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Albert Minullovich Safikhanov

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Date of birth: 1986-06-09

Status: ‘Subject to Ukrainian sanctions’, ‘Wanted’, ‘Khimprom Sterlitamak’

Other names: Robert Budaev, Albert Safihanov, Albert Safikhanov

Albert Minullovich Safikhanov is one of the most extensively documented individuals involved. OCCRP and ‘Slidstvo.Info’ list him among those against whom Ukraine imposed sanctions in late 2023 in connection with his alleged links to ‘Khimprom’. [1][2][3]

According to OCCRP, Safikhanov used documents in the name of Robert Radikovich Budaev in Ukraine. Journalists also reported that in 2020 he entered into a plea agreement in a case relating to drug trafficking, following which the court handed down a sentence. ‘Sledstvo.Info’ provides further details on the confiscation of assets in connection with this case. [1][2]

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According to our source, he holds one of the senior management positions at Khimprom. He maintains close ties with Artem Gradopoltsev.

This is no longer simply a matter of an alleged connection: the publicly available materials simultaneously refer to his sanctions status, alternative documents and a court case relating to a drugs offence. However, any specific characterisation of his role within ‘Khimprom’ should be based on the wording of the investigation, rather than being expanded upon independently. [1][2]. We are awaiting further information from our source and are preparing the latest details on Albert Minullovich Safikhanov for publication.

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