

# THE PRIVATE WARS, THE PRIVATE ARMIES AND THE GLOBALIZATION

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**Abstract:** *The article has reviewed and analysed the participation of private military companies in various regional conflicts. The genesis of using the private armies as an instrument of the foreign policy to achieving global goals without involving the national governments and armed forces has been discussed. Last but not least, specific data on the use of mercenaries by US and Russian private military companies at various hot spots in the Middle East, Africa and Asia have been analysed and cited.*

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