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Nazim Ismayilov



Nazim Ismayilov of the Azerbaijan National Agency for Mine Action (ANAMA) died 11 December 2014 at the age of 70. Ismayilov long served as ANAMA director, a position he began three years after the organization was founded in 1998.

Ismayilov was born in Baku, Azerbaijan, in 1944 and graduated from the Polytechnic Institute. As a civil engineer, he began his career working in various government agencies including the Ministry of Industry and served as the first deputy chairman of the Industrial and Construction Company. Ismayilov was also an adviser to the International Academy of Engineering.¹

According to the International Eurasia Press Fund, “Under his leadership, ANAMA developed into one of the top humanitarian demining agencies in the world ... Mr. Ismayilov never ceased in his devotion to this work, and it is clear that he has left [a]n eternal mark of progress and humanity on governments and civil society everywhere.”²

CISR Associate Director Dr. Suzanne Fiederlein remembers him as a gracious and helpful host when she visited Azerbaijan for a casualty-data research project in 2007. He had a strong vision for ANAMA as a professional, effective and creative organization ever willing to collaborate with other organizations to advance the eradication of landmines and unexploded ordnance as a threat to civilians’ lives and well-being. ©