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# **PARTE I – TEMA PRINCIPAL**

# A Ucrânia entre a bravura, a inovação... e a corrupção (1) [FONTE: AP, 21/8/2025]

## **A Ukrainian startup develops long-range drones and missiles to take the battle to Russia**



# A Ucrânia entre a bravura, a inovação... e a corrupção (2) [FONTE: AP, 21/8/2025]

“Fighting in the air is our only real asymmetric advantage on the battlefield at the moment. We don’t have as much manpower or money as they have,” said Iryna Terekh, head of production at Fire Point.



Workers inspect a Flamingo cruise missile at Fire Point’s secret factory in Ukraine on Monday, Aug. 18, 2025. (AP Photo/Efrem Lukatsky)

# A Ucrânia entre a bravura, a inovação... e a corrupção (3) [FONTE: AP, 21/8/2025]

The Associated Press was granted an exclusive look inside one of Fire Point's dozens of covert factories. In a sprawling warehouse where rock music blared, executives showed off their signature FP-1 exploding drones that can travel up to 1,600 kilometers (994 miles). They also touted publicly for the first time a cruise missile they are developing that is capable of traveling 3,000 kilometers (1,864 miles), and which Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy hopes will be mass-produced by the end of the year.

Even as U.S. President Donald Trump [presses for an end to the 3 1/2-year war](#) — and dangles the prospect of U.S. support for [NATO-like security guarantees](#) — Ukrainian defense officials say their country is determined to become more self-sufficient in deterring Russia.

"We believe our best guarantee is not relying on somebody's will to protect us, but rather our ability to protect ourselves," said Arsen Zhumadilov, the head of the country's arms procurement agency.

Ukraine's government is now purchasing about \$10 billion of weapons annually from domestic manufacturers. The industry has the capacity to sell triple that amount, officials say, and they believe sales to European allies could help it reach such potential in a matter of years.

# A Ucrânia entre a bravura, a inovação... e a corrupção (4) [FONTE: Sam Kiley/ The Independent, 8/11/2025]

## **Inside Ukraine's start-up weapons industry rising from the ashes**

As Europe and the US ponder over what arms to send to help the war against Russia, Ukraine is forging ahead with homegrown missiles and drones made from carbon printers and lawnmower engines. World affairs editor Sam Kiley reports from Kyiv



# A Ucrânia entre a bravura, a inovação... e a corrupção (5) [FONTE: Sam Kiley/ The Independent, 8/11/2025]



The Flamingo is an entirely Ukrainian-made long-range missile

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# A Ucrânia entre a bravura, a inovação... e a corrupção (6) [FONTE: Sam Kiley/ The Independent, 8/11/2025]

Naive, self-sabotaging and riddled with [Moscow's](#) agents, [Ukraine](#) gave up its nuclear weapons and an [arms industry](#) that produced a third of the Soviet Union's supply, trusted the West and the Kremlin to protect it, and was left fighting for its life.

Now, 30 years on, the start-up nation redefining how [war is fought](#) has been forced into a bodge-and-make-do world of [arms production](#), fusing old technology with [IT know-how](#) to break the bonds its allies tied to make [Kyiv](#) fight one-handed.

The latest innovation is a cruise missile with a range of 3,000km, a maximum speed of 900kmph and a payload of over a tonne, which has been used in strikes deep into [Russian territory](#).

The FP-5 "Flamingo" missile is powered by a rocket and a Soviet-era turbofan jet engine bolted on top. Some of those engines have been dug out of landfill dumps.

# A Ucrânia entre a bravura, a inovação... e a corrupção (7) [FONTE: Sam Kiley/ The Independent, 8/11/2025]

It's got twice the range of the **US** Tomahawk, carries twice as much explosive and costs about the same.

But its main advantage is that it is entirely under the control of Ukraine's forces. The UK and France restricted the use of the Anglo-French Storm Shadow cruise missiles to Russian targets inside Ukraine for many months.

The US reduced the ability of Ukraine to use American ATACM missiles against Russian targets in Russia and has not yet decided on whether to allow access to Tomahawks, that would be paid for by European allies.

In contrast, Kyiv can fire the Flamingo at any target it wants. It is not restricted by what Ukraine's "allies" say it can and cannot do when fighting Russia's invading forces.

Prototypes were painted pink to make them easier to retrieve from test flights. They strike deep inside Russia and are designed to destroy Moscow's capacity to wage war in Ukraine.

# A Ucrânia entre a bravura, a inovação... e a corrupção (8) [FONTE: WSJ, 7/11/2025]

## The Brains Behind Ukraine's Pink Flamingo Cruise Missile

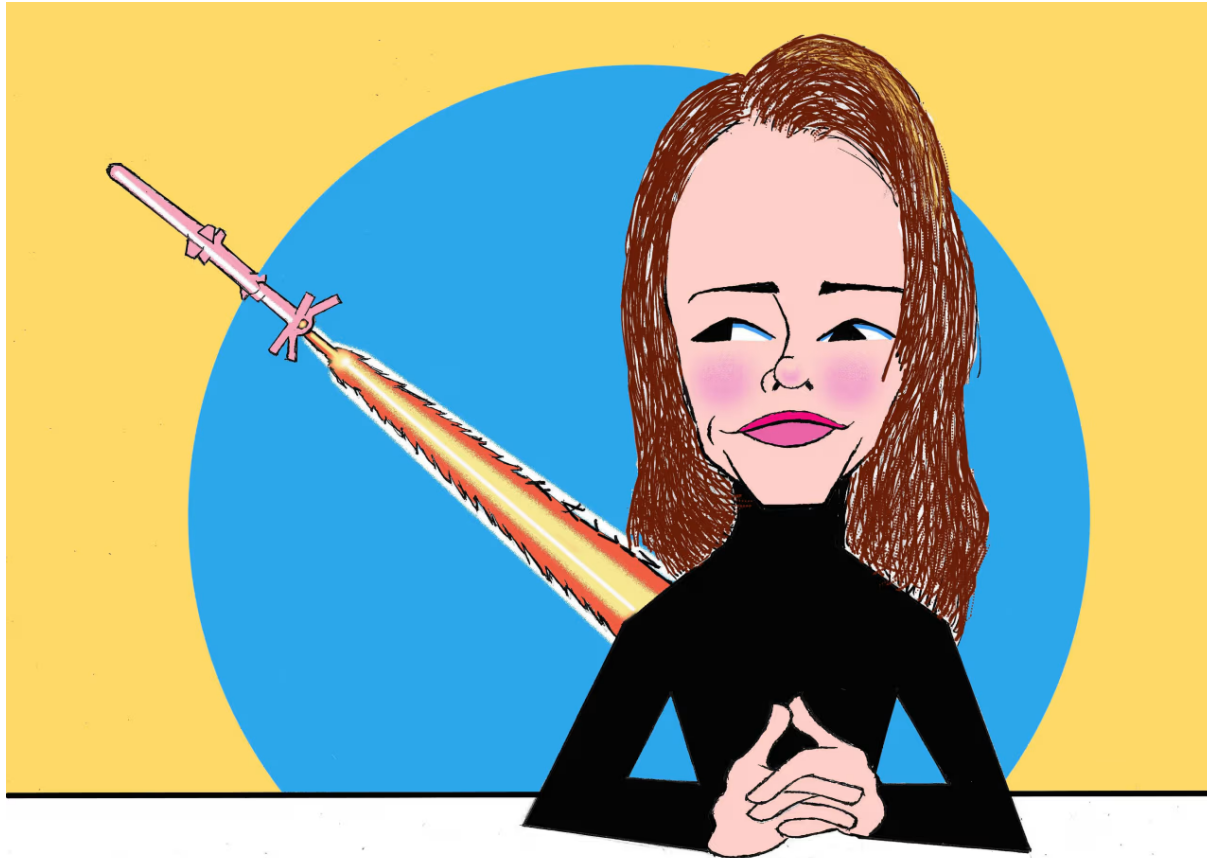
As a 20-something 'artsy' architect, Iryna Terekh disdained weapons. Now she's 33 and she designs them.

