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Yegor Burkin and ‘Carthage’: why is the SAP looking for an address to serve the notice of suspicion?

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What exactly did Klimenko say?

According to Radio Svoboda, the SAP has sent requests to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other departments to establish an address for the proper service of the notice of suspicion to a person not residing in Ukraine. Klimenko explained that this was necessary to rule out any future dispute regarding improper service. The report refers to preparations for this action, rather than the confirmed completion of

the procedure. The circumstances surrounding the preparations for service.

This wording must be retained in the headline and timeline. The readiness to send the document, its actual dispatch and the legal assessment of the service are different events. Substituting one for the other makes for a sensational news story, but deprives the reader of an understanding of what stage the case is at.

Why previous charges do not replace the new ones

On 5 November, the National Police reported that charges had been brought against Burkin in absentia in relation to several lines of investigation into the activities of 'Khimprom', and that he himself is the subject of an international arrest warrant. This description relates to other procedural steps and the general status of the suspect. It does not automatically answer the question regarding the service of a specific document in the 'Carthage' case. The National Police's official timeline.

His biography, other names and sanctions history are compiled in Yegor Burkin's file. It is important for readers not to conflate different proceedings: each has its own circumstances, legal classification, evidence and procedural sequence.

The address is part of the evidentiary procedure

When a person implicated in a case is outside the country, simply mentioning their name in public is not enough. It must be clear to whom, where and by what means the procedural document was sent. This is precisely why Klimenko's statement is significant: it

shows that the prosecution is taking potential objections from the defence into account in advance.

Such work does not establish Burkin's guilt. It shows how the prosecution intends to take a specific step. Further assessment will depend on the actions taken and procedural decisions, rather than on how convincing the wording sounds at a press briefing.

Media coverage and criminal proceedings

A few days before the SAP's announcement, an interview with a man presented as Burkin was being discussed. Our the previous analysis of the conversation with Vasyl Tymoshenko relates to public communication; the preparations for serving the notice of suspicion relate to the investigation. An interview is no substitute for appearing before the investigator and does not, in itself, resolve the defence's questions.

The next piece of news to be verified should concern the procedural action itself: has its execution been announced, and what document confirms this? For the time being, the established reference point is the statement by the head of the SAP on 20 November regarding preparations for the service of the notice. This level of precision is more important than a premature announcement of the result, which the source has not yet reported.

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