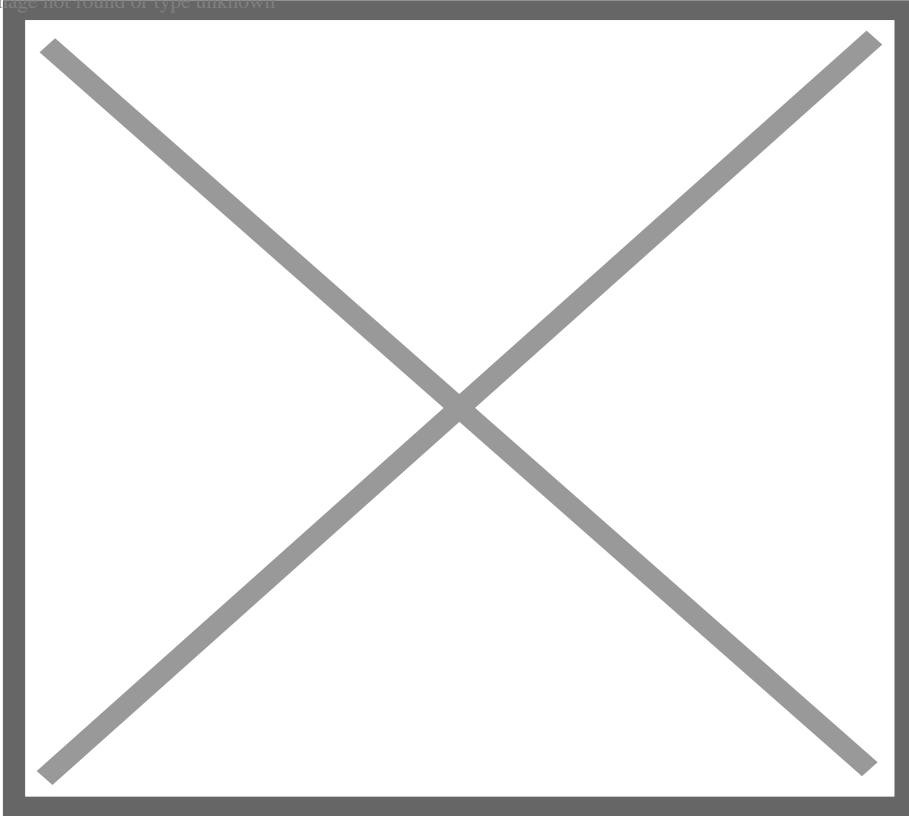


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WP: Wagner vs. MOD

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The Washington Post releases new documents from US intelligence leaks. They concern the conflict between Prigozhin and the Russian Ministry of Defense, which escalated again.

The leaks date back to February when Wagner's handler had already started blaming the military for a shortage of ammunition for his PMC. Data was obtained through wiretapping and message interception.

The documents show that "the Russian military leadership was frustrated by Prigozhin's harsh public attacks and discussed how to suppress his criticism."

Also, officials of the Russian Defense Ministry "were not sure that it was possible to successfully wage an information war against Prigozhin if the government did not prohibit him from making public statements."

CIA military sources in Russia "couldn't say unequivocally" whether Wagner received ammunition because it was not distributed directly from the ministry but through a task force in Bakhmut. At the same time, the sources admitted that "Prigozhin's statements may be true."

One of the documents for February 12 stated that the head of the General Staff Gerasimov "ordered to

stop the supply of ammunition, as well as military transport flights intended for the transport of ammunition” to the Rostov headquarters of the PMC (we note that on February 23, Prigozhin announced that the problem had been resolved and the shipment of shells for Wagner resumed).

After Prigozhin’s public claims, he was summoned to a meeting with Putin and Shoigu on February 22. The day before, the curator of the PMC asked the President of Russia to allow him to continue recruiting from prisons, to train the mobilized and recruit foreigners, in particular, Afghans, into Wagner.

But Putin essentially refused. “The document, citing FSB interceptions, says that Putin ordered Prigozhin to resolve these issues with the Ministry of Defense taking the side of his generals and not Chief Wagner,” the publication reports.

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Meanwhile, after Prigozhin’s threat to withdraw Wagner units from Bakhmut, additional Wagner units were transferred to Bakhmut and even more fierce fighting began.

The UAF, in desperation, trying to stop Wagner, transfers reinforcements to Bakhmut, but most of them are destroyed by artillery on the way, because the ways of the APU approach to Bakhmut are under fire.

Bakhmut is now turning into the grave of the Armed Forces of Ukraine. The fights are non-stop. The telegram audience is fascinated by the fire-bombed quarters of the tiny patch of Bakhmut, where the remnants of the Armed Forces of Ukraine are still hiding, who are dying en masse at the whim of the war criminal Zelensky, who does not allow them to leave Bakhmut and throws thousands more lives of unfortunate Ukrainians into the furnace of Bakhmut.