

Wagner Declared Full Control Of Soledar (21+)



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On the evening of January 11, the head of the Wagner PMC, Yevgeny Prigozhin, announced the complete liberation of the city of Soledar in the Donetsk People's Republic.

According to the head of the PMCs, Wagner fighters have completed the mop up operation on the streets and begun to mop up the salt mines located under the city. Some Ukrainian militants may still be hiding there.

Mr Prigozhin joking with his fighters in the salt mines:

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According to Prigozhin, civilians were evacuated from the war-torn city. Those Ukrainian servicemen who did not surrender were destroyed. The Ukrainian military lost about 500 people.

Mr Prigozhin assured that there would be no humanitarian corridor for Ukrainian prisoners. This

option cannot even be discussed.

Graphic content (21+):

Wagner fighter showed the buildings, where Ukrainian soldiers were hiding, using civilians as human shields:

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The 46 separate assault brigade of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, part of the airborne assault troops of Ukraine, was among the Ukrainian units which held the defence of Soledar. It was considered one of the most trained combat units of the Ukrainian Army.

The 46th Brigade of the AFU was formed in 2016-2017 with the active assistance of NATO instructors. For many years, the military personnel have been actively trained, including at foreign military bases abroad. The soldiers of this brigade were prepared specifically to conduct assault operations in the Donbass area. They who were supposed to be among the first to attack pro-Russian militia in the LDPR according to the plan of a large-scale offensive of the Ukrainian military in 2022. However, the plans were thwarted by the Russian military.

As a result of fierce battles against Wagner fighters, only 10% of the personnel of the whole brigade which reportedly numbered up to 2,000 soldiers managed to escape. The other 90% were killed, wounded or captured by Russian forces.

Ukrainian soldiers from the 46th brigade attempted to escape from Soledar but were ambushed. The first Ukrainian vehicle ran into a mine-explosive barrier, the second which turned out to be a French VAB armored personnel carrier, came under fire of Russian large-caliber Cord machine gun:

<https://s2.cdnstatic.space/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/b2.mp4>

On January 11, the acting head of the DPR Denis Pushilin announced the success of Russian forces on the front lines in Donbass and claimed that the liberation of Soledar and Maryinka would be a turning point for the liberation of the entire region. Russian victory in Soledar threatens the Ukrainian garrison in Bakhmut. The collapse of Ukrainian Seversk-Soledar-Bakhmut defence line began. The Ukrainian military is expected to retreat westward and prepare new line of defence in the Slavyansk-Kramatorsk area in the near future. Battle for Slavyansk and Kramatorsk may become the final battle in Donbass; but it is not sure if it will be the last battle of the war in Ukraine.

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