

ALLAHU AKBAR

ASHES OF WAR

A New Artistic Technology



ARTIST

SERGEY MELNIKOFF • MFF



METALWORK

VIKTOR BIELCHYK



2025–2026



American artist Sergey Melnikoff (MFF) and Ukrainian master metal craftsman Viktor Bielchyk present the completed artwork *Allahu Akbar* prior to its final multi-stage electroplating in nickel and 999.9 fine gold. Odesa, 15 June 2026.

OVERVIEW

Created in Odesa, Ukraine,
while the city remained under continuous missile
and drone attacks.

The structural base is hand-forged from authentic
23 mm ammunition casings. The triple-layer frame
is constructed from fragments of artillery shells
and mortar rounds. The ornamental border is
formed from more than 700 authentic 5.45 mm
cartridge cases.

The final stage involves industrial electroplating
with nickel and 999.9 fine gold.

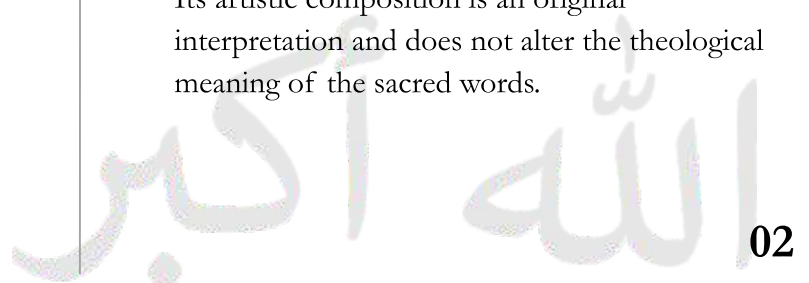
METALWORK

225 working days of metalwork.

ARABIC INSCRIPTION

The Arabic inscription **Allāhu Akbar** الله أكبر
follows a canonically correct form approved
by a Sharia council.

Its artistic composition is an original
interpretation and does not alter the theological
meaning of the sacred words.



