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**ISLAM AND TURKESTAN  
UNDER RUSSIAN RULE**



## FOREWORD

It has been my life-long ambition as one who has devoted his whole career to the study of the Islamic peoples in the Soviet Union to write a detailed history of Islam under Soviet domination. Although, I regret to state it, I have received so far but little support from official institutions in the Islamic world, I still cherish the hope to be able one day to accomplish this task. As a first step in this endeavour, I have decided to publish a collection of various articles and pamphlets that had been scattered in different publications and were therefore not easily available. These papers had been written by myself originally in English with the view of expounding to the world at large the problems faced by Turkestani people since the Russian occupation of the country in the nineteenth century. I may have at times moved away from scholarly detachment but I feel confident that this collection of articles will be of use to anyone looking for information on the condition of the Islamic peoples of the Soviet Union. Though the articles have been edited, my readers will inevitably find some repetitions for which I apologize in advance.

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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

|        |   |                                                              |
|--------|---|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| ASSR   | = | Autonomus Soviet Socialist Republic                          |
| CC     | = | Central Committee                                            |
| CEC    | = | Central Executive Committee                                  |
| Cheka  | = | Chrezwechaynaya Komissiya                                    |
| CP     | = | Communist Party                                              |
| CPSU   | = | Communist Party of Soviet Union                              |
| KGB    | = | Komitet Gosudarstvennoy Bezopostnosti                        |
| KP     | = | Kazakhstanskaya Prawda (= Pravda), daily newspaper, Alma-Ata |
| KPT    | = | Communist Party of Turkestan                                 |
| KT     | = | Kommunist Tadzhikistana, daily newspaper, Dushanbe           |
| NKWD   | = | Narodniy Komissariat Wnutrennikh Delakh                      |
| ÖK     | = | Özbekistan Kommunisti, monthly journal, Tashkent             |
| PW     | = | Prawda Wostoka (= Pravda Vostoka), daily newspaper, Tashkent |
| PZhK   | = | Partiynaya Zhizn Kazakhstana, monthly journal, Alma-Ata      |
| QK     | = | Qazaqistan Kommunisi, monthly journal, Alma-Ata              |
| QÖ     | = | Qizil Özbekistan (= Kizil Ozbekistan), daily newspaper       |
| RCP(b) | = | Russian Communist Party (Bolshevik)                          |
| SK     | = | Sowetskaya, Kirgiziya, daily newspaper, Frunze               |
| SQ     | = | Socialistik Qazakistan, daily newspaper, Alma-Ata            |
| SQi    | = | Sowettik Qirgizistan, daily newspaper, Frunze                |
| SSR    | = | Soviet Socialist Republic                                    |
| ST     | = | Sowet Turkmenistany, daily newspaper, Ashkhabad              |
| SU     | = | Soviet Union                                                 |
| TASSR  | = | Soviet Socialist Republic of Turkestan                       |
| TI     | = | Turkenskaya Iskra, daily newspaper, Ashkhabad                |
| USSR   | = | Union Soviet Socialist Republics                             |
| WKP(b) | = | Wserossiyskikh Kommunisticheski Partii (Bolshevikov)         |

### REMARKS

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Part 1

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