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## **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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