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Obituary

Hanif Al Husaini, Salazarov, Hyacinth, and PirjanovNurlan

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We are deeply saddened to inform you about the death of four Wikipedia contributors, [Hanif Al Husaini](#), [Salazarov](#), [Hyacinth](#), and [PirjanovNurlan](#).

Hanif Al Husaini

Hanif Al Husaini first joined Wikipedia in January 2014, making his first edits in June 2015. Throughout the years he was part of the community, he made over 15,000 edits about a variety of subjects, including the STEM fields, biology and his native country of Indonesia.

A frequent contributor over at Wikivoyage, as well as OpenStreetMap, Hanif was also heavily involved in ITN and the Vital Articles project, and was considered as a good copyeditor. He was awarded the Precious award in February 2021 and the Editor of the Week award in January 2023. Sadly, he passed away on May 27, 2024.

Salazarov

Muhammadali Ikramov, known on Wikipedia as Salazarov, first joined Wikipedia in May 2022. He was mainly active on the Uzbek Wikipedia, where he made over 22,000 contributions (<https://xtools.wmcloud.org/ec/uz.wikipedia.org/Salazarov>) and served as an administrator since June 2023. He also contributed to the English Wikipedia, where he focused on the WikiProjects Uzbekistan and Women in Red, as well as other Wikimedia portals, such as Wikidata, Wikiquote, Commons and Meta.



A picture of Salazarov from April 2024, a few months before his passing.

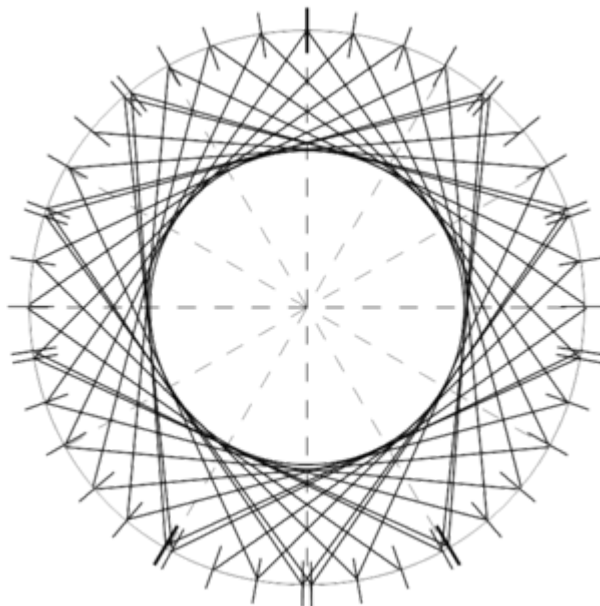
Ikramov died by drowning on June 19, 2024. As reported by fellow Uzbek user [Nataev](#), Wikimedians of the Uzbek Language User Group released a public statement celebrating his life and contributions to WMF, which were also highlighted by several (<https://kun.uz/news/2024/06/22/borijarga-chokib-ketga>

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Hyacinth

Mikhail Lewis, known on Wikipedia as Hyacinth, was born in [Great Falls, Montana](#) on September 20, 1981, and raised in [Helena](#). A veteran of Wikipedia, he first joined the platform in 2003, subsequently becoming an [admin](#) the [following year](#). He made [almost 177,000 contributions](#), mostly on music-related pages: among other achievements, he notably created the [List of music students by teacher system](#).

Mikhail was first diagnosed with [epilepsy](#) as a young adult, and struggled with the condition ever since, although he stated that he had stopped experiencing [tonic–clonic seizures](#) in 2016. He passed away on December 9, 2023, aged 42, due to the complications of a seizure. The *[Helena Independent Record](#)* published an [obituary](#) (<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/helenair/name/mikhail-lewis-obituary?id=54241459>) about him on December 30, 2023, but the news was first [reported on-wiki](#) by user [Graham87](#) on June 30 of this year.



An illustration of the [833 cents scale](#), one of hundreds of diagrams made by Hyacinth.

PirjanovNurlan

Nurlan Pirjanov joined Wikipedia in August 2022, contributing extensively to [reviving the Karakalpak Wikipedia](#), which until then had remained in the old spelling. He worked mainly on localization of the project (turning the entries on the site pages into the Karakalpak language) and soon became an administrator on the Karakalpak Wikipedia for a year.

He was active at translatewiki.net (<http://translatewiki.net>), at which he contributed to the interface of the [Karakalpak Wikipedia](#) with more than 1700 translations, and that was also Nurlan, who sent a [request](#) for the opening of the full version of [Karakalpak Wiktionary](#), which was officially launched in May 2024, to the language committee of the Wikimedia Foundation. He taught how to edit articles as well as creating new ones on the



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Logo of the Karakalpak Wiktionary, uploaded by PirjanovNurlan

Karakalpak Wikipedia to the students of the Faculty of Journalism at Karakalpak State University, where he was very kind with newer editors.

Pirjanov passed away on June 26, 2024, at the age of 27.

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Fixed. [QuicoleJR \(talk\)](#) 15:51, 4 July 2024 (UTC)

Deaths

This is so tragic that four relatively young Wikipedians passed away. May their memories be blessings. [Bearian \(talk\)](#) 00:27, 12 July 2024 (UTC)

[@Bearian](#): Agree. Not only that, but may their contributions to local Wikis inspire others to do the same and help their communities move forward. --[Oltrepier \(talk\)](#) 20:30, 19 July 2024 (UTC)

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