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**Russia: Bahrain raises concern**

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs yesterday raised concerns over the developments in the Russian Federation, stating that it is closely observing the evolving situation.

Bahrain stressed the utmost importance of upholding stability within the Russian Federation, a Permanent Member of the UN Security Council with a significant role in international peace and security, under the leadership of President Vladimir Putin.

In an official statement, the Kingdom also urged the significance of adhering to laws in Russia, as this is crucial for preserving the security and stability that the Russian people.

# Coup in Russia?

Wagner mercenary force chief says his rebel troops 'turning back'



## Wagner mutiny 'deadly threat' to Russia, says Putin

**Kingdom condemns attack by Israeli settlers**

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Bahrain yesterday strongly condemned the attacks carried out by Israeli settlers in the West Bank, which resulted in casualties and injuries.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in a statement, reiterated the Kingdom's unwavering stance, urging for peace and tranquility in the Palestinian territories, cessation of violence and escalation, and the safeguarding of civilian lives.

Additionally, the ministry reaffirmed Bahrain's call for the resumption of the peace process and stressed the importance of establishing an independent Palestinian state, with East Jerusalem serving as its capital, in accordance with the principles of the two-state solution.

● Wagner forces claimed in control of Rostov, helicopters open fire on convoy

● Prigozhin had accused army of deceiving Putin

● Belarus claims negotiated with Prigozhin a stop to Wagner troop movement: govt

AFP | Moscow

The rebel Wagner mercenary force threatened to march on Moscow yesterday before announcing a stunning pull-back, as Kyiv seized on the chaos to launch new assaults against Russian positions in Ukraine.

The Wagner private army captured a key military headquarters in southern Russia, and sent a force north to threaten the capital, defying Kremlin chief Vladimir Putin's warning of civil war. But amid Russia's most serious security crisis in decades, Wagner chief Yevgeny Prigozhin delivered a surprise announce-



Putin, Prigozhin

### Harsh measures on way

"Any internal turmoil is a deadly threat to our statehood and to us as a nation. This is a blow to Russia and to our people," Putin said, demanding national unity.

"Extravagant ambitions and personal interests led to treason," Putin said, referring to Prigozhin, who began building

ment, saying his troops were turning back to avoid bloodshed in the Russian capital.

his powerbase as a catering contractor.

"All those who consciously stood on the path of betrayal, who prepared an armed rebellion, stood on the path of blackmail and terrorist methods, will suffer inevitable punishment, before the law and before our people," Putin vowed.

"We are turning our columns around and going back to field camps," Prigozhin announced

after previously vowing to march on Moscow to topple the military leadership.

He said understood the importance of the moment and did not want to "spill Russian blood." Belarusian leader Alexander Lukashenko said he had negotiated a truce with Prigozhin "on stopping the movement of armed individuals from the Wagner group on Russian territory and further steps on deescalating tensions."

Kyiv revelled in the chaos, as Putin's former mercenary ally Prigozhin turned his Wagner force away from the offensive against Ukraine and made threats to topple the chiefs of Russia's military.

"The man from the Kremlin is obviously very scared and is probably hiding somewhere," Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky said in his daily address, adding that Putin has "created this threat himself."

Separately, Ukraine's deputy defence minister Ganna Mal'yar announced that Ukrainian forces had gained more ground in the eastern region of the Donbas, launching new counteroffensives in several areas.

Putin's spokesman insisted the Russian leader was still at work in the Kremlin and had not fled Moscow.



Putin accused Prigozhin -- whose private army provided shock troops for Moscow's offensive in Ukraine -- of a "stab in the back" that posed a threat to Russia's very survival.

Russian regular forces had launched what one regional governor called a "counter-terrorist operation" to halt the Wagner advance northwards up a main highway towards Moscow.

The governor of the Lipetsk region, whose capital is just 420 kilometres (260 miles) south of Moscow, said Wagner's private military force was "moving across" the territory and urged civilians not to leave their homes.

In the capital, the mayor urged Muscovites to stay indoors and declared Monday a day off work. Prigozhin said his troops had taken control of the military command centre and airbase in the southern city of Rostov-on-Don, the nerve centre of Russia's offensive in Ukraine.

