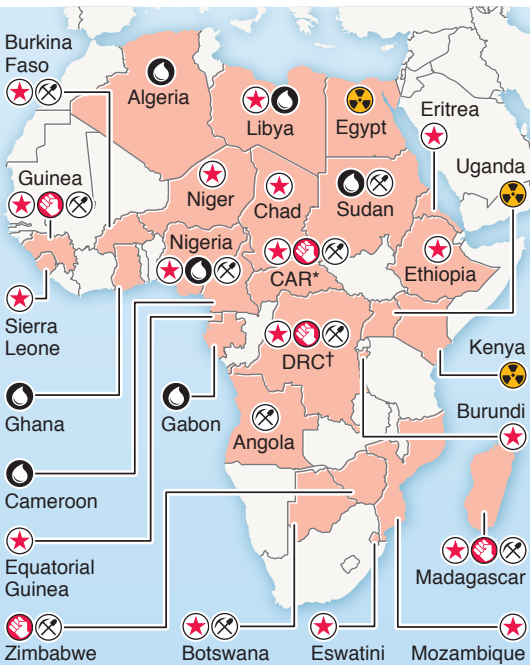


Russia's evolving strategy in Africa

Russia is stepping up its political and military presence in Africa using a shadowy army of mercenaries which is alleged to have helped Moscow seize parts of Ukraine and turn the tide in the Syrian war

Russian "Wagner Group" of mercenaries believed to be run by **Yevgeny Prigozhin** (right) – secretive businessman known as President **Vladimir Putin's** "chef" for his Kremlin catering work

RUSSIAN TIES WITH AFRICAN COUNTRIES



CAR, Sudan

Wagner has reportedly won gold and diamond concessions

Egypt: \$25 billion Russian loan to build first nuclear power plant

Eritrea: Russia plans to build logistics hub close to Chinese and U.S. bases in Djibouti

Guinea: Russia supporting bid by President **Alpha Condé** to scrap term limits so he can seek to stay in power after 2020

Madagascar: Russian election consultants involved in tight race for presidency

Zimbabwe: Prigozhin's consultants advised **Emmerson Mnangagwa** on his disputed election win

- ★ Recent military ties
- Oil and gas projects
- ⚡ Political influence
- ⚙️ Minerals and metals
- ☢️ Nuclear power

Russia's increasing influence comes as U.S. reduces troop numbers in Africa by 10 percent over next few years to counter threats from Russia and China in other theatres

*Central African Republic †Democratic Republic of the Congo