

Russian Military Says 'No Plans' for New Mobilization

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Russian draftees in Moscow. **Mikhail Metzel / TASS**

The Russian military will not mobilize reserves as it gears up for an annual call-up of young men for compulsory military service, Russia's Defense Ministry [said](#) Friday.

“There are no plans for additional mobilization measures,” deputy head of the military's mobilization department, Rear Admiral Vladimir Tsimlyansky, said in a briefing.

The fall military call-up will begin as scheduled on Oct. 1 and no conscripts will be sent to fight in Ukraine during their 12-month training period, he added.

Russia enlisted 147,000 men during this year's spring call-up.

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Tsimlyansky's remarks come amid growing speculation that Russia's Armed Forces may seek to plug manpower shortages in Ukraine by launching a second wave of mobilization.

A “partial” mobilization in September 2022 saw the recruitment of some 300,000 men as well as a mass exodus from the country of Russians who sought to avoid military service.

Since then, Russia has carried out a volunteer recruitment campaign to attract more men into the military as the war in Ukraine enters its 19th month.

Tsimlyansky on Friday reported a “significant increase” of Russians who have voluntarily signed contracts with the Armed Forces.

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