

## Russians in South Ossetian Separatist Government

1. Iuri Ionovich Morozov – Prime Minister of South Ossetia since 4 July 2005.

### *Biography*



- Born in 1949 in Sterlitamak, Bashkortostan.
- In 1972 graduated from Ufa Oil Industry Institute.
- After graduating from university, worked as an electrician, head of a production unit and chairman of Komsomol committee.
- Later, was the head of Ufa oil-refining factory, deputy head of fiber production factory, general director of “Bashkortostan Holding, LLC.”
- Before his arrival to South Ossetia,

worked as the executive director of “Kursk Energy Company.”

2. Mikhail Mairamovich Mindzaev – Minister of Internal Affairs of South Ossetia since 25 April 2005. Colonel of Russian Police (Militia). Lieutenant General in South Ossetia.

### *Biography*



- For many years served at the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the North Ossetian Autonomous Republic.
- Before being transferred to South Ossetia, was the deputy chief of staff of the North Ossetian Ministry of Internal Affairs.
- In 2004, commanded a special task force “Alpha” during the counter-terrorist operation in Beslan.
- Muslim by religion.

3. Anatoly Konstantinovich Barankevich – Secretary of Security Council of South Ossetia since 11 December 2006. Minister of Defence and Emergency Situations of South Ossetia from July 2004 until December 2006. Colonel of Russian Army. Major General in South Ossetia.

*Biography*



- Born in 1958 in Kaliningrad.
- Belarus by ethnic origin.
- In 1977 graduated from Usuriisk Military School.
- Later, graduated from Blagoveschensk Military School and Frunze Military Academy.
- Served at “Sputnik” military base in Murmansk, as well as at Soviet military bases in Germany and Hungary.
- Veteran of the Soviet War in Afghanistan and both Chechen

Wars.

- For four years after 2001, served as the first deputy military commissioner of Chechnya.
- Before being appointed in South Ossetia, worked as the deputy military commissioner of Stavropol Krai.

4. Boris Mazhitovich Atoev – Chairman of State Security Committee (KGB) of South Ossetia since 9 November 2006. Major General in South Ossetia.

*Biography*



- For many years served at the Soviet KGB in Kabardino-Balkaria, Moscow and Afghanistan.
- While in Kabardino-Balkaria, worked at the KGB division in Sarmakovo.
- Organized subversive activities during the Soviet War in Afghanistan.
- After returning from Afghanistan, worked at the Federal Security Service (FSB) in Moscow.

5. Vasily Vasilevich Lunev – Minister of Defense of South Ossetia since 1 March 2008. Major General of Russian Army.

*Biography*



- Born in 1956.
  - Graduated from Moscow High Military Command School, Frunze Military Academy and General Staff Academy.
  - Served as the commander of ground troops and armored vehicles platoon at Chebarkul military base in Ural region.
  - In 2003-2004 was the deputy commander of army in Siberia.
  - Until December 2007 worked as a military advisor in Syria.
  - On 26 December 2007, was appointed as the military commissioner of Perm Krai, where he served until being sent on a mission to South Ossetia.
6. Vladimir Kuzmich Kotoev (*pseudonym*, probably Umarov) – Head of Government Protection Service of South Ossetia.
  7. Oleg Genadievich Chebotariov – Head of South Ossetian Border Guards.
  8. Genadi Nikolaevich Emelianenko – Deputy Head of South Ossetian Border Guards.
  9. Konstantin Genadievich Iatsenko – Chief of Staff of South Ossetian Border Guards.
  10. Sergei Aleksandrovich Guznov – Assistant to Chairman of KGB of South Ossetia.