



COORDINATION HEADQUARTERS FOR THE TREATMENT OF PRISONERS OF WAR



Monthly Report on the Treatment of Prisoners of War, War Crimes and Predatory Recruitment Practices in the Russia– Ukraine War

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346 UKRAINIANS FREED THIS MONTH



The Coordination Headquarters completed the 75th and 76th prisoner exchanges, freeing 346 Ukrainians from Russian captivity. The 75th exchange returned 186 - including a participant in the Azovstal aerial bridge operation. The 76th freed 160, including 115 defenders of Mariupol and 58 officers. Both exchanges included soldiers from across all branches of Ukraine's armed forces, captured primarily in 2022. The youngest freed is 26, the oldest 66. All will receive medical care, rehabilitation, and support. Total freed to date: 9,613.

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STOPRUSSIANRECRUITERS.ORG - NOW IN FRENCH



The resource launched by the Coordination Headquarters and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine now available in French

Russia's recruitment of foreign nationals reaches deep into Francophone Africa - Cameroon, Togo, Senegal, Mali, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Burundi and other countries where French is widely used appear among those whose citizens have been recruited, deceived, or killed fighting for Russia's war against Ukraine.

Until now, that meant the people most at risk of being targeted by these recruitment networks - and the families searching for relatives who went missing - could not read our content in their own language. That changes today.

Expanding into French is not a branding exercise. It is about reach. Every recruiter we expose, every warning we publish, every guide on how to safely surrender only matters if the people who need it can actually read it. A warning that never reaches its audience saves no one.

We will continue expanding language coverage - to make sure that as many people as possible, in as many countries as possible, know what Russia's recruitment networks actually look like before they become victims of them.

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485 Africans Killed in Russia's Army: the List

List of Africans Killed in Russia's Army

StopRussianRecruiters.org publishes personal data of Africans killed fighting for Russia in Russia Ukraine war, sourced from the "I Want to Live" project. The list includes names and dates of birth of identified individuals from Cameroon, Ghana, Egypt, Kenya, Nigeria and other countries.

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Kenya Approves Two International Anti-Mercenary Treaties to Stop Russian Recruitment of Its Citizens

The Cabinet of the Republic of Kenya approved the country's formal accession to the 1989 United Nations Convention Against the Recruitment, Use, Financing and Training of Mercenaries and the 1977 OAU Convention for the Elimination of Mercenarism in Africa. The Cabinet memorandum cited "loopholes in existing laws" that have allowed rogue recruitment agencies to exploit vulnerable Kenyans with false promises of employment.

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EU Proposes Entry Ban for All Who Served in Russia's Army

"We are for the first time proposing to ban entry into the European Union for anyone who has served in the Russian Armed Forces since the start of the war. This way, Europe will be closed to everyone who has participated in the invasion of Ukraine," Ursula Von der Leyen, President of the European Commission, stated.

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STOPRUSSIANRECRUITERS.ORG: PROFILES OF THE PRISONERS OF WAR



StopRussianRecruiters.org, in partnership with the "I Want to Find" project, publishes verified profiles of foreign nationals recruited into the Russian Armed Forces who are now held as prisoners of war in Ukraine - to expose Russia's global recruitment machine, urge governments to take diplomatic action to bring their citizens home, and call on the international community to end this practice of deception and coercion once and for all. We encourage relatives of prisoners of war to appeal both to Russian authorities and to their own governments to accelerate the process of bringing their loved ones home. This month the project published profiles of nationals from Egypt, Cameroon, Togo, Uganda and other countries.





PRISONER OF WAR

Anatole Frank Mbala





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Richard Akantorana





PRISONER OF WAR

Mohamed Salah Kheir





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Lod Beverly Dirisa





PRISONER OF WAR

Koulekpatou Dosseh



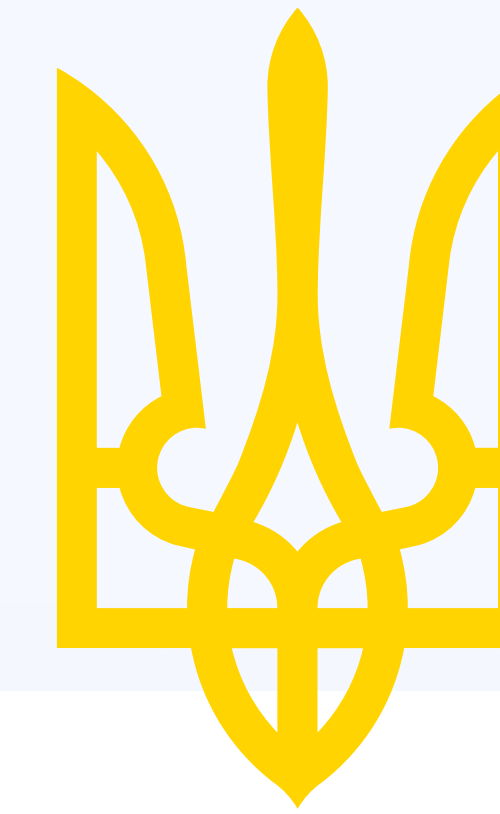


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Badr Eddine Amazal

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522 Bodies Repatriated to Ukraine

Ukraine has repatriated the remains of 522 fallen defenders. The repatriation involved joint efforts of the Coordination Headquarters, the Armed Forces, the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Human Rights, and other security agencies. All necessary forensic examinations and identification will be conducted. Ukraine expresses gratitude to the International Committee of the Red Cross for its facilitation.

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Coordination HQ Secretary Dmytro Usov met with the Head of the UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine, Danielle Bell

The sides discussed POW rights, IHL compliance, and detention conditions. Usov briefed Bell on efforts to find new mechanisms for freeing Ukrainian POWs and civilians held by Russia. A separate topic was foreign nationals captured while fighting for Russia - held in a dedicated facility in full compliance with Geneva Conventions. Ukraine confirmed its openness to international monitoring.

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Families of missing and captured soldiers from Ukraine's 115th Brigade marched in Paris under the slogan "Memory. Truth. Accountability. Return."

Participants called on the international community to address Russia's denial of ICRC access to Ukrainian POWs, which prevents independent monitoring and documentation of torture. The march also raised the issue of illegal deportation of Ukrainian children and fabricated criminal charges against Ukrainian defenders held in Russia.

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