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Page 47. ‘Carthage’ and five names in the report to the US Congress

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What is stated on page 47 of the US report on the ‘Carthage’ case, Sergei Kropiva, Ruslana Kravchenko, Maria Vdovichenko, Irina Mudra and Olga Stefanishina.

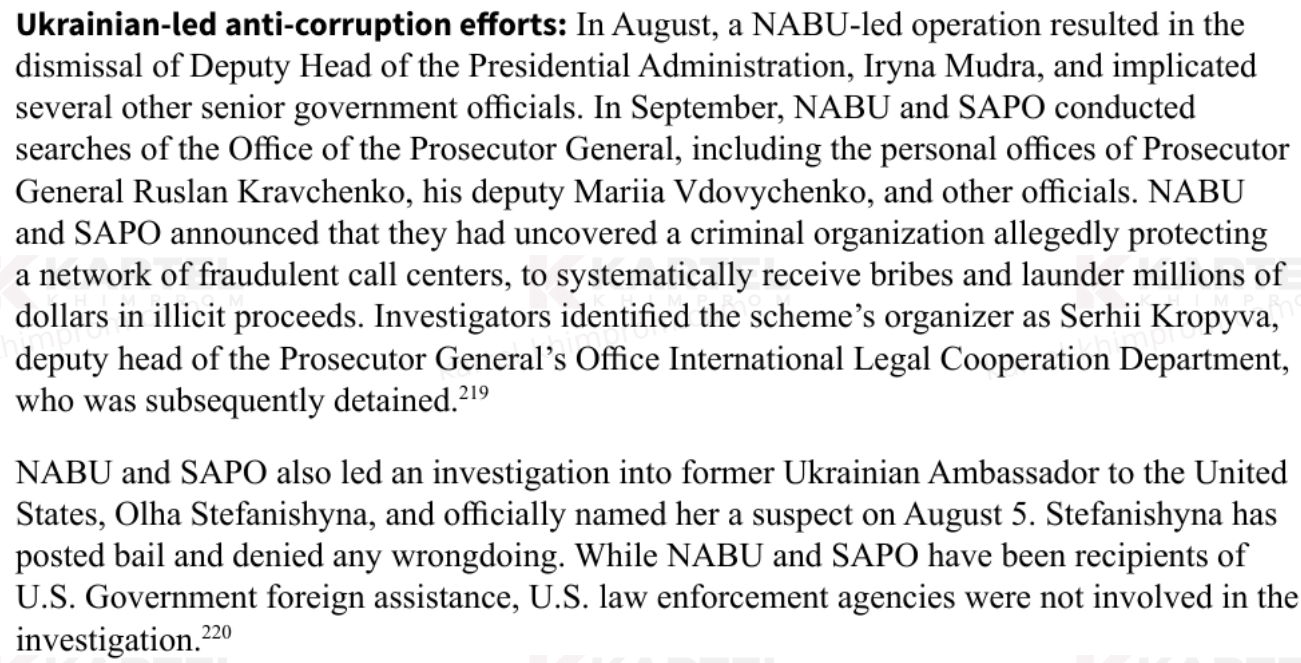


An editorial collage based on publicly available photographs. From left to right: Sergei Kropiva, Irina Mudraya, Olga Stefanishina, Ruslan Kravchenko and Maria Vdovichenko.

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In September, NABU detectives carried out searches of the offices of the leadership of the Office of the Prosecutor General. Two months later, this incident was included in the quarterly report to the US Congress. According to the Ukrainian investigation, one of the heads of a department within the Public Prosecutor's Office organised a scheme in which participants accepted money in exchange for protection of fraudulent call centres. In the same section, the US inspectors mentioned the dismissal of Irina Mudra and a separate investigation into the former Ukrainian ambassador to the US, Olga Stefanishina. Operation Atlantic Resolve report, page 47.

The document covers the period from 1 July to 30 September 2026. Page 47 of the printed report lists five names, but the amount of information provided for each varies. The 'Khimprom Cartel' has cross-referenced this section with reports from the NABU, decisions on preventive measures and public statements by those implicated.



Ukrainian-led anti-corruption efforts: In August, a NABU-led operation resulted in the dismissal of Deputy Head of the Presidential Administration, Iryna Mudra, and implicated several other senior government officials. In September, NABU and SAPO conducted searches of the Office of the Prosecutor General, including the personal offices of Prosecutor General Ruslan Kravchenko, his deputy Mariia Vdovychenko, and other officials. NABU and SAPO announced that they had uncovered a criminal organization allegedly protecting a network of fraudulent call centers, to systematically receive bribes and launder millions of dollars in illicit proceeds. Investigators identified the scheme's organizer as Serhii Kropyva, deputy head of the Prosecutor General's Office International Legal Cooperation Department, who was subsequently detained.[219]

NABU and SAPO also led an investigation into former Ukrainian Ambassador to the United States, Olha Stefanishyna, and officially named her a suspect on August 5. Stefanishyna has posted bail and denied any wrongdoing. While NABU and SAPO have been recipients of U.S. Government foreign assistance, U.S. law enforcement agencies were not involved in the investigation.[220]

Page 47 of the report to the US Congress. Paragraphs concerning the searches at the Office of the Prosecutor General, Kropiva's detention, Mudra's dismissal and the allegations against Stefanishina. Original PDF, page 47.

'Carthage'. How, according to the NABU, the inaction of the prosecutor's office was bought

According to the National Anti-Corruption Bureau of Ukraine (NABU) and the Specialised Anti-Corruption Prosecutor's Office (SAPO), the scheme had been operating since mid-2025. Investigators believe that the head of one of the departments within the Office of the Prosecutor General recruited prosecution service staff and trusted associates to participate in the scheme.

