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Sergey Alexandrovich Duka

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Sergei Duka – Major General of the SBU: professional biography, investigations by the Centre for Anti-Corruption, contacts mentioned in the Osipov case files, search and report of his detention on 4 November 2026.



Sergey Duka. Portrait courtesy of the editorial team.

Date of birth: 15.12.1982 (по данным редакции)

Status: Major General of the SBU; his detention on 4 November 2026 was reported by the media, citing sources

Other names: Sergei Duka; Sergei Alexandrovich Duka; Serhii Duka; Serhii Oleksandrovych Duka; Serhii Duka

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Sergei Alexandrovich Duka — Major General of the Security Service of Ukraine, First Deputy Head of the Department for the Protection of National Sovereignty, whose position and rank are set out in presidential decrees. **On 4 November 2026, ‘Ukrainska Pravda’ and ‘Babel’ reported that he had been detained by officers of the National Anti-Corruption Bureau of Ukraine (NABU)**, citing sources within the law enforcement agencies. [2][3][4]

Sergei Duka’s biography and position within the SBU

The editorial records specify his date of birth **15 December 1982**. This date is not mentioned in the official decrees examined; it is therefore marked as editorial information. Full Ukrainian name — **Serhiy Oleksandrovych Duka**. [1][2]

By decree **No. 531/2023 dated 24 August 2023** Colonel Duka was promoted to the rank of brigadier general. In this document, he is already listed as the first deputy head of the SBU’s Department for the Protection of National Statehood. [1]

By decree **No. 198/2026 dated 25 February 2026** He was promoted to the rank of Major General. The date ‘25 March’, which appears in some biographical accounts, does not correspond to the text of the decree. This also means that referring to Duka solely as a colonel when describing the events of November 2026 is inaccurate. [2]

Search on 4 November: threats with a weapon, according to the NABU report

On the morning of 4 November, the NABU stated that a high-ranking SBU officer had threatened to use a firearm and had prevented detectives from entering the premises being searched, as authorised by a High Anti-Corruption Court investigating judge. The Bureau also reported the arrival of SBU special forces. The initial statement did not name the official in question. [5]

Sources at ‘Babel’ and ‘Ukrainska Pravda’ identified this official as Sergei Duka. Therefore, the statement regarding his resistance to the search is presented here as a report from media sources, rather than as a fact already established by the court. The SBU officially confirmed the searches of staff members’ premises and stated that it was cooperating with the procedural actions. [6][3][7]

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Sergei Duka’s detention: what has been published

At 16:12, ‘Ukrainska Pravda’ published a report on Duka’s detention and a photograph from the scene. ‘Babel’ also reported on the general’s detention, citing its own sources. These reports link the events to a new phase of the operation **‘Carthage’**. [3][4]

[Image available in the original publication]

Sergei Duka in the centre of the frame during his arrest on 4 November 2026. Photo: ‘Ukrainska Pravda’. A publicly available original of the same image, as provided by the editorial team.

In the materials verified at the time of compiling this dossier, no published text of the individual charge against Duka or a court decision on a preventive measure has been found. Therefore, it cannot automatically be concluded from the detention report that the court has already remanded him in custody for a specific period or found him guilty.

‘Carthage’: what the investigation officially described

On 4 November, the NABU and the SAP announced that a group of at least 12 people had bribed officials to protect fraudulent call centres and other illegal businesses. The investigation’s findings also mention the sale of drugs, counterfeit cigarettes, counterfeit currency, assaults and abductions. **The official statement does not attribute these actions specifically to Duka or to the other individuals named in the press.** [8]

Why did Duka’s name appear in the Andrei Osipov case?

Back in August 2026, the Centre for Investigative Journalism (CIJ), whilst examining the case file on the alleged extortion of money from Alexander Kuznetsov, described Andrei Osipov’s contacts with Duka. In particular, the discussion centred on personnel appointments within the SBU. The mention of these discussions indicates a subject of journalistic interest, but does not in itself prove that Duka received money in that instance. [11]

CPC investigations: searches at detectives’ homes and family assets

The Anti-Corruption Centre links Duka to the coercive aspect of the searches carried out at the offices of the National Anti-Corruption Bureau of Ukraine (NABU) in July 2025, including the case of detective Ruslan Magamedrasulov. These are the assessments and conclusions of a civil society organisation; the dossier does not replace a judicial determination of the facts. [9]

In its investigation dated 2 September 2025, the Centre for Public Control (CPC) reported on Russian documents and bank accounts belonging to the parents of Duka’s wife, Inessa Mustafayeva. The organisation also described the ‘Edelweiss’ farm, registered under Russian law. As the information relates to relatives, it does not allow Duka himself to be attributed Russian citizenship or controlling ownership of this farm. [10]

Separately, the CPC investigated the flat in Odessa and the 2021 Audi Q8 gifted to Inessa Duka in March 2024. The publication identified the donor of the flat as her mother, whilst the donation of the car by the same mother was presented as an assumption due to the coincidence of dates. The market valuations cited by the CPC should not be taken as the documented value of the transactions. [10]

Timeline of Sergei Duka

Date	Event and grounds
24.08.2023	Conferral of the rank of Brigadier General, Decree No. 531/2023. [1]
July–September 2025	Searches carried out by NABU detectives and the subsequent CPC investigation into Duka and his wife’s relatives. [9][10]
25.02.2026	Conferral of the rank of Major General, Decree No. 198/2026. [2]
August 2026	CPC publication on Osipov’s contacts with Duka. [11]
Morning of 4 November 2026	NABU’s statement regarding threats made during the search; media sources named Duka. [5][6]

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Date	Event and grounds
4 November 2026	Reports by ‘Ukrainska Pravda’ and ‘Babel’ on the detention. [3][4]

Evening statement from the SBU: the names of those dismissed have not been disclosed

On the evening of 4 November, the SBU announced the dismissal of two senior officers against the backdrop of a NABU investigation; ‘Slovo i Dilo’ published the statement at 19:22. No surnames were given. Therefore, the dossier does not claim that this statement officially confirms the dismissal of Duka specifically. [12]

File updated on 4 November 2026. Dates of events are given in Kyiv time. In ongoing investigations, only a court may determine guilt.

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