

MOSKALIK, YAROSLAV YAROSLAVOVICH

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KNOWN IDENTIFIERS

FULL NAME

Yaroslav Yaroslavovich Moskalik EN

Ярослав Ярославович Москалик RU

ALTERNATIVE NAMES / ALIASES

N/A

POSITION & MILITARY RANK

Deputy Head of the Main Operational Directorate of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation; Lieutenant General

DOB	M	D	Y	TAX ID NUMBER
	07	22	1966 ¹	Unknown

M-NUMBER

N/A

B-NUMBER

N/A

COUNTRIES OF INTEREST

Russia, Syria, Ukraine

ASSOCIATED EMAIL(S)

None found

ASSOCIATED TELEPHONE NUMBER(S)

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SOCIAL NETWORK PROFILES

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Yaroslav Yaroslavich Moskalik serves as deputy head of the Main Operational Directorate of the General Staff (GOU) of Russia's Armed Forces.³ Leaked files describe him as playing a role in overseeing the Stroytransgaz shipments of phosphate ores from Syria in early August 2018.⁴ In this capacity, he coordinated with the Russian Ministry of Defense, Syrian state-owned corporations, Russian private military companies, Syrian state security, and pro-Assad paramilitary elements. Moskalik previously held positions as the head of the Second Department of the GOU and later as the head of department of the GOU. He attained the rank of lieutenant general by presidential decree on December 8, 2021.

Born on August 22, 1966, Moskalik spent his formative years from 1973 to 1983 in Angren, Uzbekistan, before relocating to Russia, both part of what was then the Soviet Union, to pursue a military career.⁵ Following this move, he enrolled at the Far Eastern Higher Combined Arms Command School in Blagoveshchensk, Amur Oblast, where he studied from August 1983 to July 1987. Upon graduation, Moskalik was assigned to military unit 34091 in the village of Knyaze-Volkonskoye, serving there from July 1987 to July 2000. This unit was led in the late 1980s by Alexander Rukshin, who later became the head of the GOU, serving from 2001 to 2008.⁶ Military unit 34091 gained media attention early in the first decade of the 2000s because of its high level of associated criminal activities.⁷

From July 18, 2000, to August 18, 2012, Moskalik's career saw significant changes. He departed from Knyaze-Volkonskoye, attended the Combined Arms Academy of the Armed Forces, and subsequently served in Moscow and the North Caucasus.⁸ During this period, specifically in and around December 2003, Moskalik held the position of "commanding officer of the grouping of federal forces in Chechnya."⁹

From 2015 to 2023, Moskalik became more involved and present as a Russian representative in various international military-technical meetings, negotiations, and conferences. Many of Moskalik's appearances were at Collective Security Treaty Organization (June 2019, April 2021, and May 2023),¹⁰ Shanghai Cooperation Organization (September 2021),¹¹ Moscow Conference on International Security (June 2021),¹² and Union State (November 2019, December 2019) events.¹³ Notably, Moskalik became a recurrent figure in Russian state delegations on matters of Syria and Ukraine, appearing in bilateral Syrian-Russian meetings with President Bashar al-Assad (May 2018 and January 2020), the multilateral Astana talks on Syria, the Normandy Format (October 2015 and December 2019),¹⁴ and Minsk dialogues (December 2015) on Ukraine. Moskalik is frequently seen seated next to or talking to high-level Russian officials at these meetings, including but not limited to former Minister of Defense Sergei Shoigu, Chief of the General Staff Valery Gerasimov, Presidential Advisor on Foreign Policy Yuri Ushakov, Russian President's Special Envoy to Syria Alexander Lavrentiev, Deputy Minister of Defense Yunus-bek Yevkurov, and Vladislav Surkov.

Despite his frequent appearances at numerous international military forums, Moskalik is rarely mentioned in open sources. Consequently, no information is available regarding any awards he may have received or other professional, business, or social associations. This lack of public presence may explain why Moskalik, unlike his professional superiors and peers, has not been subject to any international sanctions.

BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS

SEX Male	TAX ID NUMBER None found			NATIONALITY Unknown	CITIZENSHIP(S) Russia
DOB	M 08	D 22	Y 1966 ¹⁸	PLACE OF BIRTH Unknown	
EDUCATION <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Angren School #20¹⁵• Marshal of the Soviet Union, K. K. Rokossovsky Far Eastern Higher Combined Arms Command School¹⁶• Combined Arms Academy of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation¹⁷					

MILITARY SERVICE**RANKS ACHIEVED & ASSOCIATED DATES**

- Major General, February 22, 2017²⁴
- Lieutenant General, December 8, 2021²⁵
- Main Operational Directorate of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation, deputy head.²⁶ Previously, head of department,²⁷ and/or head of the second department²⁸

UNITS SERVED IN

Mountain (Gornaya) Grouping of Federal Forces in Chechnya, 2003¹⁹
386th Motorized Rifle Training Regiment,²⁰ military unit 34091,²¹ (1987-2000)²²

AWARDS

None found

MILITARY DEPLOYMENTS

North Caucasus²³

BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS**NON-WAGNER EMPLOYERS**

N/A

TIES TO OTHER PRIGOZHIN-LINKED ENTITIES

N/A

TIES TO STATE-OWNED ENTERPRISESCurated the transfer of phosphate ore and the arrival of private military companies in Syria, along with Stroytransgaz representatives²⁹**BUSINESS REGISTRATIONS, INCLUDING LLCs**

None found

POLITICAL & CIVIC SOCIETY ASSOCIATIONS**POLITICAL PARTIES**

None found

VETERANS ASSOCIATIONS

None found

ACTIVIST GROUPS

None found

OTHER

None found



NOTABLE QUOTES ABOUT INDIVIDUAL

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According to an interview given by Yevgeny Marchuk to the Gordon news program, Moskalik was described as having made “demarches” during the Minsk negotiations and being one of the “very well prepared people,” particularly with regard to being “informationally ... well-supplied.”³⁰



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Not applicable as of November 2023

EUROPEAN UNION Not applicable as of November 2023

UNITED KINGDOM Not applicable as of November 2023

CANADA Not applicable as of November 2023

SWITZERLAND Not applicable as of November 2023

AUSTRALIA Not applicable as of November 2023

NEW ZEALAND Not applicable as of November 2023

UKRAINE Not applicable as of November 2023

JAPAN Not applicable as of November 2023



NAME	NATURE OF ASSOCIATION
Valery Gerasimov	<p>According to visual content published by the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO), the Russian Ministry of Defense, and other media outlets, Moskalik frequently attended events alongside Chief of the General Staff Valery Gerasimov, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the 14th meeting of the Military Committee of the CSTO member states held in Moscow on June 21, 2021;³¹ the 18th meeting of the Military Committee of the CSTO member states held at Patriot Park's convention and exhibition center on April 14, 2021;³² the Shanghai Cooperation Organization anti-terrorism exercises held in Orenburg on September 21-24, 2021.³³
Sergey Shoigu	<p>According to visual content published by the Russian Ministry of Defense, Syrian state media, and the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CTSO), Moskalik frequently attended events alongside Russian Minister of Defense Sergei Shoigu, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Russian President Vladimir Putin's surprise meeting with Syrian President Bashar al-Assad in Damascus on January 7, 2020;³⁴ a meeting between Russian Minister of Defense Sergei Shoigu and Uzbekistan Minister of Defense Bakhodir Kurbanov in Bukhara, Uzbekistan, on April 28, 2021;³⁵ Shoigu's inspection of Caspian fleet warships in Kaspiysk, Republic of Dagestan, on June 8, 2021;³⁶ a CSTO Council of Defense Ministers meeting held in Minsk, Belarus, on May 25, 2023.³⁷
Vladislav Surkov	<p>According to visual and textual news content, Moskalik was photographed talking to Vladislav Surkov at the Normandy Format negotiations in Paris on December 9, 2019.³⁸</p>
Yunus-bek Yevkurov	<p>According to photographs published by Orenburg Media, Moskalik was spotted talking to Deputy Minister of Defense Yunus-bek Yevkurov at the Shanghai Cooperation Organization anti-terrorism exercises held in Orenburg on September 21-24, 2021.³⁹</p>
Sergey Lavrov	<p>According to visual and textual news content, Moskalik attended multiple events alongside Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs Sergei Lavrov, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Normandy Format negotiations in Paris on October 2, 2015;⁴⁰ the Normandy Format negotiations in Paris on December 9, 2019.⁴¹
Aleksandr Lavrentiev	<p>According to visual news content published in Arabic language media, Moskalik attended multiple events alongside Russian President's Special Envoy to Syria Alexander Lavrentiev, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lavrentiev's meeting with Syrian President Bashar al-Assad in Damascus on May 23, 2018.⁴²

ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS, CONTINUED



NAME	NATURE OF ASSOCIATION
Yuri Ushakov	<p>According to visual and textual news content, Moskalik attended multiple events alongside Russian Presidential Advisor on Foreign Policy Yuri Ushakov, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Normandy Format negotiations in Paris on October 2, 2015.⁴³ the Normandy Format negotiations in Paris on December 9, 2019⁴⁴
Dmitry Peskov	<p>Moskalik attended the Normandy Format negotiations on October 2, 2015, in Paris as a representative of the General Staff of the Russian Armed Forces, representing the Russian state alongside the Deputy Head of the Presidential Administration and Press Secretary of the President and Press Secretary of the President.⁴⁵</p>
Oleg Govorun	<p>Moskalik attended the Normandy Format negotiations on October 2, 2015, in Paris as a representative of the General Staff of the Russian Armed Forces, representing the Russian state alongside the Head of the Presidential Administration for Social and Economic Cooperation with the CIS Member States, the Republic of Abkhazia, and the Republic of South Ossetia.⁴⁶</p>
Azamat Kulmukhametov	<p>Moskalik attended the Normandy Format negotiations on October 2, 2015, in Paris as a representative of the General Staff of the Russian Armed Forces, representing the Russian state alongside the Special Representative of the Russian Federation in the Contact Group in Ukraine.⁴⁷</p>
Viktor Sorokin	<p>Moskalik attended the Normandy Format negotiations on October 2, 2015, in Paris as a representative of the General Staff of the Russian Armed Forces, representing the Russian state alongside the Director of the Second Department of the CIS countries of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.⁴⁸</p>
Valery Nazarenko	<p>Moskalik attended the Normandy Format negotiations on October 2, 2015, in Paris as a representative of the General Staff of the Russian Armed Forces, representing the Russian state alongside Deputy Head of the Presidential Administration for Foreign Policy.⁴⁹</p>

OTHER ASSOCIATED ENTITIES



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<p>PMC “Redut Security” Stroytransgaz PMC “Shield-LNG”</p>	<p>According to a C4ADS document allegedly dated August 3, 2018, Moskalik was listed as an individual in charge of “curating” activities pertaining to the transfer of phosphate ore cargo from the Syrian phosphate state corporation to the interest of Stroytransgaz via the Sierra Leone flagged ship “ORHAN-Y” at the Port of Tartus, with the involvement of multiple Russian PMC formations, including “Shit-SPG” and “Redut Bezopasnost.”⁵⁰</p>

KNOWN LOCATIONS



DATE	COUNTRY	CITY	EVIDENCE	ACTIVITIES
Late December 2003 (culminating on December 28, 2008)	Russia	Chechnya/Dagestan	Link	According to several Gazeta.Ru articles from late December 2003, Yaroslav Moskalik was described as the “commanding [officer] of the mountain group of federal forces in Chechnya” at the time of GRU Spetsnaz and army aviation units’ operations against Chechen militants in the Tsuntinsky District of Dagestan, resulting in allegedly 60 Chechen militants killed over the course of a two-week operation lasting until December. 28, 2008, in the Kusa mountain range near the villages of Metrada, Sagada, and Tazilin. ⁵¹
October 2, 2015	France	Paris	Link	Moskalik attended the Normandy Format negotiations on October 2, 2015, in Paris as a representative of the General Staff of the Russian Armed Forces, representing the Russian state alongside high-profile public figures.
December 22, 2015	Belarus	Minsk	Link	Moskalik was reportedly part of the security subgroup in the Contact Group negotiations held in Minsk on December 22, 2015. ⁵²
May 23, 2018	Syria	Damascus	Link	According to photographs published by the Syrian Arab News Agency, Moskalik was a member of Russian President’s Special Envoy to Syria Alexander Lavrentiev’s delegation during the latter’s meeting with Syrian President Bashar al-Assad in Damascus on May 23, 2018. ⁵³
On and around August 3, 2018	Syria	Tartus	C4ADS ⁵⁴	<p>According to a C4ADS document allegedly dated August 3, 2018, Moskalik was listed as an individual in charge of “curating” activities pertaining to the transfer of phosphate ore cargo from the Syrian phosphate state-corporation to the interest of Stroytransgaz via the Sierra Leone flagged ship “ORHAN-Y” at the Port of Tartus, with the involvement of multiple Russian PMC formations, including “Shit-SPG” and “Redut Bezopasnost.</p> <p>According to the C4ADS document, phosphate ore cargo sent by the Syrian phosphate state corporation on August 1, 2018, implied in the document to have come from Es-Savana and Hanfiz phosphate deposits</p>



