Ukraine corruption scandal: String of officials resign in Kyiv

Several senior Ukrainian officials announced their resignations on Tuesday amid a damaging corruption scandal.

Reports of foul play in Ukraine's high offices broke over the weekend, surrounding illicit payments to deputy ministers and over-inflated military contracts.

Deputy Defence Minister Vyacheslav Shapovalov, Deputy Head of the Presidential Administration Kyrylo Tymoshenko and Deputy Prosecutor General Oleksiy Simonenko are among the officials who have quit.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said personnel changes were being carried out at senior and lower levels.

However, the scandal could dampen Western enthusiasm for the Kyiv government, which has a long history of shaky governance, especially at a time when it is seeking more military support.

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