

"Kerch Incident" Was Premeditated? US Military Contractor Hiring Personnel to Support Classified 'Contingency Operations' in Ukraine

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A US contractor accidentally revealed a US military specialist deployment in the combat zones in Ukraine via a Job Advertisement on <u>LinkedIn</u>.

<u>Similarly to the Atlantic Council's report on independence of Eastern European countries,</u> as well as the meeting between US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Ukrainian Foreign Minister Pavlo Klimkin, the posting comes days before the escalation in the Sea of Azov.

Mission Essential is a government contractor, which primarily serves intelligence and military clients. It began as the US government's leading provider of translation and interpretation services.

Source: Linked Screenshot



The preemptive job advert was posted on November 16th and seeks "linguist candidates who speak Ukrainian to provide foreign language interpretation and translation services to support classified Contingency Operations in support of the U.S. Military in Ukraine."

The formal place of work is Mykolayiv, Ukraine. The port city is also significant, <u>because that</u> is where the US "logistical" naval facility is currently under construction.

The advert also requires candidates to be able to fit in the local culture and customs, in addition to "the ability to deal inconspicuously with local populace if necessary." Which simply means that the interpreter needs to be able to hide the fact that he is not a Ukrainian citizen, at least partly.

Unsurprisingly, the individual needs to be able to serve in a combat zone "if necessary," in addition to being able to "live, work, and travel in harsh environments, to include living and working in temporary facilities as mission dictates."

Considering repeated claims by the US leadership that the US is not involved in the Ukraine conflict, the vacancy posting is an operational security failure by Mission Essential. Most

other vacancies posted by the company are for analysts and various linguistical and project management positions, almost predominantly in different military facilities in the US.

It is quite possible that these specialists would assist US military personnel deployed in or near the "combat zones" in Ukraine – i.e. Eastern Ukraine, and as it was expected since as early as November 16th – the Sea of Azov.

This is another piece that reinforces the notion that the "provocation by Russia" in the Sea of Azov was somehow premeditated.

However, it also appears that, Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko's plans appeared to, at least partially, backfire. "Partially," because he managed to instate martial law and make another step in his attempts to postpone elections in 2019, thus "democratically" holding on to power and not allowing the Ukrainian citizens to vote and most likely elect his rival and favored presidential candidate Yulia Tymoshenko.

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