

# Ukraine war latest: Russian militants say Soledar captured, Ukraine doesn't confirm

Russian militants in eastern Ukraine said late on Jan. 10 that Russia had captured Soledar, claiming a rare victory after facing a series of humiliating defeats across the front line.

Ukraine's military has not confirmed losing the small salt-mining town 10 kilometers north of Bakhmut, Donetsk Oblast.

Yevgeny Prigozhin, the founder of the Kremlin-led Wagner Group mercenaries and a close ally of Russian President Vladimir Putin, claimed earlier that fighting was raging in the western part of Soledar.

Ukrainian forces were "gradually" withdrawing from Soledar and losing control of their last holdouts in the town, Prigozhin said at around 5 p.m. A few hours earlier, he said that heavy fighting was taking place in the central part of the town.

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