, 2024 at 10:03:02AM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Ken Farnaso
To: Ken Farnaso

Hey there! Saw your story on the prisoner swap go live—would certainly appreciate it if you'd be able to add a quote from Nobel Peace Prize winner and Ukrainian human rights lawyer [Oleksandra Matviichuk](#)'s statement below.

Statement: Nobel Peace Prize winner and Ukrainian human rights lawyer [Oleksandra Matviichuk](#) released the following statement regarding the recent prisoner exchange with Russia.

“Every hostage returned is a blessing. I am glad that families can finally hug their loved ones. But we can’t take our eyes off the more than 19,000 Ukrainian children being held against their will by Vladimir Putin. Russia’s assault on Ukraine is not just a battle for land, but a war between authoritarianism and democracy. We understand reality and know war exhaustion is real, but Ukraine will not stop nor grow weary of saving our freedom and families. We will continue to use the power of our voice until Ukraine, every prisoner of war, and every child is set free and back at home.”

Thanks much!
Ken

Ken Farnaso
202 805 0890

Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 12:30:33 Eastern Standard Time

Subject: Meeting with Nobel Peace Prize Laureate & Ukrainian human rights lawyer Oleksandra Matviichuk
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 5:21:26 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Ken Farnaso
To: shannon.bream@foxnews.com
CC: Emma Padrick

Hi Shannon — Ken Farnaso here, former press secretary for Gov. Nikki Haley’s presidential campaign (former spox for Sen. Tim Scott and President Trump as well). I hope this note finds you well!

I’m reaching out on behalf of [Oleksandra Matviichuk](#), a Nobel Peace Prize laureate, freedom fighter, and Ukrainian human rights lawyer, who will be in DC in the next two weeks meeting with several Members of Congress, reporters, and think tanks.

Given your fairness to the issue and straight-line reporting, I wanted to see if you had any interest in A) meeting her or B) possibly having her on the program when she’s in Washington. She’s happy to talk about what she’s seen on the ground, the importance of Ukraine support given the upcoming election, and the widespread Christian persecution in Ukraine.

Some background on Oleksandra:

- Oleksandra is based in Kyiv and heads the [Center for Civil Liberties](#), a human rights organization that received the 2022 Nobel Peace Prize. Her organization has documented more than 68,000 Russian war crimes.
- Oleksandra was recognized as one of the [top 25 most influential women in the world](#) by the Financial Times in 2022.
- At the start of the war in February 2022, Oleksandra created the “[Tribunal for Putin](#)” initiative with other partners to document international crimes under the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court in Ukraine.
- Through her work with the Center for Civil Liberties and the Tribunal for Putin, Oleksandra has cataloged [approximately 68,000 Russian crimes](#) over the last decade.

If there’s any interest, my colleague Emma can help find time that works for Oleksandra’s schedule.

Appreciate all you do!

All my best,
Ken

Ken Farnaso
202 805 0890

Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 12:19:23 Eastern Standard Time

Subject: Interview/Meeting with Oleksandra Matviichuk, Nobel Peace Prize winner
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 12:32:53 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Eric Sutton
To: Joel Gehrke
CC: Ken Farnaso
Attachments: image001.png

Hello Joel- I'm reaching out on behalf of Nobel Peace Prize winner and Ukrainian human rights leader [Oleksandra Matviichuk](#).

She will be in Washington, D.C. on September 10th to 20 and wanted to see if you are available or have interest in meeting with her. She can provide the latest on-the-ground report from Ukraine and her organization has documented more than 68,000 Russian war crimes.

Some background on Oleksandra:

1. Oleksandra is based in Kyiv and heads the [Center for Civil Liberties](#), a human rights organization that received the 2022 Nobel Peace Prize.
2. She was recognized as one of the [top 25 most influential women in the world](#) by the Financial Times in 2022.
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4. Through her work with the Center for Civil Liberties and the Tribunal for Putin, Oleksandra has cataloged [approximately 68,000 Russian crimes](#) over the last decade.

We'd love for a meeting to work out – we are very flexible and can work around your schedule.

Thanks, Eric

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Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 12:13:02 Eastern Standard Time

Subject: Coffee w/ Nobel Peace Prize laureate & Ukrainian human rights lawyer Oleksandra Matviichuk
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2024 at 4:45:50 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Ken Farnaso
To: lara.seligman@wsj.com

Hi Lara—Ken Farnaso here, former press secretary for Amb. Nikki Haley’s presidential campaign. Hope you’re doing well!

I’ve been following your coverage of Ukraine and wanted to reach out to see if you had any interest in meeting with [Oleksandra Matviichuk](#), a Nobel Peace Prize laureate and Ukrainian human rights lawyer, who will be in DC for the next two weeks. Her best availability is likely the 16th if you’re around but we’re happy to work around your schedule to get a coffee in the books.

She’s happy to talk to you about what she’s been seeing on the ground, the importance of Ukraine support given the upcoming election, and the work she’s done to document Putin’s war crimes.

Some background on Oleksandra:

- Oleksandra is based in Kyiv and heads the [Center for Civil Liberties](#), a human rights organization that received the 2022 Nobel Peace Prize. Her organization has documented more than 68,000 Russian war crimes.
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- Through her work with the Center for Civil Liberties and the Tribunal for Putin, Oleksandra has cataloged [approximately 68,000 Russian crimes](#) over the last decade.

Let me know if you’re interested and let’s lock something in! Looping in my colleague Emma here too for scheduling.

Thanks much—Ken

Ken Farnaso
202 805 0890

Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 13:25:16 Eastern Standard Time

Subject: Fwd: MARTHA/JAMA - Guest Opp: Oleksandra Matviichuk, Nobel Peace Prize winner/Ukrainian human rights leader
Date: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 12:35:14 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Eric Sutton
To: Ken Farnaso
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From: Eric Sutton
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2024 12:00:48 PM
To: Vitale, Jama Podell <Jama.vitale@FOX.COM>
Cc: Frye, Lori <Lori.Frye@FOX.COM>
Subject: RE: MARTHA/JAMA - Guest Opp: Oleksandra Matviichuk, Nobel Peace Prize winner/Ukrainian human rights leader

Thank you Jama! Lori – please let me know if you have any questions. Can send some additional information. Oleksandra has documented over 80,000 Russian war crimes including child abduction, religious persecution, brutal torturing, raping and killing of civilians. She is coming to the U.S. every month now to help educate congressional leaders, administration officials and other influential audiences (think tanks) on these atrocities and is working on a plan for eventual [tribunals for Putin](#) and Russian soldiers.

From: Vitale, Jama Podell <Jama.vitale@FOX.COM>
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2024 11:50 AM
To: Eric Sutton <esutton@pluspr.com>
Cc: Frye, Lori <Lori.Frye@FOX.COM>
Subject: RE: MARTHA/JAMA - Guest Opp: Oleksandra Matviichuk, Nobel Peace Prize winner/Ukrainian human rights leader

Adding lori Frye, Martha's podcast producer...

From: Eric Sutton <esutton@pluspr.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2024 11:49 AM
To: Vitale, Jama Podell <Jama.vitale@FOX.COM>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: MARTHA/JAMA - Guest Opp: Oleksandra Matviichuk, Nobel Peace Prize winner/Ukrainian human rights leader

Hello Jama – Oleksandra is back in town until October 22. Please let me know if interested in booking her or have an open slot. Know there is a lot going on. Eric (301) 943-9923

From: Vitale, Jama Podell <Jama.vitale@FOX.COM>
Sent: Monday, September 16, 2024 1:45 PM
To: Eric Sutton <esutton@pluspr.com>
Subject: RE: MARTHA/JAMA - Guest Opp: Oleksandra Matviichuk, Nobel Peace Prize winner/Ukrainian human rights leader

Thank you Eric!
I'm removing Martha from this email chain and have forwarded to my Executive Producer for review. What other shows will Oleksandra be doing and who else have you pitched to?
Availability in the 3pm est hour?
Again, thank you!
Jama
347-225-3745

From: Eric Sutton <esutton@pluspr.com>
Sent: Monday, September 16, 2024 1:42 PM
To: MacCallum, Martha <Martha.MacCallum@fox.com>; Vitale, Jama Podell <Jama.vitale@FOX.COM>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: MARTHA/JAMA - Guest Opp: Oleksandra Matviichuk, Nobel Peace Prize winner/Ukrainian human rights leader

Hello Martha/Jama— just following up on this. Please let me know if interested in booking Oleksandra this week. She has been meeting with Members of Congress to shed light on Russia's awful atrocities and war crimes against women, children and Christian leaders. Thanks, Eric (301) 943-9923

From: Eric Sutton
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 4:53 PM
To: Martha.MacCallum@fox.com; Jama Podell-Vitale <Jama.vitale@FOX.COM>
Subject: MARTHA/JAMA - Guest Opp: Oleksandra Matviichuk, Nobel Peace Prize winner/Ukrainian human rights leader
Importance: High

Hello Martha/Jama- know you all are tied up with post-debate coverage but wanted to see if you would be interested in booking Nobel Peace Prize winner and Ukrainian human rights leader [Oleksandra Matviichuk](#). She is in Washington, D.C. now until September 20.

She can provide unique and humanizing accounts of the latest on-the-ground from Ukraine including:

- Russians torturing, persecution and killing of religious/Christian leaders (Russia has destroyed over 600 churches and killed more than 30 religious leaders)
- Russian soldiers raping, brutality and mistreatment of Ukrainian women (Oleksandra's group has cataloged approx. 80,000 Russian war crimes)
- Increased bombardment of Ukrainian civilian areas (she just penned

open letter requesting urgent air-defense support)

<https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/columns/2024/09/11/7474605/>

- Efforts to rescue the 20,000 children abducted by Russians (who is trying to reprogram them into Russian soldiers)
- Waning of global freedom (which has declined for 18 consecutive years according to new report) and how Ukraine is important piece of the puzzle in turning the tide

Some background on Oleksandra:

1. Oleksandra is based in Kyiv and heads the [Center for Civil Liberties](#), a human rights organization that received the 2022 Nobel Peace Prize.
2. She was recognized as one of the [top 25 most influential women in the world](#) by the Financial Times in 2022.
3. At the start of the war in February 2022, Oleksandra created the “[Tribunal for Putin](#)” initiative with other partners to document international crimes under the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court in Ukraine.
4. Through her work with the Center for Civil Liberties and the Tribunal for Putin, Oleksandra has cataloged [approximately 68,000 Russian crimes](#) over the last decade.

