

# IVANOV, TIMUR VADIMOVICH

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## KNOWN IDENTIFIERS

### FULL NAME

Timur Vadimovich Ivanov EN

Тимур Вадимович Иванов RU

### ALTERNATIVE NAMES / ALIASES

None found

### POSITION & MILITARY RANK

Former Russian Deputy Minister of Defense

DOB	M	D	Y	TAX ID NUMBER
	07	15	1975 <sup>1</sup>	Unknown

### M-NUMBER

N/A

### B-NUMBER

N/A

### COUNTRIES OF INTEREST

N/A

### ASSOCIATED EMAIL(S)

None found

### ASSOCIATED TELEPHONE NUMBER(S)

None found

Timur Vadimovich Ivanov is a Russian statesman who served as a Russian deputy minister of defense under Sergei Shoigu from 2016 until his dismissal and detention in April 2024.<sup>2</sup> In this role, Ivanov was responsible for organizing the management of property, quartering of troops, medical support, and housing for the armed forces.<sup>3</sup> Throughout his career, Ivanov oversaw multiple state-owned construction enterprises that employed the services of various contractor companies. Notable projects under his supervision included the construction of Patriot Park, a theme park and memorial to the Russian Armed Forces, on the outskirts of Moscow, as well as a regional version in Tula.<sup>4</sup> Ivanov also supervised the reconstruction of Mariupol, a Ukrainian city largely destroyed during Russia's invasion of Ukraine.<sup>5</sup>

Born in Moscow in 1975, Ivanov completed his higher education at Moscow State University's Faculty of Computational Mathematics and Cybernetics in 1997. His career trajectory included working at fuel and energy complex enterprises from 1999 to 2012, followed by a position as deputy head of the government of the Moscow region. From March 2013 to May 2016, he served as the chief executive officer of Oboronstroy, a joint stock company controlled by the Russian Ministry of Defense that focused on constructing housing for military personnel and developing strategic military facilities.<sup>6</sup>

As a deputy minister of defense, Ivanov facilitated reforms aimed at transforming the Russian military construction complex into a public-law company—a government-owned entity created specifically for functions of national importance.<sup>7</sup> This move was intended to withdraw military construction from the commercial sector and reduce reliance on subcontractors.<sup>8</sup>

Ivanov's tenure as a deputy minister of defense was controversial. Multiple journalistic investigations highlighted the luxurious lifestyle of Ivanov and his wife, Svetlana Zakharova.<sup>9</sup> These reports, based on leaked emails and financial records, suggested that the couple spent millions of euros annually on properties, expensive cars, yachts, and high-end shopping.<sup>10</sup> The investigations alleged that Ivanov's official income was significantly below his spending, and many financial transactions were registered to offshore companies or personal employees.

Further allegations arose concerning Ivanov's involvement in construction projects contracted by the Russian Ministry of Defense. Some reports suggested that the reconstruction of destroyed infrastructure in occupied Ukrainian territories, such as Mariupol, became a lucrative opportunity for Ivanov and his associates.<sup>11</sup> These projects allegedly allowed contractors to receive substantially higher payments from the state budget compared to similar work within Russia, with claims that inflated prices were used to provide kickbacks.

On April 23, 2024, authorities detained Ivanov on bribery charges. The main defendant in the case was Alexander Fomin, co-owner and president of Olympcitystroy, one of the Ministry of Defense's major construction contractors.<sup>12</sup> The investigation alleged that Ivanov received bribes in the form of various services totaling over one billion rubles between 2018 and 2023.<sup>13</sup> These services reportedly included the construction of a personal residence and coverage of various personal expenses in exchange for securing lucrative contracts for Fomin and other businessmen.<sup>14</sup>

The case against Ivanov has political undertones, with reports suggesting that the late Wagner Group founder, Yevgeny Prigozhin, had previously criticized Ivanov to President Putin.<sup>15</sup> In the aftermath of Prigozhin's August 2023 death, Russian sources claimed that Ivanov pressured Prigozhin's son Pavel to transfer control of oil and gas fields in Syria and diamond mines in the Central African Republic in exchange for payments and veteran certificates for soldiers.<sup>16</sup> In April 2024, the Telegram channel Razgruzka Wagnera, linked to the Wagner Group, expressed "immense gratitude" to the head of the investigative committee, Alexander Bastrykin, for Ivanov's arrest, calling Ivanov a "corrupt official" and claiming that his arrest halted the misappropriation of state funds.<sup>17</sup>