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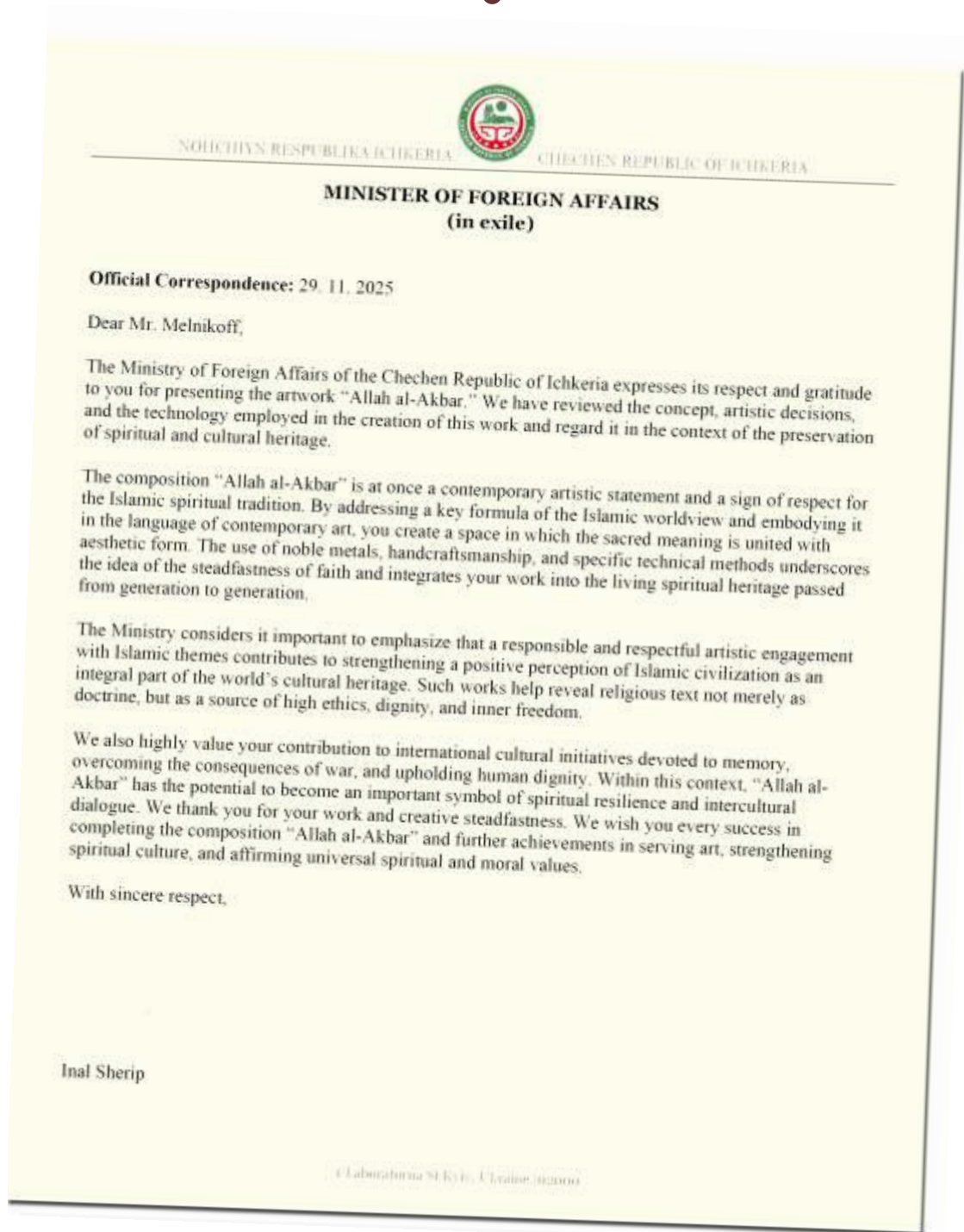
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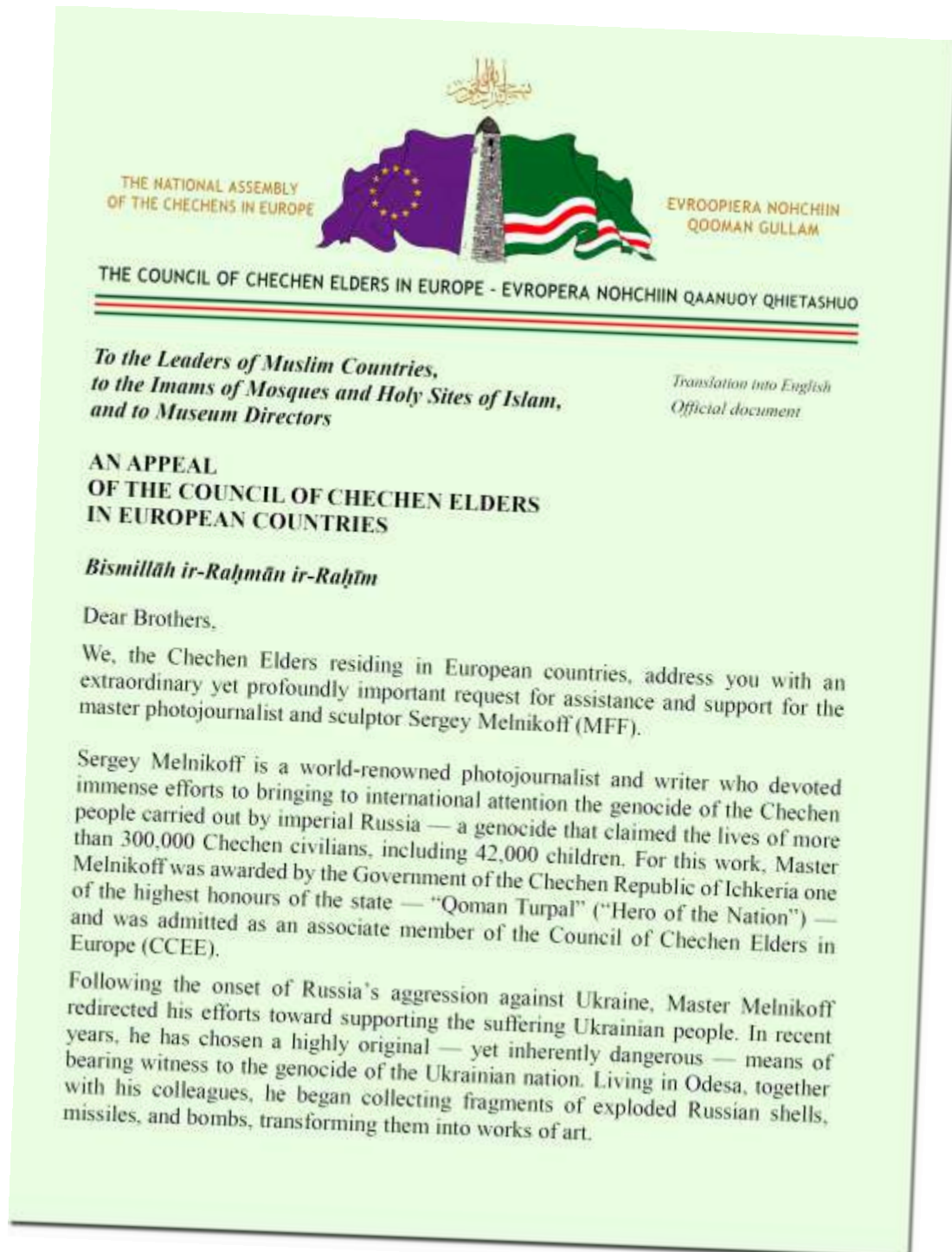


Official letter of support issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Chechen Republic of Ichkeria (Government in Exile).