Jillian Kay Melchior • Nov. 7, 2025 at 3:30 pm



Following Russian drone incursions into NATO airspace, and inspired by the innovation demonstrated on Ukraine's front lines, European nations are confronting the threat with a 'Drone Wall,' drone vs. drone takedowns, and in countries such as Lithuania training children as young as six to pilot drones.

# A Ucrânia entre a bravura, a inovação ... e a corrupção (9) [FONTE: WSJ, 7/11/2025]



If politics makes strange bedfellows, war sometimes makes strange career paths. In her 20s, Iryna Terekh was a “very artsy” architect who viewed the arms industry as “something destructive.” Now Ms. Terekh, 33, is chief technical officer and the public face of Fire Point, a Ukrainian defense company. She and her team developed the Flamingo, a long-range cruise missile that President Volodymyr Zelensky has called “our most successful missile.”

# A Ucrânia entre a bravura, a inovação... e a corrupção (10) [FONTE: DEV / Ucrânia, 22/09/2025]

Марія Бровінська Weapon 22 September 2025, 14:25

## **The architect who creates lethal weapons. Who is Irina Terek, who now manages the production of Flamingo missiles?**

Read in Ukrainian

Fire Point, the manufacturer of Ukrainian Flamingo cruise missiles, became known in August of this year after announcing its missile production. [The scandal](#) surrounding the National Anti-Corruption Bureau's investigation into Fire Point's activities on suspicion of overstating the cost of components for the FP-1 UAV and the number of drones for the Defense Forces added to its media profile.

Recently, the company's service manager Iryna Terek also went public and gave several comments and her first interview in this role. However, few people know that Iryna is an experienced entrepreneur with a significant background in design, architecture, and the production of concrete structures. We tell you who Iryna Terek is based on information from open sources.

# A Ucrânia entre a bravura, a inovação... e a corrupção (11) [FONTE: DEV / Ucrânia, 22/09/2025]



# A Ucrânia entre a bravura, a inovação... e a corrupção (12) [FONTE: Reuters, 3/09/2025]

## Denmark to host Ukrainian long-range missile fuel production

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COPENHAGEN, Sept 3 (Reuters) - A Ukrainian weapons manufacturer will begin production of fuel for long-range missiles in Denmark, the Danish government said on Wednesday, marking the first expansion abroad by a Ukrainian defence company.

The Ukrainian company is Fire Point, maker of the [Flamingo missiles](#), which President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has described as his country's most successful weapon.



[3/3] Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen welcomes Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy at Marienborg on the day of Nordic-Baltic Eight (NB8) leaders meeting, near Copenhagen, Denmark, September 3, 2025. Ritzau Scanpix/Mads Claus Rasmussen/via REUTERS/ File Photo [Purchase Licensing Rights](#)



# A Ucrânia entre a bravura, a inovação... e a corrupção (13) [FONTE: Reuters, 3/09/2025]

The fuel production will be located near Denmark's Skjoldstrup air force base, home to the Nordic country's fleet of F-16 fighter jets.

"It is a helping hand to Ukraine's struggle for security, their own independence and, not least, their opportunity to live in peace," Danish Defence Minister Troels Lund Poulsen told journalists.

Denmark has been a steadfast supporter of Ukraine since Russia's all-out invasion of Ukraine began in 2022 and has so far contributed 67.6 billion Danish crowns (\$10.13 billion) in military support, according to the Danish foreign ministry.

The Danish government recently allocated 500 million crowns to support Ukrainian firms expanding in the Nordic country.

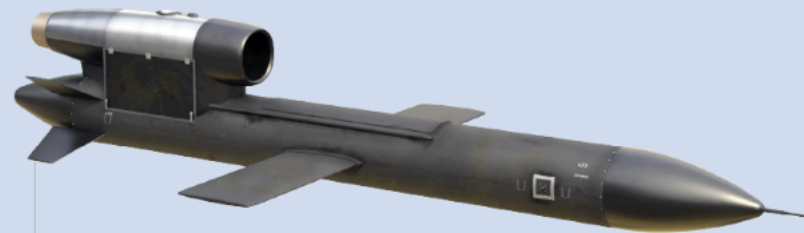
# A Ucrânia entre a bravura, a inovação... e a corrupção (14)

[FONTE: Fabian Hinz / IISS- International Institute for Strategic Studies, 5/09/2025]

## Ukraine's Flamingos take to the skies

Fire Point's new FP-5 Flamingo cruise missile could have far-reaching implications for Ukraine's deep-strike campaign against Russia, while also reflecting a broader trend within the cruise-missile field.

Figure 1: Fire Point FP-5 *Flamingo* cruise missile



**Range\*:** 3,000 km  
**Warhead mass:** 1,150 kg  
**Guidance:** Satellite navigation  
**Engine:** Ivchenko AI-25TL

# A Ucrânia entre a bravura, a inovação... e a corrupção (15) [FONTE: Fabian Hinz / IISS- International Institute for Strategic Studies, 5/09/2025]

While having stayed mainly out of the limelight, the Ukrainian start-up Fire Point has [established](#) itself in the course of the war as a player in the one-way attack uninhabited aerial vehicle (OWA UAV) field, with its FP-1 OWA UAV featuring prominently in Ukraine's OWA deep-strike campaign against Russia. Building on this experience, the company [recently unveiled](#) its first cruise missile, named FP-5 *Flamingo*. Outside Ukraine, the British-Emirati company Milanion had previously [promoted](#) the design under the same designation. It remains unknown whether Milanion contributed to the missile's development or was simply marketing the design for overseas clients on behalf of Fire Point.

# A Ucrânia entre a bravura, a inovação... e a corrupção (16) [FONTE: DEV / Ucrânia, 6/10/2025]

## **Ukraine's use of Flamingo missiles could be game changer in this war – ex-CIA director**

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He said this in an exclusive comment to Ukrinform.

The expert noted that Ukraine had been carrying out deep strikes regularly with domestically produced drones against Russian oil refineries, damaging or destroying around 25% of the country's refining capacity and energy storage facilities.

# A Ucrânia entre a bravura, a inovação... e a corrupção (17) [FONTE: DEV / Ucrânia, 6/10/2025]

He drew particular attention to the Ukrainian Flamingo missile, with a range of up to 3,000 kilometers and a warhead exceeding 1,000 kilograms, which is expected to enter service soon.

"It's typical Ukrainian ingenuity, where they've taken old Soviet bombs, put them explosives on the nose of a cruise missile they have designed with a jet engine and guidance system. And that will be a game changer. I think if that can be produced in substantial numbers, that will have an enormous effect on the battlefield in the Russian Federation. And that's very, very important," Petraeus said.

# A Ucrânia entre a bravura, a inovação... e a corrupção (18) [FONTE: Bne Intelligence News, 22/08/2025]

## Are Ukraine's Flamingo cruise missiles really made in Ukraine?



A camera crew from [Associated Press](#) was granted access to the [Fire Point factory](#) at an undisclosed location inside Ukraine to witness the production of Ukraine's new [Flamingo](#) cruise missile.

# A Ucrânia entre a bravura, a inovação... e a corrupção (19) [FONTE: Bne Intelligence News, 22/08/2025]

## Unanswered questions

The sudden appearance of the jet powered Flamingo and its rapidly accelerating production rate has raised a series of questions that have led some to question the Ukrainian origins of the missile – at this point pure speculation.

“The Ukrainian company claims they aim to produce 8 Flamingos per day in October. This raises a red flag for me, suggesting they are probably not manufacturing any missiles but rather assembling kits that arrive pre-made, in an effort by European countries to evade the missile treaty, which limits these countries from exporting long-range missiles to Ukraine,” journalist and Ukraine-watcher Patrica Marins wrote in a social media post.

