

# Belarus leader welcomes Wagner boss Prigozhin into exile

**The leader of Russia's 24-hour mutiny, Yevgeny Prigozhin, has arrived in Belarus, three days after his Wagner mercenary group's rebellion came to an end 200km (125 miles) south of Moscow.**

"Yes, indeed, he's in Belarus today," leader Alexander Lukashenko announced, claiming credit arranging his exile.

Prigozhin's whereabouts had been a mystery since he was filmed driving off in southern Russia on Saturday night.

His private jet was tracked flying into the Belarus capital Minsk on Tuesday.

Mr Lukashenko said Wagner mercenaries had been offered an abandoned military base if they wanted to join their leader: "There is a fence, everything is available, erect your tents."

Under the deal that brought an end to the mutiny, Prigozhin has been promised guaranteed security and the Russian criminal case against Wagner has been dropped.

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