Kiev and Rebels to Exchange Hundreds of Prisoners: Soon

Kiev - Kiev and pro-Russian separatists will exchange prisoners soon, an aide to the head of a separatist regional state security service said on Friday, reportedly a slight increase in prisoner exchanges.

The agreement to swap 125 Ukrainian servicemen and 225 rebel-held civilians, who were captured by Kiev forces, is to be implemented due to a prolonged territorial conflict.

The conflict has killed more than 4,700 people and wounded 9,400, according to the United Nations.

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