

## ACTIVITIES, WORK AND ACHIEVEMENTS (FROM THE HISTORY OF AWARDS TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AZERBAIJANI DIASPORA IN UZBEKISTAN)

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**Annotation:** *This article analyzes the activity of the Azerbaijani diaspora in the Republic of Uzbekistan, its worthy contribution to the development of society, achievements in the cultural-educational and scientific spheres. The work of national and cultural centers operating in various regions of the republic was highlighted, as well as the importance of awarding Azerbaijani representatives with state awards as a testimony to their authority and significant position in society. Within the framework of the topic, based on various sources and interviews, the role of the diaspora in social and political processes is revealed.*

**Keywords:** *Republican cultural center, Azerbaijani diaspora, achievements and awards, medal “Shuhrat”, “Do‘stlik”, “Salomatlik”, memorial badge “Xalqlar do‘stligi”.*

### Relevance of the topic

The active participation of representatives of different nationalities living in Uzbekistan and the wide opportunities created for them are a result of the policy of inter-ethnic harmony and tolerance conducted in the country. The activities of members of the Azerbaijani diaspora in the fields of science, education, health care, culture, literature and public life are particularly highly appreciated - many of them have received state awards. The scientific study of this topic clearly reflects the strengthening of inter-ethnic relations in society, the deepening of cultural ties, as well as the implementation of public policy based on principles of humanism.

### 2. Methods

In this article historical-analytical, comparative and political-legal methods of scientific analysis and research are applied. Based on sources and interviews, the real activities of the Azerbaijani diaspora are covered, scientific analysis of practical results of national policy is carried out. This approach allows to reveal the scientific relevance and practical importance of the topic under consideration.

### 3. Research results:

During the period of independence, the Azerbaijani diaspora of Uzbekistan showed itself as an association that not only preserved its national culture and traditions, but also made a significant contribution to the socio-economic development of the country. In modern conditions, one of the priority tasks of the diaspora is to make more effective use of the opportunities provided. There are currently 147 national cultural centres operating in our country, whose activities are coordinated by the Republic International Cultural Centre, which provides practical and methodological assistance. Over the years of independence more than 120 active members of national cultural centers were awarded

state awards, orders and medals, including 14 of them given an honorary title “O‘zbekiston Qahramoni” [1].

Only after the accession to power of Heydar Aliyev in Azerbaijan in October 1993, political, economic and cultural relations between the two fraternal states began to develop effectively. Following this, the activity of Azerbaijani national and cultural centers, in particular the “Gardaslik” center was intensified. At the center in 1993 began its activities artistic collectives such as “Gardaslik”, “Zaz”, “Daughters of Azerbaijan” [2]. On August 25, 1994 Mammadov Ismail Rustam oglu (chairman of the Azerbaijani Cultural Center in 1994-2003) was awarded the medal “Shuhrat” according to the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan PF-939 “About the award in connection with the third anniversary of independence of the Republic of Uzbekistan” [3].

In 2002, on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the Republican Inter-national Cultural Center, according to the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, 14 activists of national cultural centers were awarded honorary titles, Awards and medals for significant contribution to the strengthening of inter-ethnic harmony in the country, active activities for the preservation and development of national cultures, customs and traditions, satisfaction of spiritual and moral needs of citizens, as well as for active participation in public life. In particular, for achievements in the development and deepening of friendly relations between Azerbaijan and Uzbekistan, Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan PF-3171 of December 9, 2002 Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the Azerbaijani Republic to Uzbekistan A.A. Azimbekov was awarded the medal “Do‘stlik” [4]. Also, in connection with the 24th anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of Uzbekistan, according to the Decree of the First President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Islam Karimov of 25 August 2015 on the award of representatives of science, education, health, literature, culture, art, spirituality and enlightenment, media and social sphere, Chairman of the Republican Azerbaijani National Cultural Center Mobil Yakub oglu Mammadov was awarded the medal “Do‘stlik” [5].

