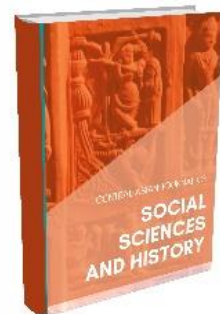




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### An Examination of The Past Interactions Between Uzbekistan And Afghanistan In Terms of Cultural Ties

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#### Abstract:

This article covers the history of Cultural Relations of Uzbekistan and Afghanistan, work on Afghanistan in Uzbekistan during the years of independence, reforms in the field of education and peace. In addition, the process of studying the history of cultural relations between the two countries, the respect of the Uzbek language among the Afghan people, the activities of the Center for the education of Afghan citizens, the activities of our president regarding Afghanistan are also addressed.

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#### INTRODUCTION

Looking back on Uzbekistan's rich past, Afghanistan is a neighboring country with an important place on the scale of its cultural and economic ties. Afghan-Uzbek cultural ties can be traced back to ancient times.

The study of the bilateral cultural history of Afghanistan and Uzbekistan has been carried out consistently by Russian-speaking researchers. In Particular, N.F.Petrovsky, A.P.Fedchenko, V.P.Nalivkin, M.V.Nalivkina, V.N. Kushelevsky, a.F.The work of researchers such as Middendorf reflects information about the ethnomaniacal contacts of Afghan Uzbeks, their lifestyle, material and spiritual culture, and economic training[1.430].

No one can deny the unique historical-political and strategic position of the Uzbek state and the Uzbek people in Central Asia. That is, it is known to everyone that our country has always brought together the region and its inhabitants, not only from a geopolitical and geopolitical point of view, but also from an ideological, cultural and educational and religious aspect. It is no coincidence that in the 80s of the last century, by a UN resolution, the city of Tashkent was awarded the honorary title of "Ambassador of peace".

Since the early years of independence, Uzbekistan has been hesitant to establish cultural relations with Afghanistan. An important reason for this is also the prevalence of the Uzbek people in the Afghan land. In the environment of the influence of Afghans on ethnomasic processes in the socio-economic and cultural life of Uzbeks, mutual integration of peoples has been accelerated over different historical periods. The influence of Afghans on ethnomathean processes in the socio-economic and cultural life of Uzbeks was also involved in this process.

### **Materials and Methods.**

In Afghanistan, respect for the Uzbek people is at a high level. October 21 is celebrated in Uzbekistan as the day when Uzbek is given the status of the state language. It is this date that is also celebrated in Afghanistan since 2020 —as the day of the Uzbek language, and it is noteworthy that a special order of the president of Afghanistan has been adopted in this regard. One of the reasons is that in Afghanistan Uzbek is considered one of the state languages[2.].

On October 20, 2020, this holiday was the first widely celebrated in Afghanistan, when President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev read a congratulatory letter addressed to the president of Afghanistan and participants of the event, and the participation of a delegation of the Government of Uzbekistan became a great pride for Uzbeks living in Afghanistan.

On October 21, 2023, a great song sung by Afghan students shouting at the 34th anniversary of the Uzbek language received widespread public recognition. This song featured such lyrics:

Don't lose your love, dear - Uzbek language

The sentence, God save you from disaster - Uzbek language

Stop the tongues of those who are against you

The Uzbek language is the sign that you left to us from your ancestors.

We are proud to see you in the history of the topic.

The Uzbek language is not defeated by other languages.

I will always respect you, my mother.

Others, like me, respect the Uzbek language [3].

As a result of the efforts of Uzbek intellectuals living in Afghanistan and their support by the Afghan President devoni, work is underway to create a qomus containing 70,000 words. This source is

translated into dariy and pushtu languages and published in a separate book form. The aim of this is to promote the Uzbek language widely among the nations living in Afghanistan and strengthen its position.

It was noted that it is advisable to sign a memorandum of Understanding between the Tashkent State University of Uzbek language and Literature named after Alisher Navoi and The Tashkent State University of Oriental Studies and Kabul State University. Currently, draft documents submitted by Uzbekistan are being considered by Afghanistan.

Also, reforms in Uzbekistan in areas such as education, freedom of speech and religious tolerance are an example of cultural ties.

The cultural and humanitarian sphere also plays an important role in the implementation of effective cooperation. The centuries-old ties between our peoples have also been reflected in intercultural ties. The fact that more than 5 million people of Uzbek nationality live on the territory of Afghanistan today has a positive effect on cooperation[4.48]. With their work, they make a significant contribution not only to strengthening the foundations of Afghan statehood, but also to the comprehensive improvement of Uzbek — Afghan relations. Uzbekistan always reaches out to the friendly Afghan people. This is not only a sign of respect, but also recognition of its special role in the processes taking place in Central Asia and the world today. The long-awaited day of peace and stability will certainly come to the Afghan land.

Based on the resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated November 13, 2017 No. 911, the Education Center for the education of Afghan citizens under the Ministry of Higher and secondary education of the Republic of Uzbekistan was established[5.160].

The Charter of this educational center was approved by the Order of the Ministry of Higher and secondary special education of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 841 of November 17, 2017.

Based on the stated decisions and orders, on ensuring its implementation, the decision of the governor of Surkhandarya region Q-645 on November 21, 2017, and the decision of the Termez district qokim of November 29, 2017 No. 2096 were adopted.

## **Results and discussion.**

During the past period, since its commissioning on January 22, 2018, decent practical work has been carried out in the educational center and it is being continued. The agreement on the implementation of the railway project (object) from Mazori Ssarif to Herat, established at Termiz on January 21 of last year on the initiative of President Shavkat Mirziyoyev and intended to train Afghan citizens, opening air routes between the two countries, and more than 20 close cooperation documents and other agreements signed with the state of Afghanistan are the fruits of this policy[6.48].

President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev, referring to the strategic importance of establishing peace and stability in Afghanistan in ensuring regional and international security, stands up to him from high-ranking pulpits and draws the attention of the world community to the need to resolve the Afghan conflict. In particular, SHavkat Mirziyoyev had stressed the need for a peaceful solution to the

Afghan problem at the 72nd UN General Assembly meeting in September 2017 and at most other meetings[7.264].

On the initiative of Shavkat Mirziyoyev, the International Conference on peacebuilding in Afghanistan, held in Tashkent on March 26-27 last year, was met with interest by all peace-loving states and the world community, and at the global level the attention of President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev as a peace-loving leader was increased and received positively by the people of Afghanistan.

Now the state of Uzbekistan is conducting large-scale activities to speed up the process of peace implementation in Afghanistan. Uzbekistan's Foreign Minister Abdulaziz Komilov said that if the position and importance of the International Conference in Samarkand is foreseen in the Islamic world when he meets Afghan Foreign Minister Salahiddin Rabbani in Dushanbe on the 28th of the month of savr, this city is the best place to negotiate a truce in Afghanistan[8.48].

The provision of humanitarian assistance to the Afghan people by the countries of Central Asia, the provision of modern educational opportunities for Afghan Youth, Assistance in the formation of professional skills in them will form a strong internal incentive for stability in this country, for progress. This will serve as an important factor in ensuring peace and stability in Afghanistan in the future.

### **Conclusion.**

As a conclusion point, the fact that the countries of the Central Asian region, including our country's close support for the further development of the state of Afghanistan, are considered a significant phenomenon. It is no coincidence that in our people the proverb from the tribe "peace of the bird – you are calm" is also in vain. So it would not be an exaggeration to say that the peaceful coexistence of our Afghan neighbors is important for him to make the lives of the inhabitants of the bordering countries peaceful and to advance in development.

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