

US DESIGNATES WAGNER A SIGNIFICANT TRANSNATIONAL CRIMINAL ORGANIZATION

On 26 January 2023 US Treasury designated PMC Wagner as a significant transnational criminal organization under E.O. 13581, citing an ongoing pattern of serious criminal activity including mass executions, rape, child abductions and physical abuse in CAR and Mali, and redesignated it under E.O. 13667 for conduct in CAR. The same action targeted Wagner-linked entities including Sewa Security Services, Kratol Aviation (aircraft moving personnel between CAR, Libya and Mali) and Valery Zakharov.

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

US Treasury OFAC, 26 January 2023 (earlier designations: June 2017 under E.O. 13660; State Dept., November 2022 under E.O. 14024).

LATEST

No revocation found as of October 2026.

LINK TO THE WAR AGAINST UKRAINE

Wagner was first sanctioned by the US in 2017 for actions in Ukraine and fought there through 2023.

SOURCES

B US Treasury: Treasury Sanctions Russian Proxy Wagner Group as a Transnational Criminal Organization · 2023-01-26

<https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy1220>

B OFAC Recent Actions, 26 January 2023 · 2023-01-26

<https://ofac.treasury.gov/recent-actions/20230126>

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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