

# INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS FIGHTING IN UKRAINE



The presence of foreign volunteers in the Donbas war was already known. Now, with the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the number of them has risen considerably on both sides. Many of them are from Georgia, Belarus, and Chechnya.



Kyiv claims that 20,000 volunteers from 52 different countries have joined the fight for Ukraine. For this reason, the International Legion of Territorial Defense of Ukraine was created on February 27th, 2022.



South Ossetian volunteers from the breakaway region of northern Georgia have been spotted fighting alongside Russian forces. The Kremlin has also claimed that there are 16,000 Middle-Eastern men ready to join the fight.



Chechens are on both sides. Those fighting for Chechen President Kadyrov. The ones on Ukraine's side do it to indirectly fight Russian control of Chechnya and Kadyrov's puppet regime.