Ivanov received multiple state honors during his career, including the Order of Merit for the Fatherland, the title "Hero of the LPR,"<sup>18</sup> and a medal for the Return of Crimea.<sup>19</sup> Following the bribery charges, Minister of Defense Sergei Shoigu dismissed Ivanov from his position.<sup>20</sup>

**BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS**


<b>SEX</b> Male	<b>TAX ID NUMBER</b> Unknown			<b>NATIONALITY</b> Russian	<b>CITIZENSHIP(S)</b> Russia
<b>DOB</b>	<b>M</b> 08	<b>D</b> 15	<b>Y</b> 1975 <sup>24</sup>	<b>PLACE OF BIRTH</b> Moscow, Russia <sup>23</sup>	
<b>EDUCATION</b>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candidate of Economic Sciences, Ivanovo State Chemical-Technological University, 2011; Dissertation topic: “Financial and organizational models of nuclear power plant construction projects”<sup>21</sup></li> <li>• International Academy of Marketing and Management, 2004</li> <li>• Moscow State University Faculty of Computational Mathematics and Cybernetics, 1997<sup>22</sup></li> </ul>					

**MILITARY SERVICE**

**RANKS ACHIEVED & ASSOCIATED DATES**

Deputy Minister of Defense (Russia) (2016–2024)<sup>29</sup>

<b>UNITS SERVED IN</b> N/A	<b>AWARDS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Order of Merit for the Fatherland, III and IV degrees</li> <li>• Medal of the Order of Merit for the Fatherland, I degree</li> <li>• The Hero of “LPR” (Luhansk People’s Republic, 2022)<sup>25</sup></li> <li>• Order of the Holy Blessed Grand Duke Dimitry Donskoy, first degree (2021)—for attention to assistance in the construction of the Main Temple of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation<sup>26</sup></li> <li>• Honored Builder of the Russian Federation (2015)</li> <li>• Laureate of the Russian Government Prize in the field of science and technology (2011)<sup>27</sup></li> <li>• Medal “For the Return of Crimea”<sup>28</sup></li> </ul>
<b>MILITARY DEPLOYMENTS</b> N/A	

**BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS**



**NON-WAGNER EMPLOYERS**

- 1997–1999, Held executive positions in commercial organizations.
- 1999–2002, Advisor to the Department of Construction of Nuclear Facilities of the Russian Ministry of Atomic Energy.
- 2002–2006, Advisor to the First Deputy Director General for Economics and Finance - Executive Director of the Rosenergoatom concern. Advisor to the President of Atomstroyexport CJSC.
- 2006–2010, Vice President, then First Vice President of Atomstroyexport CJSC.<sup>31</sup>
- 2008–2012, Deputy Chairman of the Board of Inter RAO UES, Advisor to the Minister of Energy, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Agency for Forecasting Balances in the Electric Power Industry, General Director of the Russian Energy Agency of the Ministry of Energy.<sup>32</sup>
- 2013–2016, Held the position of CEO of JSC Oboronstroy, controlled directly through JSC Garrison by the Russian Ministry of Defense. The company focused on building housing for military personnel and developing socially significant and strategic military facilities. It brought together enterprises involved in design, construction, production, logistics, and energy to achieve these goals.
- 2016–2024, Deputy Minister of Defense of the Russian Federation, Sergei Shoigu. He was responsible for organizing the management of property, quartering of troops, housing, and medical support for the Armed Forces.<sup>33</sup>

**TIES TO OTHER PRIGOZHIN-LINKED ENTITIES**

None found

**TIES TO STATE-OWNED ENTERPRISES**

“Rosatom” and “Minenergo” until 2012

Advisor to the Department of Construction of Nuclear Facilities of the Ministry of Atomic Energy<sup>34</sup>

**BUSINESS REGISTRATIONS, INCLUDING LLCs**

“Oboronstroy”

In the period between 2013 and 2016, Ivanov was General Director of JSC Oboronstroy, subordinate to the Russian Ministry of Defense<sup>30</sup>

**POLITICAL & CIVIC SOCIETY ASSOCIATIONS**



**POLITICAL PARTIES**

None found

**VETERANS ASSOCIATIONS**

None found

**ACTIVIST GROUPS**

None found

**OTHER**

None found

UNITED STATES  
OF AMERICA

Sanctioned on May 15, 2022.

