

# Russia's Wagner Group operations

Despite the death of its leader, Russia's mercenary Wagner Group remains an extensive and potentially disruptive force across several countries where it operates

**1 Belarus:** Up to 5,000 Wagner troops believed to be based at military camps in south

**2 Syria:** Estimated 250-450 personnel deployed to guard oilfields and train Syrian army

**3 Libya:** Up to 1,200 troops used to support Libyan National Army

**4 Mali:** Some 1,000 personnel hired to combat armed Islamist groups, replacing UN and French peacekeeping forces

**5 Sudan:** Wagner operates gold processing plant and has been accused of involvement in Sudan's ongoing conflict

**6 Central African Republic**  
Wagner-linked companies run gold and timber operations. Estimated 1,000 fighters deployed



## WAGNER FACTFILE

■ **Origins:** Group founded in 2014 by *Yevgeny Prigozhin* (below left)

■ **Strength:** Est. 25,000 (Jun 2023)

■ **Finance:** Kremlin spent \$1 billion on Wagner in year to May 2023

■ **Atrocities:** Fighters accused of multiple crimes, including killing and torturing Ukrainian citizens

■ **Leadership:** Russia's GRU military intelligence arm expected to assume control of Wagner after death of Prigozhin, who led failed mutiny against Russian military in Jun 2023

