

## **Russia involves up to 180,000 prisoners in war against Ukraine - intelligence**

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As of November 2024, Russia has deployed between 140,000 and 180,000 prisoners to fight in the war against Ukraine.

That's according to Ukraine's [Foreign Intelligence Service](#), Ukrinform reports.

According to the agency, approximately 300,000-350,000 individuals were held in Russian penal colonies and prisons as of 2024.

"This figure is half the number recorded in 2014. The decrease is directly tied to the Russian-Ukrainian war," the intelligence agency said.

The Russian government earlier adopted a resolution canceling a one-time payment to prisoners who signed contracts with the Ministry of Defense to participate in the war against Ukraine.

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