All representatives of the national cultural centers actively participate in the cultural, economic, social and other spheres of life of our country. During the years of independence of Uzbekistan, about 40 representatives of the Azerbaijani diaspora were awarded the highest state awards. The Center in its activities maintains close ties with Azerbaijan, organizes events related to the historical Motherland, expands cultural, scientific and humanitarian links between two fraternal peoples and states. The Republican Azerbaijani Cultural Center supports initiatives of local Azerbaijanis, perpetuates the memory of outstanding Azerbaijanis who lived and created in Uzbekistan, and actively promotes their heritage. In particular, since 2013 within the framework of a joint project of the Embassy of Uzbekistan, the Union of Journalists of Uzbekistan and the Azerbaijani Cultural Center at the Embassy annually held the competition «Best article of the year about Azerbaijan» in the Uzbek press. At the end of the year, the winning journalists are awarded. After the announcement of the competition, more than 300 articles about Azerbaijan were published in the Uzbek media, and many programs devoted to this country were broadcast on television channels.

The Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan also highly appreciates the activities of members of the Azerbaijan National Cultural Center. To date, about 50 representatives of the Azerbaijani diaspora working in the fields of science, education, culture, sports, economy and other industries have been awarded high state awards. In particular, K. Aliyev, M. Mamedov, M. Rajimov, E. Mamedov, F. Huseynov, A. Asimbekov, Ali Heydar Ogle Nasirli, H. Abdullaev; Order of «Buyuk xizmatlari uchun» - F. Safaryov, M. Shayyazoda; Medal “Shuhrat” - K. Alieva, I. Medov; medal of II Degree “Salomatlik” - R. Ibadov; memorial badge “Xalqlar do‘stligi” - M. Mammadova and others.

October 29, 2019 as a result of the 4th grant competition of the Public Foundation under the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan on “Broad promotion of international tolerance and friendship, peace and stability in the media” The Parliamentary Commission recognized the project of the branch of the Republican Azerbaijan National Cultural Center in Bukhara region as the winner, awarding it a grant of 30 million sum. Within the framework of the project, for 10 months, awareness-raising activities were organized on the theme “Bringing our national values to the next generation - the highest duty”.

July 30, 2022 by the decision of the Committee on Inter-national Relations and Friendly Relations with Foreign Countries under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan Maral Magamedovna Mammadova, representative of the branch of the Republican Azerbaijani National Cultural Center in the Bukhara region, was awarded the badge “Xalqlar do‘stligi”. In the Syr-Darya regional branch of the Republican Azerbaijani Cultural Center, a number of well-known representatives of the community are active. Among them - member of the Union of Writers of Uzbekistan, knight of the medal “Do‘stlik” Nasir Ali Haidar oglu (literary pseudonym - Ali Nasirli), entrepreneur, founder of OOO “Inzim-Tex” Aliyev Topik Habibovic, as well as Ali Magomedov, Mustafa Ahadov, Elona Mamamova and Bahr Mazaron. Since 2020, the branch is headed by Aziz Bayramov, who was awarded a commemorative sign “O‘zbekiston mustaqilligining 30 yilligi” in 2021 for his contribution to strengthening international friendship [7].

By decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated 24 August 2021, the head of the department of intensive care and resuscitation of the Republican specialized scientific and practical medical center of surgery named after academician V. Vahidov Ivadov Ravshan Alievich was awarded with the order “Salomatlik” II degree - for worthy contribution to strengthening the independence of our Motherland, raising the spirituality of the people, for bright talent, multifaceted creative activity and fruitful scientific-practical work aimed at the development of science, education, health, sports, literature, culture and art in our country, for a great contribution to the education of young people in the spirit of love and devotion to their homeland, respect for universal human values, as well as for active participation in public life.

#### 4. Conclusion

In conclusion, it should be noted that representatives of different nationalities, including Azerbaijanis, have made a worthy contribution to the development of science, culture and literature of Uzbekistan and currently continue to work actively in various areas of life in the country. In the Republic of Uzbekistan, every representative of the nation

is provided with ample opportunities and favourable conditions for self-realization. During the independence years, representatives of the Azerbaijani diaspora were awarded high state awards for significant contribution to the country's development, for their bright talent, multifaceted creativity, fruitful scientific and practical activities in such fields as science, education, health care, sports, Literature, culture and art, for a major role in the education of young people in the spirit of love and devotion to the homeland, respect for universal values, as well as for active participation in public life.

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