

COMMANDER OF TURKISH ARMED FORCES**General Yaşar GÜLER Biography**

General Yaşar GÜLER was born in Ardahan in 1954. He graduated from the Army Academy with the rank of Second Lieutenant in 1974 and from Signal Corps School in 1975.

Having served as the Signaling Platoon and Company Commander at various units between the years of 1975 and 1984, General GÜLER graduated from the Army War College in 1986 and from the Armed Forces College in 1988.

As staff officer, he served as the Chief of Operations at the Internal Regional Command between 1986 and 1988, as the Planning Officer at the Evaluation and Inspection Division of the Army between 1988 and 1991, as the Chief of the Operations and Training Branch at the 12th Infantry Division between 1991 and 1992, as the Internal Security Battalion Commander between 1992 and 1994 in Silopi, as the Turkish Deputy Brigade Commander in Bosnia-Herzegovina between 1994 and 1995, as the Project Officer at the Office of Military Senior Counsellor of the Presidency between 1995 and 1997, as the Deputy Chief of Signals at the NATO Regional Command South situated in Napoli/Italy between 1997 and 1999, as the Commander of the Partnership for Peace Training Center Command between 1999 and 2000, as the Chief of the Exercise Branch of the Turkish General Staff between 2000 and 2001 and he was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General in 2001.

As Brigadier General, he served as the 10th Infantry Brigade Commander between the years of 2001 and 2003, as the Chief of the Communications, Electronics and Information Systems Plan and Coordination Department of the Turkish General Staff between 2003 and 2005 and was promoted to the rank of Major General in 2005.

As Major General, he served as the Commander of the Communications, Electronics and Information Systems School and Training Center Command between 2005 and 2007 and as the Head of Training Department of the Turkish General Staff between 2007 and 2009 and he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant General in 2009.

As Lieutenant General, he served as the Commander of General Command of Mapping between 2009 and 2010, as the Commander of the 4th Corps between 2010 and 2011, as the Chief of the Intelligence of the Turkish General Staff between 2011 and 2013 and he was promoted to the rank of General through the decisions of Supreme Military Council in 2013 and carried out his duty as Deputy Chief of the Turkish General Staff between 2013 and 2016 and as General Commander of Gendarmerie between 2016 and 2017. He was the Commander of Land Forces between 2017 and 2018 before he was assigned as the Chief of General Staff of Turkish Armed Forces on July 9, 2018.

General Yaşar GÜLER is married to Mrs. Demet GÜLER with one child and two grandchildren. He is fluent in English.

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COMMANDER OF THE TURKISH LAND FORCES**General Ümit DÜNDAR Biography**

General Ümit DÜNDAR was born in Manisa in 1955. He graduated from the Military Academy in 1975 and from the Engineering School and Training Center Command in 1976.

He served as team commander and company commander in different units of the Turkish Land Forces from 1976 to 1983.

General DÜNDAR graduated from the Army War College in 1985, from Royal Army Staff College (United Kingdom) in 1991, and from the Armed Forces College in 1994.

He served in different troops and staff posts from 1985 to 1995. He worked at the Office of Military Attaché in London from 1995 to 1998 and at 3rd Army HQ in 1999. He served as the Commander of 5th Border Regiment at 1st Mechanized Infantry Brigade from 1999 to 2001.

General Ümit DÜNDAR was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General on 30 August 2001. He served as the Chief of Construction, Real Estate and NATO Infrastructure Department of the Ministry of National Defense from 2001 to 2004 and as the Commander of 28th Mechanized Infantry Brigade from 2004 to 2005. During this period he also served as the Commander of the Multinational Brigade in Afghanistan for 6 months.

General Ümit DÜNDAR was promoted to the rank of Major General in 2005. He served as the Chief of Engineering Department of the General Staff from 2005 to 2007, and as the Commander of Engineering School and Training Center from 2007 to 2009.

General Ümit DÜNDAR was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant General in 2009. He served as Commander of 5th Army Corps from 2009 to 2010, and as the Undersecretary of the Ministry of National Defense from 2010 to 2013.

General Ümit DÜNDAR was promoted to the rank of General in 2013. He served as the Commander of the 3rd Army for two years and subsequently he served as the Commander of the 1st Army. He served as the Acting Chief of the General Staff from 16 to 18 July 2016.

