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## **UKRAINE EXPECTS TO SWAP 100 PRISONERS WITH RUSSIAN-BACKED SEPARATISTS WITHIN WEEKS**

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Ukraine expects to exchange around 100 prisoners on each side with Russian-backed separatists within weeks, President Volodymyr Zelenskiys chief of staff told Reuters on Thursday on a visit to eastern Ukraine.

Ukraine has pushed prisoner exchanges in a series of confidence-building measures to break the deadlock over a conflict in the eastern Donbass region that has killed more than 13,000 people since 2014.

The swap would be second this year and the fourth since Zelenskiy became president in 2019.

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