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				<p>in previous deliveries, was to be sent to the port of Tartus.</p> <p>The document stated that a negotiated release of the delayed phosphate ore from a train station in the Mukhabarat-controlled city of Tartus was secured by Stroytransgaz representatives on August 2, 2018, following further discussions with the Syrian phosphate state corporation.⁵⁵</p> <p>The document confirmed that the train and its ore cargo arrived on August 3, 2018, and began loading operations to the “ORHAN-Y” at the Port of Tartus at the time of the document’s inception.</p>
May 23, 2019	Russia	Moscow	Link	<p>According to the Russian Ministry of Defense, Moskalik acted as a representative of the Russian military at a meeting held with the head of India’s National Defense College delegation, Brigadier General Shinhai Vipulat, at the Military Academy of the General Staff. The topics of the meeting allegedly included defense cooperation, continuation of contacts between military educational institutions, and experiences of counter-terrorism operations in Syria.</p>
June 21, 2019	Russia	Moscow	Link	<p>According to photographs published by the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO), Moskalik was in attendance, alongside Chief of the General Staff Valery Gerasimov, at the 14th meeting of the Military Committee of the CSTO member states held in Moscow on June 21, 2019.</p>
November 19, 2019	Russia	Moscow	Link	<p>Moskalik was an attendee at a November 19, 2019, meeting of the Council of Ministers of the Union State at the “Gorki” residence in the capacity of Head of Department of the Main Operational Directorate of the General Staff of the Russian Armed Forces.</p>
December 9, 2019	France	Paris	Link	<p>According to photographs of the Paris Normandy Format meeting of December 9, 2019, Moskalik was in attendance as part of the Russian delegation at the meeting at Elysee Palace.</p>



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December 11, 2019	Russia	Moscow	Link	Moskalik was scheduled to give a 10-minute presentation on December 11, 2019, titled “Implementation of a joint policy in the field of defense of the Union State” at the “Scientific-Practical Conference Dedicated to the 20th Anniversary of the Signing of the Treaty on the Creation of the Union State” held at the Radisson Collection Hotel.
January 7, 2020	Syria	Damascus	Link	According to photographs and the video published by the Syrian Arab News Agency, Moskalik was a member of the Russian delegation during President Vladimir Putin and Minister of Defense Sergei Shoigu’s surprise meeting with Syrian President Bashar al-Assad in Damascus on January 7, 2020.
April 14, 2021	Russia	Odintsovsky District	Link	According to photographs published by the Joint Staff of the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO), Moskalik was in attendance, alongside Chief of the General Staff Valery Gerasimov, at the 18th meeting of the Military Committee of the CSTO member states held at Patriot Park’s convention and exhibition center on April 14, 2021.
April 28, 2021	Uzbekistan	Bukhara	Link	According to photographs published by the Russian Ministry of Defense, Moskalik was in attendance at a meeting between Russian Minister of Defense Sergei Shoigu and Uzbekistan Minister of Defense Bakhodir Kurbanov in Bukhara, Uzbekistan, on April 28, 2021.
June 8, 2021	Russia	Kaspiysk	Link	According to photographs released by the Russian Ministry of Defense, Moskalik was in Minister of Defense Sergei Shoigu’s entourage while the latter inspected Caspian fleet warships in Kaspiysk, Republic of Dagestan, on June 8, 2021.
June 23, 2021	Russia	Moscow	Link	Moskalik gave a presentation at the Moscow Conference on International Security (MCIS-2021) on June 23, 2021, about the topic of Russian constructive military efforts in Syria and U.S. interventionism. ⁵⁶ During his MCIS-2021 presentation, Moskalik accused