The release of *AP*'s report is also extremely timely. Russia recently did the same thing, allowing an unidentified camera crew into a factory in its vast hinterland [churning out hundreds of upgraded Shahed drones](#). Since Moscow launched a [devastating missile barrage](#) on Kyiv and other cities, the number of [missile](#) and drone attacks has quadrupled to some 750 per day.

# A Ucrânia entre a bravura, a inovação... e a corrupção (20) [FONTE: The Economist, 27/08/2025]

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## Ukraine shows off a deadly new cruise missile

But sceptics wonder if it is too good to be true

Aug 27th 2025



Heading Putin's way  
Photograph: Getty Images

Earlier this month Ukraine unveiled a new cruise missile. With a declared range of 3,000km and a payload of over a tonne, the Flamingo packs a punch, on paper. If even half the claims hold, it has the potential to deal serious damage to targets almost anywhere in European Russia. Appearing in the middle of lumbering peace talks, the bird may help encourage Vladimir Putin to lay down arms. All the more striking, therefore, that the process of entering mass-production took just nine months, rather than the usual years or even decades, and was led by a management team that claims to have had no previous defence-industry experience. "I was very sceptical at first," says one of the officials overseeing it, "but when I saw the missiles, I was stunned."

# A Ucrânia entre a bravura, a inovação... e a corrupção (21) [FONTE: NYT, 26/10/2025]

## **3 Years Ago It Was a Casting Agency. Now It Has \$1 Billion in Drone Contracts.**

Among the flood of Ukrainian defense start-ups, one stands out to both its supporters and its critics: the drone maker Fire Point.



A worker inspecting an FP-1 drone at a factory of the arms manufacturer Fire Point in an undisclosed location in Ukraine in August. Efreem Lukatsky/Associated Press

# A Ucrânia entre a bravura, a inovação... e a corrupção (22) [FONTE: NYT, 26/10/2025]

If Silicon Valley start-ups began in garages, the origin story of Ukraine's defense start-ups lies in basements. There, many workshops cobbled together drones from off-the-shelf parts, going underground to avoid Russian missiles.

These once small-scale, volunteer-run outfits are now transforming into defense corporations, in a process encouraged by the government of President Volodymyr

Zelensky to scale up innovations. Among the companies, one stands out to both its supporters and its critics for the speed and scale of its rise: an emerging drone-manufacturing giant called Fire Point.

# A Ucrânia entre a bravura, a inovação... e a corrupção (23) [FONTE: NYT, 26/10/2025]

At the start of the full-scale war in February 2022, the company that became Fire Point was a casting agency for film and television productions, according to Ukrainian government registration documents. Its legally listed owner, Yehor Skalyha, is the chief executive of another company, At Point, that scouts film locations. Fire Point's chief technology officer, Iryna Terekh, previously ran a company that made concrete outdoor furniture.

Now, the company is one of the largest contractors for the Ukrainian military, with \$1 billion in contracts this year, according to its executives. At about 30 secret locations in Ukraine, Fire Point churns out long-range exploding drones using cheap materials like Styrofoam, plywood, plastic and a type of carbon fiber intended for racing bicycles.

# A Ucrânia entre a bravura, a inovação... e a corrupção (24) [FONTE: Telegraph, 29/08/2025]

## **Ukraine 'wonder weapon' firm faces corruption probe**

Fire Point defence company under investigation for accuracy of claims about 'game-changing' Flamingo cruise missile



Fire Point's Flamingo missile could have a range of 1,864 miles, allowing unprecedented range for strikes within Russia Credit: Efrem Lukatsky/The Associated Press

The Ukrainian defence company behind the Flamingo cruise missile, touted as a potential game-changer in the war, is reportedly under investigation for corruption...

# A Ucrânia entre a bravura, a inovação... e a corrupção (25) [FONTE: Kyiv Independent, 29/08/2025]



## Exclusive: Maker of Ukraine's new Flamingo cruise missile facing corruption probe

The country's anti-corruption agency is looking into Fire Point's alleged ties to Zelensky's former associate, and whether the firm inflated contracts with the state.

by Kollen Post • August 29, 2025 11:43 AM • 7 min read

Launch of the Flamingo cruise missile in an undated photo. (militarnyi.com)

# A Ucrânia entre a bravura, a inovação... e a corrupção (26) [FONTE: Kyiv Independent, 29/08/2025]

Ukraine's anti-corruption agency has been investigating the country's star deep-strike drone company — Fire Point — over concerns it misled the government on pricing and deliveries, five sources with knowledge of the investigation told the Kyiv Independent.

The National Anti-Corruption Bureau, or NABU, is also looking into the co-owner of [President Volodymyr Zelensky's](#) former film studio as the alleged ultimate beneficiary of the company, sources said.

Until recently, the weapons maker was virtually unknown outside of Ukraine's defense circles, despite appearing to be one of the largest — if not the largest — recipient of Defense Ministry drone budget funds, according to documents obtained by the Kyiv Independent.

# A Ucrânia entre a bravura, a inovação... e a corrupção (27) [FONTE: Kyiv Independent, 29/08/2025]

But over the past weeks, Fire Point has gone on a charm offensive, promoting its FP-1 deep-strike drones and "Flamingo" cruise missile in Western media. In his first public comments about the weapon, Zelensky last week called the Flamingo Ukraine's "most successful" missile the country has in its arsenal to defend against Russia's nearly four-year full-scale invasion. Ukraine has prioritized developing long-range strike drones and cruise missiles to hit Russian targets far behind the front lines and slow Moscow's war machine.

As part of the investigation, NABU is probing concerns that Fire Point inflated either the value of its components or the number of drones it delivers to the military, or both, according to the sources, who include current and former government officials and industry representatives, all of whom agreed to speak on condition of anonymity to discuss the investigation and company details.

# A Ucrânia entre a bravura, a inovação... e a corrupção (28) [FONTE: Alex Stezhensky /The New Voice of Ukraine, 12/10/2025]

## **Kasianov says he's a whistleblower in Fire Point case, asks NABU for protection**



Yurii Kasianov believes the decision to disband his unit was made by Volodymyr Zelenskyy. (Photo: investigator.org.ua)

# A Ucrânia entre a bravura, a inovação... e a corrupção (29) [FONTE: Alex Stezhensky /The New Voice of Ukraine, 12/10/2025]

Ukrainian border guard officer and aerial reconnaissance specialist Yurii Kasianov claims President Volodymyr Zelenskyy personally ordered the disbanding of his unit because he was a key witness in a corruption case involving drone manufacturer Fire Point, according to his statement on [Facebook](#) on Oct. 12.

Kasianov alleged that the decision came directly from the president and was retribution for his testimony in an investigation by Ukraine's National Anti-Corruption Bureau.

"The decision to liquidate our unit was made by President Volodymyr Zelenskyy because I'm a whistleblower in the Fire Point case and a key witness," he wrote. "On Oct. 2, I gave testimony to NABU detectives. On the morning of Oct. 3, the unit's liquidation was announced."

Kasianov has formally requested witness protection for himself and his family under NABU's protection program.

# A Ucrânia entre a bravura, a inovação... e a corrupção (30) [FONTE: Alex Stezhensky /The New Voice of Ukraine, 12/10/2025]

## **Fire Point missile claims raise red flags**

Kasianov also said that over the past year, Fire Point — a private company contracted by the state — had made headlines for allegedly developing a missile called the Flamingo.

He claimed he had contacted the company with concerns that its drone was being purchased by the government at three times the real market price.

He also questioned the firm's announcement that it had developed a "supposed cruise missile" in just nine months.

"That's not possible," he said. "Even the fastest development timelines — six years for the French cruise missile, eight for the American Tomahawk, 12 for the Russian Kalibr — are far longer."