**Reason statement:** “The world watches in horror as Russia carried out a premeditated, unprovoked, and unjustified attack on Ukraine. [...] Today, the State Department continues to impose severe sanctions on Russian defense leaders.” “The following 11 persons are included in the [sanctions] list [...] as those who operate or have operated in the defense and other sectors of the economy of the Russian Federation related to the production of military products.”<sup>35</sup>

EUROPEAN  
UNION

October 6, 2022. In relation to Ukraine.<sup>36</sup>

**Reason statement:** Document 32022D1907. “Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/1907 of 6 October 2022 amending Decision 2014/145/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty, and independence of Ukraine.”<sup>37</sup>

## UNITED KINGDOM

March 15, 2022.

**Program:** The Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019.<sup>38</sup>

## CANADA

May 6, 2022.

**Reason statement:** “Canada is imposing new sanctions in response to Russia’s unprovoked and unjustified invasion of Ukraine.” “The following list of individuals includes senior defense officials who were sanctioned for their complicity in President Putin’s choice to invade a peaceful and sovereign country.”<sup>39</sup>

## SWITZERLAND

April 20, 2023.

**Reason statement:** “He is therefore responsible for supporting and implementing actions and policies undermining and threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty, and independence of Ukraine.” “Deputy Minister of Defense. In this position, he is responsible for the procurement of military goods and the construction of military facilities. He ranks tenth in the overall hierarchy of the Russian military leadership. Given his key position in the Russian Federation’s military enterprise, he is responsible for the Russian war effort at large. During Russia’s war of aggression against Ukraine, he has made various visits to the so-called ‘Luhansk People’s Republic’ and the so-called ‘Donetsk People’s Republic’ to inspect facilities under construction by the Russian occupying forces. Additionally, he has handed various state awards to Russian military personnel wounded in Russia’s war of aggression against Ukraine. Those actions demonstrate that he actively supports and defends the war against Ukraine.”<sup>40</sup>



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AUSTRALIA	February 25, 2022. In relation to the Ukraine war. Consolidated list of Australian sanctions.  <b>Reason statement:</b> “Instrument of first designation and declaration: Autonomous Sanctions (Designated Persons and Entities and Declared Persons-Ukraine) Amendment (No. 2) Instrument 2022.” <sup>41</sup>
NEW ZEALAND	March 21, 2023. New Zealand’s Russia sanctions.  <b>Reason statement:</b> “Russian Ministry of Defense Deputy Minister of Defense.” <sup>42</sup>
UKRAINE	October 19, 2022. Order no. 726/2022. ID: 22072611100055. <sup>43</sup>
JAPAN	March 2022. Russian Federation entities and individuals subject to asset freezes and other measures (PDF:630KB). <sup>44</sup>

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NAME	NATURE OF ASSOCIATION
Sergei Shoigu	<p>Ivanov served as the Deputy Minister of Defense of the Russian Federation under Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu. Ivanov was dismissed from this position by Shoigu in April 2024 following a charge of receiving a bribe on an especially large scale.<sup>45</sup></p> <p>Journalists report that Timur Ivanov gained favor with Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu by handling various sensitive tasks. For instance, he was responsible for either suppressing or facilitating the publication of certain media articles, depending on the needs at the time.<sup>46</sup></p> <p>Many journalists and political scientists interpreted the bribery charges against Ivanov and his subsequent dismissal as a “blow to Shoigu.”<sup>47</sup></p>
Alexander Fomin	<p>Fomin was the president of Olympcitystroy the construction firm that served as the main contractor of the Ministry of Defense and carried out construction projects in the occupied territories of Ukraine, for example, in Mariupol. Alexander Fomin accompanied Ivanov during every visit to Mariupol, showing the construction sites.<sup>48</sup></p> <p>Fomin was known as Timur Ivanov’s “personal wallet,” who continuously provided Ivanov with “kickbacks” in exchange for favorable contracts from the Ministry of Defense. It is Fomin who investigators are now accusing of bribing Ivanov.<sup>49</sup></p>
Sergei Borodin	<p>Borodin, along with Alexander Fomin, was detained on suspicion of giving bribes to Ivanov. Borodin is the founder of “Volzhsky Bereg” company, which is owned by “Oboronspetsdtrpy,” which received money from Olympcitystroy as a subcontractor.</p> <p>In turn, this company is owned by Oboronspetsstroy, which received money from Olimpsitstroy as a subcontractor.”<sup>50</sup></p> <p>Investigators have charged Borodin, along with Ivanov, under Part 6 of Article 290 of the Russian Criminal Code for receiving an exceptionally large bribe. Borodin, who was closely connected with Deputy Defense Minister Ivanov, conspired with others to form an organized group. Together, they allegedly received substantial bribes in the form of property services related to contracts and subcontract work for the Ministry of Defense.<sup>51</sup></p> <p>Furthermore, journalist investigations showed that Ivanov’s dacha in Tver is registered to the “Volzhsky Bereg company,” of which Borodin is the founder.<sup>52</sup></p> <p>Lastly, Metropol Fashion Group, owned by Ivanov’s ex-wife Maniovich, is not registered under her own name but in the name of Borodin or his namesake.”<sup>53</sup></p>
Alexander Ter-Avanesov	<p>Ter-Avanesov is a businessman and politician connected to various construction firms serving as contractors for the Ministry of Defense. Through the first such as LLC “Spetsmontazh” and LLC “Zabsibgazprom,” Ter-Avanesov allegedly served as a confidant and “wallet” of Deputy Minister of Defense Timur Ivanov and provided him with “kickbacks.”<sup>54</sup></p>

