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## **THE HISTORY OF ZHALAYR TRIBE IN THE SCHOLAR WORKS OF AMIR TEMIR**

### **Annotation**

In this article the author narrates about the history of Zhalayrs, who settled at the territory of Kazakhstan in the middle ages. Their settled territories are defined at the basic of the exploring. It's known that Zhalayrs played an intrinsic role at the govern of Temir.

According to the Temir's chronology, it's believed that Zhalayrs were a huge, separate people, who lived in tribes and that the names of tribe governors were called the same as the names of their tribes.

The description of that event are familiar in Temir's history. Consequently, it needs to be identified if it's true or false, with help of the comparing these sources.

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It is known that Kazakhstan as a country didn't appear at once. It is closely connected with the history of ancient tribes, clans and also people who lived in its vast territory.

The process of Kazakh state formation beginning with the Sak, Uisin, Kanly, Karakhan, Kypchak era lasted long years, for this the language, religion, customs and traditions of people who lived in that state had to be common. In the middle century in the East Deshti Kypchak the ethnic territory where unified kypchaks lived began to form. However lead by Shyngyz khan the Mongol invasion was the reason of its adjourning.

In the beginning of the XIII-th century they began to recover from Mongol invasion, but in the second half of the XIV-th century because of Master Temir's military campaign tribes settled in Kazakhstan became alienated. Military campaigns carried out by Temir and his generation uncoordinated ethnic groups who lived in Kazakhstan. There were facts that these groups had frequent confrontations with Temir troops, some of them participated in political events.

We mustn't seek in Temir's works the answer to the question when and in what century "Kazakh" tribes lived. On the contrary, Kazakh before being Kazakh nationality was included into three zhuz (tribal union of Kazakhs) and we won't be mistaken if we consider information concerning the history of long ago appeared tribes. There is much information about these tribes and clans in Temir's works. As a result of the research work it is known that tribes like Dulat, Zhalayr, Kanly regarding to Senior zhuz, middle zhuz tribes: Argyn, Kypchak, Kerey, Naiman,

Konrat in Temir's works were named as Duglat, Zhalayr, Kanly, Arkenut, Kypchak, Kereit, Naiman, Konrat.

Now we are going to explain why we consider one of the big tribes – Zhalayr tribe described in Temir's works to be ancestor of Zhalayr as members of Senior zhuz.

As was pointed out by researchers there was no much information about Zhalayrs in an ancient Chinese writings, even in IX-X centuries in the Arabic. The first information appeared during Mongol era in the writings of the XIII-XV centuries [1, 76].

Shokhan Ualikhanov and Academician V.V. Bartold regarded Zhalayrs as Mongol tribes. After that M. Tynyshbayev made reference to Mongol historian Sonom Sessen and considered “Zhalayrs originated from Eke-mongol (great Mongol) who were numerous and strong [1, 76 – 77].

Kh.Argynbayev, V. Vostrov, S Mukanov said “N. Aristov as one of the researchers on the base of Zhalayr tribe names suggested that they were not originated from Mongols, their ancestors were Turk-Mongols. It was confirmed by S. Amanzholov. Martha Olcott professor from Colgate university, USA said: “Zhalayrs and Ysty left their trace In Central Asia for the first time in the XIII century [2, 58 – 59].

Most of Zhalayrs lived in Zhetysu uezd (administrative unit), wrote S. Amanzholov. – Perhaps most of them settled in Zeravshan valley [1, 79]. O. Ismailov predicted their place to be North Mongolia (VIII-IX) c. banks of rivers Selenga, Orkhon, Tola [3,15].

M. Tynyshbayev said: “Zhalayrs supported lame Temir when he was winning, in 1370 Zhalayrs took Dulat's side, for that they were destroyed and routed. “Persian groups played an important role in Iran, Zhalayrs clan once ruled North Iran later in Baghdad. In 1370 refugees –Shu manaks joined them [4, 77].

After that, Zhalayrs moved to the Zhoshy tribe and supported Ezhn khan, served in the army of Oryz khan.