According to Kasianov, Fire Point's technical director, Iryna Terekh, claimed they had somehow acquired "thousands of AI-25 engines" for the missile.

"I wrote that Fire Point is lying, this is a scam," he said. "They couldn't have developed that missile or bought so many engines, especially ones that are no longer produced."

# A Ucrânia entre a bravura, a inovação... e a corrupção (31) [FONTE: Kyiv Independent, 10/11/2025]

## **Who is Timur Mindich, Zelensky's secretive associate at the center of a major corruption probe?**

Oleg Sukhov • November 10, 2025 1:33 pm



Timur Mindich, a film producer and co-owner of President Volodymyr Zelensky's Kwartal 95 production company, in an undated photo. (Social Media)

# A Ucrânia entre a bravura, a inovação... e a corrupção (32) [FONTE: Kyiv Independent, 10/11/2025]

## A Zelensky associate

Mindich, 46, is from the city of Dnipro in central Ukraine. He is a film producer and former business partner of Ukrainian oligarch [Ihor Kolomoisky](#).

He reportedly has links to Israel. Mindich celebrated his birthday in Israel in September, returned to Ukraine in mid-October and then went to Israel again, according to Ukrainska Pravda's sources.

Mindich is also a long-time friend of Zelensky, with whom he co-owned production company Kvartal 95 until Zelensky transferred his stake to partners after being elected president in 2019.

Mindich also [co-owns](#) Green Family Ltd, a Cypriot firm that co-founded film production companies in Russia, according to Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL).

Kolomoisky [told](#) Ukrainska Pravda in 2022 that Mindich had introduced him to Zelensky before he became president.

# A Ucrânia entre a bravura, a inovação... e a corrupção (33) [FONTE: Kyiv Independent, 10/11/2025]

## **Business influence**

The Anti-Corruption Bureau has investigated Mindich's alleged connections with drone producer [Fire Point](#), sources previously told the Kyiv Independent, citing a NABU investigation into the company. Fire Point has denied having any links to Mindich.

In October, Yaroslav Zheleznyak, a lawmaker from the opposition Holos party, [published](#) an investigation about Mindich's alleged diamond business in Ukraine and Russia.

Mindich owned a stake in Russian diamond producer New Diamond Technology until 2024 — well into Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, according to Zheleznyak's investigation.

The Security Service of Ukraine (SBU) said on Nov. 6 that it was investigating Mindich on suspicion of aiding the aggressor state in the wake of Zheleznyak's investigation.

# A Ucrânia entre a bravura, a inovação... e a corrupção (34) [FONTE: AP, 13/11/2025]



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## Top Ukrainian ministers submit their resignations as the country is rocked by a corruption scandal



1 of 3 | Herman Halushchenko, Ukraine's energy minister, speaks with the Associated Press during an interview in Kyiv, Ukraine, April 11

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## **A Zelenskyy partner**

In the tapes, Mindich, 46, a co-owner of Zelenskyy's Kwartal 95 media production company, is believed to be speaking under the code name "Karlsson." Under Zelenskyy, Mindich has gained clout and influence in multiple industries, including lucrative domestic drone production.

NABU has investigated his alleged connection with Fire Point, a drone manufacturer that has risen to prominence by securing government contracts. NABU investigated the company over concerns it misled the government on weapons prices.

"It looks like Zelensky distanced himself from Mindich long ago and when the scandal broke out, Zelensky didn't start to cover Mindich," Merezhko said. "But I don't rule out that someone from his entourage might have succumbed to temptation to make a quick buck."

The [AP gained access](#) to the company's factory in August. Its executives deny connections to Mindich.

# A Ucrânia entre a bravura, a inovação... e a corrupção (36) [FONTE: AP, 13/11/2025]

## **What investigators found**

The National Anti-Corruption Bureau, known as NABU, refrained from identifying the suspects but said they included a businessman, a former adviser to the energy minister, an executive who oversaw physical protection at state energy company Energoatom, and others responsible for money laundering. It dubbed the scheme “Midas.”

The agency also accused eight people of bribery, abuse of office and possession of disproportionate assets.

The investigation, which NABU said conducted over 70 raids, was welcomed by Zelenskyy, who urged officials to cooperate with it. Energoatom says the inquiry didn't disrupt its operations.

NABU released excerpts of tapes in which the network, using code names and secretive language, discussed blackmail and pressuring Energoatom contractors to extract 10%-15% in kickbacks and bribes in exchange for them to do business without facing internal blocks.

The network took advantage of a regulation enforced during martial law prohibiting contractors from claiming debts in court from companies providing essential services, such as Energoatom, which has annual revenues of about \$4,7 billion. Four others worked to launder the money at a Kyiv office.

# A Ucrânia entre a bravura, a inovação... e a corrupção (37) [FONTE: AP, 13/11/2025]

## **Reactions in Europe**

Ukraine's partners have poured money into its energy sector and are likely to look with consternation on the scandal.

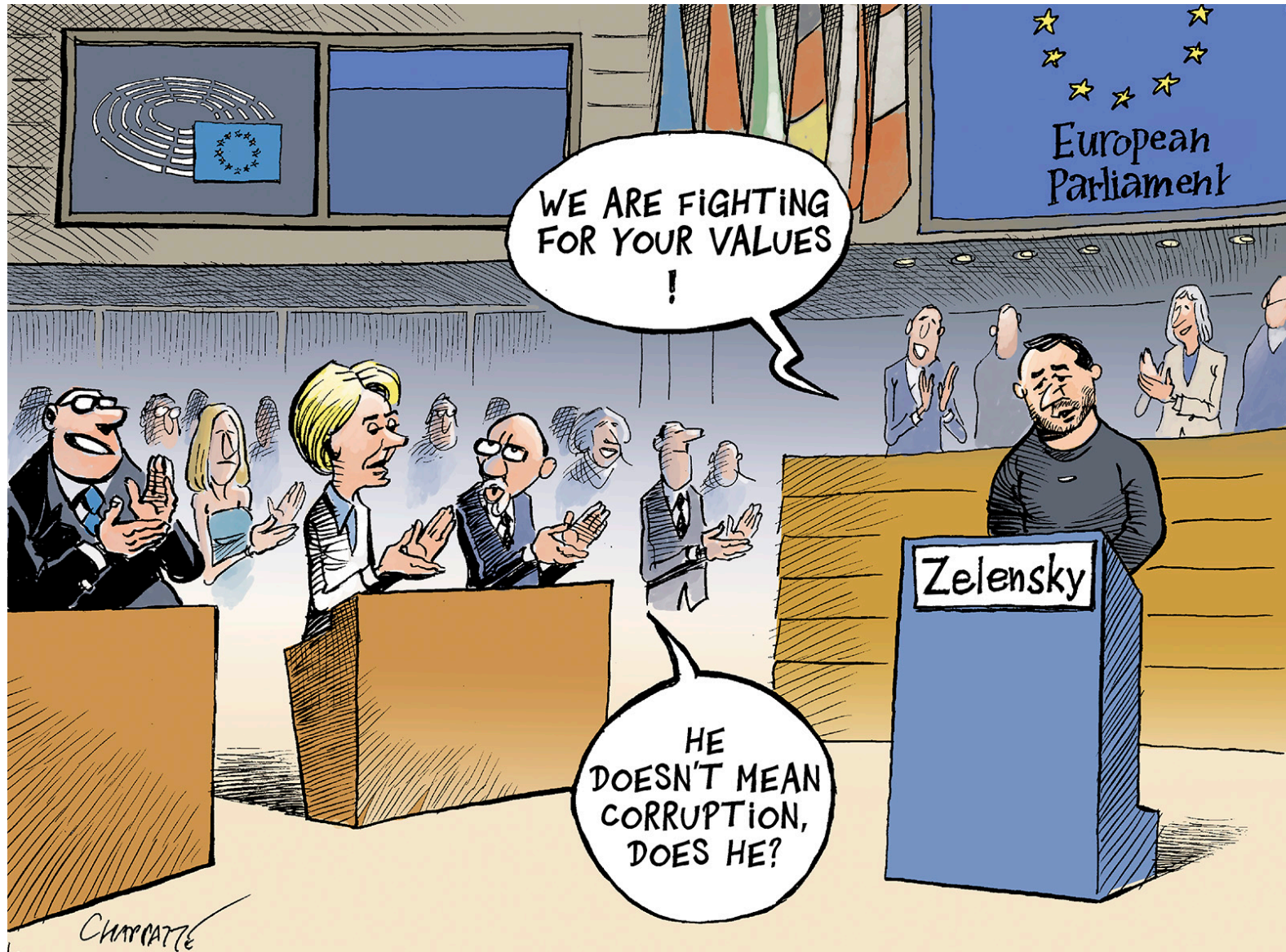
A spokesperson for German Chancellor Friedrich Merz said the government is concerned by the reports of corruption, noting they involve “a sector that receives considerable support from Germany.”

