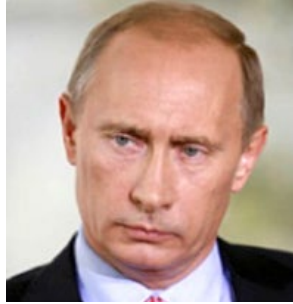


# (U) RUSSIAN MILITARY AND SECURITY LEADERSHIP



**(U) This infographic provides information on Russian Military and Security Leadership.** Decision-making in Russia is highly centralized, and President Vladimir Putin dominates Russia’s decision-making, including for military and security issues. His constitutional responsibilities include appointing the prime minister, chairman of the Central Bank, government ministers, and judges; he may announce State Duma elections or dissolve it.



President Vladimir Putin

The Russian president governs foreign policy, signs international treaties, forms and heads the Security Council, and approves military doctrine. The Russian president serves as the Supreme Commander in Chief of the Russian military, and in times of emergency he may introduce martial law



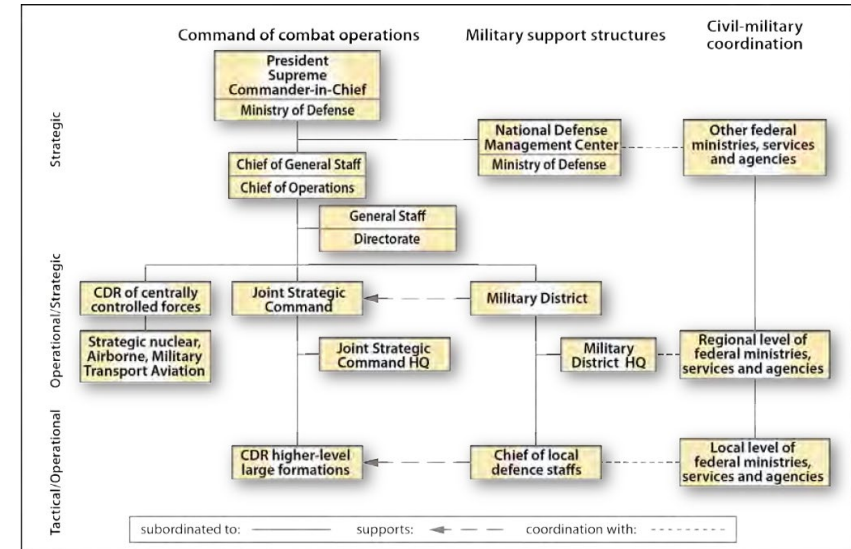
Defense Minister Sergey Shoygu

The Russian Ministry of Defense is subordinate to President Putin as Supreme Commander in Chief and is charged with implementing presidential policy within the military, overseeing all readiness, manpower, and procurement issues. The defense minister has the legal authority to oversee and direct operations of the General Staff.



Gen-Army Valeriy Gerasimov

The General Staff’s primary mission is to ensure the military security of the Russian Federation (RF), that is, to protect the vital interests of the state and society from internal and external threats. The General Staff is responsible for monitoring and characterizing the threat environment and developing strategic and operational plans to equip, mobilize, employ, command, and control the armed forces.



The Main Operations Directorate (GOU) of the General Staff has operational control of the armed forces, organizes strategic and operational force planning; executes military exercises and operational training, and engages with multilateral military-security organizations such as the Collective Security Treaty Organization, Commonwealth of Independent States, and Shanghai Cooperation Organization. The GOU shapes the Defense Plan of the Russian Federation, identifies sources of threats to Russia for strategic planning, and works with the General Staff’s Military-Scientific Committee (VNK) to draft the State Armament Program.

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