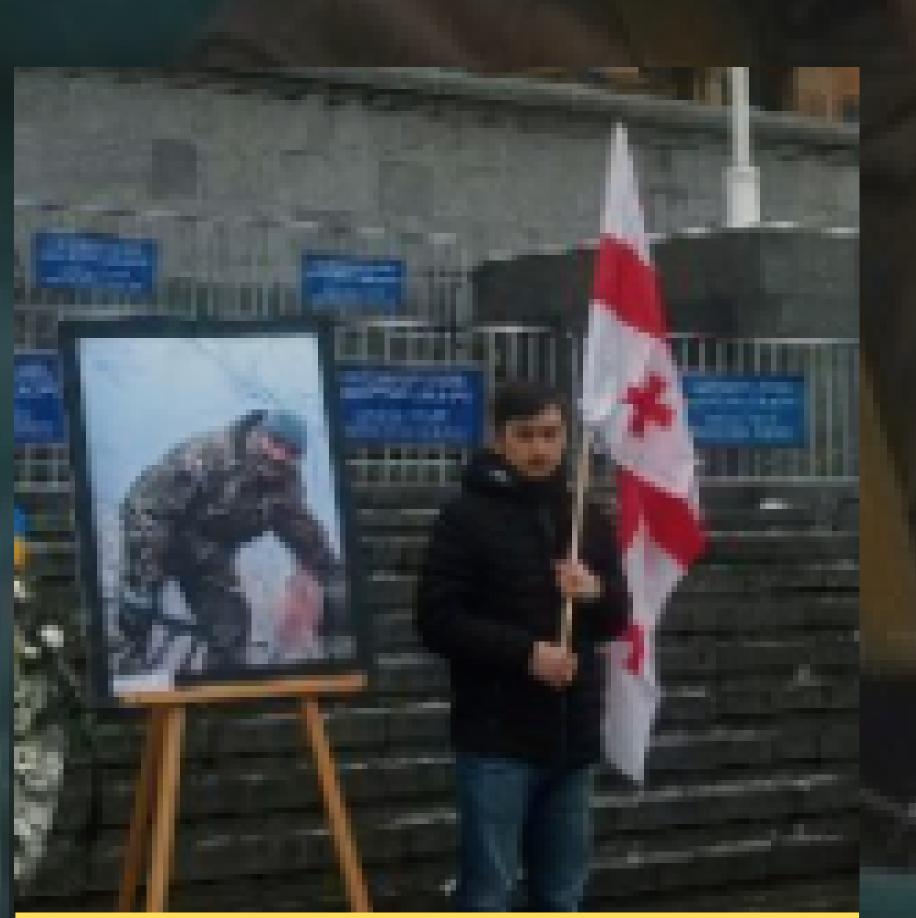
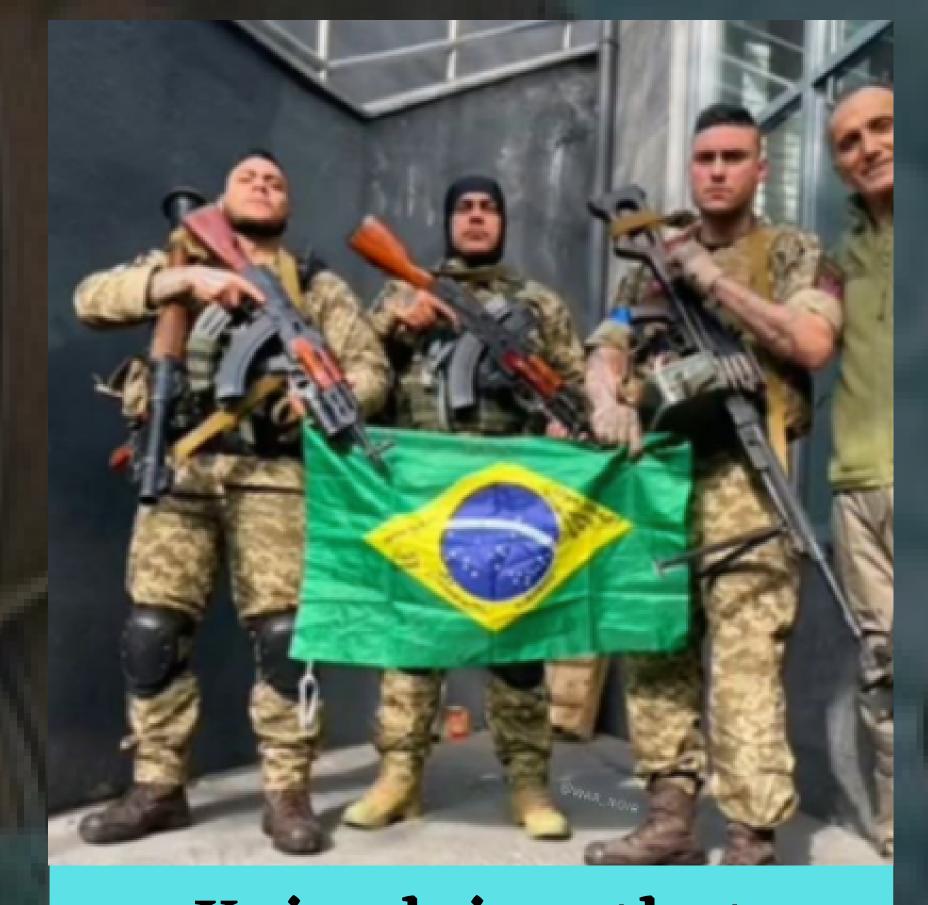
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INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS FIGHTING IN UKRAINE



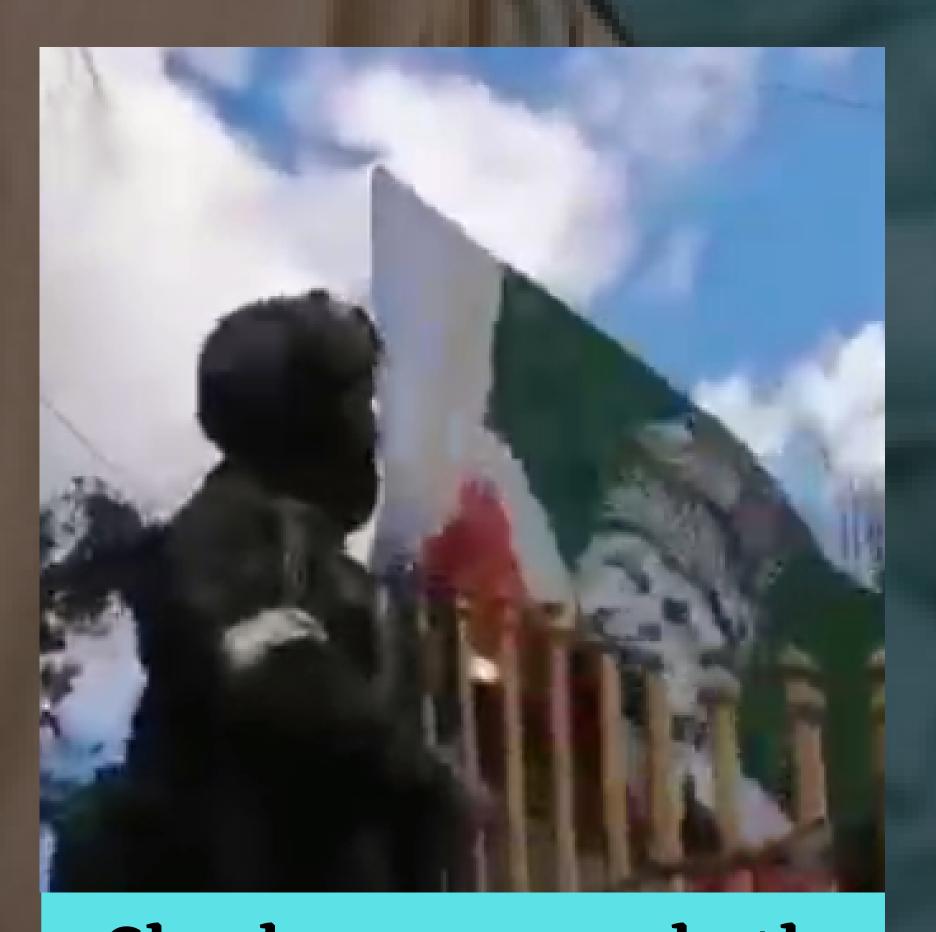
The presence of foreign volunteers in the Donbas war was already known. Now, with the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the number of them has risen considerably on both sides. Many of them are from Georgia, Belarus, and Chechnya.



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.