

# Prigozhin toppled by overambition



■ **2014:** *Yevgeny Prigozhin* (left), staunch ally of President **Vladimir Putin**, founds **Wagner Group**, which takes part in Putin's annexation of Crimea

■ **Mar 2022:** Wagner mercenary group deployed to Ukraine

■ **Nov:** Wagner spearheads Russia's battle for town of **Bakhmut** in Ukraine's Donetsk region

■ **Feb 2023:** Prigozhin accuses Russia's Defence Minister **Sergei Shoigu** (right) and top general **Valery Gerasimov** of withholding ammunition and supplies from his fighters

■ **May:** Wagner forces capture Bakhmut

■ **Jun:** Prigozhin claims Shoigu and Gerasimov misled Putin into invading Ukraine

■ **Jun 10:** Shoigu gives Prigozhin 21 days to place his troops under Defence Ministry command. Prigozhin refuses – demands Shoigu's dismissal



■ **Jun 23:** Prigozhin accuses Shoigu of missile attack on camp of Wagner personnel

■ **Jun 24, 07:30:** Wagner forces take city of **Rostov-on-Don**, army's southern command HQ. Wagner advances as far as **Krasnoe**, 330km south of Moscow

■ **Jun 25:** In deal negotiated with President Lukashenko of Belarus, Kremlin drops criminal charges against Wagner in exchange for return to bases. Prigozhin to relocate to Belarus