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Rebel mercenary leader Yevgeny Prigozhin who sent his fighters to topple the military leaders in Moscow will leave for Belarus and a criminal case against him will be dropped as part of a deal to avoid "bloodshed," the Kremlin said on June 24.

Wagner mercenary group fighters shocked the Russian elite when they crossed into Russia from Ukraine and marched toward Moscow last month.

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