

UK PROSCRIBES WAGNER (2023) AND SANCTIONS AFRICA CORPS (2024)

Wagner was proscribed as a terrorist organisation in the UK with effect from 15 September 2023; the Home Office cited its operations in Ukraine, Syria, CAR, Sudan, Libya, Mozambique and Mali and involvement in 'looting, torture and barbarous murders'. On 7 November 2024 the UK became the first G7 country to sanction Africa Corps, stating it has direct links to the Kremlin, threatens peace in Libya, Mali and CAR and has committed widespread human rights abuses; it also sanctioned Wagner-linked Officers Union for International Security.

UKRAINE EVIDENCE HUB

BEYOND UKRAINE

AS OF 15 OCT 2026

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

UK Home Office proscription order (in force 15 September 2023); FCDO sanctions designations under the Libya (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 and CAR regime (7 November 2024).

LATEST

In force. In 2024 a UK court sentenced Piotr Kucharski to two years and six months' custody for professing membership of the proscribed Wagner Group (CPS, 1 November 2024).

LINK TO THE WAR AGAINST UKRAINE

The Home Office cited Wagner's operations in Ukraine as a threat to global security.

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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.