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## Report: Ukrainian Dictatorship Lets American Commentator Gonzalo Lira Die of Neglect in Prison

The U.S.-backed dictatorship in Ukraine has apparently murdered American commentator Gonzalo Lira because he told the truth about the war against Russia.

Lira, his backers say, died of medical neglect in a Ukrainian prison.

That is what he predicted in a video he made when he tried to flee the country and claim asylum in Hungary.



BREAKING: It is with great sadness I must announce that Gonzalo Lira [@GonzaloLira1968](#), passed away in a hospital according to his father, who has been fighting to get his son much-needed medical attention for the past weeks.

Here is a hand-written note from Gonzalo which I...  
[pic.twitter.com/jY8Mh0xQV3](https://pic.twitter.com/jY8Mh0xQV3)

— Alex Rubinstein  
(@RealAlexRubi) [January 12, 2024](#)

YouTube  
Gonzalo Lira

### The Charges

Lira lived in Kharkiv and was arrested on May 1, 2023, for not toeing the regime line on the war, a line peddled by the Biden administration, which has pumped \$75 billion of taxpayer money into the dictatorship.

Led by Volodymyr Zelensky, a weirdo who plays the piano with his penis and [is pushing](#) for Ukraine to accept “civil partnerships” between poofers, Ukraine charged Lira for telling the truth about the war, which Ukraine and its American lackeys called “pro-Russian.”

### [Alleged the indictment:](#)

[Lira] is accused of committing criminal offenses ... namely, in the production and distribution of material containing justification, recognition as legitimate, denial of the armed aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine, which began in 2014, as well as the justification, recognition as legitimate of the temporary occupation of part of Ukraine territory, in the production and distribution of materials containing the justification,



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recognition as legitimate, denial of the armed aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine, which began in 2014, including by presenting the armed aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine as an internal civil conflict, justifying, recognizing as legitimate the temporary occupation of part of the territory of Ukraine, glorifying the people who carried out the armed aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine, which began in 2014, committed repeatedly.

The *Helsinki Times* called the arrest an attack on free speech.

“While it is true that Lira has criticised the Zelensky regime and the eight-year-long shelling of Donbas residents by Kyiv, he has not participated in any activities other than exercising his right to free speech as a citizen and respected journalist,” the [newspaper opined](#). “Whether or not we agree with Lira’s opinions, freedom of speech must not be restricted, especially during times of conflict. These are the values we claim to be defending.”

Released on bail on July 6, Lira tried to flee for Hungary, he reported from the border on July 31. He planned to ask for asylum, but was rearrested and returned to prison.

“Right now, I’m about to try to get out of Ukraine, and seek political asylum in Hungary,” he posted to X:

Either I’ll cross the border and make it to safety, or I’ll be disappeared by the Kiev regime.

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Either I'll cross the border and make it to safety, or I'll be disappeared by the Kiev regime.

This is what's happened to me over the past three months.

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— Gonzalo Lira (@GonzaloLira1968) [July 31, 2023](#)

Lira said that he had a serious heart condition, that he would be found guilty, and that he would die in a prison labor camp.

“And the US State Department would return me too. I’m not a black lesbian druggie, or a transgender grifter. Besides, Victoria Nuland hates my guts, or so I’m told,” he continued on X:

I’m hoping the Hungarians will read my indictment and say, “This is bulls\*\*t—we’re not sending him back.”

Lira was right. He was “disappeared” and died in prison. The “democratic” authorities in Ukraine refused to let him see his 8- and 10-year-old children.

In his video from the border, Lira said the war horrified him. The point of his video commentary for which he was prosecuted, he said, was that Ukraine could not win the war and that the mass destruction was detrimental to the nation and its people.



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## Double Pneumonia

At his Grayzone blog, [Alex Rubinstein reported](#) that the U.S.-backed government committed what amounts to murder.

“A note written by Lira and provided by his father to The Grayzone indicates his death came after a nearly three-month battle with pneumonia, a condition which was apparently ignored by his Ukrainian jailers until just weeks before his death,” [Rubinstein reported](#):

Lira’s death was revealed by his father, Gonzalo Lira, Sr., who had spent weeks pleading with the American embassy to intervene in his son’s medical emergency.

Emails reviewed by The Grayzone show that after learning of his son’s illness, the senior Lira urged the embassy to intervene on January 3. In a message to US officials, he noted that Ukrainian authorities appeared to make an effort to conceal information about Lira Jr.’s health from his family and legal representatives. “The medical warden in the pre-trial jail in Kharkiv is not giving information as to the state of his health,” he wrote, concluding: “It has been 12 days since I knew his state.”

Lira’s attorney revealed his hand-written note in which he described his failing health:

I have had double pneumonia (both lungs) as well as pneumothorax and a very severe case of edema (swelling of the body). All this started in mid-October, but was ignored by the prison. They only admitted I had pneumonia at a Dec. 22 hearing. I am about to have a procedure to reduce the edema pressure in my lungs, which is causing me extreme shortness of breath, to the point of passing out after minimal activity, or even just talking for 2 minutes.

Lira’s father told Tucker Carlson that Ukraine’s Secret Service (SBU) arrested Gonzalo shortly after he predicted that Democrats would jettison Biden in 2024 and replace him with “idiot” Harris.

Ep. 47 Gonzalo Lira is an American citizen who’s been tortured in a Ukrainian prison since July, for the crime of criticizing Zelensky. Biden officials approve of this, because they’d like to apply the same standard here. The media agree. Here’s a statement from Gonzalo Lira’s... [pic.twitter.com/4H2otHhYHi](https://pic.twitter.com/4H2otHhYHi)

— Tucker Carlson (@TuckerCarlson) [December 9, 2023](#)

Despite his father’s repeated requests for help, the U.S. State Department did nothing. Apparently, \$75 billion of free money provides no leverage over a man who plays the piano with his penis.

In December, dressed as usual like a bum, [Zelensky showed up](#) in Washington to beg for more money. A month before, [Zelensky canceled](#) elections scheduled for March.



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