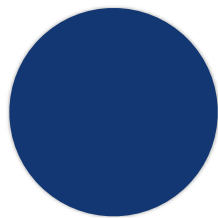
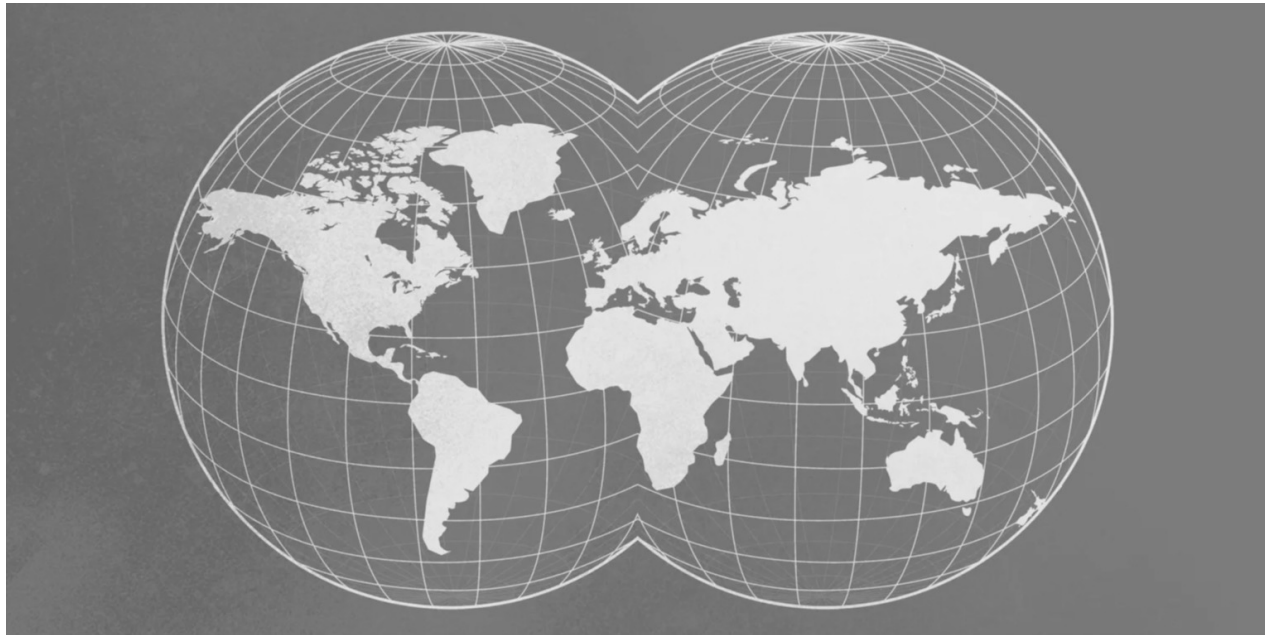
The spokesperson, Stefan Kornelius, pointed to worries voiced in last week's report by the European Commission and said Ukraine needs to ensure progress in fighting corruption.

“We will now watch developments in this concrete case and, if necessary, consequences will have to be drawn from it,” Kornelius said. But “at the moment we have confidence in the Ukrainian government that it will ensure this be cleared up, and in the anti-corruption authority that it will lay bare this case and it will be brought to a transparent conclusion.”

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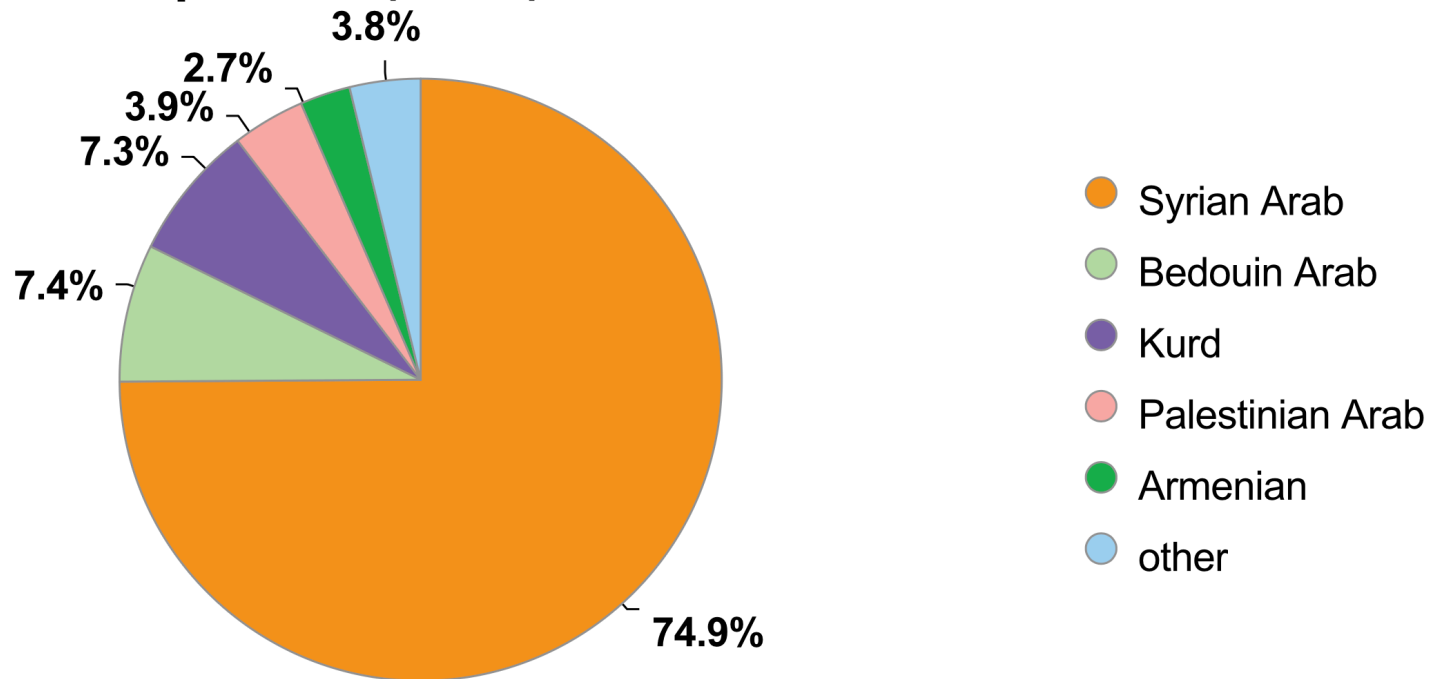
## **PARTE II – NOTAS BREVES**