Please let me know if interested.

Thanks, Eric

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Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 12:47:38 Eastern Standard Time

Subject: FW: NEWSMAX: Ukraine's Matviichuk Says Putin 'Child Kidnapper'
Date: Thursday, September 19, 2024 at 11:03:19AM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Eric Sutton
To: Lesya PA

From: Anthony Rizzo <anthonyr@newsmax.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2024 10:42 AM
Subject: NEWSMAX: Ukraine's Matviichuk Says Putin 'Child Kidnapper'

Dear Friend:

On Wednesday Nobel Prize winner and Ukrainian human rights lawyer Oleksandra Matviichuk appeared on Newsmax's Greta Van Susteren show.

Please see her important interview below:

[Matviichuk to Newsmax: Putin Is the 'Biggest Child Kidnapper in the World'](#)

Thank you.

Anthony Rizzo
Information Specialist, Editor
Newsmax
anthonyr@newsmax.com

Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 12:32:52 Eastern Standard Time

Subject: Quote for any Ukraine story this week
Date: Wednesday, September 25, 2024 at 2:55:57 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Ken Farnaso
To: michael.birnbaum@washpost.com

Hi Michael — saw the piece you wrote today on Zelensky's UNGA speech. Wanted to shoot you this statement from Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and Ukrainian human rights lawyer Oleksandra Matviichuk who heads the Center for Civil Liberties (CCL) for any political coverage you may be doing on Ukraine this week. Let me know if you have any questions or would like to set up an interview in the future! She was just here the last two weeks meeting with folks on the Hill and downtown.

Thanks—Ken

Oleksandra Matviichuk Statement: Granting Ukraine Authority to Attack Military Sites in Russia

“As a human rights lawyer, I have been applying the law to defend people and human dignity for many years. But this is a situation devoid of law on the part of the Russian invaders as one cannot simply wave the Geneva Convention in front of a missile or tank to stop it. Russian troops are deliberately shelling residences, schools, churches, and hospitals. They are attacking evacuation corridors. They are torturing people. They are abducting Ukrainian children. They are robbing, raping, and killing Ukrainian civilians. And our international system of peace and security has not stopped it.

“That is why Ukraine urgently needs permission to launch strategic, cross-border strikes to diminish Russia's ability to maim and kill by degrading Putin's ruthless missile and drone capabilities. It takes only 42 seconds for Russian rockets to hit our schools, homes, and churches in parts of Eastern Ukraine. Far too often, it is not enough time to seek safety or reach a bomb shelter. This is not about attacking Russia – it is about protecting Ukraine. It is my hope that the United States will use its strong voice to continue to support Ukraine's fight for freedom and ensure we have the weapons to defend ourselves and protect our shared values.”

Ken Farnaso
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Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 13:07:13 Eastern Standard Time

Subject: Re: Politico <> PLUS Communications Intro
Date: Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at 1:50:47 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Jaclyn Orlando
To: Sophie Read
CC: Grace Cavanagh, Ken Farnaso, Emma Padrick

Thanks for the intro, Carly (moving you to bcc to spare your inbox), and nice to meet you, Sophie.

I'm reaching out on behalf of [Nobel Peace Prize](#) winner and Ukrainian human rights lawyer [Oleksandra Matviichuk](#). She will be in Washington, D.C. from October 16 to 22 and I wanted to see if you had any interest in hosting an event with Oleksandra.

She can provide the latest on-the-ground report from Ukraine and provide detail on the atrocities being committed by Vladimir Putin on innocent civilians as her organization has documented more than 68,000 Russian war crimes.

As you know, the unprovoked Russian invasion is nearing its third year and it's clear that Putin has underestimated the Ukrainian people.

We'd love for a chance to work alongside you all and are very flexible - please let us know if there's any interest and what may work on your end.

Some additional background on Oleksandra:

- Oleksandra is based in Kyiv and heads the [Center for Civil Liberties](#), a human rights organization that received the 2022 Nobel Peace Prize.
- Oleksandra was recognized as one of the [top 25 most influential women in the world](#) by the Financial Times in 2022.
- At the start of the war in February 2022, Oleksandra created the "[Tribunal for Putin](#)" initiative with other partners to document international crimes under the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court in Ukraine.
- Through her work with the Center for Civil Liberties and the Tribunal for Putin, Oleksandra has cataloged [approximately 68,000 Russian crimes](#) over the last decade.

Best regards,
Jaclyn

Jaclyn Orlando
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From: Carly Mondry <cmondry@pluspr.com>
Date: Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at 1:43 PM
To: Sophie Read <sread@politico.com>
Cc: Grace Cavanagh <GCavanagh@pluspr.com>, Ken Farnaso <kFarnaso@pluspr.com>, Jaclyn Orlando <jorlando@pluspr.com>, Emma Padrick <epadrick@pluspr.com>
Subject: Politico <> PLUS Communications Intro

Hi Sophie,

Thanks again for your team's great work on the September 18 event with the Coalition. We're looking forward to seeing the final analytics.

In the meantime, I'm assisting a few colleagues on a project who are looking to coordinate an event with Politico. Given our past work together, I thought I'd connect you all.

I've cc'd Jaclyn Orlando and Ken Farnaso who can provide more information. Thank you in advance.

Best,
Carly

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Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 12:22:28 Eastern Standard Time

Subject: Potential Interview/Meeting: Nobel Peace Prize Winner and Ukrainian Human Rights Lawyer Oleksandra Matviichuk
Date: Friday, October 4, 2024 at 10:32:26 AM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Ken Farnaso
To: jmanchester@thehill.com
CC: Jaclyn Orlando, Gabrielle Abrams, Grace Cavanagh, Emma Padrick

Julia—how are you?! It's been a minute we last chatted on the campaign. Hope all is well and that you're surviving this insane news cycle that seems to never end...

Besides that and given your straight-line reporting on the issue, I wanted to see if you'd have any interest in meeting or interviewing [Nobel Peace Prize](#) winner and Ukrainian human rights lawyer [Oleksandra Matviichuk](#) for a segment on The Hill or What's America Thinking?

She can provide the latest on-the-ground report from Ukraine and provide detail on the more than 20,000 kidnapped and brainwashed Ukrainian children—on top of highlighting the war crimes being committed by Putin against innocent civilians. She was here in DC a couple weeks ago and did an interview with [Greta on Newsmax](#) and one with [Larry O'Donnell on MSNBC](#).

Some background on Oleksandra:

- Oleksandra is based in Kyiv and heads the [Center for Civil Liberties](#), a human rights organization that received the 2022 Nobel Peace Prize.
- Oleksandra was recognized as one of the [top 25 most influential women in the world](#) by the Financial Times in 2022.
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Let me know what you think—we'd love to make a meeting, or an interview work out. Looping in some folks from our team to coordinate schedules if you're interested!

Thanks a bunch!
Ken

Ken Farnaso
202 805 0890

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Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 13:15:05 Eastern Standard Time

Subject: Story Idea: Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and Human Rights Lawyer Oleksandra Matviichuk
Date: Monday, October 7, 2024 at 11:07:04AM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Ken Farnaso
To: amy.mackinnon@foreignpolicy.com, jack.detsch@foreignpolicy.com
CC: Jaclyn Orlando, Emma Padrick

Dear Amy and Jack, I hope this note finds you well.

I'm writing to propose an in-depth feature on Nobel Peace Prize Laureate [Oleksandra Matviichuk](#), spotlighting her groundbreaking work exposing the hidden and often underreported atrocities of Putin's war in Ukraine for Foreign Policy Magazine.

Oleksandra has documented over 80,000 war crimes including child abduction, religious persecution, brutal torturing, raping and killing of civilians. She is coming to the U.S. every month now to help educate congressional leaders, administration officials and other influential audiences (think tanks) on these atrocities and is working on a plan for eventual [tribunals for Putin](#) and Russian soldiers.

Key aspects of this compelling narrative:

1. **Unparalleled Access:** Matviichuk has agreed to extensive interviews and will provide firsthand accounts from victims, offering your readers unprecedented insight into the human cost of this war.
2. **Timely Revelations:** As the war continues, Matviichuk is at the forefront of uncovering new evidence of war crimes. Your publication could be the first to bring these findings to light.
3. **Multifaceted Crisis:** The piece will cover four critical, underreported aspects of the war:
 - o Systematic abduction, brainwashing, and forced adoption of [20,000 Ukrainian children](#) to Russian families
 - o Sexual violence against Ukrainian women as a weapon of war
 - o Religious persecution in occupied territories
 - o Putin's deliberate war crimes, targeting of civilians instead of military facilities
4. **Global Implications:** Matviichuk's work intersects with international law, human rights, and geopolitics, appealing to a wide range of your readers.
5. **Irony:** a world-renowned human rights lawyer advocating for more weapons and additional support from the West to bring about peace in Eastern Europe.
6. **Nobel Laureate Perspective:** Her recent Nobel Peace Prize win adds gravitas and a unique angle to the story.
7. **Calls to Action:** The article will explore concrete steps the international community can take, engaging readers beyond mere awareness.

Looping a few members from our team here as well—hope to hear back from you all soon.

Best,
Ken

Ken Farnaso
202 805 0890

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Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 12:14:00 Eastern Standard Time

Subject: Coffee w/ Nobel Peace Prize laureate & Ukrainian human rights lawyer Oleksandra Matviichuk
Date: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at 10:53:28 AM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Ken Farnaso
To: laurin-whitney@axios.com
CC: Jaclyn Orlando, Emma Padrick, Gabrielle Abrams, Grace Cavanagh

Hi Laurin-Whitney, Ken Farnaso here, former press secretary for Amb. Nikki Haley's presidential campaign—hope this note finds you well!

I'm reaching out on behalf of [Oleksandra Matviichuk](#), a Nobel Peace Prize laureate and Ukrainian human rights lawyer, who will be in DC on Oct. 9-22 meeting with several Members of Congress, reporters, and think tanks.

Given your beat, I wanted to see if you had any interest in meeting her and talking on or off the record about what she's been seeing on the ground, the importance of Ukraine support given the upcoming election, what she's seeing on the ground in Kyiv, and the defense aspect of the war. The great irony here is that she's a human rights activist and lawyer calling for more weapons...to ensure Russian defeat...and peace in the region.

