
SOUTH KOREA GETS FIRST CIVILIAN DEFENCE MINISTER IN 60 YEARS

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South Korea's government on Monday (Jun 23) appointed the country's first civilian defence minister in more than 60 years, after growing calls for stronger oversight of the military.

It comes after a failed martial law attempt in December that led to the impeachment of ex-president Yoon Suk Yeol.

Veteran lawmaker Ahn Gyu-back is "the first civilian to lead the ministry in 64 years", said presidential Chief of Staff Kang Hoon-sik at a news conference on Monday.

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