# A nova Síria na estratégia dos EUA para o Médio Oriente (1) [FONTE: Encyclopedia Britannica]



# A nova Síria na estratégia dos EUA para o Médio Oriente (2) [FONTE: Encyclopedia Britannica]

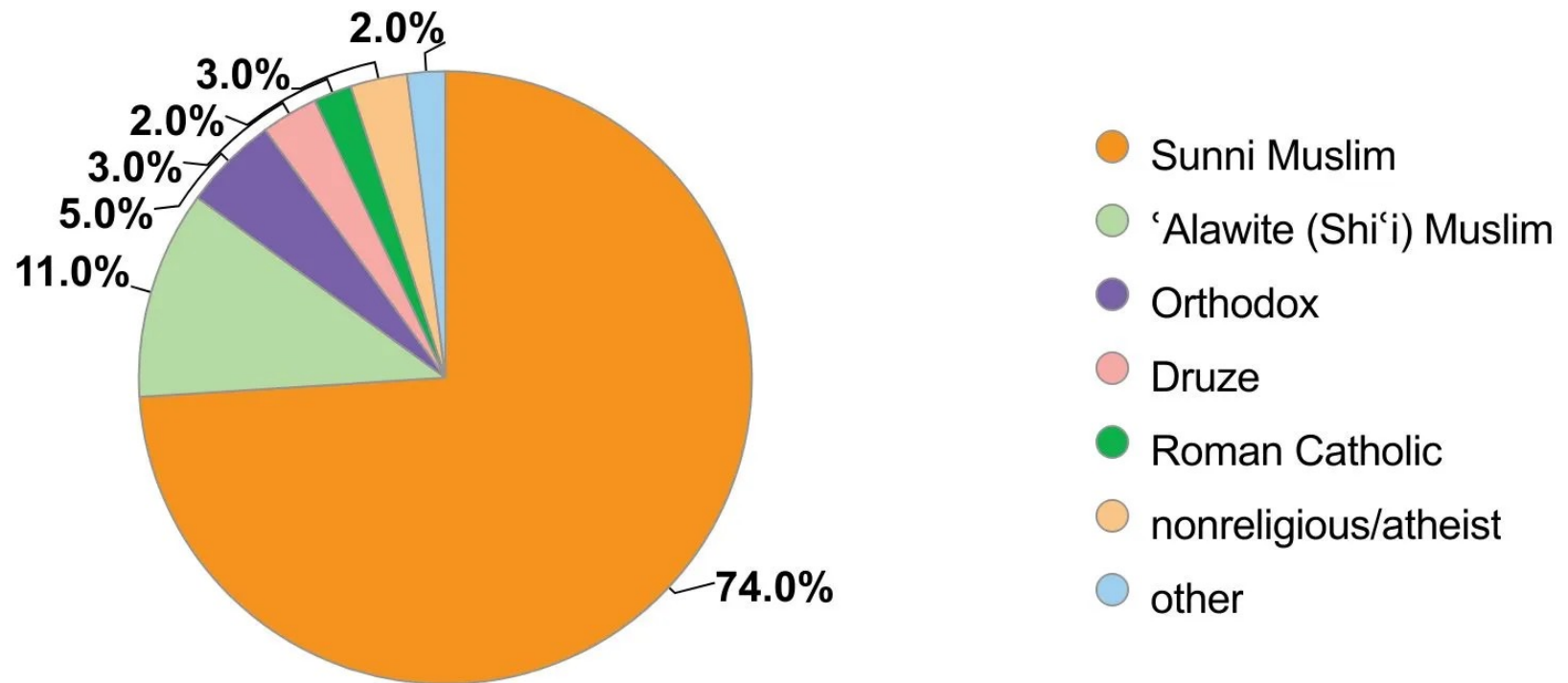
**Syria ethnic composition (2000)**



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Syria religious affiliation (2000)



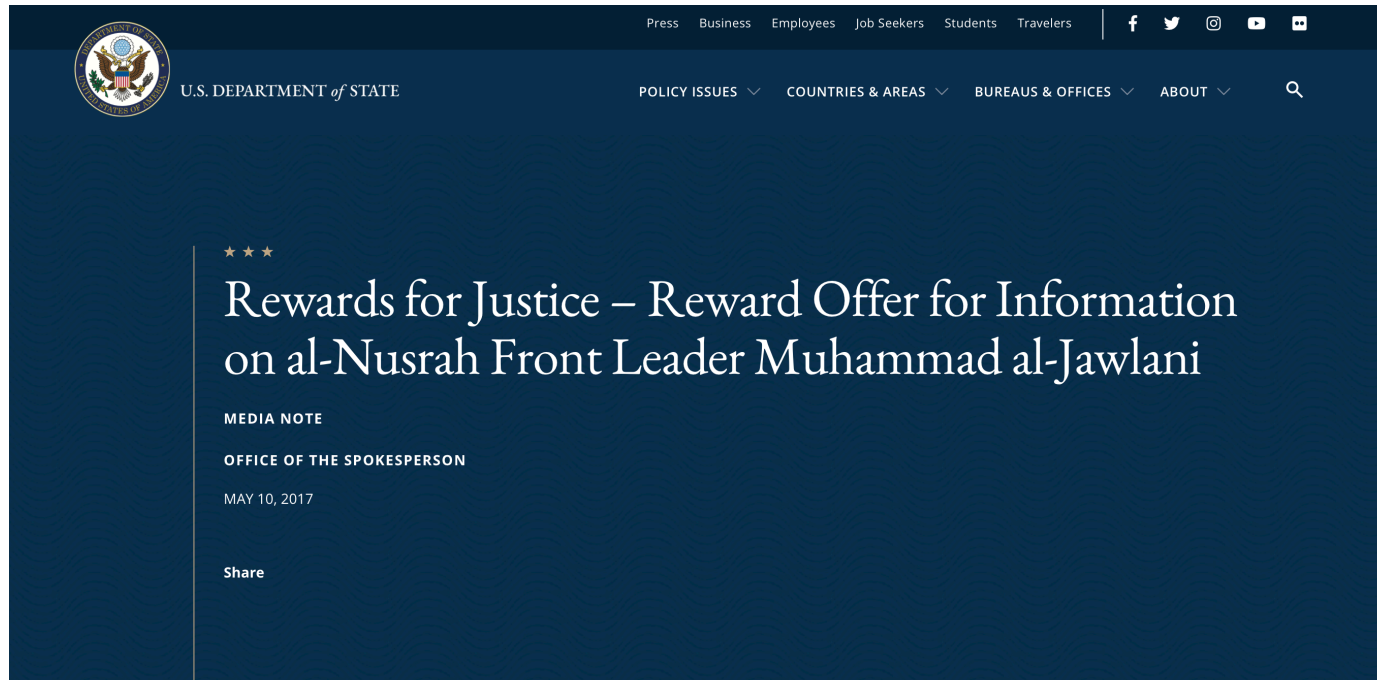
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**Ahmed al-Sharaa** (born 1982, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia) is the [president](#) (2025– ) of [Syria's interim](#) government, having commanded the [Syrian Civil War](#) rebel forces that toppled [Bashar al-Assad's](#) regime in December 2024. He was previously [notorious](#) as the leader of [Hayat Tahrir al-Sham](#), which was first formed as an [affiliate](#) of [al-Qaeda](#), and had been widely designated as a terrorist. Since he and his organization cut ties with al-Qaeda in about 2016, he has sought to rehabilitate his image and, after becoming the leader of Syria, has taken steps toward a rapprochement with the West. Before replacing Assad as the de facto leader of Syria, Sharaa went by the nom de guerre Abu Mohammad al-Jolani.

