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# After Babchenko's Resurrection, Twitter Reacts Accordingly, With Memes

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Many woke up on the morning of May 30 to the shocking news that dissident journalist Arkady Babchenko had been murdered outside his home in Kiev the night before.

However, less than 24 hours after his supposed death, it was discovered that Babchenko was alive and well and that his murder had been a sting operation set up by the Security Services of Ukraine (SBU). The revelation sent news teams scrambling, but more importantly, got Twitter to do what it does best: making memes.

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> — Joe Leogue (@JoeLeogue) May 30, 2018

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"Shalom, It was a special operation of the SBU!"

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"Glory to Ukraine! Glory to the heroes!"

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"In light of current events."

Nicholas II: "I'm alive, it was a special operation of the secret police."

Kurt Cobain: "I'm alive, it was a special operation of the FBI."

Dinosaurs: "I'm alive it was a special operation of God."

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