

Pro-War Russian Blogger Commits Suicide – Reports

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Andrei Morozov. **Voin Ros** / YouTube

Prominent pro-war blogger and Russian soldier Andrei Morozov has reportedly committed suicide after upsetting his commanders for disclosing high military casualties in Moscow's recent capture of the eastern Ukrainian town of Avdiivka.

Morozov, known by his call sign "Murz," regularly [criticized](#) Russia's military and political leadership on his Telegram channel over shortages of weapons, bureaucratic inefficiencies and rampant [deception](#).

"Murz has shot himself. We spoke last night, nothing foreshadowed [his death]," lawyer Maxim Pashkov, who knew Morozov, [said](#) Wednesday, adding to a series of reports of his suicide by other pro-war bloggers.

Morozov [wrote](#) last week that 16,000 Russian troops had died in the [capture](#) of Avdiivka, which he compared to the deaths of some 7,000 retreating Ukrainian troops. Russian forces stepped up their efforts to capture the eastern industrial hub in October and declared its full

seizure over the weekend.

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Russia's Defense Ministry did not disclose its casualty figures in the months-long campaign for Avdiivka, which had a pre-war population of 31,400.

A series of what appear to be lengthy suicide notes were published earlier Wednesday on Morozov's Telegram channel, which has over 100,000 subscribers.

In the notes, Morozov accuses his commanders of forcing him to [delete](#) a post about Russia's high casualties in Avdiivka and implicates state TV news anchors of pressuring his commanders.

"Russia is my home, invaded by enemies: the servile a**-lickers of their superiors; generals ready to sacrifice thousands of soldiers just to 'distinguish' themselves; journalists who build their careers on lies from the screen," Morozov wrote.

The Moscow Times could not immediately verify the reports of Morozov's death.

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