Ukraine overhauls military leadership

Ukraine's biggest military shake-up since Russia's full-scale invasion has exposed a generational divide among top leaders as Kyiv pushes for a more modern, technology-driven army



SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- **Jul 15:** President ***Volodymyr Zelensky*** *(left)* dismisses popular Defence Minister ***Mykhailo Fedorov*** after only six months in office, amid tensions with military leadership over reform and modernisation
- Fedorov's removal sparks street protests across country, calling for him to be reinstated
- **Jul 21:** Under pressure, Zelensky dismisses commander-in-chief ***Oleksandr Syrskyi*** and names young major general ***Mykhailo Drapatyi,*** seen as ally of Fedorov, as his replacement



1 Mykhailo Fedorov, 35
Widely praised for transforming armed forces using data, digital innovation and technology, as well as leading drive against corruption

2 Yevhenii Khmara
Former top official at Ukraine's Security Service (SBU) named acting defence minister

3 Oleksandr Syrskyi, 60
Played key role in Kyiv's defence in early days of war, but now seen by many as Soviet-school commander reluctant to implement changes

4 Mykhailo Drapatyi, 43
Battle-hardened general and former land forces chief seen as new-generation commander

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