



RUSSIAN FEDERATION

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DRC

The Russian Federation has been maintaining friendly relations with the DRC. Since 2014 Congolese military officers have been undergoing preparation in Russian military institutes. Russian PMC (Private Military Company) Wagner has been present in DR Congo since January 2023 to help fight against Islamist terrorists from Uganda and Rebel groups of Hutu and Mai-Mai people.

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Myanmar

Ever since the coup of 2021 Russian Federation was showing wide support to the government of Myanmar and alongside with the PRC was a big exporter of arms to Myanmar. The Junta government endorses Special Military Operation in East Ukraine, therefore guaranteeing support from Russia.

Russia on Rohingya

Back in 2017 the Russian Federation voted against the GA resolution on Rohingya, which was asking the Myanmar government to let the help into the country and refused to cooperate with the UK and France on their resolution in UNSC. However, in 2021 after the coup Bangladesh invited Russia to function as a mediator for the Rohingya crisis.

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Lithium Triangle

The Russian Federation was a bit late to realise the importance of Lithium. However, Li-On battery production has been slowly emerging in Russia since 2010. However, the sole Russian manufacturer Liotech went bankrupt. Despite the demand for lithium in Russia rising and with sanctions following the beginning of the special military operation, Russia had to search for a new partner, being Chile. About 5000 tons of Chilean lithium was exported into Russia as of 2023.

Bolivia

In 2023 Russian Company Uranium One - Daughter of Rosatom invested 450 million USD into lithium mining. As of 2024 Russia was holding further negotiations with Bolivia for shared mining of lithium resources in the lithium triangle.

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