

Co-founder of Russia's biggest search engine dies

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Ilya Segalovich, left, CTO of Yandex, and CEO Arkady Volozh, pose for photos in front of the Nasdaq Market Site following the company's IPO, in this May 24, 2011 file photo taken in New York. Russia's largest search engine, Yandex, said Sunday July 28, 2013 its co-founder Ilya Segalovich died Saturday. He was 48. (AP Photo/Mark Lennihan, File)

(AP)—Russia's largest search engine, Yandex, says its co-founder Ilya Segalovich has died. He was 48.

Yandex director general Arkady Volozh said that Segalovich died Saturday at a London hospital.

Volozh said in the company's blog that Segalovich was diagnosed with [stomach cancer](#) last year. He responded positively to chemical therapy, but then developed a [brain cancer](#) that caused his death.

Yandex announced Segalovich's death Thursday, but corrected itself within hours, saying that he was on life support with no brain function. Volozh said doctors removed life support after it became clear Segalovich couldn't be saved.

Segalovich, 48, founded Yandex in 2003 with Volozhh, his school friend. The company has been a Russian success story, with a share of 62 percent of the search engine market in Russia compared with Google's 25.6 percent.

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