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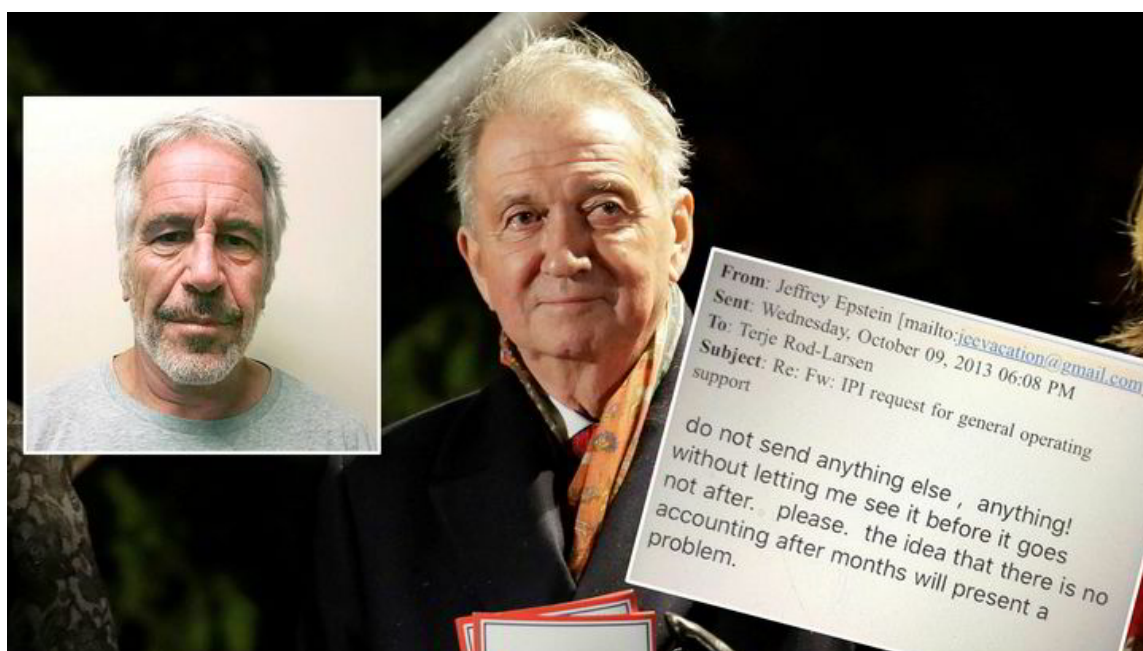
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Behind the scenes: How Jeffrey Epstein helped billionaire Bill Gates fund UN- affiliated think tank projects

An investigation by Norwegian business newspaper DN reveals how Jeffrey Epstein played a crucial role when the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation gave grants to a UN-affiliated think tank.

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In October 2013, Jeffrey Epstein (inset) gave Terje Rød-Larsen clear instructions for the dialogue with the Gates Foundation. (Photograph: Matt Dunham/AP/NTB)



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October 2013 was an important month for the UN-affiliated think tank International Peace Institute (IPI). Seven months since meeting with Bill Gates, one of the richest people in the world, 2.5 million dollars was transferred from Gates' philanthropic foundation to the think tank, to fund projects to eradicate polio.

Gates had been introduced to IPI by Jeffrey Epstein at a meeting in Strasbourg, France, where IPI representatives had put forward a proposal of how IPI could help Gates in the fight against polio.

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Since the meeting in 2013, the Gates Foundation has awarded IPI more than eight million dollars, and the foundation has been identified as an important donor in the annual report every year.

Norwegian business newspaper DN can now reveal correspondence that shows how the convicted financier Jeffrey Epstein played an important role when the first millions of dollars were transferred in October 2013.

Epstein was notified

software company, Gates has become a full-time philanthropist through the foundation that carries his and his wife's name, the largest in the world.



Boris Nikolic (center) has been an adviser to Bill Gates. Here at a gala in 2014 with, among others, Crown Princess Mette-Marit of Norway. (Photograph: Kevin Tachman/Getty Images)

In the email, Nikolic asserts that 2.5 million dollars have been transferred to the think tank IPI, and the foundation is preparing a check for a further 2.5 million dollars.

“I am on it,” Nikolic writes of the ongoing fundraising.

The recipient of the email, however, isn't someone with an official position at the think tank. The email

Norway and UN Special Envoy.

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That day Epstein received an email IPI's then finance director David Witt had sent to a grant administrator at the Gates Foundation. It was forwarded to him by Rød-Larsen. Epstein reacted strongly. Epstein was unhappy of the fact that he had not seen the phrasing earlier, and gave Rød-Larsen clear instructions on how to communicate with the Gates Foundation:

Email sent by Epstein to Rød-Larsen in October 2013.

He wrote, "do not send anything else, anything! without letting me see it before it goes. not after. please." Epstein was concerned that the email from the finance director might create problems due to lack of bookkeeping.

from Epstein. Later, in 2011, British Prince Andrew was criticised for maintaining his friendship with Epstein. Last year, Prince Andrew stated he [showed “poor judgment.”](#)

Despite the verdict, Epstein managed to re-enter the elite after serving his sentence. Last year, [The New York Times](#) reported that he kept being included among the powerful of New York City. Anchor Katie Couric and Woody Allen attended dinner at his home in 2010. The following year he attended a party together with, among others, Jeff Bezos and Elon Musk, founders of Amazon and Tesla respectively. Several notable institutions praised him and boasted of his achievements, including the prestigious Harvard university.

Crown Princess Mette-Marit of Norway [met Epstein several times](#) between 2011 and 2013. Last year, she apologised for not scrutinising his past more thoroughly. Former prime minister Kjell Magne

press release, published hours after DN [published a documentary](#) in November 2019. In the article, several links between Epstein and IPI were revealed, among them a grant of 375,000 dollars from one of Epstein's foundations.

In the press release, the think tank acknowledged the receipt of grants, emphasizing that it was lawful. Simultaneously, the think tank stated that it would now make a donation of a similar amount. No other connections were mentioned.

“The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation works with the International Peace Institute, an organisation dedicated to promoting peace and security, to gather critical analysis that supports our efforts to improve health in Pakistan and Afghanistan,” the Department of Communications wrote in an email on Friday, September 25.

And, after more questions:

“The foundation has never had any financial dealings with Epstein. We work with the International Peace Institute, a grantee that supports our efforts to

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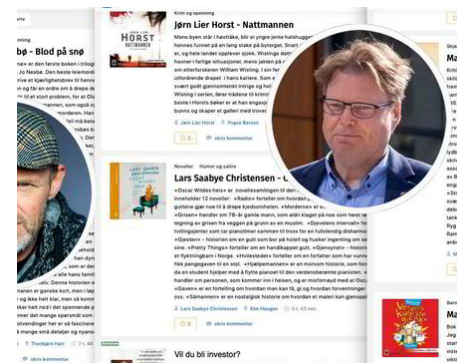
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