



Russian Ministry of Defense 2024 Purge

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The Russian phrase "Чистки в Минобороны РФ" translates to "Purges in the Ministry of Defense of the Russian Federation" and is often used to refer to a series of organizational measures or reviews aimed at ensuring compliance with the imposed requirements within the Ministry of Defense of the Russian Federation. The recent reshuffle signals Putin's commitment to combat wastage and corruption while aiming to optimize Russia's war economy to better support soldiers on the front lines.

Minister of Defense of the Russian Federation



Andrey Belousov

- Russian economist and statesman
- Doctorate in Economic Sciences
- Minister of Defense 2024 -
 - Assumed MoD due to purge 2024

Secretary of the Security Council



Sergei Shoigu

- Russian politician and military officer
- Civil Engineering Degree
- Secretary of the Security Council – 2024
 - Move to position due to MoD purge
- Minister of Defense 2012-2024
 - Assumed MoD due to purge 2012

Vladimir Putin's military failed in Ukraine due to five key factors:

1. Putin's complete control over the armed forces silenced opposing views and hindered open discussions.
2. Efforts to modernize the post-Soviet military fell short of creating a cutting-edge fighting force.
3. Russia's military struggled to attract top talent.
4. Russia's defense industry produced insufficient weapons that paled in comparison to Western arms.
5. Military operations in Georgia, Crimea, and Syria failed to demonstrate Russian forces' abilities in a conventional land war.



In essence, the Russian military reflects the autocratic nature of the state: obsessed with security and plagued by inefficiency, corruption, and brutality.

Sources: [Putin extends defence ministry purge, hands job to a relative](#) (Reuters)
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