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Ukraine Names Street and Sausage After Controversial Nationalist Hero Bandera

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Controversial Ukrainian nationalist Stepan Bandera is to have a ⊠street — and a sausage — named in his honor by officials in Kiev.

The move comes as part of a drive by the country to shake off its Communist past.

Eighty-seven of the 97 Ukrainian deputies present voted to change the⊠ Moscovsky Prospekt street in the capital to Stepan Bandera Prospekt, ⊠politician Yury Sirotyuk wrote on Facebook. A number of other Russian ⊠and Soviet street names were changed, including Bauman Street and ⊠Kutuzov Street.

A sausage factory in the Ukrainian town of Ivano-Frankivsk has also ⊠decided to rebrand its trademark Moskovsky sausage and name it after the⊠ nationalist hero, the Ukrainian Vesti newspaper reported Thursday.

“We've made Moskovsky sausage for a long time,” one factory employee ⊠told the newspaper, “but now it will be called “Banderovsky.”

Bandera, who fought Soviet and Polish forces for Ukrainian ☒independence has regained some popularity in Ukraine in recent years. He☒ remains a highly divisive figure for collaborating with the Nazis ☒during World War II.

Bandera became head of the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists ☒(OUN), a group campaigning for an independent Ukrainian state, in 1933.

The organization later formed the Ukrainian Insurgent Army (UIA), ☒which carried out guerrilla attacks against Polish and Soviet forces.

The UIA received Nazi support to carry out their attacks, but Bandera☒ was later sent to the Sachsenhausen concentration camp. He continued ☒working with OUN after the war, but was assassinated by the KGB in ☒Munich in 1959.

Former Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko posthumously named ☒Bandera Hero of Ukraine in 2010, but the award was officially annulled ☒in January 2011 following condemnation from the European Parliament.

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