

Valentin Radev
Deputy Minister of Defence



Valentin Radev was born on 6 February 1958 in Elin Pelin, Bulgaria. He has a Master's Degree, Artillery Armament Officer, Engineer in Ammunition and Explosives Chemistry, from the Higher National Military Artillery School in Shumen, Bulgaria. Mr. Radev has a Post-Graduate Degree in Aerodynamics and Ballistics from the Military Institute of Science and Technology in Sofia, Bulgaria. He is a Master of Economics, specializing in economic management and human resource management. He was bestowed a doctoral degree in 1991, and was made senior research associate, second degree, in 1996.

Mr. Radev has taken various courses and specializations in Russia, Canada, the Czech Republic, and Germany, as well as senior officers' training at the George C. Marshall European Centre for Security Studies.

Mr. Radev started his career as Chief of Artillery Armament Department, Unit 42610. In 1983 he was made associate to the Military Institute of Science and Technology (MIST) in Sofia, Bulgaria. Later on, he was Chief of Ammunition Section at MIST, a part-time lecturer at the University of National and World Economy and the New Bulgarian University, as well as Chairman of the Board of Directors of NITI EAD, Kazanlak, Bulgaria.

Between 1999 and 2000, he was Deputy Director of the Defence Advanced Research Institute (DARI), Sofia, Bulgaria, and after that he was Director thereof until 2002. Later on, until 2005, he was Scientific Secretary of the Military Engineering Studies Specialized Scientific Council at the Higher Attestation Committee.

In 2005 Mr. Radev took office as chairman of the Ammunition Specialist Association (ASA Bulgaria), and in 2006 he became an individual member of the Union of Scientists in Bulgaria. He sits on the Expert Defence Committee of Political Party GERB (Citizens for European Development of Bulgaria).

Radev has over 130 publications: scientific articles and reports, standards, and others. He is the author of 17 products for military use, all of which have been commissioned in regular production and introduced in the Bulgarian Army or Warsaw Pact Armies; he has 9 patents, 3 industrial designs, 2 marks, and 17 proposals having useful effect.

He has been awarded the following decorations and medals:

- 1989: “Honorary Innovator” of the Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria;
- 1993: “Young Inventor” of the year of the Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria;
- 1994: Commendation Medal “For Meritorious Service under the Colours” – Third Grade, for services rendered to the Bulgarian Army;
- 1997: Personal Weapon 9-mm Makarov PM awarded by the Minister of Defence “for patriotism, initiative, and expertise”;
- 2009: Cold weapon awarded by the Chief of General Staff of the Bulgarian Armed Forces.

Married, with two children.