In his researches Oras Ismailov said:” In Mauranahr (between two lakes) Master Hadji Barlas and Master Bayazid became Zhalayr. They advised with Master Temir, but not following his advice moved to Korasan, there they were in difficult situation. Temir wrote about Bayazid: Master Bayazid ruled Kozhand territory. I often gave him good advice, he didn't accept, as a result his fellowmen arrested and brought him to me. I met him friendly, but when he understood, he was very sorry for his deeds”. [3,65]

There was some information about Zhalayr hero- Adilshah Bahram in Temir's source.

Master Temir and historians of his generation while telling events repeated each other. It is clear, because their used information was common, some events they witnessed.

Events of 1376 were described as follows: From Nigzam addin Shamid information, Temir attacked Horezm three times. Sary Buga, Adilshah, Hitai-bahadur and Messenger Buga with 30 thousand troops were sent to fight with Kamar ad-Din. [6,104].

The event lasts: “When Adil shah discovered nobody in the area, he fought with Hitai –bahadur, Sary Buga and Ilchi Buga. After gathering troops together, they besieged Samarkand fortification. When they understood their strength and difficulty to confront with, they escaped and asked Urus Khan for shelter. But later they betrayed Urus Khan and defeated him” [6,104].

According to Sharaf ad –Din ali Iezdi, reliable person from Temir Andugan joined him. They gathered all Zhalayr and Kypchak and moved to Samarkand and began to besiege town fortification [6,132].

So, as Nizam ad-din Shami and Sharaf ad –Din ali Iezdi wrote not only zhalayrs, but together with kypchaks they rose against the enemy and troops of Adil shah, Sary –Buga helped them. Mirhond facts said, using the time Temir’ attack to Horezm, masters of Zhalayr and Kypchak tribes revolted and went to Samarkand. [7, 144]. More interesting fact, that in Nizam ad-din Shami and Sharaf ad –Din ali Iezdi writings, Zhalayrs were called - people. We notice Zhalayr people rose against Temir. Isin explained this: Some more people joined and went to Maerannahr to besiege Temir’s capital – Samarkand. Thus, Zhalayr Adil shah and Kypchak Sarybuga became “national heroes” in 1376 [8,37].

To put down a rising, Temir sent his son Zhahanger. Sharaf ad –Din ali Iezdi confirmed there was a war between riots and Zhahanger troops [5, 79]. As Isin informed, “It wasn’t easy for Zhahanger troops to press rebels”, [8, 37]. It proves there was fierce fight, nobody wanted to give up easily.

One of the Temir clan historians Fasih Akhmad wrote: “Sary Buga and Adil shah Bahram zhalayr who sent to Zhata to help Kamar ad-Din, rebelled and Master Sahibkiran had to come back and fifth time to fight in Zhata” [7, 136]. So, this time was very hard for Temir.

Being defeated by Temur army, rebellers ran away. Sarybuga and Adil shah asked Orus Khan for shelter. As Sharaf ad –Din ali Iezdi described they were not in good position there. In Samarkand Master Temir “ distributed Zhalayrs to his aristocrats” [5,79 – 80]. “Most people in Orus Khan disliked Sarybuga and Adil hah, especially those who considered they were to keep peace with Temir. Orus Khan also suspected them. Perhaps in Saganak palace they were kept as prisoners”, wrote Isin [8, 37].

All this might enrage Adil shah and Sarybuga, therefore they escaped to Ongolia and urged on rebel Kamar ad-Din. In all information there were facts that they escaped from Orus Khan, Shami and Iezdi wrote they even killed Orus Khan’s people [6, 104,132]. There must be reason of doing so, but nothing was said about it in Temir’s works. Thus, Zhalayrs, who later joined Kazakh people left the tracks during Temir authority.

In the history of Master Temir Zhalayr even held sway in Iran. A master who wanted to conquer him said: “It was decided to send someone to know about the quantity and strength of Baghdad’s army. Messenger from Baghdad described “Sultan Akhmet two eyed piece of meat”. I immediately arrived in Baghdad with God’s bless. Sultan Akhmet Zhalayr ran away to Kербala desert. So, I conquered Baghdad, the capital of Darussalam. It was approximately in 1394. In the middle of his book, Lame Temir wrote that Zhalayr clan ruled Irak, Kurdistan, Azerbaijan from 1382” [3, 66].

Sharaf ad –Din ali Iezdi in his “Zafarname” wrote, that Zhalayrs lived on the banks of the Syrdaria (Huzhand) river [5, 43]. He wrote “Zhalayr people”, it meant, there were many people. As an example , we can mention frequent confrontation between Temir troops and zhalayr- kypchak soldiers. Remember, it was difficult for Zhahanger to win them and it was the reason that Temir turned off the road to Horezm.