Some background on Oleksandra:

- Oleksandra is based in Kyiv and heads the [Center for Civil Liberties](#), a human rights organization that received the 2022 Nobel Peace Prize. Her organization has documented more than 68,000 Russian war crimes.
- Oleksandra was recognized as one of the [top 25 most influential women in the world](#) by the Financial Times in 2022.
- At the start of the war in February 2022, Oleksandra created the "[Tribunal for Putin](#)" initiative with other partners to document international crimes under the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court in Ukraine.
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Happy to work around your schedule to get a quick coffee in the books. Looping in some colleagues here too to for scheduling.

Thanks much!
Ken

Ken Farnaso
202 805 0890

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Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 13:17:22 Eastern Standard Time

Subject: Interview with Oleksandra Matviichuk
Date: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 at 1:52:54 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Ken Farnaso
To: tnerozzi@washingtonexaminer.com
CC: Jaclyn Orlando, Emma Padrick, Eric Sutton

Hey Tim – thanks again for making the time to chat today about doing a profile piece on Oleksandra (Lesya) and the work she’s doing here in the States. I’ve looped in some folks from my team who can iron out timing for an interview next week. Emma will be in touch with a few timeslots that may work out shortly!

PS. Here’s some background on Lesya:

- Oleksandra is based in Kyiv and heads the [Center for Civil Liberties](#), a human rights organization that received the 2022 Nobel Peace Prize. Her organization has documented more than 68,000 Russian war crimes.
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Thanks man,
Ken

Ken Farnaso
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Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 12:32:27 Eastern Standard Time

Subject: Statement for your piece on Victoria Roshchyna's death
Date: Thursday, October 10, 2024 at 3:57:35 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Ken Farnaso
To: Ken Farnaso

Hi there – saw your story post about Victoria Roshchyna’s death in Russian captivity.

I’d appreciate it if you could include this statement from **Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and Ukrainian human rights lawyer Oleksandra Matviichuk**, who is a dear friend of Victoria Roshchyna.

“Journalists around the world should be furious at the murder of our friend, Vika Roshchyna, who died in Russian captivity. She was abducted in Russian-occupied Ukraine, went missing for months, and died under unknown circumstances in Russian captivity fighting for what she believed in: freedom, transparency, and democracy. Her bravery in the face of adversity is something every journalist, every human, should aspire to.”

Thanks,
Ken

Ken Farnaso
202 805 0890

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Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 12:23:05 Eastern Standard Time

Subject: Fwd: Meeting/Interview Opportunity - Nobel Peace Prize Winner in D.C. from October 11-22
Date: Friday, October 11, 2024 at 11:07:18 AM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Eric Sutton
To: Lesya PA
Attachments: image001.png

Would this work

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From: Eric Sutton <esutton@pluspr.com>
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2024 11:06 AM
To: Natalie Friedman Winston <NWinston@npr.org>; NetworkBooking <NetworkBooking@npr.org>
Subject: Re: Meeting/Interview Opportunity - Nobel Peace Prize Winner in D.C. from October 11-22

Hey Natalie - will check schedule and circle back ASAP.

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From: Natalie Friedman Winston <NWinston@npr.org>
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2024 10:39:07 AM
To: Eric Sutton <esutton@pluspr.com>; NetworkBooking <NetworkBooking@npr.org>
Subject: RE: Meeting/Interview Opportunity - Nobel Peace Prize Winner in D.C. from October 11-22

Hi Eric –

Following up here. Scott Tong, host of our mid-day show Here and Now would love to interview Oleksandra next week while she's still in DC. He will be at our headquarters on Thursday, Oct. 17 if she'd be willing to come in to the studio for the interview?

Let me know if we can make that work. Otherwise, we can look at other days next week.

Ideal window for taping would be 9am-11am.

Let me know and thanks.
Natalie

From: Natalie Friedman Winston <NWinston@npr.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 4:50 PM
To: Eric Sutton <esutton@pluspr.com>; NetworkBooking <NetworkBooking@npr.org>
Subject: RE: Meeting/Interview Opportunity - Nobel Peace Prize Winner in D.C. from October 11-22

Hi Eric – thanks for your message. Oleksandra has done some very powerful interviews with

NPR in the past. We will share this generous offer with the shows and get back to you. Thank you

From: Eric Sutton <esutton@pluspr.com>

Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 1:42 PM

To: caklinger@npr.org; NetworkBooking <NetworkBooking@npr.org>

Subject: Meeting/Interview Opportunity - Nobel Peace Prize Winner in D.C. from October 11-22

Importance: High

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Hello Carol - Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and Ukrainian human rights leader [Oleksandra Matviichuk](#) will be in Washington, D.C. on October 11-22. Wanted to see if you or someone at NPR would be interested in meeting with her while she is in town. Thought you might be interested in her groundbreaking work exposing the hidden and often underreported atrocities of Putin's war.

Oleksandra has documented over 80,000 war crimes including child abduction, religious persecution, brutal torturing, raping and killing of civilians. She is coming to the U.S. every month now to help educate congressional leaders, administration officials and other influential audiences (think tanks) on these atrocities and is working on a plan for eventual [tribunals for Putin](#) and Russian soldiers.

Some background on Oleksandra:

- Oleksandra is based in Kyiv and heads the [Center for Civil Liberties](#), a human rights organization that received the 2022 Nobel Peace Prize.
- She was recognized as one of the [top 25 most influential women in the world](#) by the Financial Times in 2022.
- At the start of the war in February 2022, Oleksandra created the "[Tribunal for Putin](#)" initiative with other partners to document international crimes under the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court in Ukraine.
- Through her work with the Center for Civil Liberties and the Tribunal for Putin, Oleksandra has cataloged [approximately 68,000 Russian crimes](#) over the last decade.

We'd love for a meeting to work out – we are very flexible and can work around your schedule.

Thanks, Eric

Eric Sutton

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Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 12:31:51 Eastern Standard Time

Subject: Statement on Nihon Hidankyo from Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Oleksandra Matviichuk

Date: Friday, October 11, 2024 at 11:18:58 AM Eastern Daylight Time

From: Ken Farnaso

To: Ken Farnaso

Hi there – saw your story post about Nihon Hidankyo’s Nobel Peace Prize award.

I’d appreciate it if you could include this statement from **Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and Ukrainian human rights lawyer Oleksandra Matviichuk**, on Nihon Hidankyo’s award this morning.

“I extend my heartfelt congratulations to Nihon Hidankyo on being awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. Your voices, born from unimaginable suffering, have become a beacon of hope and a call for peace. Humanity has long since invented a weapon capable of destroying it and with the rise of authoritarian regimes with nuclear weapons, it continues to pose an existential threat to the entire world. May this recognition further your message and bring the world closer to harmony.”

Thanks,
Ken

Ken Farnaso
202 805 0890

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Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 12:42:55 Eastern Standard Time

Subject: Re: Request: Time Best of 2024 Pitch Information
Date: Monday, October 14, 2024 at 10:32:08 AM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Ken Farnaso
To: Cate Matthews
CC: Grace Cavanagh, Jaclyn Orlando, Eric Sutton

Hi Cate, thanks so much for following up with Grace—I really appreciate it.

And you're right, it is [Oleksandra Matviichuk](#)! We'd love for Time to consider her candidacy as part of Women of The Year 2025. The great irony and hook about her life is that she is a Nobel Peace Prize recipient and human rights lawyer...who knows that the only way peace can happen in Eastern Europe is for Putin to be defeated.

She has documented over 80,000 global war crimes including child abduction, religious persecution, brutal torturing, raping, and killing of civilians. She is coming to the U.S. every month now to help educate congressional leaders, administration officials and other influential audiences (think tanks) on these atrocities and is working on a plan for eventual [tribunals for Putin](#) and Russian soldiers.

Understandably so, war fatigue has crippled many Americans' perspective on Ukraine, so we'd love to work with you and your team to ensure her story - and the story of the countless lives lost - are heard.

Key aspects of her narrative:

1. **Unparalleled Access:** Matviichuk has agreed to extensive interviews and will provide firsthand accounts from victims, offering your readers unprecedented insight into the human cost of this war.
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3. **Multifaceted Crisis:** The piece will cover four critical, underreported aspects of the war:
 - Systematic abduction, brainwashing, and forced adoption of [20,000 Ukrainian children](#) to Russian families
 - Sexual violence against Ukrainian women as a weapon of war
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Looking forward to hearing back from you soon.

All my best,
Ken

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From: Grace Cavanagh <GCavanagh@pluspr.com>
Date: Friday, October 11, 2024 at 4:39 PM
To: Cate Matthews <cate.matthews@time.com>
Cc: Ken Farnaso <kFarnaso@pluspr.com>, Gabrielle Abrams <gabrams@pluspr.com>, Julia Monahan <jmonahan@pluspr.com>
Subject: Re: Request: Time Best of 2024 Pitch Information

Hi Cate,

Thanks so much for getting back to me! I'm looping in my colleague Ken Farnaso who will follow up with some further notes.

Have a great weekend.

Best,
Grace

From: Cate Matthews <cate.matthews@time.com>
Date: Friday, October 11, 2024 at 1:24 PM
To: Grace Cavanagh <GCavanagh@pluspr.com>
Cc: Gabrielle Abrams <gabrams@pluspr.com>, Julia Monahan <jmonahan@pluspr.com>
Subject: Re: Request: Time Best of 2024 Pitch Information

Hi, Grace! Thanks so much for following up. If you send along any notes in regards to the laureate in question—is it Oleksandra?—I'm happy to keep them top of mind for a future project, including our year-end issue.

On Fri, Oct 11, 2024 at 11:09 AM Grace Cavanagh <GCavanagh@pluspr.com> wrote:

Good morning, Cate—

Following up here - Is your team still accepting pitches for Time's Best of 2024 issue coming out in December? I am working with a Ukrainian human rights lawyer and Nobel Peace Prize laureate who I think could be a great fit for a profile piece or interview.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if there is anyone else on your team I should contact.

Thank you so much,
Grace

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From: Grace Cavanagh <GCavanagh@pluspr.com>
Date: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 at 4:43 PM
To: "Cate.matthews@time.com" <Cate.matthews@time.com>
Cc: Gabrielle Abrams <gabrams@pluspr.com>, Julia Monahan <jmonahan@pluspr.com>
Subject: Request: Time Best of 2024 Pitch Information

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Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 12:42:17 Eastern Standard Time

Subject: Re: Request: 2025 Time Women of the Year Pitch Information
Date: Monday, October 14, 2024 at 11:35:51 AM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Ken Farnaso
To: Lucy Feldman
CC: Grace Cavanagh, Eric Sutton, Jaclyn Orlando

Hi Lucy, thanks so much for following up with Grace—really appreciate it.