According to the detectives, bribes were systematically received from the operators of the fraudulent call centres in exchange for not interfering with their activities. The victims of the call centres themselves included Ukrainian citizens and foreign nationals. NABU materials on Operation 'Carthage'.

In its first public statement, NABU described the role of the alleged organiser. The US report gives his name as — **Sergei Kropiva**, Deputy Head of the Department of International Legal Cooperation at the Office of the Prosecutor General. The report mentions his detention. On 6 September, the High Anti-Corruption Court ordered Kropiva to remain in custody, with an alternative bail set at 120 million hryvnias. At the end of October, the court extended his detention and reduced the alternative bail amount to 93 million hryvnias. These are the amounts set as a preventive measure. 'Ukrainska Pravda' on the decision of 6 September and 'Interfax-Ukraine' on the decision in October.

The NABU money trail is described along several lines. According to the investigation, over 20 million UAH went towards property, jewellery and valuable movable assets. Assets with a minimum market value of over 12 million hryvnias, including property in the Carpathian region, were transferred to third parties. A further sum of over 10 million hryvnias was deposited into the bank accounts of relatives, presented as business income. These are sums which the investigation links to the alleged money laundering. Data from the NABU.

Kravchenko and Vdovichenko. What is known about the searches

Ruslana Kravchenko and **Maria Vdovichenko** American inspectors mention them in their description of the searches carried out in the offices of the Prosecutor General and his First Deputy. Kravchenko publicly denied any involvement in receiving and laundering money from illegal call centres. The press office of the Prosecutor General's Office confirmed Vdovichenko's dismissal on 9 September. On 15 September, the President of Ukraine signed a decree dismissing Kravchenko. 'Suspilne' on Vdovichenko's resignation and Kravchenko's stance and Decree No. 932/2026.

After the end of the reporting quarter, a new line of inquiry emerged in this case. At the end of October, NABU announced that it had placed the former head of one of the departments of the Office of the Prosecutor General under suspicion. 'Interfax-Ukraine' identified him as Ivan Tymoshenko, the former head of the information technology department. According to the investigation, this official helped to receive payments in cash and in crypto-assets. Statement by the NABU and Published by 'Interfax-Ukraine'.

Irina Mudraya. Dismissal following a search and the property case

On page 47, the American inspectors link the dismissal **Irina Mudra** in connection with the NABU operation in August. The President signed a decree dismissing Mudra from her post as Deputy Head of the President's Office on 19 August. On the same day, Mudra confirmed that her home had been searched, that she had been served with a notice of suspicion, and that she had received a motion for a preventive measure. She stated that she had allowed the investigators to carry out their procedures and would defend her position in court. Decree No. 734/2026 and Mudra's statement as reported by 'Ukrainska Pravda'.

Ukrainian sources describe this episode as part of operations **'Forrest Gump' and 'Themis'**. NABU has alleged the suspected seizure of businesses and property through interference with the Ministry of Justice's systems and the use of forged documents. A separate episode, according to investigators, concerns the laundering of 150 million hryvnias to pay bail for one of the defendants in the 'Midas' case. The sum relates to the episode as a whole. DW, which covered the High Anti-Corruption Court hearing, reported that Mudra was accused of aiding an alleged criminal organisation. NABU materials and DW's report from the court.

Olga Stefanishina. Suspicion and bail set at 6 million hryvnias

On the former Ukrainian ambassador to the US **Olga Stefanishina** The report states explicitly: on 5 August, the NABU and the SAP notified her of the suspicion. The Appeals Chamber of the High Anti-Corruption Court clarifies that this relates to **illegal enrichment and the declaration of false information**According to the prosecution, some of the expenditure on property and its renovation did not correspond to official income. On 20 August, the court upheld the bail of 6 million hryvnias and confirmed that it had been paid. Stefanishyna denies any wrongdoing. Statement by the Appeals Chamber of the VAKS and Report, p. 47.

US involvement is described separately here. NABU and the SAP received US assistance for the work of their agencies. According to the report, the investigation into Stefanishyna was conducted by Ukrainian authorities without the involvement of US law enforcement agencies. Report, p. 47, note 220.

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What do the 42 investigations in the same report mean?

On page 46, the State Department describes corruption as a systemic problem, including in defence procurement and the energy sector. The department notes that emergency procurement procedures following the full-scale invasion allowed the usual levels of oversight to be circumvented. Page 57 discusses the oversight by US inspectors and their partners of US programmes supporting Ukraine. As at 30 September, this report listed **42 open and 5 closed investigations**One transfer of materials to the US Department of Justice and two arrests in the quarter. The summary is given without names. The sources for the section on the five officials are the State Department's responses to a request from US inspectors, as indicated in footnotes 219 and 220. Page 46, p. 57 and Notes 219–220.

> The Special IG and Lead IG agencies have positioned special agents in the United States, Germany, Poland, and Ukraine. Special agents in Kyiv continue working jointly with U.S. Embassy partners and Ukrainian authorities to assess allegations of fraud and corruption, as well any reported discrepancies related to accounting for weapons and military equipment requiring Enhanced End-Use Monitoring (EEUM). Memorandums of Understanding with the Ministry of Defense for Ukraine, National Anti-Corruption Bureau of Ukraine (NABU), Specialized Anti-Corruption Prosecutor's Office (SAPO), State Bureau of Investigation, and National Police of Ukraine (NPU), have continued to facilitate information sharing and collaboration.
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> As of September 30, Special IG and investigative partner agencies reported 42 open investigations, 5 investigations closed, and 1 matter referred to the Department of Justice. Investigative efforts in this reporting period resulted in 2 arrests.
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