

Nearly 30 Ugandan Citizens Killed or Presumed Dead Fighting in Ukraine

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African men fighting alongside Russian forces in Ukraine. **Social media**

Twenty-seven Ugandans who were enlisted to fight for the Russian military in Ukraine have been killed or are presumed dead, a letter from Uganda's Embassy in Moscow to its foreign ministry showed.

The letter, seen by Reuters on Thursday, listed the names of 11 Ugandans confirmed dead and another 16 whose bodies could not be located.

Uganda's embassy said it had received the information in a letter from the Russian Foreign Ministry. An official at Uganda's foreign ministry confirmed its authenticity.

Russia's Embassy in Kampala did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Over the past several months, a growing number of reports have revealed that African men are being lured to Russia with promises of employment, only to end up on the front lines in

Ukraine.

Those reports have sparked outrage from officials in countries like Kenya, Ghana and South Africa.

Ukraine said last year that more than 1,400 people from three dozen African countries were fighting alongside Russian forces on its territory, with some recruited through deceptive methods.

Russian authorities have denied illegally recruiting African citizens to fight in Ukraine.

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