General Ümit DÜNDAR served as the Deputy Chief of the General Staff from 2016 to 2018. He was appointed as the Commander of the Turkish Land Forces with the Presidential Decree approved on 09 July 2018.

General Ümit DÜNDAR is married to Mrs. Saadet Tülay DÜNDAR. He has two children. He knows English.

COMMANDER OF THE TURKISH NAVAL FORCES**Admiral Adnan ÖZBAL Biography**

Admiral Adnan ÖZBAL was born in İstanbul in 1958. He graduated from Naval High School in 1976 and from Turkish Naval Academy in 1980.

After having served onboard destroyers as branch officer and division officer, he commanded various patrol boats and fast patrol boats, and assigned as the Commodore of the Second Fast Patrol Boat Division from 2003 to 2005.

Admiral ÖZBAL graduated from Naval War College in 1989 and from Turkish Armed Forces College in 1995. Furthermore in 1995, he got his bachelor's degree on Economics at Anatolian University.

As for the HQ posts; Admiral ÖZBAL has served, as The Commander of Fast Patrol Boat Group, Chief of Intelligence at Turkish General Staff and as staff officer and key leadership positions at STRIKEFORCE SOUTH in Naples. He served as head of branch at Turkish Naval Forces Command Planning and Principles Department, Chief of Logistics and Chief of Operations in Turkish Northern Sea Area Command between 1999-2003. On August 2008, he was promoted to the rank of Rear Admiral (LH).

He was assigned as Chief of Staff in Turkish Northern Sea Area Command, and then he took the command of the Fast Patrol Boat Group between 2010-2011. On completion of his command, he served as the Head of Personnel Planning and Management Department of the Turkish Naval Forces Command till August 2012, when he was promoted to the rank of Rear Admiral (UH).

Admiral ÖZBAL served as the Commander of Naval Academy between 2012-2013, Commander of Coast Guard between 2013-2014 and Commander of Naval Training and Education from 2014 to 2016, where he was promoted to Vice Admiral in 2015.

Admiral ÖZBAL was assigned as Chief of Staff of Turkish Naval Forces Command in 2016. He was appointed as the 26th Commander of the Turkish Naval Forces as of 22nd of August 2017. Admiral ÖZBAL was promoted to the rank of Admiral as of 30th of August 2018.

Admiral ÖZBAL's awards and decorations are "Turkish Armed Forces Medal of Honor", "Turkish Armed Forces Distinguished Service Medal", "Nishan-ı İmtiaz" of Pakistan, "Navy Commendation Medal" of U.S.A. and "NATO Medal" of Former Yugoslavia.

Admiral ÖZBAL speaks English. He is married to Mrs. Gaye ÖZBAL and they have one daughter and a grand son.

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COMMANDER OF THE TURKISH AIR FORCES**General Hasan KÜÇÜKAKYÜZ Biography**

General Hasan KÜÇÜKAKYÜZ, Commander TurAF, was born in 1957 in Of-TRABZON. After completing his primary and high school education in Trabzon, he graduated from the Turkish Air Force Academy in 1978. Upon his graduation from 2nd Main Jet Base (MJB) Flight Training School as a fighter pilot in 1980, he completed his Combat Readiness Training in the 3rd Main Jet Base.

He graduated from Air War College in 1987 and from the Armed Forces Staff College in 1994.

He became the commander and assumed various duties at various levels of Turkish Air Force. He served as the Chief of Personnel Department of TurAF (2003-2006), the Commander of the Airmen Training Brigade (2006-2008), the Deputy Commander of Air Training Command (2008-2011), the Commander of Turkish Air Force Academy (2009), the Deputy Commander of TurAF Headquarter Evaluation and Inspection Division (2011-2012), the Commander of Turkish Armed Forces Medical Command and Gülhane Military Medical Academy (2012-2013), the Chief of Air Force Evaluation and Inspection Division of TurAF (2013-2015), the Commander of Air Training Command (2015-2016), the Commander of Air Combat and Air Defence Command (2016-2017).

General KÜÇÜKAKYÜZ has been the Turkish Air Force Commander since 21 August 2017 and has NATO Medal, TAF Distinguished Service Medal, TAF Medal of Honour, and Pakistan Order of Distinction Medal.

General Hasan KÜÇÜKAKYÜZ is married to Nuray KÜÇÜKAKYÜZ and has two sons.

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