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On June 26, 2015 a prominent Russian scientist, statesman and public figure, diplomat, member of the Russian Pugwash Committee under the Presidium of the Russian Academy of Sciences, member of the Presidium of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation, Academician Yevgeny Primakov died.

Academician Yevgeny Primakov was one of the leading Russian Orientalists, a prominent scientist in the world economy and international relations, in particular in the field of integrated development of foreign policy of Russia, studying the theory and practice of international conflicts and crises, the study of world civilization process, global issues socio-economic and political problems of developing countries.

Over the years, Academician Ye. Primakov was the Director of the Institute of Oriental Studies of the USSR Academy of Sciences and Director of the Institute of World Economy and International Relations (IMEMO), USSR Academy of Sciences, academic-secretary of the Department of World Economy and International Relations, USSR Academy of Sciences, member of the Presidium of the USSR Academy of Sciences, and then Russian Academy of Sciences.

Widely known for more public activities of Academician Yevgeny Primakov as a Chairman of the Council of Union of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR (1989-1991),

Director of the Foreign Intelligence Service of the Russian Federation (1991-1996), Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation (1996-1998).

In 1998-1999 Academician Yevgeny Primakov was a Prime Minister of the Russian Federation.

Academician Ye. Primakov was an active participant in the Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs. He made a great contribution to the Soviet-American joint group on disarmament and arms control. He was a member of many international Pugwash conferences, symposia and informal meetings.

Since 1970 Yevgeny Primakov was a member of the Soviet, and then the Russian Pugwash Committee. He was one of active participants of the Committee during decades.

The Russian Pugwash Committee at the Presidium of the Russian Academy of Sciences expresses its sincere and deepest condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of Academician Yevgeny Primakov.