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Ukrainian oligarch and Zelensky supporter Ihor Kolomoisky arrested in fraud investigation

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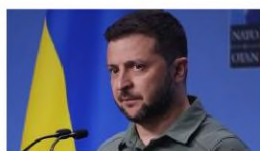
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Kolomoisky's media and banking businesses have made him one of the richest men in Ukraine.

However, the US State Department has previously accused him of using his "political influence and power for personal benefit."

The State Department sanctioned Kolomoisky in March 2021 for his alleged involvement in "corrupt acts that undermined rule of law and the Ukrainian public's faith in their government's democratic institutions and public processes."

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On Saturday, the Shevchenkivskyi District Court ordered Kolomoisky be held until October 31, Ukrinform said, and he was given the option of posting bail in excess of 500 million Ukrainian hryvnia (\$14 million).

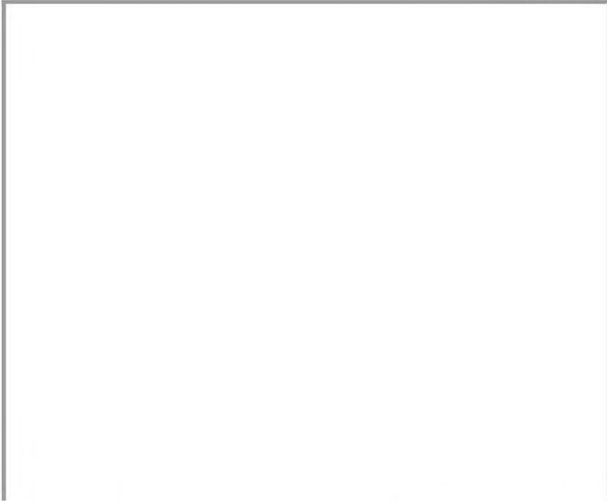
"If the businessman posts bail, he must fulfill a number of conditions – not leave the locality where he will be staying, appear for interrogations, and notify the relevant authorities of any change of residence, if any," the Ukrinform report added.

"He is also prohibited from communicating with witnesses and other suspects in this criminal proceeding... and must also surrender his passports for traveling abroad."

Corruption crackdown amid the war

According to a 2021 Transparency International report, Ukraine is the second most corrupt country in Europe after Russia and ranks 122nd globally among 180 countries.

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The case against Kolomoisky is the latest in Ukraine's anti corruption drive amid Russia's invasion, which has targeted several high profile figures and uncovered luxury watches, cars and thousands of dollars in cash.

"Every criminal who has the audacity to harm Ukraine, especially in times of war, must clearly understand that we will handcuff his hands," said Vasyl Maliuk, head of the SBU, in a statement issued in February.

Earlier this year Zelensky fired a slew of senior Ukrainian officials over a corruption scandal linked to the procurement of war-time supplies. It was the biggest shakeup of his government since Russia's invasion began.

Among those caught up in corruption investigations are the acting head of the Kyiv tax authority, who was allegedly part of a scheme to overlook 45 billion Ukrainian hryvnia (\$1.2

Officials who confused their shoulder straps with profit will definitely be brought to justice.”

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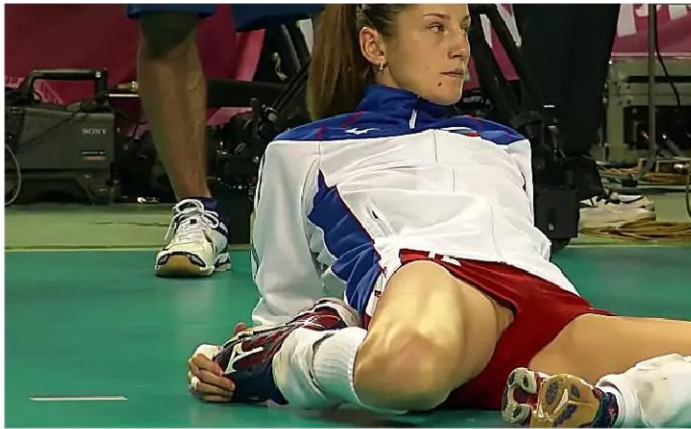
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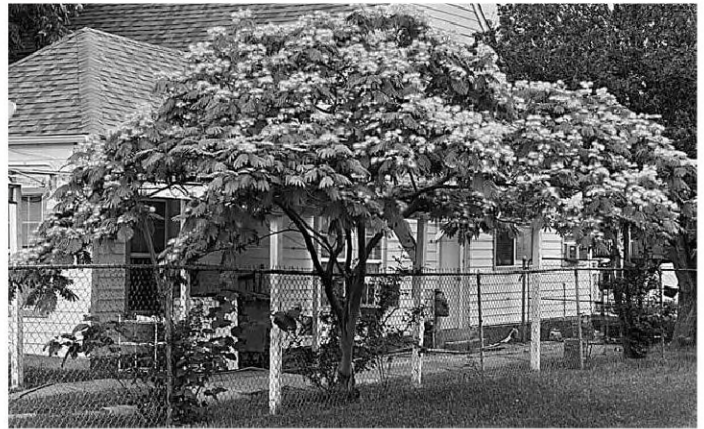
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