

Russians in South Ossetian Separatist Government

As of December 2008



1. **Aslanbek Soltanovich Bulatsev** – Prime Minister of South Ossetia since 31 October 2008.

Biography

- Born in 1963 in Mikhailovsk, North Ossetia, USSR.
- After graduating from North Ossetian State University with the specialization of an accountant, served at the Soviet KGB since 1986, later at the Russian Federal Security Service (FSB).
- For several years until 2006 headed the financial unit of FSB's North Ossetian division.
- From 2006 until October 2008 served as the head of North Ossetian Federal Tax Inspection.
- In May 2007, was charged with corruption and illegal extortion of money by the owners of the largest alcohol factories in Beslan.



2. **Alexander Mikhailovich Bolshakov** – Head of South Ossetian President's Administration since 31 October 2008.

Biography

- Born in 1954 in Murom, Vladimir Oblast, USSR.
- In 1978 graduated from Vladimir State Pedagogical Institute.
- In 1978-1993 worked at the local government and communist party structures in Vladimir Oblast.
- In 1998-2000 was the deputy director-general of "Avtopribor" factory in Vladimir.
- In 2001-2004 headed the control-revision board of business group "SOK" in Samara – one of the biggest producers of automobile parts in Russia.

- In 2005-2007 was Vice-Governor and the head of governor's administration of Ulianovsk Oblast.
- Since June 2007 until October 2008 served as the deputy head of Ulianovsk Oblast government and the chairman of the local branch of Russia's ruling party "Edinaya Rossia."



3. **Lev Viktorovich Pavliuchkov** – Deputy Head of South Ossetian President's Administration since 31 October 2008.

Biography

- Since the late 1990s worked as a political and PR consultant in Samara, Samara Oblast, Russia.
- In the early 2000s, was the political consultant of business group "SOK" in Samara.
- In 2004 headed the election headquarters of governor of Ulianovsk Oblast Sergey Mironov and afterwards served as his counselor until October 2008.
- In 2007-2008 chaired the imitative group to support Vladimir Putin's third term presidency.



4. **Iuri Anvarovich Tanaev** – Minister of Defense of South Ossetia since 31 October 2008. Major General of Russian army.

Biography

- In 1967 graduated from Minsk Suvorov Military School.
- For many years served as the head of intelligence division of Russian general staff in Ural military district.
- Since the mid 1990s served as the deputy commander of Ural military district.



5. **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.