

In today's Vatnik Soup, I'll introduce Russian propagandist Sergei Tsaulin. He's best-known for spreading pro-Kremlin narratives in Estonia, fleeing to Russia after breaking several laws in Estonia, and almost getting blown up by a bomb in St. Petersburg.

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For years, Tsaulin was known for organizing marches and events glorifying the Soviet Union. Under the excuse of "remembering history," these events were nothing more than Kremlin propaganda, wrapped in a red flag with a hammer and sickle.

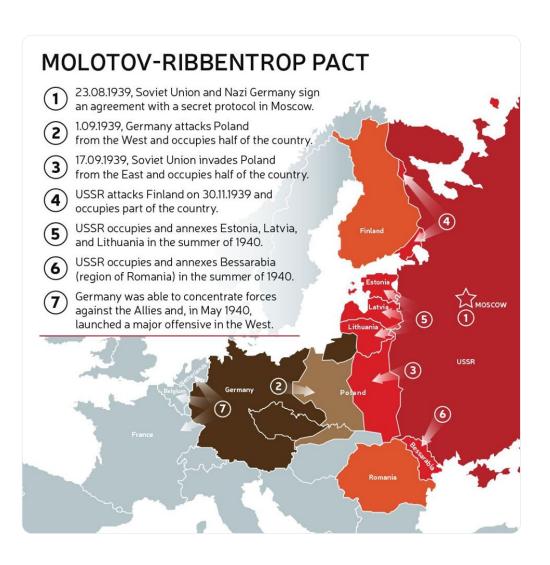


One of his most infamous events was the "Immortal Regiment" march, held every 9th of May, where people carried portraits of Soviet soldiers. These marches are used by Russia to push the idea that the Baltics owe their existence to the Soviets.

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May 9th AKA Victory Day and the "Immortal Regiment" are one of Russia's biggest celebrations which commemorate the victory of the Soviet Union over Nazi Germany. Incidentally, the Soviet Union invaded Estonia while allied with the Nazis.





Rather than acknowledging the brutal Soviet occupation and deportations, these marches frame the USSR as "liberators." For Estonia, which suffered under Soviet rule, this is an insult. But Tsaulin kept organizing them, pretending they were about "unity."



Like all Estonian Kremlin puppets, Tsaulin also spreads anti-Estonian, anti-Western narratives, repeating Russian propaganda about NATO being an "occupier" and Estonia's government being "Russophobic." These people are so uncreative my soul hurts.





He's also been in collaboration with Aivo Peterson and other pro-Kremlin vatniks involved in the creation of the KOOS party. He was already involved with the party in its early days. Like flies circling around shit, vatniks always seem to find each other.

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Tsaulin has been arrested multiple times for violating public gathering laws and spreading extremist content, and he's often mentioned in the State Security Police KAPO's yearbook. After KAPO revoked his residence permit, Sergei ran away to Russia.





sergei Chaulin, the leader of the anti-NATO "peace march", carried the posters and directed them himself people, but also found helpers from sister groups.



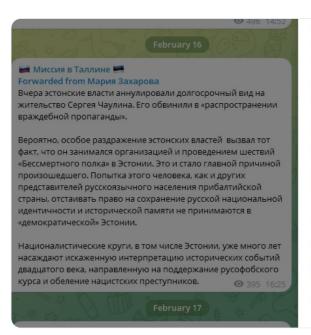
Kremlimeelne aktivist Sergei Tšaulin selgitamas Rossijale oma plakati sõnumit põllumeeste meeleavaldusel Toompeal 2015. a septembris

At the proposal of the Defense Police, the Police and Border Guard Board invalidated the residence permit of Sergei Chaulin, a long-term resident of unspecified citizenship. Based on the Aliens Act (§ 241 subsection 1 point 2), a foreigner's residence permit can be revoked if he poses a threat to public order and national security. Čaulin, of unspecified citizenship, left Estonia on the evening of February 14.

