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## HISTORY

### About Karim Shoniyozov and his work "the process of formation of the uzbek people"

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**Annotation:** This article provides information about Academician K. Shoniyozov, who made a significant contribution to the development of ethnology in Uzbekistan, and his work "The process of formation of the Uzbek people." Academician K.Sh. Shoniyozov is a scientist who studied the ethnic history of the Uzbek people.

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The study of the ethnogenesis and ethnic history of the Uzbek people is directly connected with the name of Karim Shoniyozov, academician of the Academy of Sciences of Uzbekistan, doctor of historical sciences, ethnographer.

The scientist has published a number of scientific works on this topic. In the 90s of the XX century, under the scientific leadership of K. Shoniyozov, a group of young scientists was formed to study the problems of historical ethnography, the traditions of everyday life of the people of Uzbekistan. It has become a scientific tradition in the country to hold a conference dedicated to the memory of K. Shoniyozov, entitled "Readings of Academician K. Shoniyozov."

Academician Karim Shoniyozov's monograph "The process of formation of the Uzbek people" studies ethnogenesis and ethnic history. In this work, it is considered that the main basis of the Uzbek people was the Movarounnahr, Khorezm and Tashkent oases, and the ancient Turkic-speaking population living in the adjacent territories. There is also information about the ethnic components involved in the formation of the Uzbek population, their ethnic history and habitats. The socio-economic life, culture, ethnic composition, relations with neighboring states and peoples of Central Asia, especially in the Transoxiana region, and their struggle for independence in the Middle Ages are still preserved.

This monograph of K. Shoniyozov is the first serious study of the ethnogenesis and ethnic history of the Uzbek people in Central Asia and Kazakhstan. In it, the author tried to capture the true picture of Uzbek ethnogenesis and ethnic history on the basis of various sources. The chronological scale of the study underscores its importance. Because it covers several centuries (from the II and I centuries BC to the XIX century AD), depending on the history of the Uzbeks and their formation as a nation. The author has come a long way to write this book. In 1964 he created the monographs "Uzbeks - Karluks (historical and ethnographic essay)", in 1974 - "From the ethnic history of the Uzbek people", in 1990 - "Kang state and Kangli" and in 1999 - "Karluk state and Karluks". In these books, the scholar examines in detail the role of the Uzbek people, as well as various ethnic elements in the formation of a number of other peoples in the region.

The scientist has published many studies, including 6 monographs, more than 200 scientific articles. In his generalizing work, he sought to understand a number of theoretical issues of the emergence of the Uzbek people, based on the historical foundations of ethnic processes. It is known that this process was complicated by the fact that the people appeared before its ethnonym and the Uzbek language. K.Sh.Shaniyazov was able to prove the legitimacy of this incident in his work. He expressed his methodological views on complex ethnic processes in articles such as "Some theoretical issues of ethnogenesis of the Uzbek people" (1998) and "Some issues of the process of formation of the Uzbek people" (1999). In them, the scientist explained a number of theoretical issues of ethnogenesis of peoples, showed the peculiarities of the formation of the Uzbek people, developed a scientifically based classification of ethnic units in the region, as well as the most ancient times in the territory of Uzbekistan.

Thanks to his efforts, K. Shoniyozov has achieved great success in science. In his study of the ethnogenesis and ethnic history of the Uzbek people, the author was the first to set himself the extremely difficult task of studying the oldest stages of ethnic history in the region. He was able to depict a wide range of ethnic processes, reflecting the interaction of different ethnic processes in the Bronze Age and the

early Middle Ages, and to show the oldest ancestors of the Uzbeks in Central Asia. Thus, the Uzbek people have once again proved that they are formed on the local ethnic land.

The Institute for the History of the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Uzbekistan has established a commission to study the scientific heritage of academician K.Sh. Undoubtedly, K. Shoniyozov's contribution to the study of ethnic history not only in Uzbekistan, but in the whole region is enormous. The importance of this work is especially evident in the complexity of a large set of previously unexplored issues. Their development requires not only ethnology, but also a wide range of knowledge in other related disciplines.

The study of the ethnogenesis and ethnic history of the Uzbek people has not been easy. The difficulty of the research is that the theory of ethnogenesis and ethnic processes is not sufficiently developed, and there are not many necessary sources. This is explained by the fact that some of the available sources are contradictory. Many aspects of the subject are covered for the first time in history, and the author makes his own assumptions on specific problems.

In general, the author has been able to explain the underdeveloped ethnogenesis and ethnic processes, as well as the problem of the formation of the Uzbek people.

In conclusion, the researcher who can honestly analyze the study of ethnogenesis and ethnic history of the Uzbek people is, without a doubt, the scientist, Academician Karim Shoniyozov.

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