

***New report reveals the truth behind suspicious death of key Belarusian official  
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***Did Putin have Foreign Minister Vladimir Makei killed?***

*New light has been shed on the death of Belarusian Foreign Minister Vladimir Makei, who was found dead just days after a November 2022 visit with Vladimir Putin in Armenia.*

***Early reports claimed heart attack***

*Makei was the longest-serving Foreign Minister in Belarusian history and original reports from the country's oldest newspaper Naša Niva claimed he died of a heart attack on November 26th.*



***Makei never made it to a doctor***

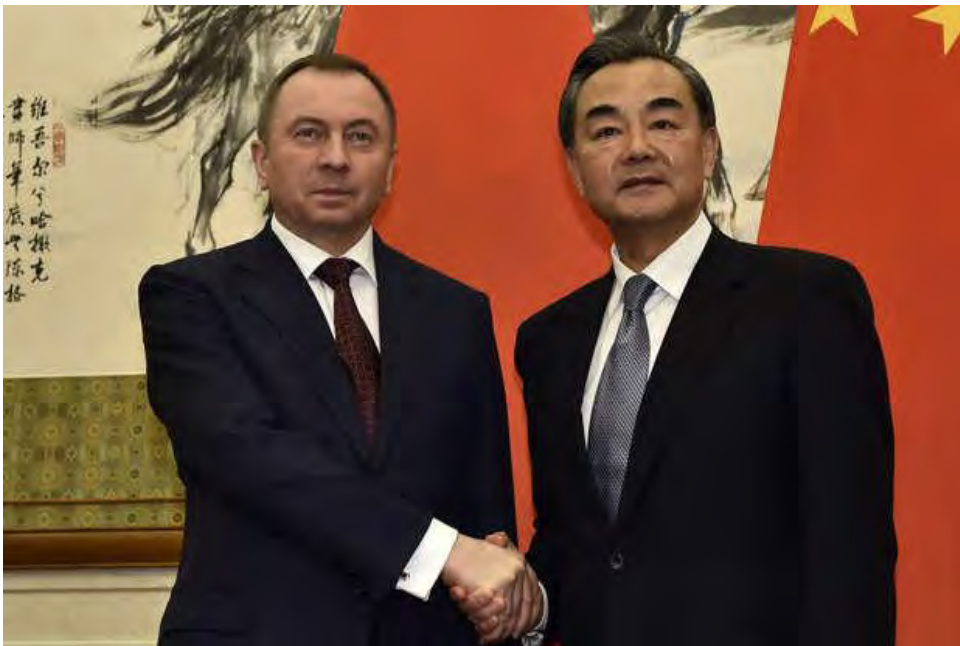
*"Vladimir Makei was at home in Drozdy when he had a heart attack," the newspaper wrote, adding that "as far as it is known, he did not reach doctors in time because he did not take his condition seriously."*



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***A suspicious end for the Foreign Minister***

*The suspicious sudden demise of a Belarusian government official many political analysts have called pro-Western prompted a string of sensational headlines in the days following Makei's death, all of which pointed to foul play.*



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*Was Makei poisoned by Putin?*

*The Daily Mail claimed Makei was “poisoned in a Kremlin sting operation” while Yuras Karmanau of the Associated Press speculated that the Foreign Minister’s rapprochement with the West could have played a role in his death.*



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***Lukashenko's top man***

*"Makei has been a top associate of Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko for more than two decades," Karmanau wrote.*



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***Makei and the West***

*“Many analysts saw his diplomatic maneuvering as part of Lukashenko’s efforts to improve ties with the West, which were frozen after a brutal crackdown on protests that followed his 2020 re-election,” Karmanau added.*

***The speculation now seems warranted***

*Speculation about Makei’s death now seems warranted since Naša Niva has revealed that the former Minister didn’t actually die of a heart attack but rather tragically by his own hand.*

***What lead Makei to take his own life?***

*Citing four unrelated sources, Naša Niva said the probable cause of Makei’s death was that he took his own life and the newspaper gave readers some indication as to why.*

***Scandals and problems both public and private***

*“The last years of the minister’s life were accompanied by both political and personal dramas,” Naša Niva journalists wrote.*

***Upset by the collapse of his position***

*“Makei’s acquaintances say that he was painfully upset by the collapse of his position. Often felt unnecessary, and sometimes simply out of place,” the newspaper added.*



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***Lost influence***

*Naša Niva journalists went on to add that Makei was also suffering from problems at home and that the minister had lost some influence within Alexander Lukashenko’s regime, a situation that might have forced him to take his own life.*



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***Denied personal attention***

*“He has recently been denied personal attention, for him it is very noticeable,” one source told Naša Niva in reference to Makei’s waning influence with Lukashenko.*



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***“He did not see himself anywhere else”***

*“He understood that his former high position was coming to an end,” the source added. “And after his heights, he did not see himself anywhere else.”*



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***We might never know the full details***

*Belarusian authorities refused to make the details of Makei's end public in the days after his death according to the New York Post, a move that has only increased speculation about what happened to the former Belarusian Foreign Minister.*



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***Lukashenko was planning to replace Makei***

*The New York Post added that Alexander Lukashenko was planning to replace Makei but they could not confirm whether that was his choice or one made for him in Moscow.*