We'd love for Time to consider [Oleksandra Matviichuk](#)'s candidacy for Women of The Year 2025. The great irony and hook about her life is that she is a Nobel Peace Prize recipient and human rights lawyer...who knows that the only way peace can happen in Eastern Europe is for Putin to be defeated.

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7. **Calls to Action:** The article will explore concrete steps the international community can take, engaging readers beyond mere awareness.

Some background on Oleksandra's work:

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- At the start of the war in February 2022, Oleksandra created the "[Tribunal for Putin](#)" initiative with other partners to document international crimes under the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court in Ukraine.

Looking forward to hearing back from you soon.

All my best,
Ken

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From: Grace Cavanagh <GCavanagh@pluspr.com>
Date: Friday, October 11, 2024 at 4:38 PM
To: Lucy Feldman <lucy.feldman@time.com>
Cc: Ken Farnaso <kFarnaso@pluspr.com>, Gabrielle Abrams <gabrams@pluspr.com>, Julia Monahan <jmonahan@pluspr.com>
Subject: Re: Request: 2025 Time Women of the Year Pitch Information

Hi Lucy,

Thanks so much for getting back to me. I'm looping in my colleague Ken Farnaso who will follow up with a pitch.

Have a great weekend.

Best,
Grace

From: Lucy Feldman <lucy.feldman@time.com>
Date: Friday, October 11, 2024 at 4:32 PM
To: Grace Cavanagh <GCavanagh@pluspr.com>
Cc: Gabrielle Abrams <gabrams@pluspr.com>, Julia Monahan <jmonahan@pluspr.com>
Subject: Re: Request: 2025 Time Women of the Year Pitch Information

Hi Grace,

We are planning to do Women of the Year again in Feb. 2025. Please feel free to send me a pitch.

All the best,
Lucy

On Fri, Oct 11, 2024 at 11:07 AM Grace Cavanagh <GCavanagh@pluspr.com> wrote:

Good morning, Lucy—

Following up here – does your team has a copy of Time’s 2025 editorial calendar that you could send my way? In particular, I am curious if you plan to bring back the Women of The Year issue in 2025. I am working with a Ukrainian human rights lawyer and Nobel Peace Prize laureate who I think could be a great fit for a profile piece or interview and am curious to know about lead times for pitching the issue.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you so much,
Grace

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From: Grace Cavanagh <GCavanagh@pluspr.com>
Date: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 at 4:31 PM
To: "lucy.feldman@time.com" <lucy.feldman@time.com>
Cc: Gabrielle Abrams <gabrams@pluspr.com>, Julia Monahan <jmonahan@pluspr.com>
Subject: Request: 2025 Time Women of the Year Pitch Information

Good afternoon, Lucy,

I hope this email finds you well. I was wondering if your team has a copy of Time’s 2025 editorial calendar that you could send my way. In particular, I am curious if you plan to bring back the Women of The Year issue in 2025. I am working with a Ukrainian human rights lawyer and Nobel Peace Prize laureate who I think could be a great fit for a profile piece or interview and am curious to know about lead times for pitching the issue.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if there is anyone else on your team I should contact.

Thank you so much,
Grace

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Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 13:26:02 Eastern Standard Time

Subject: Automatic reply: Christina/Courtney/Theodore - Guest Opp: Oleksandra Matviichuk, Nobel Peace Prize winner/Ukrainian human rights leader
Date: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 1:33:39 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Robbins, Christina
To: Ken Farnaso

Hi -
I am out of the office until Oct 17th.
For the DC booking desk please call 202-824-6380.

For issues related to America Reports email:
Courtney.Leopold@fox.com or Theodore.Stephan.com

If urgent, please text me.

Sincerely,
Christina Robbins
Sr. Director of Booking, Fox News Channel
C: 202 262 9493
Email: Christina.Robbins@fox.com

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Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 12:21:24 Eastern Standard Time

Subject: Joanna/Maggie - Guest Opp: Oleksandra Matviichuk, Nobel Peace Prize winner/Ukrainian human rights leader
Date: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 2:47:08 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Ken Farnaso
To: Joanna.Chow@foxbusiness.com, maggie.westerman@fox.com

Hi Joanna and Maggie—Ken Farnaso here, former press secretary for Nikki Haley’s campaign. Hope you’re doing so well!

I’m reaching out on behalf of [Oleksandra Matviichuk](#), a Nobel Peace Prize laureate and Ukrainian human rights lawyer, who’s in DC until **October 22nd**. Given the news of President Zelensky meeting with his parliament to unveil his “[Victory Plan](#),” after barnstorming the U.S. and European capitals, I wanted to see if y’all would have any interest in having Oleksandra on The Evening Edit to discuss the current state of play in Kyiv.

Oleksandra has documented over 80,000 Russian war crimes including child abduction, religious persecution, brutal torturing, raping, and killing of civilians. She is coming to the U.S. every month now to help educate congressional leaders, administration officials, universities, and other influential audiences on these atrocities.

The great irony with Oleksandra is that she’s a human rights activist and lawyer calling for more weapons...to ensure Russian defeat...and peace in the region.

Some background on Oleksandra:

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- At the start of the war in February 2022, Oleksandra created the “[Tribunal for Putin](#)” initiative with other partners to document international crimes under the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court in Ukraine.

We’d love to make an interview work out—let me know if you have any questions!

Best,
Ken

Ken Farnaso
202 805 0890

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Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 13:27:16 Eastern Standard Time

Subject: Re: Sarah - Guest Opp: Oleksandra Matviichuk, Nobel Peace Prize winner/Ukrainian human rights leader
Date: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 2:52:27 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Michele Setteducato
To: Ken Farnaso
Attachments: Outlook-cp34hb1o.png

Hey Ken. Long time no talk. Not sure if you remember me, from my MSNBC and Fox News days!

I think we can make this work. Might Oleksandra be available tomorrow morning? 630amET or 730amET? Might be good to time this with Zelensky's Victory Plan speech tomorrow. If not would Thursday work?

We can do this via zoom. Let me know. Thanks! Michele

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From: Ken Farnaso <kFarnaso@pluspr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 2:25 PM
To: Sarah Ruth <SRuth@newsnationnow.com>; Michele Setteducato <MSetteducato@newsnationnow.com>
Subject: Re: Sarah - Guest Opp: Oleksandra Matviichuk, Nobel Peace Prize winner/Ukrainian human rights leader

You're a saint—thanks, Sarah!

Michele—great to connect with you. Hope we can work something out for Morning in America or even NewsNation Live or Now!

Best,
Ken

From: Sarah Ruth <SRuth@newsnationnow.com>
Date: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 2:21 PM
To: Ken Farnaso <kFarnaso@pluspr.com>
Cc: Michele Setteducato <MSetteducato@newsnationnow.com>
Subject: RE: Sarah - Guest Opp: Oleksandra Matviichuk, Nobel Peace Prize winner/Ukrainian human rights leader

Ken! So good to see your name
I'm adding Michele who oversees our Morning in America booking operation
Hope it works out.

From: Ken Farnaso <kFarnaso@pluspr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 1:20 PM
To: Sarah Ruth <SRuth@newsnationnow.com>
Subject: Sarah - Guest Opp: Oleksandra Matviichuk, Nobel Peace Prize winner/Ukrainian human rights leader

Hey Sarah, Ken Farnaso here, Nikki Haley's former campaign press secretary. Hope you're doing so well—it's been a minute!

I'm reaching out on behalf of [Oleksandra Matviichuk](#), a Nobel Peace Prize laureate and Ukrainian human rights lawyer, who's in DC until **October 22nd**. Given the news of President Zelensky meeting with his parliament to unveil his "[Victory Plan](#)," after barnstorming the U.S. and European capitals, I wanted to see if y'all would have any interest in having Oleksandra on to discuss the current state of play in Kyiv on Morning in America.

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Best,
Ken

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Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 12:20:29 Eastern Standard Time

Subject: Erenia/Leland- Guest Opp: Oleksandra Matviichuk, Nobel Peace Prize winner/Ukrainian human rights leader
Date: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 1:08:43 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Ken Farnaso
To: emichell@newsnationnow.com
Priority: High

Hey Erenia—Ken Farnaso here, Nikki Haley’s former campaign press secretary. Hope you’re doing well!

I’m reaching out on behalf of [Oleksandra Matviichuk](#), a Nobel Peace Prize laureate and Ukrainian human rights lawyer, who’s in DC until **October 22nd**. Given the news of President Zelensky meeting with his parliament to unveil his “[Victory Plan](#),” after barnstorming the U.S. and European capitals, I wanted to see if Leland (or anyone at NewsNation) would have any interest in having Oleksandra on to discuss the current state of play in Kyiv.

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Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 12:05:35 Eastern Standard Time

Subject: MEDIA ADVISORY: Former NATO Commander & Nobel Peace Prize Recipient to Hold Online Press Conference
Date: Friday, October 18, 2024 at 8:28:03 AM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Eric Sutton
To: Lesya PA

**** MEDIA ADVISORY ****

**Former NATO Commander General Philip Breedlove Joins Nobel
Peace Prize Recipient Oleksandra Matviichuk
For Online Press Conference On Monday, October 21st**

***Discussion Centered On Latest Ukraine Developments, Growing Global Conflict
Between Democracies & Authoritarian Regimes,
and Questions From Media***

RSVP at kfarnaso@pluspr.com to receive a link to join the Zoom press event

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Former North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Commander and Four-Star General [Philip Breedlove](#) will join Nobel Peace Prize Recipient and human rights leader [Oleksandra Matviichuk](#) to discuss the latest on Ukraine and the emerging global conflict between authoritarian regimes and democracies on Monday, October 21, 2024, at **10:00 AM EDT**.

With increasing Russian missile and drone attacks on Ukrainian [civilians](#) and [civil infrastructure](#), Matviichuk and Breedlove will make the case why Ukraine must be permitted to strike military targets cross-border in Russia and why Ukraine desperately needs more air defense systems.

Matviichuk will discuss the human toll and on-the-ground perspective of the strikes on civilians and civil infrastructure, while General Breedlove will speak on the strategic military importance of helping bolster Ukraine's air defenses and needs to counter Russia's drone and missile attacks.

With Putin and his army now being bolstered by [North Korea](#), [Iran](#) and [China](#), Matviichuk and Breedlove will discuss the growing global conflict between authoritarian regimes and democracies with Ukraine being the frontline. According to a [recent report](#), only 20 percent of the world's population lives in a "free" country with global freedom declining for the 18th consecutive year.