London, United Kingdom.

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The official appeal issued by the Council of Chechen Elders in Europe.
The complete document includes the original text and English translation.

To access the complete document →

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WHEN ART SPEAKS FOR A NATION



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The Last Bridge: On an Artist, Fidelity and Spiritual Dignity in Time of War

Sculpture by Sergey Melnikoff (MFF) –
a Message to the World from a Nation that Refuses to Kneel



The unveiling of the sculpture *Allahu Akbar* by Ukrainian artist Sergey Melnikoff (MFF) is not merely an artistic event – it is a profound moral statement born in the heart of a brutal war.

Created from the very fragments of Russian weapons that have brought death and destruction to Ukraine, this work transforms instruments of terror into a symbol of life, resistance and the triumph of spirit.

The words "*Allahu Akbar*" – "God is Greatest" – are not a call to war, as Russian propaganda falsely claims. They are words of faith, submission to the Creator, and a reminder that no evil

Let this sculpture travel across the world. Let it speak in every language, in every square and every heart. Let the world know that even in the darkest times, faith, dignity and truth cannot be destroyed.

Akhmed Zakayev
Prime Minister of the
Chechen Republic of Ichkeria



Read the English translation of the full article by Ahmed Zakayev →

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FROM WAR TO ETERNAL LIGHT



THE FINAL TRANSFORMATION

Before the world can witness this work, **Allahu Akbar** must complete its final transformation through industrial electroplating.

SURFACE PREPARATION

COPPER LAYER

NICKEL LAYER

999.9 GOLD PLATING

FINAL POLISHING

Gold (999.9)	\$75,000
Custom Electroplating Tank	\$5,000
Electrochemical Processing	\$18,000
Final Polishing	\$9,000
Specialized Materials	\$6,000
Transport & Logistics	\$1,500
Insurance	\$2,500
Crating & Packaging	\$500
Documentation & Permits	\$2,500

TOTAL REMAINING

\$120,000

Every Contribution Counts.

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MEMORY • DIGNITY • PEACE

SUPPORT THE FINAL STAGE OF THE PROJECT

Your contribution will help complete the artwork
and bring it to its world premiere.

SUPPORTING THE MISSION

Every donated contribution is personally overseen by the Founder and Chief Executive Officer.

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Founded by the Artist Sergey Melnikoff (MFF)

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Every contribution helps preserve memory,
support artistic freedom, and bring this work
to the world.

THANK YOU

With gratitude for standing
with us and the people of Ukraine.

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A LIFE SHAPED BY FREEDOM

THE ARTIST

50 YEARS IN ART ANNIVERSARY

SERGEY MELNIKOFF • MFF

- Founder of the contemporary art movement **Ashes of War**.
- Creator of monumental sculptures forged from the fragments of Russian missiles, bombs and artillery shells recovered from the battlefields of Ukraine.
- Creator of one of the world's most extensive documentary archives of remote cultures, disappearing traditions and inaccessible regions, assembled over five decades of expeditions.
- An American artist of Ukrainian Cossack origin. Soviet dissident, political prisoner and escapee from the USSR. Granted political asylum under a United Nations resolution.
- National Hero of the Chechen Republic of Ichkeria, honoured for decades of unwavering support for the Chechen people's struggle for freedom and the decolonisation of the North Caucasus.
- Raised the national flag of the Chechen Republic of Ichkeria on the summit of Mount Everest on 6 May 2009.
- Author and Creative Director of major international cultural and tourism projects commissioned by governments across Central and Southeast Asia.
- Full Cavalier of the Ukrainian Orders of Saint Volodymyr. One of the world's most highly decorated contemporary artists.
- Founder and Executive Director of the Soul of Ukraine International Charitable Foundation since 2014.



INTERNATIONAL FEATURE

The Ukrainian Review

*For the Love of Humanity:
Sergey Melnikoff's Cross of Peace*

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Chechen Republic of Ichkeria
Ashes of War Technology

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2024



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