NAME	NATURE OF ASSOCIATION
LLC Olympcitystroy	<p data-bbox="488 239 1523 275">Owners: Fomin Alexander Grigorievich; Khavronin Dmitry Alexandrovich<sup>55</sup></p> <p data-bbox="488 317 1523 422">Olympcitystroy—a contractor for the Russian Ministry of Defense for construction—is partially owned by Fomin, who testified against Deputy Minister of Defense Timur Ivanov in a bribery case.”<sup>56</sup></p> <p data-bbox="488 464 1523 758">In the period from 2018 to 2023, Olympcitystroy was contracted through the Military Construction Company to carry out construction projects for the Ministry of Defense. Allegedly, Ivanov provided the company’s owner, Fomin, with more profitable contracts. Fomin paid Ivanov back by providing him with “kickbacks” as well as serving as Ivanov’s personal “pocket.”<sup>57</sup> Thus, according to journalistic investigation, the company “Oboronspetsstroy,” which is connected with “Olimpsiststroy,” purchased marble for the mansion of the Deputy Minister of Defense and owns land in the Tver Region, where the Ivanovs’ estate is located.”<sup>58</sup></p> <p data-bbox="488 800 1523 869">Since the start of the war in Ukraine, Olympcitystroy has built all the main facilities in Mariupol, including the residential complex “Nevsky” that Putin visited.<sup>59</sup></p> <p data-bbox="488 911 1523 1016">Before the war, Olympcitystroy was involved in the construction of civil infrastructure such as the children’s hospital in Tula, the cadet corps in Omsk, the COVID hospital in St. Petersburg, and the “Patriot” park.<sup>60</sup></p> <p data-bbox="488 1058 1523 1205">For his contribution to the construction of civilian infrastructure, the president of “Olympcitystroy” Fomin was awarded the medal “For Cooperation in the Name of Salvation” (2022) and the Order of Merit for the Fatherland, second degree (2021). The latter award was presented to Fomin by Timur Ivanov.<sup>61</sup></p>
LLC “Zapsibgazprom”	<p data-bbox="488 1283 1523 1388">According to journalist investigations, LLC “Zapsibgazprom”—along with LLC Olympcitystroy—is one of the major construction companies and subcontractors of the Ministry of Defense that “fed” Ivanov through various “kickback” schemes.<sup>62</sup></p>





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Timur Ivanov (center) inspects a facility in Mariupol built by Alexander Fomin's company (left). Source: screenshot of the Ministry of Defense video

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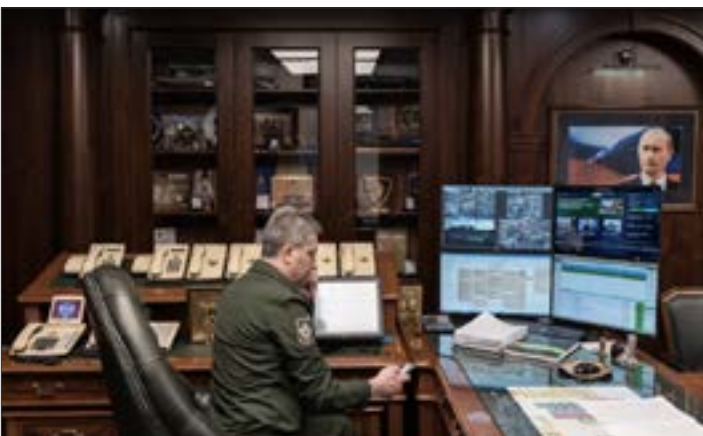
Timur Ivanov with the Minister of Defense Sergei Shoigu

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Ivanov during his interview with Novaya Gazeta in 2019

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Timur Ivanov looking at a model of the Main Temple of the Russian Armed Forces together with Vladimir Putin and Patriarch Kirill

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Ivanov in Basmany Court after his detention on bribery charges

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## ENDNOTES

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