

H.E. Yaşar GÜLER, Minister of Defence, Türkiye

Born in 1954, Yaşar GÜLER graduated from the Military Academy in 1974 and from the Signal School in 1975 with the rank of Lieutenant. After graduating from the Military Academy in 1974 and from the Signal School in 1975, he served as a Signal Team and Company Commander in various units between 1975 and 1984.

After graduating from the Military Academy in 1986 and the Armed Forces Academy in 1988, he served as a staff officer, respectively; He served as Chief of Operations of the Domestic Regional Command (1986-1988), Plans Officer of the Land Forces Inspection and Evaluation Department (1988-1991), Director of the Operations and Training Branch of the 12th Infantry Division Command (1991-1992), Commander of the Internal Security Battalion in Silopi (1992-1994), Deputy Commander of the Turkish Brigade in Bosnia-Herzegovina (1994-1995), Project Officer of the Office of the Chief Military Advisor to the Prime Ministry (1995-1997), Deputy Chief of Signals at the NATO Regional Command South stationed in Naples, Italy (1997-1999), Commander of the Partnership for Peace Training Center (1999-2000), and Director of the Exercises Branch of the General Staff (2000-2001). He was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General in 2001.

With the rank of Brigadier General, he served as the Commander of the 10th Infantry Brigade (2001-2003) and Head of the General Staff MEBS Plan Coordination Department (2003-2005), and was promoted to the rank of Major General in 2005.

With the rank of Major General, he served as the Commander of the MEBS School and Training Center (2005-2007) and the Head of the General Staff Training Department (2007-2009), and was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant General in 2009. With the rank of Lieutenant General, he served as the General Commander of Mapping (2009-2010), the 4th Corps Commander (2010-2011), and the Head of the General Staff Intelligence (2011-2013).

He was promoted to the rank of General by the 2013 Supreme Military Council Decisions,

- Deputy Chief of the General Staff between 2013-2016,
- Commander of the Gendarmerie General in 2016-2017,
- Served as Commander of Land Forces in 2017-2018;
- On July 9, 2018, the General Staff was appointed by Presidential Decree.

He was appointed as the President and served in this position until June 3, 2023.

During his service in the Turkish Armed Forces, he was awarded the TSK Distinguished Service Medal, the TSK Medal of Honor and various medals by some countries.

Yaşar GÜLER, who was appointed as the Minister of National Defense by the Presidential Decree dated 03.06.2023, is married to Demet GÜLER and has one child and two grandchildren. He speaks English.