Sergei Chaulin has been actively spreading propaganda hostile to the Russian Federation for a long time. As a tool of the Kremlin, Chaulin has for years incited national and political hatred under the banner of the anti-fascist movement. The man has also been the leader of the Immortal Polg actions and led the non-profit organization Russian Compatriots in Europe to implement the Kremlin's divisive policy. Russia's unprovoked and unjustified aggression against Ukraine, which resumed last February 24, explains the danger of such an activity.

Once in Russia, he reinvented himself as a "persecuted activist." Russian officials and propagandists were more than happy to use him as proof of the so-called "oppression" of Russian speakers in the Baltics. They even invited the chief propagandist Maria Butina to help!

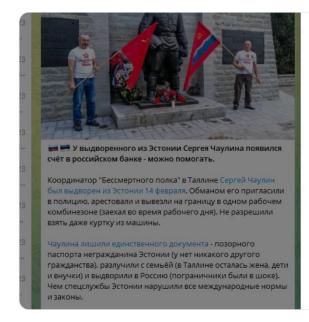




Yesterday, Estonian authorities canceled the longterm residence permit of Sergei Chaulin. He was accused of "spreading hostile propaganda."

Probably, the Estonian authorities were especially irritated by the fact that he was involved in organizing and holding marches of the "Immortal Regiment" in Estonia. This was the main reason for what happened. The attempt of this person, like other representatives of the Russian-speaking population of the Baltic country, to defend the right to preserve Russian national identity and historical memory is not accepted in "democratic" Estonia.

Nationalist circles, including Estonia, have been propagating a distorted interpretation of the historical events of the twentieth century for many years, aimed at maintaining the Russophobic course and whitewashing Nazi criminals.



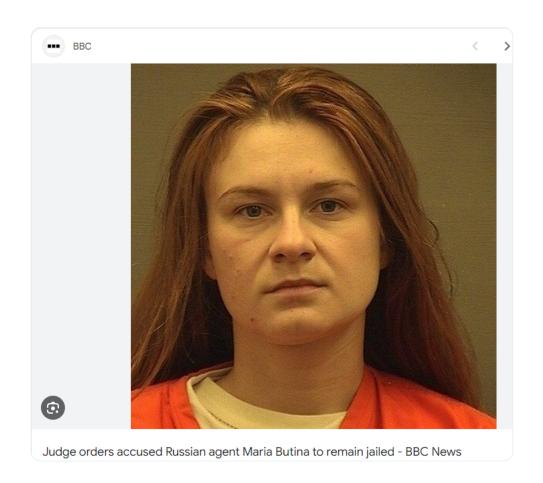
The coordinator of the Immortal Regiment in Tallinn, Sergei Chaulin, was expelled from Estonia on February 14. He was deceived into inviting him to the police, arrested and taken to the border wearing only work overalls (he arrived during work hours). They weren't even allowed to take a jacket from the car.

Chaulin was deprived of his only document - the shameful passport of a non-citizen of Estonia (he has no other citizenship), separated from his family (his wife, children and granddaughters remained in Tallinn) and expelled to Russia (the border guards were in shock). How Estonian intelligence services violated all international norms and laws.

Today Sergei Chaulin managed to open an account with Sberbank. You can help him by transferring money to the card: 2202 2036 0855 7304.



Butina worked as a Russian spy in the US, infiltrating the country's NRA gun lobby groups. In 2018, evidence of ties to the FSB was found in her home, and she confessed to being a Russian agent. After returning to Russia, she became a face for Kremlin's propaganda.