Matviichuk and General Breedlove will take questions from the media after their opening remarks.

Date & Time:

Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 15:51:44 Eastern Standard Time

Subject: RE: Oleksandra Matviichuk - meeting with ABC News: DC Bureau
Date: Monday, October 21, 2024 at 9:22:51 AM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Eric Sutton
To: Ilic, Olga
CC: Jaclyn Orlando, Ken Farnaso, Anna Nazaryk
Attachments: image001.png

Olga – copying my colleagues who will be joining. Best, Eric

From: Ilic, Olga <Olga.Ilic@abc.com>
Sent: Monday, October 21, 2024 9:13 AM
To: Eric Sutton <esutton@pluspr.com>
Subject: Oleksandra Matviichuk - meeting with ABC News: DC Bureau

Hi Eric,

I hope you're doing well!

I assist Rick Klein and the DC Bureau, and everyone is looking forward to meeting with Oleksandra.

Could you please provide the names of her team members who will be joining her? We want to ensure our security team is informed for seamless access to the building.

If you have any questions regarding the meeting logistics, feel free to reach out—I'm happy to help!

Best,
Olga

Olga Ilic
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Mobile: 646-634-2158

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Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 12:45:13 Eastern Standard Time

Subject: Re: Request: 2025 Elle Editorial Calendar
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at 7:50:13 AM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Ken Farnaso
To: Hyland, Véronique
CC: Grace Cavanagh, Gabrielle Abrams, Julia Monahan

Hi Véronique — apologies for just getting back to you now. I hope this note finds you well! Given Elle's [thoughtful](#) and [unique coverage](#) of the Russian war on Ukraine, I'm writing to propose an in-depth feature on Nobel Peace Prize Laureate [Oleksandra Matviichuk](#), spotlighting her groundbreaking work exposing the hidden and often underreported atrocities of Putin's war in Ukraine for ELLE.

In a recent [interview](#) Oleksandra did in Spain, she mentioned a special dress she has saved for the day she gets to help prosecute Vladimir Putin for his war crimes.

“Oleksandra Matviichuk has a special dress tucked away in the back of her closet, a very pretty one, reserved for one day in a hypothetical future where she will finally see the man she has been trying to bring to justice for a decade — Russian President Vladimir Putin — sitting in front of an international court. She often says that she will wear red lipstick, as she is wearing this Saturday in September. The 40-year-old Ukrainian began her battle against one of the most powerful men in the world in 2014, after Russia’s annexation of Crimea, but her work intensified in 2022, when Moscow invaded Ukraine. In 2022, her efforts were rewarded with the Nobel Peace Prize, which she won together with imprisoned Belarusian human rights activist Ales Bialiatski and the Russian human rights organization Memorial.”

I thought this would be an interesting hook for your readers to learn more about the atrocities happening in Ukraine.

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Please keep her in mind for any issue you may be working on in the months to come — hope to hear back from you soon.

Best,
Ken

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From: Julia Monahan <jmonahan@pluspr.com>
Date: Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at 11:14 AM
To: Hyland, Véronique <VHyland@hearst.com>
Cc: Ken Farnaso <kFarnaso@pluspr.com>, Grace Cavanagh <GCavanagh@pluspr.com>, Gabrielle Abrams <gabrams@pluspr.com>
Subject: Re: Request: 2025 Elle Editorial Calendar

Hi Véronique,

Thank you so much for your reply. I'm looping in my colleague Ken Farnaso who will follow up with some further notes.

I appreciate your help on this!

Best,
Julia

From: Hyland, Véronique <VHyland@hearst.com>
Date: Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at 11:10 AM
To: Julia Monahan <jmonahan@pluspr.com>
Cc: Grace Cavanagh <GCavanagh@pluspr.com>, Gabrielle Abrams

<gabrams@pluspr.com>

Subject: Re: Request: 2025 Elle Editorial Calendar

Hi Julia,

It's still a work in progress, but I will keep you posted! In the meantime, feel free to send any pitches my way and I can route to the appropriate eds. Thank you!

~Véronique

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From: Julia Monahan <jmonahan@pluspr.com>
Date: Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at 11:08 AM
To: Hyland, Véronique <vhyland@hearst.com>
Cc: Grace Cavanagh <GCavanagh@pluspr.com>, Gabrielle Abrams <gabrams@pluspr.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Request: 2025 Elle Editorial Calendar

Good morning, Véronique,

Following up here to see if you could provide Elle's 2025 editorial calendar. I am working with a Ukrainian human rights lawyer and Nobel Peace Prize laureate who I think could be a great fit for a profile piece or interview.

Thank you again! Please let me know if you have any questions or if there is anyone on your team I should contact.

Best,
Julia

Julia Monahan
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From: Julia Monahan <jmonahan@pluspr.com>
Date: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 11:03 AM
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Subject: Request: 2025 Elle Editorial Calendar

Good morning, Véronique—

I hope this email finds you well. I was wondering if your team has a copy of Elle's 2025 editorial calendar that you could send my way. I am working with a Ukrainian human rights lawyer and Nobel Peace Prize laureate who I think could be a great fit for a profile piece or interview.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if there is anyone else on your team I should contact.

Thank you so much,
Julia

Julia Monahan

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Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 12:44:27 Eastern Standard Time

Subject: Re: Bloomberg 50 + Nobel Peace Prize Recipient/Human Rights Lawyer
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at 5:03:33 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Ken Farnaso
To: bbegun@bloomberg.net
CC: Gabrielle Abrams, Grace Cavanagh, Jaclyn Orlando

Hi Bret – As a brief introduction, my name is Ken Farnaso and I hope this note finds you well.

I am working with [Oleksandra Matviichuk](#), a Ukrainian human rights lawyer and [Nobel Peace Prize recipient](#), who I think could be a great fit for this year's Bloomberg 50.

The great irony and hook about Oleksandra's life is that she is a Nobel Peace Prize recipient and human rights lawyer... who knows that the only way peace can happen in Eastern Europe is for Putin and his army to be defeated. She can speak to what it's like to live in a warzone, the fight for global freedom, democracy at large, and how women have been on the frontlines of this war in Eastern Europe.

Oleksandra has documented over 80,000 global war crimes including child abduction, religious persecution, brutal torturing, raping, and killing of civilians. She is coming to the U.S. every month now to help educate congressional leaders, administration officials and other influential audiences (think tanks) on these atrocities and is working on a plan for eventual [tribunals for Putin](#) and Russian soldiers.

For the past couple of months, Oleksandra has visited with several members of Congress on Capitol Hill including Republican and Democratic leadership, members of the Biden-Harris administration, the U.S. State Department, Department of Defense, and several NGOs and non-profits working to quickly end the war in Ukraine.

Understandably so, war fatigue has crippled many Americans' perspective on Ukraine, so we'd love to work with you and your team to ensure her story - and the story of the countless lives lost - are heard.

Key aspects of her narrative:

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5. **Irony:** a world-renowned human rights lawyer advocating for more weapons and additional support from the West to bring about peace in Eastern Europe.
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Some background on Oleksandra's work:

- Oleksandra is based in Kyiv and heads the Center for Civil Liberties, a human rights organization that received the 2022 Nobel Peace Prize. Her organization has documented more than 68,000 Russian war crimes.
- At the start of the war in February 2022, Oleksandra created the "Tribunal for Putin" initiative with other partners to document international crimes under the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court in Ukraine.

Thank you for your attention to this and looking forward to hearing back from you soon.

All my best,
Ken

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Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 12:43:42 Eastern Standard Time

Subject: DealBook Summit + Nobel Peace Prize Recipient/Human Rights Lawyer
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at 4:42:17 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Ken Farnaso
To: arsorkin@nytimes.com
CC: Grace Cavanagh, Jaclyn Orlando, Julia Monahan
Priority: High

Hi Aaron – As a brief introduction, my name is Ken Farnaso and I hope this note finds you well.

I am working with [Oleksandra Matviichuk](#), a Ukrainian human rights lawyer and **Nobel Peace Prize recipient**, who I think could be a great voice at the DealBook Summit this year. I know that you've likely locked down the run of show, but I think that her story, and most importantly the work she's doing, will interest those in attendance.

She can speak to what it's like to live in a warzone, the fight for global freedom, democracy at large, and how women have been on the frontlines of this war in Eastern Europe.

For the past couple of months, Oleksandra has visited with several members of Congress on Capitol Hill including Republican and Democratic leadership, members of the Biden-Harris administration, the U.S. State Department, Department of Defense, and several NGOs and non-profits working to quickly end the war in Ukraine.

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Key aspects of her narrative:

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All my best,
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Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 12:31:10 Eastern Standard Time

Subject: Statement for your story - Oleksandra Matviichuk, Nobel Peace Prize Recipient and Human Rights Lawyer
Date: Wednesday, October 30, 2024 at 11:45:37 AM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Ken Farnaso
To: david.stern@washpost.com
Priority: High

Hi David – saw your piece on Russia’s sudden spike in POW killings. Can you include this statement in the story or any follow-up story you do on this issue?

Many thanks,
Ken

Statement from Nobel Peace Prize Recipient and Human Rights Lawyer Oleksandra Matviichuk on Russia’s sudden spike in POW killings:

“Sadly, the world should not be surprised by reports that Putin’s army is illegally executing more Ukrainian soldiers who have surrendered and been taken prisoner. We have documented more than 80,000 war crimes committed by Putin and his army since the unprovoked invasion. Putin continues to blatantly ignore the Geneva Convention because he feels no repercussions for his illegal actions. Our international laws must be upheld, we cannot allow them to be broken; otherwise, there is no accountability. Democracies and freedom-loving countries must stand united against this brutality and work tirelessly to ensure that justice prevails.”

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Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 12:45:41 Eastern Standard Time

Subject: Game Changers Feature - Nobel Peace Prize Recipient and human rights lawyer Oleksandra Matviichuk
Date: Friday, November 1, 2024 at 12:33:01 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Ken Farnaso
To: stephanie_mcneal@condenast.com
CC: Grace Cavanagh, Gabrielle Abrams, Julia Monahan, Jaclyn Orlando
Priority: High

Hi Stephanie—As a brief introduction, my name is Ken Farnaso and I hope this note finds you well!

Given Glamour's [thoughtful](#) and [unique coverage](#) of the Russian war on Ukraine, I'm writing to propose an in-depth feature for Glamour's Game Changers on Nobel Peace Prize Recipient and human rights lawyer [Oleksandra Matviichuk](#), spotlighting her groundbreaking work exposing the hidden and often underreported atrocities of Putin's war in Ukraine.

