

Moscow's mercenary war

Russian Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu has decreed that private military companies must sign contracts with the MoD – over a dozen PMC mercenary groups are operating in Ukraine



49,525-65,600
PMC
mercenaries
in Ukraine

2022

Founded



Number of
soldiers in
Ukraine



Financial
links



Leaders
and
control

Wagner Group



40,000-50,000

Yevgeny Prigozhin:
Paymaster
mutinied
against Shoigu's
PMC decree



Patriot PMC



Up to 1,400
All members of
Spetsnaz*



MoD†



Sergei Shoigu

ISIS Hunters



5,000
Wagner
Fawaz Mikhail Gerges

Akhmat PMC



3,600
Chechnya
Ramzan Kadyrov

Veterans PMC



2,000
MoD
Leader
dead

Special Forces Storm



250-1,000
MoD
MoD

Tavrida PMC



800
MoD
Anton V. Sirotkin

BARS-13



500
MoD
F.S. Oleksandrovykh

Tiger Battalion



500
MoD
Support for
155th Infantry

Rebout, Shield, Tsar's Wolves, Yastreb



475-800
MoD

*Spetsnaz: Russian clandestine special forces

†MoD: Russian Ministry of Defence