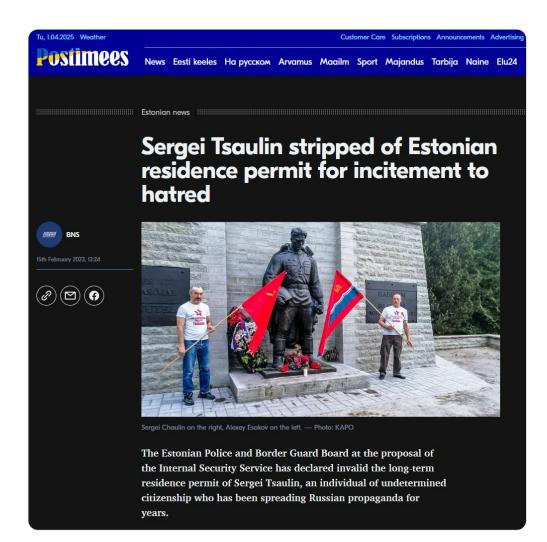








Tsaulin, eager to be useful to the Kremlin, also positioned himself as a martyr. He claimed Estonia was "dangerous for Russians" and the West was behind attacks on Russian activists. Laughable, considering he was only arrested for breaking the law.



Pursuant to the Aliens Act, the residence permit of an alien can be terminated if the alien constitutes a threat to public order and national security. Tsaulin left Estonia on the evening of Feb. 14.

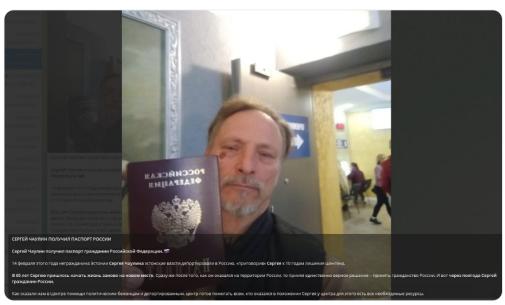
Tsaulin has been actively spreading the Russian Federation's hostile propaganda for a long time. A tool of the Kremlin, he has been inciting to national and political hatred under the guise of antifascist movement for years.

He has also been one of the leaders of the Immortal Regiment (Bessmertny Polk) march and led the non-profit organization Venemaa Kaasmaalased Euroopas (Russian Compatriots in Europe) to implement Russia's polarization policy.

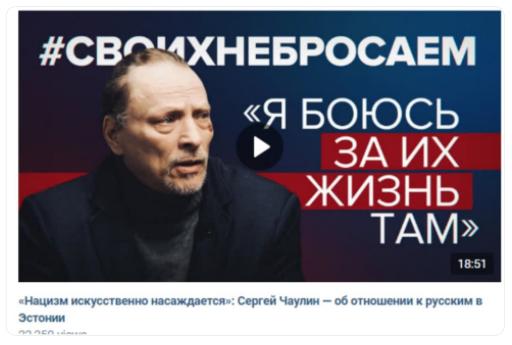
The unprovoked and unjustified aggression relaunched by Russia against Ukraine on Feb. 24, 2022, explains how dangerous such activities are.

But in Russia, he was treated like a hero - a perfect tool for the Kremlin's propaganda. Maria Zakharova and other officials showered him with sympathy, calling him a "victim of NATO-controlled Estonia." Butina even organized a fundraiser for poor Mr. Tsaulin.

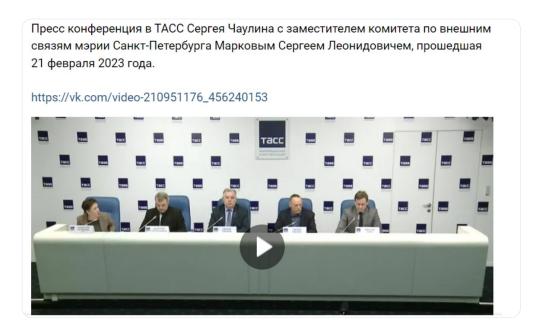




Moscow needed a new face to sell the lie that Russian speakers in the Baltics were oppressed. Tsaulin, desperate for relevance, happily played along, appearing on state TV with dramatic stories about life in Estonia.



For example, he attended a press conference for the Russian state news agency TASS. Another pro-Kremlin puppet, Maksim Reva was also present at this event. During the event, the director of the St. Petersburg Department of Foreign Relations, Sergei Markov, welcomed Tsaulin.



