

Wagner, Prigozhin cancels civil war in Russia But why? / Is it over? #26



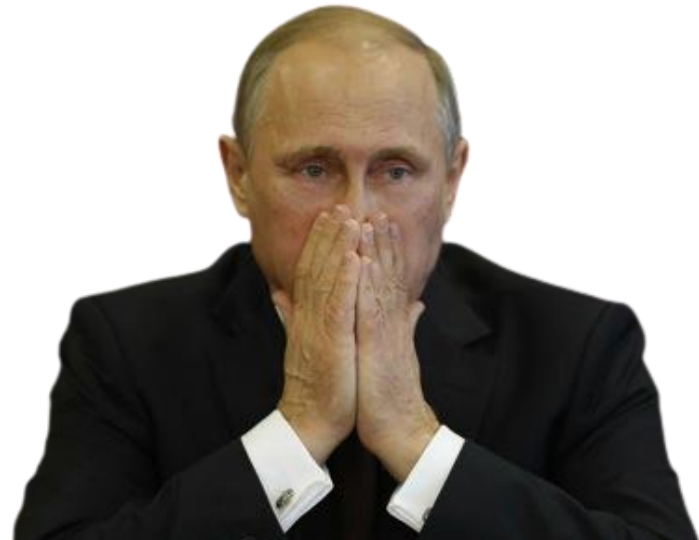
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What we know happened

- **Apparently the President of Belarus,** Alexander Lukashenko a 20 year old friend of Prigozhin convinced him to order the Wagner forces back and for him to go into exile in Belarus
- **We do not know the details** but it looks like other Wagner leaders will also go to Belarus
- **Also Wagner forces will enrol** in the Russian army as they where ordered to a few weeks ago
- **So Putin has won this strife** and Wagner will cease to exist
- **But is it over?**
- **This rebellion is over** but it has shown that Russia is not united and it has shaken Putin's authority
- **I expect that Putin will have Prigozhin assassinated in Belarus** as soon as the Wagner forces have been fully enrolled in Russian army and therefore are not likely to make another rebellion if Prigozhin is assassinated



Yevgeny Prigozhin: Head of Wagner mercenary group Alexander Lukashenko president of Russia



Vladimir Putin: President of Russia



Why did Prigozhin surrender?

- I have been all around internet to try to find someone who had a good explanation and I could not find any
 - Why is a mystery with no obvious and rational explanation
 - IMO Prigozhin made a bad decision that will end his life in a couple of months
 - Reality is that Wagner and Prigozhin had a good chance of taking control of Russia because
1. Moskva was mostly undefended as RUS army is all in UKR
 2. Wagner had taken control of 2 key cities Rostov and Lipetsk that controlled supply of weapons, fuel and ammunition to Russian army in UKR
 3. Wagner is rather popular in Russia and could have requited new troops to fight for Wagner as many Russians 15%-20% on the right and 15%-20% of the left are unhappy with Putin rule
 4. Prigozhin said on Wagner telegram channel 23. June 2023 most of RUS army was on his side but that may have been a lie



How much did Ukraine benefit?

- **It is a big shame Russia** averted a protracted civil war with Wagner fascist killing Putin army fascist and vice versa
- **Obviously the less fascist in the world the better**
- **But some good did come out of this as Russia lost 6 helicopters and one big jamming airplane**
- **Also Wagner convoys were bombed** so hundreds of Wagner forces may have be killed along with many destroyed vehicles
- **Little info on the scale of fighting between Russia and Wagner** but Wagner losses may have been big enough for Prigozhin to be convinced his chance of surviving was better if he surrendered and cut a deal as he did.
- **I highly doubt that.** Prigozhin will be assassinated
- **A full blown RUS civil war** would have won the war for Ukraine so IMO ending of Wagner revolt is a big disappointment
- **Biggest benefit for Ukraine** is that more Russians will now consider its Ukraine war a disaster also for Russia and that Russia is less united than ever



Russian jamming airplane downed by Wagner: <https://euromaidanpress.com/2023/06/25/frontline-report-russia-suffers-record-aircraft-losses-due-to-wagner-coup/>



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- Russia lost 1 aircraft and 6 helicopters during Wagner rebellion: <https://euromaidanpress.com/2023/06/25/frontline-report-russia-suffers-record-aircraft-losses-due-to-wagner-coup/>

