

UBAYDULLA UVATOV IS A GREAT SCHOLAR OF ISLAM IN UZBEKISTAN

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ANNOTATION: *This article is about the great scholar of the Uzbek people in the field of history, Ubaydulla Uvatov. Information is provided about the Islamic scholar and his place in the history of Uzbekistan.*

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Ubaydulla Uvatov is an Uzbek Islamic scholar, Doctor of Historical Sciences, Professor, Director of the International Scientific Research Center named after Imam Termidzi, born on February 23, 1940. Born in the village of Pachkamar, Guzar district, Kashkadarya region. In 1964, he graduated with honors from the Oriental Faculty, Department of Arabic Philology, Central Asian State University (now the National University of Uzbekistan) in the specialty "Oriental Studies and Arabic Philology". From 1964 to the present, he has taught at the Oriental Faculty of Tashkent State University. In 1967-1970, he studied in the graduate school of the Institute of Oriental Studies and carried out important research work dedicated to the life and work of the greatest figure in the history of our country, the great commander Sohibkiron Amir Temur. In those years, during the former Shura, that is, in the most difficult circumstances, it took great heroism to conduct such research. Many of the scientist's relatives and teachers who knew him noted that due to the ideology of that time, it would have been difficult for him to defend this research or he would have worked on another topic[1]. U. Uvatov, as one of the first representatives of our movement, who steadily followed his goal without changing his opinion, became an example for the youth. For example, Ubaydulla Uvatov described the era of Amir Temur and the Timurids, based on a medieval source written by the 15th century Arab historian Ibn Arabshah (1388-1450), who himself was an eyewitness. On April 12, 1974, U. Uvatov successfully defended his PhD dissertation at the Abu Rayhan Beruni Institute of Oriental Studies of the Academy of Sciences of Uzbekistan. It should be noted that this valuable study by U. Uvatov, which had not been published for many years, was published only in the years of independence, namely in 1992, as a separate monograph entitled "Ibn Arabshah, the history of Amir Temur"[2]. Today, we can say with complete confidence that the scientific work carried out almost fifty years ago was a feat of its time. After all, in the era of the authoritarian regime,

conducting such scientific research on the history of Amir Temur and the Timurids was extremely risky and was under strict control. First, he defended his candidate's dissertation, then his doctorate. He became a highly qualified specialist in the Arabic language. He also worked as an Arabic translator in the Arab Republic of Egypt in 1962-1963, in Iraq in 1966-1967 and 1975-1978, and in the Libyan People's Republic in 1982-1985.

U. Uvatov conducted many scientific studies on the Middle Ages, which is considered the most controversial period in the history of our country[3]. Among them are the Great Representatives and Two great sages (Abu Isa at-Tirmizi, Al-Hakim at-Tirmizi)[4].

To sum up, the scientist-historian read the original sources on the history of our country and made a worthy contribution to conveying them to us in the Uzbek language.

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