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English-speaking expert available to speak to media from Ukraine.

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Mr. Kamenshikov is a fluent English public speaker, and activist living in Ukraine on the outskirts of Kyiv.

Andre brings decades of experience including his leadership with both Nonviolence International - Ukraine and the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict, a global network led by civil society organizations actively working to prevent violent conflict and build more peaceful societies. Most of us have never been in an active war zone. Andre has worked in many of the conflict zones of the former Soviet Union.

His humility, clear moral vision, and commitment to nonviolent direct action are reflected in the quick story below. When an NVI colleague introduced him to our interns as the person who famously - Tiananmen Square style - stood in front of tanks in Chechnya, he laughed it off saying, “they were not tanks. They were just armored personnel carriers.” There were two of them meters from Andre and they were standing on the road to Chechnya. Andre’s bold and brave action continues till this day. As he holds a US citizenship, he could have left Kyiv in recent weeks. Instead, he stayed. Mr. Kamenshikov has an informed story to tell those who want to add a powerful new voice to their coverage.

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