

## **Khojaly Genocide**

The State Statistical Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan organized an event on the occasion of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Khojaly Genocide. Firstly for a minute of silence are remembered victims of tragedy. The event was opened by the head of the Department of Agricultural and Environmental Statistics Malik Heydarov. He talked about the Khojaly Genocide - the black page written in the history of Azeri people. It was noted that, over the night from 25 to 26 February 1992 the Armenian armed forces with the help of the infantry guards regiment No. 366 of the former USSR implemented the seizure of Khojaly – a small town situated in the Nagorny Karabakh region of the Republic of Azerbaijan. During this bloody day 613 persons executed, dead bodies were insulted, 1275 persons were taken to hostage. The fortune of 150 persons has not known yet. 63 persons from executed people were children, 106-women, 70- elderly and the old. During military aggression 8 families were completely destroyed.

Video dedicated to Khojaly Genocide was presented during the event. Then, the deputy head of the Department on Industry and Construction Statistics and honorable veteran of Garabagh War Hajibala Dadashov talked about his glorious fighting way.

At the end of the event Chairman of the State Statistical Committee Arif Valiyev gave detailed information on Khojaly Genocide and invited the employees of the Committee to participate actively in the public march organized on the 26 February in Baku dedicated to the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of one of the terrible and bloody tragedy of XX century Khojaly Genocide.



