

# [***FACT CHECK: No Evidence French Foreign Legion Sent To Ukraine; There is no evidence for this claim. The French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs denied the claim***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6C03-9F21-JBFB-H004-00000-00&context=1516831)

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claims that the French Foreign Legion is sending troops to Ukraine.

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**Verdict: Misleading**

There is no evidence for this claim. The French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs denied the claim.

**Fact Check:**

France and the European Commission urged Chinese leader Xi Jinping to use his influence to end the war in Ukraine, according to [*Fox News*](https://www.foxnews.com/world/france-visit-chinese-president-urged-russia-leaving-ukraine).

Social media users are sharing claims that the French Foreign Legion was sent to Ukraine. One user wrote, “France secretly sent its military to Ukraine - ex-Pentagon official, Stephen Bryen in an article for Asian Times. He claims that units of the 3rd French Infantry Regiment, which is one of the main units of the Foreign Legion, have been sent to Slovyansk to support the 54th brigade of the AFU.”

This claim lacks evidence. No credible news outlets have [*reported*](https://www.google.com/search?sca_esv=be445f0cc062ab15&sca_upv=1&q=French+foreign+legion+ukraine&tbm=nws&source=lnms&prmd=nivsmbtz&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwjNo4mR9fmFAxUFJzQIHdp4ACYQ0pQJegQIERAB&biw=1440&bih=813&dpr=2) on this alleged deployment. The French Foreign Legion official X [*account*](https://twitter.com/legionetrangere?lang=en) has not posted on any deployment of its forces to Ukraine.

The French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs denied the claim in a May 6 [*tweet*](https://twitter.com/francediplo_EN/status/1787495544358633487?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw). [***(RELATED: Here's What We Know About Israel And The Holy Family Catholic Parish In Gaza)***](https://checkyourfact.com/2023/12/18/heres-what-we-know-about-israel-and-the-holy-family-catholic-parish-in-gaza/)

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The French Foreign Legion's 3rd Regiment is currently deployed to French New Guinea, according to a website dedicated to the [*legion*](https://foreignlegion.info/units/3rd-foreign-infantry-regiment/). The 3rd Regiment is a “military reserve unit tasked with several missions.”

“First, the regiment protects the **Guiana Space Center**, a French and European spaceport located at Kourou (this mission has been called Operation Titan since 2008). Second, it ensures the territorial integrity of French Guiana and its security, which means patrolling the Guiana forest and taking action against foreign illegal gold diggers (Operation Harpie since 2008),” reads the website (emphasis the website).

**Graphic**

MUEHLHEIM, GERMANY - MARCH 28: A French military helicopter leaves after bringing Covid-19 patients to Essen/Muehlheim Airport for treatment in Germany on March 28, 2020 in Muehlheim, Germany. Germany has been taking in patients ill from the coronavirus from hard-hit regions in France and Italy for treatment at hospitals across Germany. (Photo by Lukas Schulze/Getty Images)

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