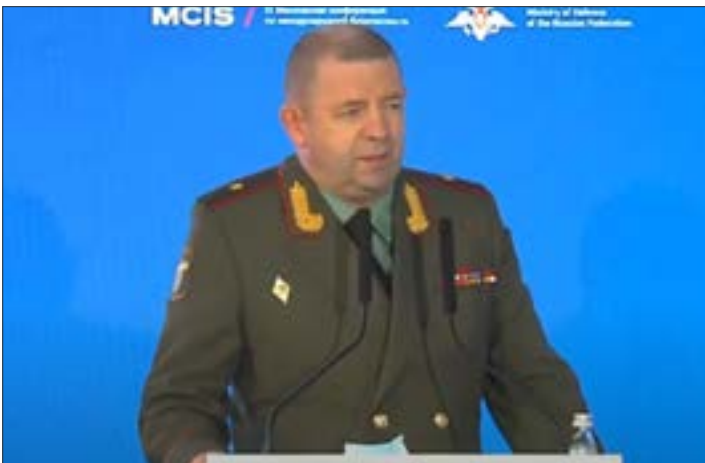
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				<p>Washington of arming and “continu[ing] to assist the Kurds in the illegal production and sale of hydrocarbons.”⁵⁷</p> <p>Moskalik, likewise, announced at the conference that the next round of Astana negotiations on Syria would be held on July 6–8 2021, in Nur-Sultan.⁵⁸</p>
September 21–24, 2021	Russia	Orenburg	Link	<p>According to photographs published by Orenburg Media, Moskalik was seen in attendance alongside Chief of the General Staff Valery Gerasimov and Deputy Minister of Defense Yunus-bek Yevkurov at the Shanghai Cooperation Organization anti-terrorism exercises held in Orenburg from September 21–24, 2021.</p>
May 25, 2023	Belarus	Minsk	Link	<p>According to a photograph published by the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO), Moskalik was in attendance, alongside Minister of Defense Sergei Shoigu, at a meeting of the Council of Defense Ministers of the CSTO held in Minsk, Belarus, on May 25, 2023.</p>



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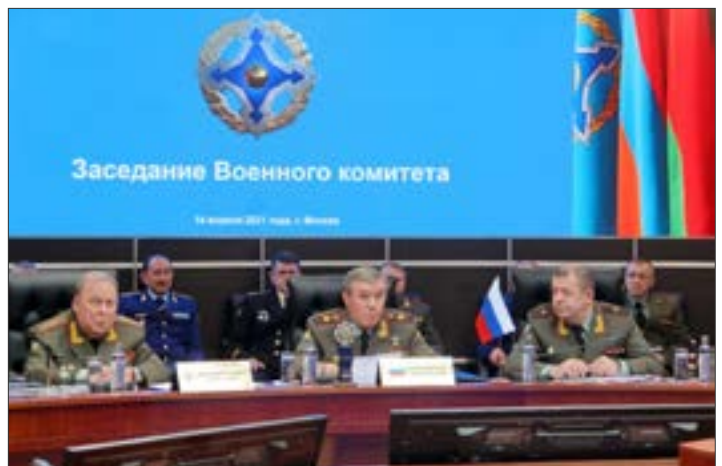
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Meeting with al-Assad (Moskalik is third from left in the rear).

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Meeting with al-Assad (Moskalik is second from left).

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Moskalik at the CSTO meeting (right).

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Presentation of general and admiral shoulder straps in Moscow at the National Defense Management Center of the Russian Federation in December 2021. Then Deputy Chief of the Main Operations Directorate of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation Yaroslav Moskalik (fifth from left) received the rank of Lieutenant General.

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Moskalik (then Major General) met with the head of the Indian delegation, Brigadier General Shinhal Vipul as the representative of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation.

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ENDNOTES

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- 2 Wife's associated telephone
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