

Spy General Ivanov Drowns

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Major General Yury Ivanov, who headed the North Caucasus branch of the military intelligence service for years, drowned when swimming last week, a Defense Ministry source told RIA-Novosti.

Neither the source nor the ministry's own newspaper, Krasnaya Zvezda, which confirmed the 52-year-old's death, provided details or the exact date of the incident.

Ivanov, a Saratov region native, served in the Russian peacekeeping forces in Tajikistan from the end of the civil war there in 1997 until he was transferred to the North Caucasus military district in 2000 and to the General Staff in Moscow in 2006. ☒

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