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was born on the 25th of February, 1953 in Bezhta village of the Tsunta district of the Republic of Dagestan, Russia. In 1981 he defended his PHD thesis with the title "Bezhta vocabulary", and in 1993 he got his doctorate on "Georgian-Dagestan language contacts". During 1978–1994 he worked as a senior researcher, and during 1994–2005, he worked as the head of the department of lexicology and lexicography in the Institute of Language, Literature and Art of the Dagestan Scientific Center. Since 2006 he works as a research linguist in the Department of Linguistics at the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, in Leipzig, Germany, and from 2012 he leads the department of lexicology and lexicography in the Institute of Language, Literature and Art of Dagestan Scientific Center of Russian Academy of Sciences.

Research interests: phonetics, morphology, word-formation, lexicology and lexicography and language contacts. He has published more than 250 scientific publications; among them are seventeen monographs and dictionaries. Khalilov is the first who worked out a new research on Georgian and Dagestani linguistic contacts. He leads the project on lexicographic description of written and unwritten languages of Dagestan, which resulted in compiling of more than forty dictionaries and publishing twenty dictionaries. He supervised 14 PHD candidates and one doctoral candidate. Khalilov compiled and published such dictionaries as "Dictionary of the Caucasian languages: Comparing basic vocabulary" (in collaboration with prof. G.A. Klimov; 2003), "Dictionary of languages and dialects of the North Caucasus: comparison of basic vocabulary" (in collaboration with prof. Bernard Comrie; 2010), "Bezhta-Russian phraseological and folklore-ethnographic dictionary" (2014), "Bezhta-Russian Dictionary" (1995), "Tsez-Russian Dictionary" (1999), "Hunzib-Russian Dictionary" (2001), "Hinuk-Russian Dictionary" (2005). He translated into Bezhta and published "Gospel of Luke" (1999) and "The Book of Proverbs" (2005). Additionally, he is a main editor of fifteen monographs and dictionaries on Dagestani languages.