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**'PLEASE SAVE ME': THE INDIANS DUPED INTO FIGHTING FOR RUSSIA**

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*I am in panic. I am not sure if I will return safely or in a box. Please save me.*

This is the message Urgen Tamang, a former Indian soldier, sent to the BBC from outside a southern Ukrainian city, a few days before he was discharged from the frontlines in Russias war against Ukraine, which entered its third year this February.

Mr Tamang is among the 91 Indians who were forced into fighting in the war. Most of them are from poor families and were lured by agents with the promise of money and jobs, sometimes as "helpers" in the Russian army.

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