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Dmitry Sergeyevich Kazorin

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The history of Dmitry Kazorin’s stake in ‘Bookmaker Pub’, the links between the 1xBet and 1xStavka brands, and documents relating to Ukrainian sanctions.



Dmitry Sergeyevich Kazorin. Photograph courtesy of the editorial team.

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Dmitry Sergeyevich Kazorin He features in two strands of the 1xBet narrative. In Russian publications covering the 2020 case, he is named as one of the alleged organisers of the online platform. In historical corporate records, he is listed as a shareholder of ‘Bookmaker Pub’ LLC, which operated under the 1xStavka brand. Ukraine added Kazorin to its personal sanctions list in March 2023. [1] [2] [3]

Dmitry Kazorin and his 12.1 per cent stake in ‘Bookmaker Pub’

The annex to Ukrainian Decree No. 145/2023 lists his date of birth as 6 November 1984, his nationality as Russian, and the name variants ‘Kazorin Dmitrii Sergeyevich’ and ‘Kazorin Dmitrii’. RBC reported that, according to documents in the editorial office’s possession, Kazorin also obtained Cypriot citizenship in 2016. [3] [1]

According to a historical extract from the Unified State Register of Legal Entities (EGRUL), cited by RBC, Kazorin owned 12.1 per cent of ‘Bookmaker Pub’. The remaining 87.9 per cent was registered in the name of the Cypriot company Ehrlich Ltd. OpenSanctions shows a transition from this shareholding structure to a record showing 100 per cent ownership by AO ‘Konstruktor’ in June 2022. The RBC-Ukraine report also dates Kazorin’s withdrawal from the company’s shareholder structure to June 2022. The exact date of the share transfer and the terms of the transaction require the original registration document. [1] [2] [4]

A shareholding in a Russian legal entity provides a starting point for examining the corporate history. It helps to trace the distribution of voting rights and potential entitlement to dividends. To answer the question of who authorised payments on the international platform or managed its software, specific contracts and information on the relevant companies will be required. [1] [2] [5]

1xStavka and 1xBet: where the documents overlap

RBC reported that ‘Bookmaker Pub’ held a Russian licence to operate 1xStavka. In 2022, RBC-Ukraine highlighted further links between the brands: the use of the 1xBet logo in certain sports sponsorships and redirection from a Russian domain. This information relates to the period investigated by the journalists. Links via domains and advertising help in identifying agreements, but each legal entity retains its own obligations towards its customers and the regulator. [1] [4]

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Another clue lies in the trademarks. Forbes Ukraine reported that applications for the Ukrainian 1xBet trademarks were submitted by a company registered in Curaçao, whilst the registered owner was listed as the Cypriot firm Navasard Ltd. A Ukrainian court document cites the numbers of two certificates issued when licences were granted to a local operator in 2022. To determine the extent of a specific individual's rights, it is necessary to examine the agreements concerning the transfer or use of the trademarks and the composition of the company's shareholders as at the relevant date. [6] [7]

The Bryansk investigation's version of events and a separate judgement

In August 2020, according to a report by RBC citing the Bryansk branch of the Investigative Committee, Kazorin, Roman Semiokhin and Sergey Karshkov were named as suspects in a case concerning the illegal organisation of gambling. Investigators believed that between 2014 and 2019 they had been involved in setting up and maintaining the website. RBC reported that the three had been placed on an international wanted list. *Kommersant* described the evidence read out in court concerning payment agreements made on behalf of Gibraltar-based Techinfusion Ltd. [1] [5]

According to *Kommersant*, customers could top up their gaming accounts using a bank card or at the cash desk, after which the transactions were processed by payment intermediaries. This explains why, in the case files, staff members who processed the deposits were listed alongside the shareholders. Signatures on contracts and account instructions are particularly important for verifying the personal account of Kazorin. The article summarises the proceedings of the trial in which the employee's actions were examined. [5] [8]

The figure of over 63 billion roubles referred to the investigators' assessment of the platform's activities over several years. Publicly available reports do not contain a breakdown from which Kazorin's personal income can be determined. In 2021, RBC reported on the sentencing of an employee who had accepted funds from customers in a separate incident. The editorial team was unable to find any verified sources confirming a sentence against Kazorin in this case. [1] [5] [8]

In March 2025, TASS again mentioned Kazorin as a person of interest in a report on the Semiokhina case. The agency cited the investigation's estimate of income for 2014–2019 at approximately 61.2 billion roubles. The same article discussed interim measures relating to the assets of 'Stavka Ru' LLC. To ascertain Kazorin's procedural status at a later date, a document is required in which the court or the investigating authorities would explicitly state what decision they had taken regarding

him. [9]

Ukrainian licences for 2022 and personal sanctions

On 30 March 2022, the Ukrainian State Commission for the Regulation of Gambling (KRAIL) issued licences to ‘Tvoia Betting Company’ LLC for bookmaking and online casino operations. On 6 September, the commission revoked them. According to ‘Suspilne’, the regulator cited inaccurate information in the applicant’s documents concerning activities carried out in the interests of residents of the aggressor state. The Ukrainian operator publicly contested the CRAIL’s conclusions and stated its intention to take the matter to court. [7] [10] [11]

On 10 March 2023, Decree No. 145/2023 came into force, implementing a decision by the National Security and Defence Council (NSDC). Kazorin is listed under number 88, with the measures listed applicable for a period of 50 years. These include the freezing of assets, restrictions on commercial transactions, and restrictions on the transfer of technology and intellectual property rights. In the decision concerning licences, the addressee was a Ukrainian legal entity, whilst the sanctions annex specifically names Kazorin himself. [12] [3] [7]

What further facts about Kazorin can be verified?

For the corporate chronology, the most useful documents are extracts from the Unified State Register of Legal Entities (EGRUL) for the dates of entry into and exit from ‘Bookmaker Pub’, the share transfer agreement, and historical information on the trademark owners. To verify the theory regarding the management of the online platform, one would need processing agreements, documents regarding access to settlement accounts, and case files detailing Kazorin’s specific actions. It is precisely these documents that would make it possible to link the corporate history to individual payments. [1] [2] [5]

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