In a recent [interview](#) Oleksandra did in Spain, she mentioned a special dress she has saved for the day she gets to help prosecute Vladimir Putin for his war crimes.

"Oleksandra Matviichuk has a special dress tucked away in the back of her closet, a very pretty one, reserved for one day in a hypothetical future where she will finally see the man she has been trying to bring to justice for a decade — Russian President Vladimir Putin — sitting in front of an international court. She often says that she will wear red lipstick, as she is wearing this Saturday in September. The 40-year-old Ukrainian began her battle against one of the most powerful men in the world in 2014, after Russia's annexation of Crimea, but her work intensified in 2022, when Moscow invaded Ukraine. In 2022, her efforts were rewarded with the Nobel Peace Prize, which she won together with imprisoned Belarusian human rights activist Ales Bialiatski and the Russian human rights organization Memorial."

I thought this would be an interesting hook for your readers to learn more about the atrocities happening in Ukraine.

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Best,
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Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 13:15:41 Eastern Standard Time

Subject: Hi Ali!

Date: Thursday, September 12, 2024 at 9:16:35 AM Eastern Daylight Time

From: Ken Farnaso

To: arogin@newshour.org

CC: Jaclyn Orlando, Emma Padrick

Hey hey! It's Ken (former Nikki Haley and Tim Scott) – hope you're doing so well! Had a meeting with Josh yesterday with one of our clients, Oleksandra Matviichuk a Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, and human rights lawyer from Ukraine.

She is speaking at the National Press Club tomorrow on peace and democracy and I wanted to see if you had any interest in a quick sit-down with her after. The caveat is... I'm not sure if the event itself is open-press or not. I'm trying to coordinate with NPC and her Ukrainian team to see what's doable/allowed—so please bear with me with everything up in the air. The good news is, she'll be back in town in October (and onwards) as well, so ample opportunity to work together.

Just wanted to put that on your radar and get your thoughts on it. Also adding in in my colleagues Jaclyn and Emma here who's working on this with me.

Chat soon—Ken

Ken Farnaso

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Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 12:02:05 Eastern Standard Time

Subject: Follow-up Interview with Nobel Peace Prize Recipient Oleksandra Matviichuk
Date: Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at 10:43:25 AM Eastern Standard Time
From: Ken Farnaso
To: Rogin, Josh

Hi Josh, wanted to circle back and see if you would be interested in talking with [Oleksandra Matviichuk](#), again given the latest developments in Ukraine and speculation on policy from the incoming Trump administration.

Oleksandra was also one of the lead voices pushing for Ukraine to be permitted to strike military sites in Russia where drone and missile attacks have been originating. She was recently featured on this issue in the [USA Today](#) and [Washington Examiner](#).

She has been making monthly trips to D.C. to meet with members of Congress, Biden administration officials, think tanks and potential Trump administration officials. In fact, you may have seen some of her [TV ads playing](#) over [the last](#) couple of weeks on [cable news](#).

She'll be back in D.C. from December 7-17 but is available before then via Zoom.

Thanks!
Ken

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Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 12:14:57 Eastern Standard Time

Subject: Re: Coffee w/ Nobel Peace Prize laureate & Ukrainian human rights lawyer Oleksandra Matviichuk
Date: Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 8:57:42 AM Eastern Standard Time
From: Ken Farnaso
To: Chambers, Francesca
Attachments: image001.jpg

ALSO!

On top of our coffee on the 2nd, I think one of my clients may be right up your alley...

[Oleksandra Matviichuk](#), the Nobel Peace Prize recipient and Ukrainian human rights lawyer I mentioned way down below will be back in DC the week of the 9th and wanted to see if you'd be interested in interviewing her, re: Ukraine/Trump transition angle.

She penned an op-ed in [USA Today](#) a couple weeks ago and was one of the lead voices pushing for Ukraine to be permitted to strike military sites in Russia where drone and missile attacks have been originating.

She has been making monthly trips to D.C. to meet with members of Congress, Biden administration officials, think tanks and potential Trump administration officials. In fact, you may have seen some of her [TV ads playing over the last](#) couple of weeks on [cable news](#).

Let me know, friend!

Thanks—Ken

From: Ken Farnaso <kFarnaso@pluspr.com>
Date: Monday, November 18, 2024 at 8:57 AM
To: Chambers, Francesca <FChambers@usatoday.com>
Subject: Re: Coffee w/ Nobel Peace Prize laureate & Ukrainian human rights lawyer Oleksandra Matviichuk

That should work for me—I've got a tentative meeting that may be scheduled for 11:30a but will try and move that. I'll be coming from my office in Clarendon, so happy to meet you closer to the White House!

From: Chambers, Francesca <FChambers@usatoday.com>
Date: Sunday, November 17, 2024 at 2:22 PM
To: Ken Farnaso <kFarnaso@pluspr.com>
Subject: Re: Coffee w/ Nobel Peace Prize laureate & Ukrainian human rights lawyer Oleksandra Matviichuk

Could we do a little later around 11 am? I have a meeting at 10:15 on the west side of town

Francesca Chambers
White House Correspondent, USA TODAY

From: Ken Farnaso <kFarnaso@pluspr.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 17, 2024 3:57:47 PM
To: Chambers, Francesca <FChambers@usatoday.com>
Subject: Re: Coffee w/ Nobel Peace Prize laureate & Ukrainian human rights lawyer Oleksandra Matviichuk

A much-deserved vacay! Does Monday morning around 10a work for you? We can figure out where closer.

From: Chambers, Francesca <FChambers@usatoday.com>
Date: Saturday, November 16, 2024 at 8:58 PM
To: Ken Farnaso <kFarnaso@pluspr.com>
Subject: RE: Coffee w/ Nobel Peace Prize laureate & Ukrainian human rights lawyer Oleksandra Matviichuk

Hi, I'm so sorry I missed this. Still digging myself out post election as you can see... I'm on vacation immediately after this, but do you have time the week of Dec. 2? I could do Monday or Tuesday of that week. Thanks for your willingness to meet up!

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White House Correspondent



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From: Ken Farnaso <kFarnaso@pluspr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 9:52 AM
To: Chambers, Francesca <FChambers@usatoday.com>
Subject: Re: Coffee w/ Nobel Peace Prize laureate & Ukrainian human rights lawyer Oleksandra Matviichuk

Love it! Got some time on Friday to grab a coffee somewhere and catch up?

From: Chambers, Francesca <FChambers@usatoday.com>
Date: Monday, November 11, 2024 at 3:54 PM
To: Ken Farnaso <kFarnaso@pluspr.com>
Subject: RE: Coffee w/ Nobel Peace Prize laureate & Ukrainian human rights lawyer Oleksandra Matviichuk

Thanks, Ken. I'm back at the White House covering foreign policy again and the Trump transition from that angle. Would love any and all advice/context/contacts you're willing to share!

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From: Ken Farnaso <kFarnaso@pluspr.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 4, 2024 5:15 PM
To: Chambers, Francesca <FChambers@usatoday.com>
Cc: Emma Padrick <epadrick@pluspr.com>
Subject: Re: Coffee w/ Nobel Peace Prize laureate & Ukrainian human rights lawyer Oleksandra Matviichuk

!! That's huge. Good to know — good luck on the trail in the coming months. Let me know if can help in anyway on coverage, etc.

Ken Farnaso
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From: Chambers, Francesca <FChambers@usatoday.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 4, 2024 5:13:25 PM
To: Ken Farnaso <kFarnaso@pluspr.com>
Cc: Emma Padrick <epadrick@pluspr.com>
Subject: RE: Coffee w/ Nobel Peace Prize laureate & Ukrainian human rights lawyer Oleksandra Matviichuk

Hey I'm sorry Ken – I'm actually our lead Harris reporter and won't be in DC then but thank you for thinking of me.

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From: Ken Farnaso <kFarnaso@pluspr.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 4, 2024 4:34 PM
To: Chambers, Francesca <FChambers@usatoday.com>
Cc: Emma Padrick <epadrick@pluspr.com>
Subject: Re: Coffee w/ Nobel Peace Prize laureate & Ukrainian human rights lawyer Oleksandra Matviichuk

Hey Francesca, circling back here to see if you had any availability to meet with Oleksandra on the 16th! It's shaping out to be her best day. Let us know and Emma can lock in a time in the sched!

Thanks FC!

Ken

From: Ken Farnaso <kFarnaso@pluspr.com>
Date: Friday, August 30, 2024 at 3:24 PM
To: fchambers@USAToday.com <fchambers@USAToday.com>
Cc: Emma Padrick <epadrick@pluspr.com>
Subject: Coffee w/ Nobel Peace Prize laureate & Ukrainian human rights lawyer Oleksandra Matviichuk

Hey FC—what's up! Hope you're doing well friend.

Reaching out on behalf of [Oleksandra Matviichuk](#), a Nobel Peace Prize laureate and Ukrainian human rights lawyer, who will be in DC on 9/10 through 9/13 meeting with several Members of Congress, reporters, and think tanks.

Wanted to see if you had any interest in meeting with her and talking on or off the record about what she's been seeing on the ground, the importance of Ukraine support given the upcoming election, and the work she's done to document Putin's war crimes.

Some background on Oleksandra:

- Oleksandra is based in Kyiv and heads the [Center for Civil Liberties](#), a human rights organization that received the 2022 Nobel Peace Prize. Her organization has documented more than 68,000 Russian war crimes.
- Oleksandra was recognized as one of the [top 25 most influential women in the world](#) by the Financial Times in 2022.
- At the start of the war in February 2022, Oleksandra created the "[Tribunal for Putin](#)" initiative with other partners to document international crimes under the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court in Ukraine.
- Through her work with the Center for Civil Liberties and the Tribunal for Putin, Oleksandra has cataloged [approximately 68,000 Russian crimes](#) over the last

decade.

Happy to work around your schedule to get a quick coffee in the books. If those dates above don't work, we have some buffer days afterwards as well.

Let me know if you're interested and let's lock something in! Looping in my colleague Emma here too to for scheduling.

Thanks much!

Ken

Ken Farnaso

202 805 0890

From: [Eric Sutton](#)
To: [Mark A. Kellner](#)
Subject: Interview/Meeting with Oleksandra Matviichuk, Nobel Peace Prize winner
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2024 2:59:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hello Mark - I'm reaching out on behalf of Nobel Peace Prize winner and Ukrainian human rights leader [Oleksandra Matviichuk](#).

