

Russia and Ukraine Exchange Over 1K Bodies

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Russia and Ukraine carried out a major repatriation of fallen service members on Thursday, with Moscow handing over the remains of 1,000 Ukrainian soldiers in exchange for 41 Russian bodies.

The figures were [disclosed](#) to the RBC news website by Shamsail Saraliyev, a State Duma lawmaker from the ruling United Russia party and member of the parliamentary coordination group overseeing the conflict.

Ukraine has since [confirmed](#) the transfer, marking the third such exchange this year following similar handovers in January and February.

Footage [released](#) by the state-run TASS news agency showed personnel in protective suits transferring body bags between two trucks at a designated border point.

The repatriation of bodies and the exchange of prisoners remain the only tangible successes

of U.S.-brokered talks between the two nations, though these humanitarian handovers had taken place even before peace negotiations began last year.

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The International Committee of the Red Cross had [said](#) last month that it was working to facilitate the exchange of roughly 1,000 bodies per month.

Since the full-scale invasion began in 2022, thousands of remains have been returned to their respective home countries for burial.

Earlier on Thursday, Russian Human Rights Commissioner Tatiana Moskalkova [said](#) Russia and Ukraine are nearing a final agreement on a significant prisoner-of-war exchange.

According to Moskalkova, the deal is expected to be finalized on the eve of Orthodox Easter on April 12.

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