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On April 19, 2023, the Russian anarchist Dmitry Petrov a.k.a Ilya Leshiy, died in the battle near Bakhmut.

He fought in the Ukrainian army against Russian imperial aggression. His death was confirmed yesterday. 1/9



Dmitry was a PhD in history, an anthropologist and worked at the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences.

He visited Kurdistan, co-authored a few books, and co-hosted the Hevale research and media project about Rojava. 2/9

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Dmitry participated in the anarchist movement for many years. He defended the environment, workers' rights, and fought against developers. As an anti-fascist, he fought neo-Nazis on the Moscow streets. 3/9



Leshiy was an anarchist, but he was friendly and cooperative with socialists, participated in our campaign to cancel Ukraine's foreign debt, and wrote several articles about Rojava for the Commons journal. 4/9



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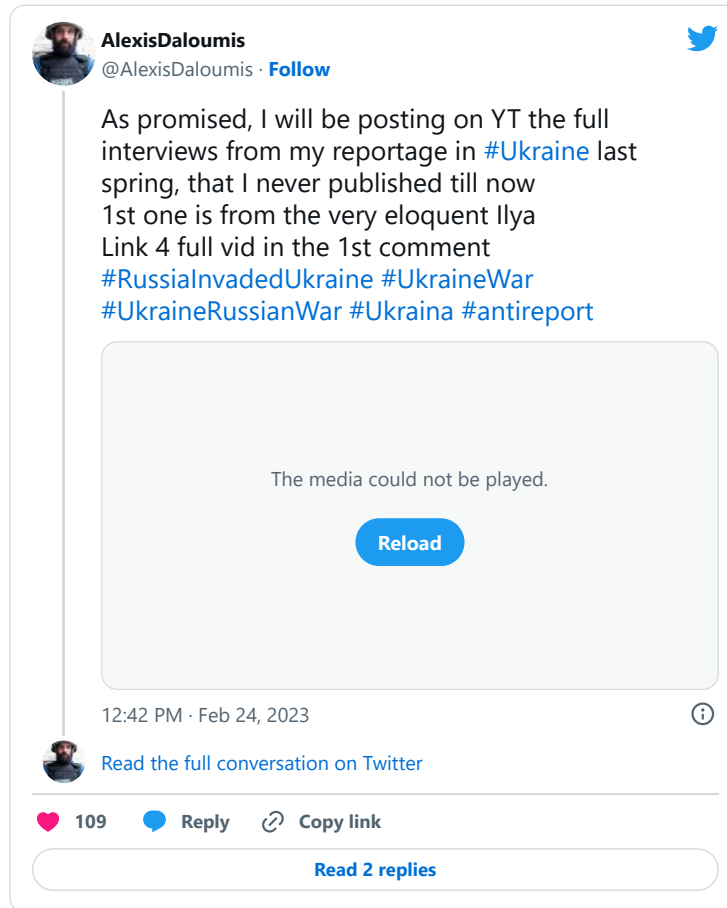


Dmitry participated in the protests in Bolotnaya in Russia 2011, Maidan in Ukraine 2014, and protests in Belarus 2020.

Due to the threat of arrest in Russia, he moved to Ukraine several years ago but continued to participate in the Russian anarchist movement. 5/9

On the first day of the invasion, Leshiy joined an attempt to create an anarchist unit in the Ukrainian army.

He took part in the battles near Svatovo and Kreminna, and died during an attempted counter-attack near Bakhmut. 6/9



I spoke with Dmitry only a few times, but from the first day of acquaintance, he made the best impression on me — a sincere, honest, friendly, modest person.

Only after his death, I and many other Ukrainian leftists learned about what he did in Russia. 7/9

Dmitry was a true internationalist and revolutionary and boldly opposed chauvinism.

He hoped that the Ukrainian resistance would help the Russians and Belarusians overthrow their dictatorships. He died for the freedom of the peoples of Ukraine and Russia. 8/9



Dmitry was a co-founder of the Combat Organization of Anarcho-Communists (BOAK), which sabotaged railway infrastructure in Russia since the start of the invasion.

He send his last word to them for publication in case he died. 9/9



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My name is Dmitry Petrov, and if you read these lines, then most likely I died fighting against the Putin's invasion of #Ukraine.

I am a member of the Combat Organization of Anarcho-Communists (BOAK), and I will still remain this after my death. (1/9)



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Б.О.А.К. присоединяйтесь и действуйте! В после...

My name is Dmitry Petrov, and if you read these lines, then most likely I died fighting against the Putin's invasion of Ukraine.

I am a member of the Combat Organization of Anarcho-Communists (BOAK), and I will still remain this after my death. The BOAK is our brainchild, born of our faith in an organized struggle. We managed to carry it on different sides of state borders.

I tried my best to contribute to the victory over dictatorship and to bring the social revolution closer. And I am proud of my comrades who fought and fight in Russia and beyond.

As an anarchist, revolutionary and Russian, I found it necessary to take part in the armed resistance of the Ukrainian people against Putin's occupiers. I did this for justice, for defense of the Ukrainian society and for liberation of my country, Russia, from oppression. For the sake of all the people who are deprived of their dignity and the opportunity to breathe freely by the vile totalitarian system created in Russia and Belarus.

Another important sense to participate in this war is to approve internationalism by example. In the days when the deadly imperialism awakes, as a response, a wave of nationalism and contempt for Russians, I argue by word and deed: there are no "bad peoples". All peoples have the same grief – greedy and power-hungry rulers.

It was not just my individual decision and step. It was a continuation of our collective strategy aimed at creating sustainable structures and guerrilla combat confrontation with the tyrannical regimes of our region.

My dear friends, comrades and relatives, I apologize to all those I hurt with my leaving. I appreciate your warmth very much. However, I firmly believe that the struggle for justice, against oppression and injustice is one of the most worthy meanings that humans can fill their life with. And this struggle requires sacrifices, up to the complete self-sacrifice.

The best memory for me is if you continue actively struggle, overcoming personal ambitions and unnecessary harmful strife. If you continue to fight actively to achieve a free society based on equality and solidarity. For you and for me and for all our comrades. Risk, deprivation and sacrifice on this path are our constant companions. But be sure – they are not in vain.

I hug you all.

Your Ilya Leshy, "Seva", "Lev", Fil Kuznetsov,
Dmitry Petrov



Rest in power

For our freedom and yours





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I took this photo of Dmitry a spring day in 2018, as he showed me around the Moscow offices of the PKK's representation in Russia. He'd been spending time there since the battle of Kobane in 2014, studying Kurmanji and organizing events about the revolution in Rojava. 1/



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