She will be in Washington, D.C. on September 10th to 20 and wanted to see if you are available or have interest in meeting with her. She can provide the latest on-the-ground report from Ukraine and her organization has documented more than 68,000 Russian war crimes. She can cover the latest on Putin's targeting of religious leaders and churches as well.

Some background on Oleksandra:

- Oleksandra is based in Kyiv and heads the [Center for Civil Liberties](#), a human rights organization that received the 2022 Nobel Peace Prize.
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We'd love for a meeting to work out – we are very flexible and can work around your schedule.

Thanks, Eric

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Subject: Meeting/Interview Opportunity - Nobel Peace Prize Recipient from Ukraine
Date: Thursday, October 10, 2024 7:22:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
Importance: High

Hello all - Nobel Peace Prize recipient and Ukrainian human rights leader [Oleksandra Matviichuk](#) is in Washington, D.C. until October 22. Wanted to see if you or one of your colleagues would be interested in meeting with her while she is in town. Thought you might be interested in her groundbreaking work exposing the hidden and often underreported atrocities of Putin's war.

Oleksandra has documented over 80,000 war crimes including child abduction, religious persecution, brutal torturing, raping and killing of civilians. She is coming to the U.S. every month now to help educate congressional leaders, administration officials and other influential audiences (think tanks) on these atrocities and is working on a plan for eventual [tribunals for Putin](#) and Russian soldiers.

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We'd love for a meeting to work out – we are very flexible and can work around your schedule.

Thanks, Eric

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From: [Eric Sutton](#)
To: sanger@nytimes.com
Subject: Meeting/Interview Opportunity - Nobel Peace Prize Winner in D.C. from October 11-22
Date: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 1:51:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
Importance: High

Hello David - Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and Ukrainian human rights leader [Oleksandra Matviichuk](#) will be in Washington, D.C. on October 11-22. Wanted to see if you would be interested in meeting with her while she is in town. Thought you might be interested in her groundbreaking work exposing the hidden and often underreported atrocities of Putin's war.

Oleksandra has documented over 80,000 war crimes including child abduction, religious persecution, brutal torturing, raping and killing of civilians. She is coming to the U.S. every month now to help educate congressional leaders, administration officials and other influential audiences (think tanks) on these atrocities and is working on a plan for eventual [tribunals for Putin](#) and Russian soldiers.

Some background on Oleksandra:

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From: [Eric Sutton](#)
To: [Greene, Nyja; "nyja.greene@turner.com"](#)
Subject: RE: Guest Opp: Oleksandra Matviichuk, Nobel Peace Prize winner/Ukrainian human rights leader
Date: Monday, September 16, 2024 1:43:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hello Nyja– just following up on this. Please let me know if interested in booking Oleksandra this week. She has been meeting with Members of Congress to shed light on Russia’s awful atrocities and war crimes against women, children and Christian leaders. Thanks, Eric (301) 943-9923

From: Eric Sutton
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 4:32 PM
To: Greene, Nyja <nyja.greene@warnermedia.com>; 'nyja.greene@turner.com' <nyja.greene@turner.com>
Subject: Guest Opp: Oleksandra Matviichuk, Nobel Peace Prize winner/Ukrainian human rights leader

Hello Nyja- know you all are tied up with post-debate but wanted to see if you would be interested in booking Nobel Peace Prize winner and Ukrainian human rights leader [Oleksandra Matviichuk](#). She is in Washington, D.C. now until September 20 and available for in-studio interviews.

She can provide unique interviews and the latest on-the-ground report from Ukraine including:

- Increased bombardment of Ukrainian civilian areas (she just penned open letter requesting urgent air-defense support)
<https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/columns/2024/09/11/7474605/>
- Efforts to rescue the 20,000 children abducted by Russians (who is trying to reprogram them into Russian soldiers)
- Torturing, persecution and killing of religious/Christian leaders (Russia has destroyed over 600 churches and killed more than 30 religious leaders)
- Waning of global freedom (which has declined for 18 consecutive years according to new report) and how Ukraine is important piece of the puzzle in turning the tide

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From: [Eric Sulton](#)
To: [Internet Dropbox, letters; Larabee, Michael](#)
Subject: RE: OPED Submission - Protecting Ukraine civilians requires ability to strike military installations in Russia
Date: Tuesday, September 24, 2024 12:29:00 PM

Here you go! 390 words. Please let me know if you need anything else. Thanks, Eric

In response to the recent article, [Debate Over Ukraine Weapons Restrictions Divides Allies, Administration](#): Putin has no regard for international law or human rights. Since Russia's invasion, they have inflicted a constant stream of atrocities aimed at breaking the spirit of the Ukrainian people.

To protect the human rights of Ukrainians, we must stop Moscow's extreme aggression. And to do that, we must give Ukraine the means to protect its civilians and strike back.

Russia is assaulting Ukrainian civil society by targeting civilian infrastructure with strikes launched more than 100 miles from the border. It takes only 42 seconds for rockets to hit our schools, homes, and churches in Kharkiv from their launch points inside Russia. More often than not, civilians don't have enough time to reach a bomb shelter. To block these attacks and protect innocent civilians, Ukraine needs air defense systems and long-range weapons. We need permission to launch strategic, cross-border strikes on military targets to diminish Russia's ability to kill Ukrainians. We need our Western allies' help.

I understand that countries must act in their best interest, and I see a clear common interest between the U.S. and Ukraine. We know that if Russia wins the war, they will not stop with Ukraine. They will use the same brutal tactics to go after other European countries, including NATO allies the U.S. would be obligated to protect with troops on the ground. The fall of one European democracy would be a threat to democracy everywhere.

Putin is attempting to isolate Ukraine from its allies and continue his horrific campaign to erase our country from the map. I hope the U.S. and its allies will continue their vital support for Ukraine's fight for freedom by giving us the tools we need to defend ourselves. The permission to fight back will allow us to end the atrocities faced daily in our communities—and it will show authoritarian leaders across the world that the international community is willing to stand up and fight for freedom and democracy.

Despite Russia's best efforts, Ukraine's spirit is not broken. We know that with the help of our allies and the United States, we will prevail and safeguard the values of global democracy.

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From: Internet Dropbox, letters <letters.InternetDropbox@washpost.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2024 12:05 PM
To: Eric Sutton <esutton@pluspr.com>; Larabee, Michael <Michael.Larabee@washpost.com>
Subject: Re: OPED Submission - Protecting Ukraine civilians requires ability to strike military installations in Russia

That would be delightful. Thank you!

From: Eric Sutton <esutton@pluspr.com>
Date: Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 11:47 AM
To: Internet Dropbox, letters <letters.InternetDropbox@washpost.com>, Larabee, Michael <Michael.Larabee@washpost.com>
Subject: RE: OPED Submission - Protecting Ukraine civilians requires ability to strike military installations in Russia

Great! Would you like us to trim down with opening responding to this Wash Post article posted this morning.)Debate over Ukraine weapons restrictions divides allies, administration<https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2024/09/24/ukraine-weapons-limits-biden-permission-atacms/>) 400 words or less? Eric

From: Internet Dropbox, letters <letters.InternetDropbox@washpost.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2024 11:39 AM
To: Larabee, Michael <Michael.Larabee@washpost.com>; Eric Sutton <esutton@pluspr.com>
Subject: Re: OPED Submission - Protecting Ukraine civilians requires ability to strike military installations in Russia

Thanks, all. WEv'e received a lot of letters on this subject, and I'd like to try to make this one work.

From: Larabee, Michael <Michael.Larabee@washpost.com>
Date: Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 11:19 AM
To: Eric Sutton <esutton@pluspr.com>, Internet Dropbox, letters <letters.InternetDropbox@washpost.com>
Subject: Re: OPED Submission - Protecting Ukraine civilians requires ability to strike military installations in Russia

Let me share it with our letters editor for her consideration. She or someone on her team will be in touch if they can use it.

best
Mike

From: Eric Sutton <esutton@pluspr.com>

Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2024 6:46 AM

To: Larabee, Michael <Michael.Larabee@washpost.com>

Cc: Brewington, Autumn <Autumn.Brewington@washpost.com>

Subject: RE: OPED Submission - Protecting Ukraine civilians requires ability to strike military installations in Russia

Hello Michael – Thank you for letting me know. Could we at least get an LTE in response to this Wash Post story just posted then given how this is a hot topic this week with Zelensky here. Think it is a unique perspective for a Nobel Peace winner to be advocating for more military strikes (to protect Ukraine civilians getting shelled).

Debate over Ukraine weapons restrictions divides allies, administration

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2024/09/24/ukraine-weapons-limits-biden-permission-atacms/>

From: Larabee, Michael <Michael.Larabee@washpost.com>

Sent: Monday, September 23, 2024 8:47 PM

To: Eric Sutton <esutton@pluspr.com>

Cc: Brewington, Autumn <Autumn.Brewington@washpost.com>

Subject: Re: OPED Submission - Protecting Ukraine civilians requires ability to strike military installations in Russia

Dear Eric, thank you for the look but we have to pass on this piece.

Best

Mike

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From: Eric Sutton <esutton@pluspr.com>

Sent: Monday, September 23, 2024 2:24:45 PM

To: Larabee, Michael <Michael.Larabee@washpost.com>

Cc: autumn.brewington@washpost.com <autumn.brewington@washpost.com>

Subject: OPED Submission - Protecting Ukraine civilians requires ability to strike military installations in Russia

CAUTION: EXTERNAL SENDER

Hello Michael - On behalf of Oleksandra Matviichuk, I would like to submit the below op-ed for publication for The Washington Post.

Oleksandra Matviichuk is a Ukrainian human rights lawyer, 2022 Nobel Peace Prize Winner and head of the Center for Civil Liberties.

Her op-ed advocates for permitting Ukraine to strike cross-border military sites in Russia that are launching the missiles and drones that are hitting civilian and civil infrastructure targets in Ukraine. Her op-ed is very timely given President Zelensky's visit this week with this issue set to come up. **Any chance you could publish in the next day or two?**

Please contact me at (301) 943-9923 or via email regarding any questions, citations, or concerns. I can provide her email for signature if you accept the op-ed.

Thank you so much for your timely consideration,
Eric

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Title: Protecting Ukraine civilians requires ability to strike military installations in Russia

Word Count: 635 Words

Author: Oleksandra Matviichuk

As a human rights lawyer, I have used my knowledge of the law to defend civilians and human dignity for many years. Unfortunately, the law alone is not enough to prevent Russia from continuing to commit atrocities against innocent Ukrainian civilians.

