

Prigozhin Met Putin in Person After Failed Mutiny, Kremlin Confirms

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Wagner leader Yevgeny Prigozhin. **Vladimir Zhabrikov / URA.RU / TASS**

President Vladimir Putin met with Russia's Wagner mercenary leader Yevgeny Prigozhin and his fighters after their failed mutiny, the Kremlin [confirmed](#) Monday.

Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov told reporters that Putin had welcomed Prigozhin and 34 Wagner commanders at the Kremlin on June 29.

“The commanders themselves outlined their version of events, emphasizing that they are soldiers and staunch supporters of the head of state and the supreme commander-in-chief,” Peskov said.

“They also said that they are ready to continue fighting for the motherland,” he added.

Earlier Monday, the French newspaper *Libération*, citing Western intelligence officials, first [reported](#) the Kremlin meeting, saying it had taken place on July 1. The head of the National Guard Viktor Zolotov and Russian spy chief Sergei Naryshkin were said to have been

in attendance.

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Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko — who mediated a deal between Prigozhin and Putin to end the political crisis caused by Wagner’s mutiny — said the private army chief [remained](#) in Russia as of last week.

Reports citing flight tracking services suggest that a private jet linked to Prigozhin [returned](#) to Russia this week after [flying](#) to Belarus.

In the days following Wagner’s rebellion, Putin made several public appearances as part of an apparent PR campaign to shore up support for the Russian leader.

At the June 29 meeting, Putin “assessed” Wagner’s actions on the Ukrainian frontline and their short-lived march toward Moscow from southern Russia, [according](#) to the state-run newspaper Rossiiskaya Gazeta.

The president offered the Wagner fighters “employment and combat options,” the publication added.

Peskov did not disclose whether Defense Ministry officials who had feuded with Prigozhin attended the talks.

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