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## 16 YEARS PASS SINCE ABULFAZ ELCHIBEY'S DEATH

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16 years have passed since the death of former Azerbaijani President Abulfaz Elchibey, one of the leaders of National Freedom Movement, APA reports.

Elchibey died in Turkey's Gulhane Military Medical Academy, where he was receiving treatment, on August 22, 2000.

Mr. Elchibey was born on June 24, 1938, in the small town of Keleki in Ordubad District. In 1957, he graduated from the Faculty of Oriental Studies at Azerbaijan State University. He has been one of the leaders of the national movement in Azerbaijan at that time and one of the founders and the first chairman of Azerbaijan Peoples Front.

A year after he was elected president in 1992, Elchibey left Baku for Keleki due to a revolt in Ganja. Later on, Elchibey's powers were terminated with the decision of the Milli Majlis, and he resumed his activities as the chairman of the Azerbaijan Peoples Front Party.

After a long-lasting severe illness, Elchibey died on August 22, 2000 and was laid to rest in the Alley of Honors in Baku.