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TURKISH DEFENSE MINISTER VISITS TURKMENISTAN, UZBEKISTAN

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Turkish Defense Minister Yasar Guler on Wednesday visited the Central Asian nations of Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan and met with top leaders.

Guler first arrived in Turkmenistans capital Asghabat and was received by President Serdar Berdimuhamedov. He also met with Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, chairman of the Turkmen People's Council. He then visited the Defense Ministry, where he was welcomed by Defense Minister Begenc Gundogdyew with a military ceremony. During his visit to Ashgabat, Guler also toured the Turkmenistan Armed Forces War Academy.

Later, Guler traveled to Uzbekistans capital Tashkent and met with President Shevket Mirziyoyev. The presidential office said they discussed deepening the comprehensive strategic partnership between the two nations, following agreements reached during Mirziyoyev's visit to Ankara earlier this month.

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