

SYRIA: EU ATTRIBUTES 2017 TORTURE-KILLING OF DESERTER TO WAGNER

The EU found that Wagner commander Dmitriy Utkin personally ordered the torture and killing of a Syrian deserter in Homs in June 2017 and ordered it filmed, and listed Wagner member Stanislav Dychko as one of four participants. Separately, US Treasury designated Prigozhin-controlled Evro Polis in January 2018 for contracting with the Syrian Government to protect oil fields in exchange for 25% of production.

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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

Council of the EU Decision (CFSP) 2021/2197 of 13 December 2021 (statements of reasons); US Treasury designation of Evro Polis, 26 January 2018 (without naming Wagner).

LATEST

Utkin died in the August 2023 plane crash with Prigozhin; no prosecution known. After the fall of the Assad government (December 2024) Russian presence in Syria was reduced.

LINK TO THE WAR AGAINST UKRAINE

Wagner's Syria veterans and command (Utkin) led its operations in Ukraine.

SOURCES

A EUR-Lex: Council Decision (CFSP) 2021/2197 of 13 December 2021 · 2021-12-13

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32021D2197>

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<https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/sm0266>

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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