

## Day of the Long Knives, List of Characters and Organisations

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<b>A</b>	Alavidza	Tengiz Alavidza, Ksordian Minister of the Interior, former KGB officer. Ordered the attempt on Ruslan's life in May 1992.
	Ambelek	Colonel Ambelek, Security Police officer in charge of Ruslan's interrogation.
<b>C</b>	Chavchavadza	Uta Chavchavadza, Orthodox priest and a leading member of Kakhi's right-wing nationalist party. An old friend of Ruslan's and a former dissident colleague of Nina and Yakub.
	Chikradza	Colonel Bebur Chikradza, commander of the Second Motor Rifle Regiment. Assisted Ruslan during his peace mission and the Central Kuban referendum. Sympathetic to the 'Together' opposition.
<b>D</b>	Dolgoruky	Batiy Dolgoruky, formerly Korgay's man in West Ksordia. Fell out with Korgay over the proceeds of a smuggling racket. Joined the 'Together' opposition.
<b>F</b>	Fatima	Fatima Dzemileva, singer and close friend of Ruslan and Tamara.
<b>G</b>	Giorgi	Giorgi Shanidza, Ruslan's half-brother.
	GRU	Soviet/Russian Military Intelligence.
<b>K</b>	Kafeveli	Captain Lemash Kafeveli, Security Police officer in charge of the surveillance of Ruslan and Tamara's house.
	Kakhi	Kakhi Djebuadza, charismatic right-wing nationalist leader. Leads the second largest party in the 'Together' opposition.
	KGB	Soviet secret police and intelligence service.
	Korgay	Shakman Korgay, President of Ksordia. Formerly a leading Communist, reinvented himself as a Communist reformer and later as a hard-line nationalist.
<b>L</b>	Larisa	Larisa Vizirova, Artur Vizirov's wife. Nationality: Russian.
	Leila	Leila Meipariani, singer who worked closely with Ruslan during his peace mission and the Central Kuban referendum campaign. Murdered by one of Mingrelsky's men in February 1993.
	Lenishveli	Colonel Hetu Lenishveli, a Security Police officer and 'good cop' during Ruslan's interrogation.
	Lionidza	Sergo Lionidza, formerly a leading Communist. Worked closely with Ruslan during his peace mission and the Central Kuban referendum campaign. Leader of the largest party in the 'Together' opposition.
<b>M</b>	Machabeli	Colonel Maksi Machabeli, commander of Ksordian Special Forces. Vizirov's cousin.
	Maia	Maia Beridza, fiancée of Merab Vizirov.
	Merab	Merab Vizirov, Artur Vizirov's son, who was badly injured in the war.
	Mikhel	Mikhel Inalipa, Ruslan's former coach and his driver during his peace mission. He saved Ruslan's life when he was shot by performing a tracheotomy that stopped him drowning in his own blood.
	Mingrelsky	Vakhtan Mingrelsky, paramilitary commander, gangster. Led the squad that shot and very nearly killed Ruslan in May 1992.
	Murad	Murad Akchurin, impresario, Fatima Dzemileva's husband and close friend of Ruslan and Tamara.

<b>N</b>	Napashidza	General Lawirsen Napashidza, commander-in-chief of the Ksordian armed forces.
	Nina	Nina Begishveli, leader of the anti-Communist, anti-nationalist left, part of the ‘Together’ opposition. Was Ruslan’s lover 11 years ago but ended their relationship when the Communists imprisoned her for dissident activities.
<b>O</b>	Onchi’Aketi	The site of the massacre of 250 Akhtarian POWs and civilians by members of Mingrelsky’s White Eagles and troops of the Third Motor Rifle Regiment, by far the worst atrocity of the Ksord-Akhtarian war.
	Orbeliani	Zourab Orbeliani, former human rights lawyer turned politician. His moderate nationalist party is one of the largest in the ‘Together’ opposition.
<b>Q</b>	Qipiani	Zviad Qipiani, entrepreneur, former Minister of Munitions and putative presidential candidate for the ‘Together’ opposition.
<b>R</b>	Rebels	A derogatory term for Akhtarians, used by many Ksords. It refers to the pro-Nazi Akhtarian puppet state that waged a campaign of genocide against Ksords in southern Akhtaria and Central Kubania.
	Robitov	Captain Irakli Robitov, Special Forces officer.
	Ruslan	Ruslan Shanidza, Olympic athlete turned peace campaigner and politician.
<b>S</b>	Shota	Ruslan and Tamara’s infant son.
	<i>Spetsnaz</i>	Soviet Special Forces.
	Sufiya	Shota’s favourite member of Ruslan’s staff.
	Sumbatov	Major-General Nep’it Sumbatov, in theory, the leader of the coup plotters.
	Svetlana	Svetlana Machabeli, wife of Maksi Machabeli. Nationality: Russian.
	SVR	Russian Foreign Intelligence Service (formerly part of the KGB).
<b>T</b>	Tamara	Tamara Shanidza, Akhtarian doctor married to Ruslan.
<b>V</b>	Van party	A political party that is simply a vehicle for a single politician, so called because all the members can allegedly fit in a single van.
	Venera	Venera Shanidza, Ruslan’s sister-in-law.
	Vizirov	Colonel Artur Vizirov, commander of Ksordian Military Intelligence. Machabeli’s cousin.
<b>Y</b>	Yakub	Yakub Bovin, leader of the largest Tatar party and Regional President of Central Kubania. An old friend of Ruslan and a close friend and former dissident colleague of Nina.