Oraz Ismailov described the life of Zhalayr rulers in “Babynama” during Babyr era. They were: Yrulday zhalayr, Abylkasym Zhalayr, Seitkasym Ishik zhalayr (younger brother), Khasan Ali Tufeyl zhalayr, Hussayn Ali zhalayr. One of them was military leader, the other advisor. They helped much when Babyr ruled Central Asia, at that time Zhalayrs were spread from Ferghana to Zhetisu.

O. Ismailov predicted that zhalayrs formed a big state – Mongolstan. “Why did sa Buga distributed land, i.e. the bank of Shu river to Kerey and Zhanibek khan?”. Because of great influence of Zhalayrs in Mongolstan [3, 68].

Babyr wrote in his “Babynama” that Seitkasym always supported and helped him, and he was one of Zhalayrs.

“... Some of people who supported me in hard situations were famous, some were simple, more than two hundred. Personally: Kassym Kaushin bek, Shyrym Tagay, Uais Lagari bek, Ibrahim Saru Mynlyk bek, Sidi Kara bek. Insiders: Mir Shah Kaushin, Seitkasym Ishik zhalayr (younger brother), Kasym Adjab, Mukhammed Dust, Ali Dust Tagai, Mukhammed Ali Mubashir, Kudayberdi Tukshy mogul, Zharyk Tagai, the son of Baba Kuli – Sultan Kuli, Pir Uais, Sheih Uais, Zharali Bilal, Kasym Mirahur, Haidari rikabdar. I bothered much and cried a lot”. [9,78]. We noticed when Babyr experienced the difficulty, zhalayrs greatly supported him.

Babyr trusted Seitkasym and respected him, gave a responsible post and called (younger brother). Younger brother, wiser – the most respectable post in Temir’s palace [9, 437].

“Seitkasym was appointed commander, military leader”, -said Babyr in his writings [9, 410]. Taking into account these facts, he became the most reliable person and during military campaign he could always be found near Babyr.

There was some information about Khasan Ali Zhalayr in Babyr’s works. In 1510-1511 when Babyr conquered Samarkand, Khasan Ali Zhalayr served him about five, six years. He also served him well and was respected person [3,292].

In 1592 Kadyrgali Kosymuly Zhalayr who was from Zhalayr tribe or clan wrote an “Annual collection” telling about the Kazakhs’ history [3, 66].

Later the history of zhalayrs who were one of the members of Kazakh zhuz, was described in Temir’s works.

In conclusion, we want to say, there was much information about Zhalayrs who lived in Kazakhstan in Temir’s sources. Research results show that information of Temir and his generation on zhalayrs was about Zhalayr tribe who lived in the middle centuries in Kazakhstan. As was mentioned above, historians of Temir generation wrote only about big, powerful, numerous tribes. In their works leaders of tribes had the name of the tribe. For example, Bahram Zhalayr, Adil shah Zhalayr, Seitkasym younger brother Zhalayr and etc. These names were often reminded in works of Temir generation historians and also about people who lived under their leadership.

We are glad these things were kept for future generation to know about the life of middle century Kazakh tribes. Those brave, powerful tribes doing positive things glorified their people. So, reading and researching Temir works, we know not only about medieval Kazakh tribes, but also about historical statesman.

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## **ЖАЛАЙЫРЛАР ТАРИХЫ МӘСЕЛЕЛЕРІ ТЕМІР ЖӘНЕ ОНЫҢ ҰРПАҚТАРЫНА АРНАЛҒАН ШЫҒАРМАЛАРДА**

Түйін

Мақалада ортағасырларда Қазақстан территориясында мекен еткен жалайырлар тарихы жайлы мәселе Әмір Темір деректері негізінде зерттеліп, қарастырылады.

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## **ИСТОРИЯ ПЛЕМЕНИ ЖАЛАИРОВ В РАБОТАХ АМИРА ТИМУРА**

## Резюме

В данной статье исследуются материалы о территории и местонахождении племени жалаирав Казахстана на основе работ Амира Тимура

**Ключевые слова:** Амир Тимур, жалаиры, казахи.