

DIPLOMAT NAZIR TURyakulov. IN A HIT LIST

May 23, 2014, in L. N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University was held an inauguration of the Center of the first diplomat Nazir Turyakulov and Arab Studies.

The initiative to establish the Center belonged to the Doctor of Economics, Professor, Honored Worker of the Diplomatic Service of the MFA of Kazakhstan, Saylau Batyrsha-uly.

Nazir Turyakulov is the first Kazakh diplomat, permanent representative of the USSR in the Kingdom of Nejd and Hejaz (current Saudi Arabia). «The task of the Center is the study of the works Nazir Turyakulov's work. He was the founder of diplomacy in Kazakhstan in the Soviet Union. Until 1933, the U.S did not recognize the Soviet Union, explaining that the Communists came to the power by using military coup. So there was a diplomatic blockage of the Soviet Union. It was necessary to get out from this political and economic blockade.

At that time Europe and America had a big influence on Arab countries. Only Saudi Arabia despite of anything established diplomatic relations with the USSR. Other Arab countries have not opened the Soviet Embassy. In this regard, Turyakulov's role was very important. In such a difficult political situation he was able to strengthen position of the Soviet Union in Saudi Arabia.

However, everyone knows tragic fate of the first Kazakh diplomat. In 1937, the Soviet leadership decided that it was unpromising deepening cooperation with Saudi Arabia. The diplomat was recalled to Moscow, accused in spying and sentenced to death.

The King of Saudi Arabia after knowing about it broke all relations with the USSR. Only in 1992, Saudi Arabia resumed diplomatic relations with the newly independent Republic of Kazakhstan.

«Students and researchers will learn the diplomatic works of Nazir Turyakulov and his declassified correspondence. These archival materials we received from the Soviet Foreign Ministry. Doctor of Political Science, Tair Mansurov has a great merit in the returning back forgotten name of the talented diplomat. We will learn Turyakulov's diplomatic skills and how to apply this experience in teaching our young diplomats. Soviet diplomacy was at a high level. We had to grow and learn a lot», — said Professor Batyrsha-uly about the Center.

Opening the Center of the first Kazakh diplomat is a great opportunity for students to expand their horizons of scientific interest (it includes the study Turyakulov's works, political and economic situation of that time, and the study of modern Arab countries), and for teachers to upgrade their qualifications.