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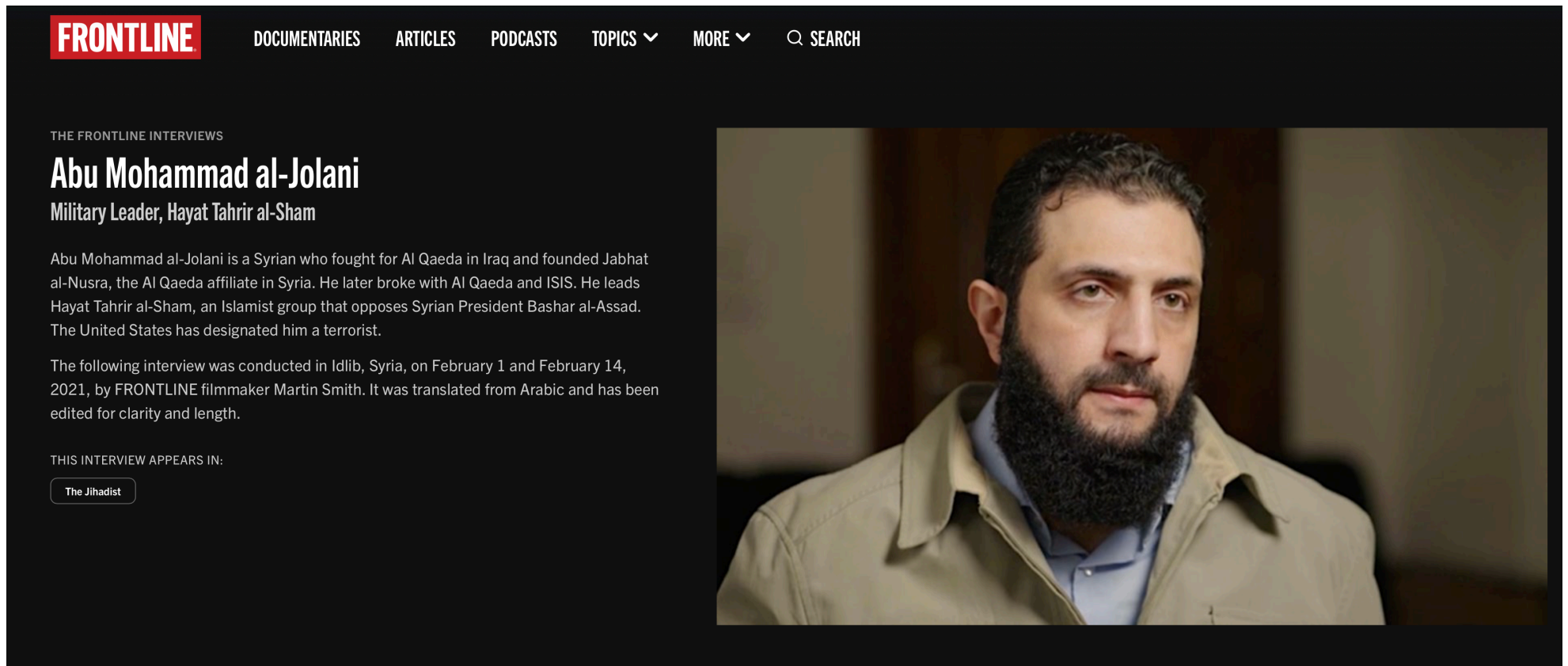
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The U.S. Department of State's Rewards for Justice Program is offering a reward of up to \$10 million for information leading to the identification or location of Muhammad al-Jawlani, leader of the al-Nusrah Front (ANF) terrorist group.

This is the first Rewards for Justice reward offer for a leader of al-Nusrah Front, the Syrian branch of al-Qaida.

In April 2013, al-Jawlani pledged allegiance to al-Qaida, and its leader Ayman al-Zawahiri after he had a public falling out with ISIS. In July 2016, in a video posted online, al-Jawlani praised al-Qaida, and al-Zawahiri and claimed the ANF was changing its name to Jabhat Fath Al Sham ("Conquest of the Levant Front").

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## Abu Mohammad al-Jolani


Military Leader, Hayat Tahrir al-Sham

Abu Mohammad al-Jolani is a Syrian who fought for Al Qaeda in Iraq and founded Jabhat al-Nusra, the Al Qaeda affiliate in Syria. He later broke with Al Qaeda and ISIS. He leads Hayat Tahrir al-Sham, an Islamist group that opposes Syrian President Bashar al-Assad. The United States has designated him a terrorist.

The following interview was conducted in Idlib, Syria, on February 1 and February 14, 2021, by FRONTLINE filmmaker Martin Smith. It was translated from Arabic and has been edited for clarity and length.

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# A nova Síria na estratégia dos EUA para o Médio Oriente (7) [FONTE: Reuters / Timour Azhari, 10/11/2025]

## **Exclusive: Syria foiled Islamic State plots on President Sharaa's life, sources say**

Timour Azhari • November 10, 2025 12:29 PM GMT Updated November 11, 2025



Syria's President Ahmed al-Sharaa attends a meeting with Russia's President Vladimir Putin in Moscow, Russia, October 15, 2025. Sputnik/Sergey Bobyl'ov/Pool via REUTERS [Purchase Licensing Rights](#)

DAMASCUS, Nov 10 (Reuters) - [Syria](#) has foiled two separate Islamic State plots to assassinate President Ahmed al-Sharaa, two senior officials said, adding a personal dimension to the leader's plans to join a U.S.-led coalition to fight the militant group that he has long battled.

# A nova Síria na estratégia dos EUA para o Médio Oriente (8) [FONTE: Reuters / Timour Azhari, 10/11/2025]

## **PLOTS EMERGE AHEAD OF SHARAA MEETING WITH TRUMP**

The reported plots came to light as Syria is poised to join a U.S.-led global anti-Islamic State coalition when U.S. [President Donald Trump](#) hosts Sharaa on Monday for a historic [White House meeting](#), the first ever by a Syrian head of state.

The Syrian president, who came to power last December after the Islamist rebel force he led ousted President Bashar al-Assad, has been keen to promote an image as a moderate leader. He hopes the meeting with Trump will unlock international support for Syria's long-term rehabilitation and rebuilding.

The move to join the anti-IS coalition exemplifies Syria's shift since the fall of Assad from being a key ally of Russia and Iran toward closer ties with the Western and Arab camps.

Sharaa's task in trying to unite Syria remains monumental: his forces have been embroiled in repeated bouts of sectarian violence amid attacks on civilians and security forces that Damascus has blamed on Islamic State.

# A nova Síria na estratégia dos EUA para o Médio Oriente (9) [FONTE: The Independent, 13/11/2025]

## **Trump sprays Syrian president with cologne before asking him how many wives he has**

Donald Trump sprayed the Syrian president with his "best" cologne before making a joke about his wife. This week, Ahmed al-Sharaa became the first Syrian leader to visit the White House since the country's independence in 1946. During their meeting on Monday (11 November), the US president took a bottle of his own cologne - which costs \$249 - and spritzed Mr al-Sharaa with it. "This is men's fragrance", Trump told him. He then asked Mr al-Sharaa how many wives he has. After the Syrian leader, a former Al Qaeda militant, confirmed it was one, Trump chuckled as he said: "With you guys, I never know!"



# A nova Síria na estratégia dos EUA para o Médio Oriente (10) [FONTE: US Department of State, 10/11/2025]



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## ★★★ Sanctions Relief that Gives the Syrian People a Chance at Greatness


PRESS STATEMENT

**MARCO RUBIO, SECRETARY OF STATE**

NOVEMBER 10, 2025

The Department of State continues to deliver on President Trump's promise to provide the Syrian people with the opportunity for lasting peace and prosperity. Today, I issued a suspension of mandatory Caesar Act sanctions based on the actions taken by the Syrian government following the fall of the al-Assad regime. The suspension of Caesar Act sanctions supports Syria's efforts to rebuild its economy, restore ties with foreign partners, and foster prosperity and peace for all its citizens.

President Trump made clear the United States expects to see concrete actions by the Syrian government to turn the page on the past and work towards peace in the region.

