



Barrister in Ukrainians' trial says huge amount was covered up

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Starmer

Senior criminal law barrister Dominic Souza acted for one of the Ukrainians [accused](#) and [acquitted](#) this week of setting fire to properties belonging to Keir Starmer. The defendants were allegedly 'rent boys' a factor largely ignored by UK mainstream media. And Souza says that he was astonished his word was 'pickled' by how much of what went on was ignored or even buried by prosecution and judge in the case.

Two men were [convicted](#) in the case. Souza's client Petro Pochynok was acquitted. But when Souza read journalist Crispin Flintoff's X post about the BBC's unmerited rush to broadcast a programme claiming Russia was behind the attack, he quickly responded that his head was still 'pickled' over how much was kept hidden:

I was leading defence counsel for Pochynok who was acquitted. Having come across your vid I remember seeing you in the public gallery every day! Even as the defence barrister in the trial itself, I still find my head pickled over what real underlying truths were never exposed

Souza (@dsouzabarrister) [June 16, 2026](#)

Souza was far from the only one to notice. Former UK ambassador Craig Murray pointed out that the alleged figure behind the attack spoke Ukrainian, but that the media very suspiciously ignored this to focus on him also knowing how to speak Russian:

The BBC report that the man who organised the arson of Starmer related property was a Russian speaking*.
They fail to report the evidence was he also spoke Ukrainian.
Almost every Ukrainian can speak Russian.
Very few Russians can speak Ukrainian.

* Craig Murray (@CraigMurrayOrg) [June 16, 2026](#)

Starmer a wholly irrelevant?

Grayzone journalists Kit Klarenberg and Max Blumenthal noted that the trial judge had forbidden information on the shadowy, Ukrainian-speaking instigator of the attacks from being entered into evidence:

As expected, the trial judge ruled the Ukrainian rent boy attacks will be withheld from the British public. <https://t.co/pepep43coc>

Max Blumenthal (@MaxBlumenthal) [June 16, 2026](#)

And Russian is almost universally spoken in Ukraine, a former part of the Soviet Union, while the converse is not true:

The Russian link is extremely tenuous

EL spoke Russian and Ukrainian

Ukrainian is not a language widely spoken in Russia,
whereas almost every Ukrainian can speak Russian

Donahue Rogers (@DonahueRogers) [June 16, 2026](#)

In the run-up to the trial, Skwawkbox [asked](#) why mainstream media with no court restrictions on reporting were not asking questions about why the attacks were committed. The defendants were not charged under terror laws as would have been expected. That leaves open the question of a personal dimension to the motives for the arson, or some form of organised crime, something with which the nazi-riddled Ukrainian regime is hardly unfamiliar.

Flintoff is right. The BBC's haste to lay the blame at Russia's door based on the most tenuous of connections raised more questions than it is clearly meant to put to bed.

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