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## **UZBEK CITIZEN SENTENCED FOR FIGHTING WITH RUSSIAN FORCES IN UKRAINE**

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An Uzbek citizen who admitted to killing more than 10 Ukrainian soldiers while fighting for Russia in Ukraine has been sentenced to four years and two months of restricted freedom. The verdict was delivered by the Andijan City Criminal Court following his confession and presentation of evidence.

The 39-year-old defendant, identified as T.A., traveled to Moscow in April 2023 in search of seasonal work. He was recruited into the Russian Armed Forces by a Russian national who promised a monthly salary of 450,000 rubles (~\$4,950) and compensation for injuries. T.A. underwent two months of military training in Moscow before signing a contract with the Russian Armed Forces on July 21, 2023.

## Combat and Confession

Deployed to Ukraine in late July, T.A. participated in battles in Shakhtarsk and Bakhmut, where he admitted to killing over 10 Ukrainian soldiers. Recognized for his performance in combat, he was transferred to a reconnaissance unit and served in Luhansk for five months.

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