*The sanctions relief is pursuant to section 7432(b)(1) of the Caesar Syria Civilian Protection Act of 2019 (22 U.S.C. 8791 note). Please see [Caesar Act Suspension Determination](#). The Department of State, the Treasury, and Commerce advisory can be found [here](#).  [273 KB].*

*The Department of State, together with the Departments of the Treasury and Commerce, issued an advisory that describes for the public and private sector the sanctions and export controls relief provided by the U.S. government to date. The advisory also outlines permissible and non-permissible activities with Syria.*

# A nova Síria na estratégia dos EUA para o Médio Oriente (11) [FONTE: UnHeard / David Patrikarakos, 7/11/2025]

## Does Syria have a future?

### The Kurds still mistrust al-Sharaa

Not so long ago, US presidents ordered the killing of jihadists from the White House. These days, they're invited to Washington for a chat. Ahmed al-Sharaa's meeting yesterday with Donald Trump represented the climax of a remarkable year for the former al-Qaeda leader: his transformation from terrorist to statesman is, it now seems, complete. And we must hope that it is a sincere metamorphosis. For after the chaos of Syria's civil war, the Americans — and the world — need to know that Sharaa can hold his fragile country together.

So far, he has said the right things, apparently trying to govern with pragmatism. But the reality is that the future of Syria does not lie with him — and his fellow Sunnis — alone. Syria's minorities will help decide the nation's fate as well, and none is as large or powerful as its Kurds. They, after all, are the only real force in the country outside Damascus that can put a disciplined army in the field: the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), which was built in alliance with the United States to destroy ISIS. No less important, they control about 70% of Syria's oil and gas reserves.

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That blend of military and economic neatly explains why, if Syria is to survive as a viable state, Sharaa must find a way to accommodate its Kurdish minority, which even amid the upheavals of war and displacement represent roughly a tenth of the country's total population. Combined with a gaggle of other minorities — Christians, Alawites, Druze — Syria simply cannot be the Sunni Caliphate that Sharaa once sought.

Still, many Kurds remain wary. In the cafés of Qamishli, the main city of the Syrian Kurdish region popularly known as Rojava, people joke that Sharaa's beard may be shorter — but his prayers are the same. They want Syria to work. They need it to. But behind the dark humour lies genuine fear: that a man defined by jihad can never build the pluralist state necessary to keep Syria together.

No one understands these tensions better than Aldar Khalil. Officially, he is a senior member of the Executive Committee of the Democratic Society Movement in Rojava — the Kurdish-run autonomous region in Syria's northeast — and its most powerful figure. In reality, he is its de facto leader. Whether or not the Syrian state can hold together will come down, in large part, to the decisions he and a few others around him take.

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And if a Turkish-backed Sharaa is one worry for Yusuf, another foreign power looms large over Syria too. Israeli aircraft have long been a presence in the night skies, striking weapons depots from Damascus to Deir ez-Zor, sometimes near the oil fields the Kurds control. A weak, divided Syria suits Israel's security. While Iran's land bridge to Hezbollah fell with Assad, the Israelis want to ensure that Iranian militias cannot burrow their way into the nascent post-Assad state.

But Israel and the Kurds have much in common. Both perennial outsiders in a largely Sunni Arab Middle East, they have survived by living on the edge, sustained by vigilance. They have collaborated in the past, and, for many of the Kurds here, Israel is a model of the type of muscular independence they seek.

Yet the Israeli model the Kurds quietly admire – a small, embattled state that survived by building institutions, intelligence networks and deterrent power – offers both inspiration and illusion. Israel's strength came from coherent leadership, outside backing, and a shared national narrative. The Kurds, by contrast, remain divided between rival parties and foreign patrons. Emulating Israel's vigilance is one thing; reproducing its fortress statehood in the middle of Arab Syria is quite another.

# A nova Síria na estratégia dos EUA para o Médio Oriente (14) [FONTE: DW / Cathrin Shaer, 11/11/2025]

## Syrian leader in Washington: Start of a new regional order?

Long-time observers of politics in the Middle East called it a "surreal" moment.

Syria's interim president, Ahmad al-Sharaa, who formerly fought with al-Qaeda and was jailed by the US as a terrorist, [was welcomed at the White House](#) by US President [Donald Trump](#) — even if he and his delegation did arrive for the meeting through a side door.

Also surreal for some: The fact that a former al-Qaeda member would then also sign his country up to the global coalition fighting the [extremist "Islamic State" group](#). The "Islamic State," or "IS," group was originally an offshoot of al-Qaeda in Iraq.

But in fact, [Hayat Tahrir al-Sham](#), the militia group [al-Sharaa](#) eventually formed actually split from al-Qaeda in 2016, and focused more on fighting the regime of Syrian dictator Bashar Assad. The militia, known as HTS, was also opposed to the "IS" group and battled it inside Syria for years.

# A nova Síria na estratégia dos EUA para o Médio Oriente (15) [FONTE: DW / Cathrin Shaer, 11/11/2025]

## 'Islamic State' in Syria still dangerous

So, [Syria](#) becoming the 90th member of what is officially called the Global Coalition against Daesh (the organization uses the Arabic acronym for the "IS" group) actually makes sense. It is also a logical move because "IS" remains a threat inside Syria.

Between 2,500 and 3,000 "IS" loyalists are still in Syria and in the year since the Assad regime was ousted, they have increased their activities.

"[The 'IS' group] thrives on instability and chaos," Tanya Mehra, a researcher at the International Centre for Counter-Terrorism, or ICCT, in the Netherlands, [wrote in a recent opinion piece](#). "The more internal fighting among rebel groups and the more the de facto government has to deal with attacks from neighboring [countries], the more favorable the situation becomes for ISIS," using another common acronym for "IS."

The "IS" group exploited security chaos following the fall of the Assad regime to reestablish presence in parts of Syria it had previously left, researchers at the Washington-based Middle East Institute, or MEI, confirmed [in an October analysis](#).

# A nova Síria na estratégia dos EUA para o Médio Oriente (16) [FONTE: DW / Cathrin Shaer, 11/11/2025]

## **A bigger deal than it seems?**

There are more implications to Syria joining the global coalition than just the ongoing fight to contain extremist violence.

The move will likely impact Syrian Kurdish groups that control northern parts of Syria and who have been negotiating with the government in Damascus as to how and where they fit into the new Syrian political system.

Syria's Kurds were semi-independent throughout the civil war and the main Kurdish group, the [Syrian Democratic Forces](#), or SDF, played an essential role battling the "IS" group between 2014 and 2019. The SDF now manages large camps and several prisons, holding an estimated 45,000 "IS" members and their families.

As a result, the SDF became the [US's most important partners](#) on the ground, combatting the "IS" group and receiving funding, arms and training from the Americans.

But now that the Syrian government also plans to play an official part in combatting the "IS" group, that will "undermine the SDF's exclusive status as the coalition's [only] official partner in Syria, thereby weakening its leverage in negotiations with the Syrian government," MEI researchers argued.

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But it could also lead to better relations between Damascus and the SDF, the ICCT's Mehra told DW. "The SDF have been crucial in combatting 'IS' and I don't necessarily see al-Sharaa joining the anti-Daesh coalition as a step back," she argues. "The government in Damascus will hopefully rely on integrated SDF fighters who have considerable experience in combatting 'IS.'"



Currently there are still around 2,000 American troops in SDF-controlled areas, there to help the Syrian Kurds combat the 'IS' group *Image: Delil Souleiman/AFP/Getty Images*

Over the past week, news agency Reuters has also reported rumors that, as a result of Syria joining the coalition, the US might establish a base near Damascus.

Local media reported that a delegation from the global coalition against "IS" visited Al-Seen air base, around 80 kilometers (50 miles) from Damascus in the Syrian desert. There are also rumors that a Trump hotel or tower could be built in Damascus.

# A nova Síria na estratégia dos EUA para o Médio Oriente (18) [FONTE: Cartoon Y Net Global, 25/05/2025]



Syrian cartoon of U.S. President Donald Trump and Syrian President Ahmad al-Sharaa

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