

# Wagner Camp Under Construction in Belarus – Reports

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Wagner fighters leave the headquarters of the Russian Southern Military District in Rostov-on-Don. **Erik Romanenko / TASS**

Satellite images purporting to show the construction of a camp for exiled Wagner mercenaries after their failed revolt were [shared](#) online late Tuesday by independent Belarusian media.

According to the Telegram channel Belarus Golovnovo Mozga, satellite images dated June 27 show what appears to be construction underway at a military compound near the town of Asipovichy, some 100 kilometers southeast of Minsk.

The channel also cited local residents, who claimed they had witnessed “[strange activity](#)” involving a “large number” of construction workers near the compound.

“Information in documents indicates that about 1,780 four-bed bunks and 400 two-seat toilets are required by tomorrow,” an unnamed forestry worker was quoted as saying, without providing details about the documents.

It was not possible to independently verify the report.

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On Monday, the independent Russian news outlet Vyorstka — citing local authorities and relatives of Wagner fighters — [reported](#) that Belarus had started building camps for Wagner mercenaries.

According to the report, the camps are expected to accommodate 8,000 fighters.

Meanwhile, Belarusian lawmakers on Wednesday [ratified](#) an agreement on joint Russian-Belarusian “combat training centers” at existing military compounds, according to state media.

The news follows Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko’s [confirmation](#) Tuesday that Wagner leader Yevgeny Prigozhin had arrived in Belarus as part of a deal to stop Wagner’s rebellion over the weekend.

“I could use such a unit in the army,” Lukashenko said, instructing his defense minister to discuss Wagner’s possible deployment in Belarus.

Prigozhin on Monday said Lukashenko had offered Wagner mercenaries to “work in a lawful jurisdiction.”

Russian President Vladimir Putin gave Wagner fighters the choice of signing contracts with the Russian army or leaving for Belarus following their armed revolt over the weekend.

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