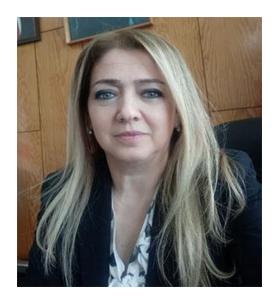
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İlkan Varol was born on 10 December 1971 in London; she completed her primary, secondary, and high school education in Kyrenia. Graduating from the Faculty of Law Ankara University, Varol began her professional career as an advocate.

In 1999, Varol served 11 years as a lawyer at the Registrar Office of Cooperative Societies and later became the Chief of Legal Affairs. In 2010, she was appointed as the Director of Legal and Political Affairs at the Prime Ministry.

She also served as the Acting Director of the Central Legislation Department and held various positions, including the Chairman of the Prime Ministry Supervisory Board, the Chairman of Advisory Board of Prisons, the Vice-President of the bi-lateral Committee on Crisis Management, a Member of the Parole Board and a Member of High Advisory Board of the Police Department.

Ilkan Varol, who served as the General Secretary of the Council of Ministers between 2016 and 2022, has been in the position of the Ombudsman since 28 March 2022.