

## **Turkmenistan's leader fires his longtime security chief! - 13 February**

Turkmenistan's president Gurbangly Berdymukhamedov has fired his longtime security chief, a man widely seen as one of the most influential officials in the Central Asian nation. President decree published in the government's newspaper Neutral Turkmenistan orders the dismissal of National Security Minister Yaylym Berdiyev. The document said the minister was relieved of his duties due to his transfer to another position, but it didn't say what job he will take.