"We want to open a help center for Baltic residents in trouble"

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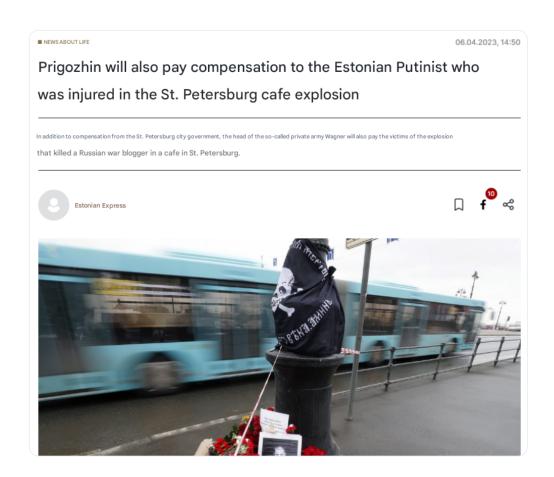


Remember when a bomb blew up in a cafe in St. Petersburg, killing Russian warblogger Vladlen Tatarsky? Well, Tsaulin was there and was hurt badly. But Tsaulin's big break came in Jul 2023, when he was invited to the UN Security Council, a useless organization currently...









...presided by Russia. During his speech, Sergei complained about how horrible Estonia is & how traumatic it was when the "Ukrainian special services tried to kill him" in St Petersburg. After the event, Russia was criticized for "consuming resources" of the council.



Delegates Criticize Russian Federation for Consuming Resources of Security Council

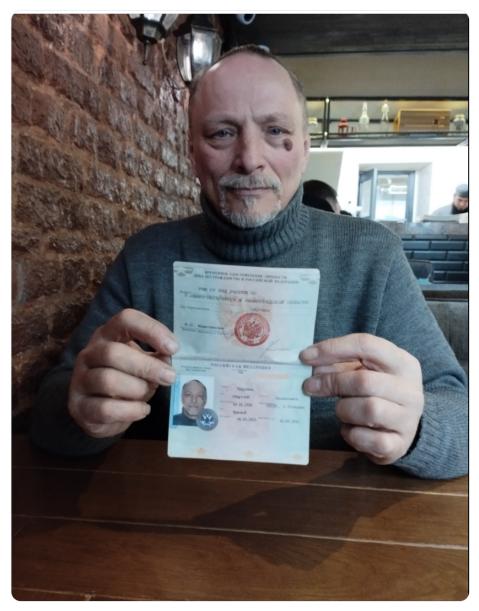
Ukraine Did Nothing to Provoke War, Many Speakers Underscore, Condemning Atrocities Perpetrated by Moscow

Ukraine is forced to choose between its legitimate right to self-defence and its annihilation, several delegates told the Security Council today, as they contested the pretext under which today's meeting was convened, noting its detrimental effect on the 15-member organ's work.

Raffi Gregorian, Deputy to the Under-Secretary-General and Officer-in-Charge at the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism, outlined the Office's main functions, including to provide leadership on the General Assembly counter-terrorism mandate and to improve visibility and resource mobilization for the Organization's counter-terrorism efforts. However, the Assembly does not provide the Office the mandate to investigate or ascertain the conduct of States and other actors; nor to determine what constitutes an act of terrorism, whether by a State, a group or an individual. "For these reasons, I regret that I have nothing else to contribute to the substance of today's session," he said.

Sergey Chaulin, a civil activist who said he defended traditional family values that his parents taught him back in Soviet times, said that he was deported from Estonia in 2023. After finding refuge in the Russian Federation, he recalled his experience surviving a bomb explosion in a Saint Petersburg cafe, which killed "independent war correspondent" Vladlen Tatarsky. Citing an investigation, he said that Ukrainian militants were behind the attack. Mr. Tatarsky was trying to convey the truth about what was happening in Donbas since 2014, he said, calling for accountability for the perpetrators, including those who ordered and orchestrated the attack.

Today, Tsaulin is still organizing propaganda events blaming Estonia and praising Russia's "heroes," apparently for their ability to kill, loot and rape in Ukraine. He'll be used as long he's useful, and eventually discarded - just like Russia does with most vatniks.



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