

MALI: AFRICA CORPS REPLACES WAGNER; UN REPORTS SERIOUS VIOLATIONS

Wagner announced its withdrawal from Mali in June 2025, while Russia's Defence Ministry-controlled 'Africa Corps' remained. On 4 September 2025 OHCHR stated that Malian troops are backed by foreign military personnel from the 'Africa Corps' (formerly 'Wagner Group'), that Malian troops and their foreign backers have committed serious violations against civilians, and that since April 2025 the UN had received credible information of hundreds of extrajudicial executions and other abuses by all parties.

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DEGREE OF PROOF

OFFICIAL ATTRIBUTION

A government, a prosecutor, the EU, NATO or a UN body has formally named Russia, its services or its state-backed forces. This is a position of that authority, not a verdict.

WHO ESTABLISHED IT

OHCHR / UN High Commissioner Volker Türk statement, Geneva, 4 September 2025 (general finding; not incident-specific attribution).

LATEST

Human Rights Watch (20 Aug 2026) documented the killing of nine civilians, including four children, by Africa Corps-led forces in Bombori (Mopti region) on 10 July 2026 — a C-tier, not yet UN-verified, allegation. No accountability process known.

LINK TO THE WAR AGAINST UKRAINE

Africa Corps is a Russian MoD-controlled structure that absorbed Wagner's Africa operations; the same state apparatus is waging the war against Ukraine.

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WHAT WE ASK OF MEMBER STATES

- Support UN investigations in Mali, the Central African Republic and Libya.
- Restore independent UN monitoring where it was shut down.
- Sanction Africa Corps and its commanders as successors of the Wagner Group.

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