

After a “chance encounter” with Kolomoyskyi, Prosecutor General Lutsenko took away from the state-owned “PrivatBank” compromising evidence against the oligarch

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On December 7, the Prosecutor General’s Office searched the nationalized “PrivatBank” on suspicion of its officials having created a scheme of seizing the money via lending to legal entities. “Kroll” detectives, investigating the bank assets withdrawal by its former owners, also fall under suspicion of being the scheme accessories.

Kateryna Rozhkova, Deputy Head of the National Bank, [told](#) about that in the interview to “Business.Censor”.

According to her words, the searches are being conducted in order to deprive “Kroll” detectives’ investigation of legitimacy, whereas by the end of the year they planned to complete their investigation of abuse by the former bank owners, Ihor Kolomoyskyi and Hennadiy Boholiubov being the major ones. The report by “Kroll” is a document allowing to work abroad as well to return the assets which the state lost during the recapitalization.

Searches of “PrivatBank” took place after meeting of Prosecutor General Yuriy Lutsenko with former co-owner of “PrivatBank” Ihor Kolomoyskyi in Amsterdam (the Netherlands) on November 25. The Prosecutor General referred to it as a “chance encounter”.

In the end of November, Prosecutor General Yurii Lutsenko allegedly had a “chance encounter” with Ihor Kolomoyskyi, Ukrainian oligarch and former PrivatBank shareholder, in Amsterdam. It became known from [Instagram](#) of Pavlo Karpets, Ukrainian student who witnessed the meeting of the Prosecutor General with the oligarch.

According to “Business.Censor”, on December 4, Tetiana Ostapchuk, the investigative judge of Pechersk District Court of Kyiv, authorized officers of the Prosecutor General’s Office to seize the documents in Dnipro office of “PrivatBank”.

The case in point is the criminal case 42017000000002828 of September 5, 2017. The Prosecutor’s office suspects “Kroll” staff alongside some “PrivatBank” officials to be accessories to deliberately unprofitable lending – for a remuneration of 3-5% of the loan sum. The abuse happened after the financial institution was nationalized.

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The next day – on December 5, Kateryna Moskalenko, other judge of Pechersk District Court of Kyiv, [gave](#)

[permission](#) to other investigators group of the Prosecutor Generals Office to search Kyiv “PrivatBank” office within the criminal investigation 42017000000001823 of June 6, 2017 alleging creation of the criminal organization and participation in it with the aim to seize the bank’s money. It deals with the withdrawal of 124 million UAH via the lending schemes in November 2016.

In its motion, the Prosecutor’s Office asked to seize a number of documents, including the investigation results of the British forensic companies – “Kroll Associates U.K. Limited” and “AlixPartners Services UK LLP”, as well as examinations and analyses of the legal company “Hogan Lovells”.

The Court partially granted the motion permitting to take the copies of documents.

Let us remind, that, on December 18, 2016, the Cabinet of Ministers decided to nationalize “PrivatBank” through the Ministry of Finance purchasing 100% of its shares for 1 UAH. Afterwards, the state recapitalized the bank by 139.3 billion UAH. Ihor Kolomoyskyi litigates the nationalization.

The two aforementioned criminal cases are investigated by separate groups of investigators.

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