

Zelensky: Umerov can restart Ministry of Defense

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Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky has said he believes that the newly appointed defense minister, Rustem Umerov, is capable of rebooting the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine.

The Ukrainian leader said this in his nightly [video address](#), according to an Ukrinform correspondent.

He described Umerov as a strong and systemic person who has a good understanding of the defense sector.

"From the first days of the full-scale war, he has been involved in negotiations on weapons for Ukraine. Very sensitive negotiations. Productive. He is also engaged in negotiations on the release of our people from Russian captivity. Rustem also has important results for Ukraine in this regard. He can reboot the work of the Ministry of Defense. This is exactly what is needed now," Zelensky said.

On the Day of Military Intelligence of Ukraine, the president noted that everyone understands how cool Ukrainian intelligence officers are. "True bravery, powerful results. I thanked the GUR [military intelligence agency] on behalf of the whole of Ukraine," Zelensky said.

He also thanked National Guard soldiers for their work.

"The 12th special purpose brigade fighting in the east of our country... As well as the 3rd and 15th brigades of the National Guard fighting in the southern areas... I thank you, warriors, for the very, very effective destruction of the occupiers!" he said.

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