Russian troops have no regard for international law or human rights. They are deliberately carrying out war crimes against the people of Ukraine. They are shelling residences, schools, churches and hospitals. They are attacking evacuation corridors. They are torturing people. They are abducting Ukrainian children. They are robbing, raping and killing Ukrainian civilians. Our international system of peace and security has not stopped it.

It takes only 42 seconds for Russian rockets to hit our schools, homes and churches in Kharkiv. More often than not, civilians don't have enough time to reach a bomb shelter. Since their invasion, Russian troops have inflicted a constant stream of atrocities aimed to break the spirit of the Ukrainian people. At the beginning of this month, a Russian missile targeted a [beautiful family of five \[theguardian.com\]](#), leaving only the father behind to mourn his wife and three young daughters. This summer, the day before the NATO summit began, Russia targeted Ukraine's largest children's hospital with a missile attack. [Dozens of children \[apnews.com\]](#) battling life-threatening diseases were forced to evacuate and were unable to receive care.

When I look at the unspeakable crimes against humanity Russia has inflicted on the

Ukrainian people, I see a concerted effort to wipe out our entire culture, our entire nationality and our entire history. Nearly 20,000 Ukrainian children [reuters.com] have been abducted by Russia. Some of these children are even forced to take on new names to erase their Ukrainian identity and placed in Russian schools that ban Ukrainian language and history. The Russian version of victory would see Ukraine as we know it cease to exist. It would put the stability of democracy at risk around the entire world.

In order to protect the human rights of Ukrainians, we must stop Moscow's extreme aggression. And to do that, we must give Ukraine the means to protect its civilians and strike back.

Russia is assaulting Ukrainian civil society by targeting civilian infrastructure with strikes conducted more than 100 miles from the border. To block these attacks and protect innocent civilians, Ukraine needs air defense systems and long-range weapons. We need permission to launch strategic, cross-border strikes on military bases to diminish Russia's ability to kill Ukrainians. We need our Western allies' help.

I understand that countries must act in their best interest, and I see a clear common interest between the U.S. and Ukraine. We know that if Russia wins the war, they will not stop with Ukraine. They will use the same brutal tactics to go after other European countries, including North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) allies the U.S. would be obligated to protect with troops on the ground. The fall of one European democracy would be a threat to democracy everywhere.

Putin is attempting to isolate Ukraine from its allies and continue his horrific campaign to erase our country from the map. I hope the U.S. and its allies will continue its vital support for Ukraine's fight for freedom by giving us the tools we need to defend ourselves. The permission to fight back will allow us to end the atrocities faced daily in our communities – and it will show authoritarian leaders across the world that the international community is willing to stand up and fight for freedom and democracy.

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From: [Eric Sutton](#)
To: lauren.peller@abc.com
Subject: Statement: Nobel Peace Laureate Calls For U.S. to Permit Ukraine to Strike Military Sites in Russia
Date: Monday, September 23, 2024 3:01:00 PM

Hello Lauren – below is a statement from Oleksandra Matviichuk, Ukrainian human rights lawyer and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate who heads the Center for Civil Liberties (CCL). Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to set up an interview with Oleksandra for future coverage. She was in Washington, D.C. the last two weeks delivering this message to Members of Congress. Thanks, Eric

Oleksandra Matviichuk Statement: Granting Ukraine Authority to Attack Military Sites in Russia

“As a human rights lawyer, I have been applying the law to defend people and human dignity for many years. But this is a situation devoid of law on the part of the Russian invaders as one cannot simply wave the Geneva Convention in front of a missile or tank to stop it. Russian troops are deliberately shelling residences, schools, churches and hospitals. They are attacking evacuation corridors. They are torturing people. They are abducting Ukrainian children. They are robbing, raping and killing Ukrainian civilians. And our international system of peace and security has not stopped it.

“That is why Ukraine urgently needs permission to launch strategic, cross-border strikes to diminish Russia’s ability to maim and kill by degrading Putin’s ruthless missile and drone capabilities. It takes only 42 seconds for Russian rockets to hit our schools, homes and churches in parts of Eastern Ukraine. Far too often, it is not enough time to seek safety or reach a bomb shelter. This is not about attacking Russia – it is about protecting Ukraine. It is my hope that the United States will use its strong voice to continue to support Ukraine’s fight for freedom and ensure we have the weapons to defend ourselves and protect our shared values.”

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Subject: Video Transcript - Press Call with General Breedlove and Nobel Prize Recipient Matviichuk
Date: Monday, October 21, 2024 2:15:00 PM

Hello Laurence – here is a [link](#) to watch the virtual press conference with former NATO commander General Philip Breedlove and Nobel Peace Prize Recipient Oleksandra Matviichuk and here is a [link](#) for the transcript. Below are key quotes from the press call. Please let me know if you have any questions. Best regards, Eric

TRANSCRIPT:

Press Call With Nobel Peace Prize Recipient Oleksandra Matviichuk and Former NATO Commander General Philip Breedlove October 21, 2024 at 10:00AM

Oleksandra Matviichuk:

- “Putin’s wars against Ukraine are having a devastating impact on Ukrainian civilians and human life. Russia is deliberately inflicting immense pain on the civilian population in order to break people’s resistance and the country.”
- “That is why Russian troops deliberately challenge residential buildings, schools, churches, museums and hospitals. They attack evacuation corridors. They torture people and Federation camps. They abduct, kill and rape civilians in the occupied territories.”
- “We started documentation of these Russian war crimes when the large-scale war was launched, and now we have in our database more than 80,000 episodes of these crimes. And this is just the tip of the iceberg. The real number is much more.”
- “Ukraine needs air defense systems and long-range distance weapons to stop Putin’s violence... It takes only 42 seconds for a Russian rocket to hit a school in Kharkiv. When you have only 42 seconds and there are children in the school, it’s very visible to you that this time is not enough for children to hide in a bomb shelter, and in 42 seconds, your children will probably be killed.”
- “Now, we’re expecting a very hard winter because Russia has already destroyed the vast majority of the energy regeneration system in Ukraine. It means that if we do not get more air defense and rockets to them in the nearest weeks, we will face a winter without heating, electricity, light and water, and millions of people in Ukraine will start to ask themselves how to survive in such circumstances.” According to expert data, probably two million Ukrainians will be forced to leave the country because they have no practical answer on how to warm milk for their newborn babies in such circumstances.”
- “We are very grateful to the people of the United States of America for the support that we received previously. But to stop Putin’s violence against civilians and protect civil cities and settlements, we need more air defense systems, rockets and long-range distance weapons, as well as permission to strike back at military facilities and military objects in Russian territory.”
- “Ukrainians are fighting not just for ourselves. This is not just a war between two states. This is a war between two systems: authoritarianism and democracy. With this war, Putin tries to convince the entire world that a country with strong military potential and nuclear weapons can break international order, dictate its rules to the entire international community and even forcibly change internationally recognized voters.”
- “Ukraine is a tool for Russia to break this international order, and that is why we are dealing with the formation of the entire civilian block when China helps Russia to

circumvent sanctions and import technologies critical to warfare. Iran sent Russia their missiles and drones. Syria voted for Russia in the UN General Assembly, and the recent news is that North Korea sent Russia not just their drones and rockets but also troops to participate in this war.”

- “If Russia succeeds, it will go further and will attack the next country from the NATO Alliance, which provides another wave of violence and scale of escalation. Putin will stop only when he is stopped, and if authoritarian countries support each other, democracies must demonstrate unity in supporting freedom and democratic values.”

General Philip Breedlove:

- “...Russia's military has failed. Remember where it was days after this war started, and how much of Ukraine they held at that time, and where we find ourselves today is most of that land has been taken back. Yes, Russia is having a slow, gradual advance in some parts of the Donbas, but Russia has also lost Russian terrain to Ukraine in the course of the region. So, the war is not going well for Russia. Its air force has not been able to establish air dominance over Ukraine. Its army has not been able to prevail in a large sense and has lost territory since the second and third days of the war.”
- “Russia's campaign now is more what we call a counter-value campaign in the military. They cannot effectively attack and diminish the armed forces of Ukraine because their weapons and tactics are not delivering the accuracy that they need.”
- “I've heard many say that over 90% of Russian strikes are against civilians, civilian targets, civilian infrastructure, energy and all the things that affect the society of Ukraine, rather than the military of Ukraine, and this appears to be Russia's new way of war, to try to disassemble a country. The pictures, if you've not seen them, of the cities that Russia has overrun, beginning with Mariupol in the South, it's just crazy the destruction that they have caused of all the civilian infrastructures in these cities. So we've seen what Russia is about.”
- “We (U.S.) are giving Ukraine enough to not be defeated on the battlefield, but we are, on purpose, not giving them what they need to win on the battlefield. And we need to change this.”
- “We need to make the air defenses of Ukraine more dense. What they have is effective, but there's not enough of it, so we need to be more thoughtful in bringing numbers to the right problems when it comes to defense. May I tell you, as a fighter pilot, you don't win on the defense. You win when you take offensive actions, and so yes, we have to begin to allow Ukraine to fire back into Russia. Would you ever ask Roger Federer to go to the French Open and receive for the entire tournament? No, it's crazy. We are asking Ukraine to receive only when it comes to Western weapons.”
- “Meanwhile, Russia is firing Iranian weapons, North Korean weapons and, yes, Chinese-enabled Russian-built weapons into Ukraine. Russia is being allowed by the West to use anyone's weapons and fire from all directions, from Belarus around to the northern Black Sea. We allow Russia to do that, and we give them sanctuary from which to fire into Ukraine, and we forbid Ukraine from firing back into Russia at legitimate targets.”
- “These are the sanctuaries that we enforce from Russia and assure Russia that they can operate in those sanctuaries and fire without regard for Western weapons, and that's no way to move forward.”
- “We need to be very open and forceful with Russia about what will not happen in the future, and that is that Russia will not be allowed to once again be rewarded for bad behavior. In 2008, they were rewarded for bad behavior. In 2014, they were rewarded for their bad behavior. And if we capitulate in 2024 for a third time, they will be rewarded for their bad behavior. Here's what I know about raising children: if

you reward bad behavior, a second time you reward bad behavior and a third time you reward bad behavior, you are not going to get good behavior in the future. We need to change the paradigm with Russia.”

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