

# Wagner Group under pressure

Russia's mercenary Wagner Group is being forced to deploy more professional soldiers in Ukraine – many returning from postings abroad – to replace high losses of enlisted prisoners

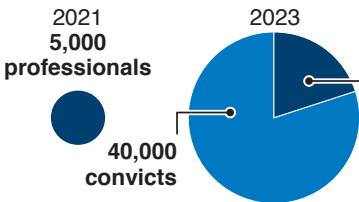


◀ **Yevgeny Prigozhin**, founder of group, is businessman with close links to Vladimir Putin. Official PMC (private military company) Wagner Centre opens in St Petersburg in Nov 2022

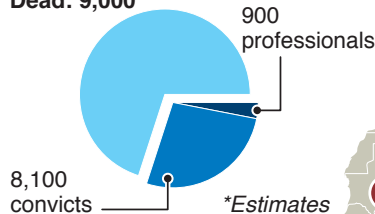
Lieutenant colonel **Dmitry Utkin** ▶ – call sign **Wagner** – and mercenary squad take part in 2014 annexation of Crimea



## 1 UKRAINE: 50,000 members



**CASUALTIES: \*30,000**  
**Dead: 9,000**



**2 SYRIA:** Supporting pro-Assad government since 2015. Up to 5,000 Wagner fighters in 2017

**3 LIBYA:** Fighting alongside **General Haftar** against government since 2016. Estimated 2,000 fighters as of 2021

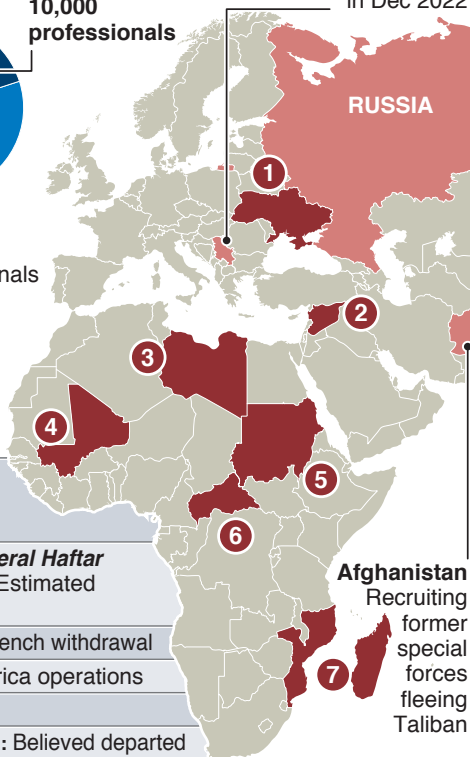
**4 MALI:** Fighting jihadists after French withdrawal

**5 SUDAN:** Logistical base for Africa operations

**6 CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC**

**7 MOZAMBIQUE, MADAGASCAR:** Believed departed

**Serbia:** Began recruitment in Dec 2022



**Afghanistan**  
Recruiting former special forces fleeing Taliban