



## **REALIZING THE ESSENCE OF THE CALL FOR PEACE AND SAFENESS TO THE UZBEK PEOPLE, OUR NATION AND OUR MILITARY SHOULD ALWAYS BE VIGILANT AND AWARE**

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*During the terrible war years, our country showed its high humanistic qualities. Thousands of people of different nationalities who were brought to Uzbekistan were given shelter, kindness and humanity were shown, and our country shared its last bread with them.*

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The Uzbek people are peace-loving people. We appreciate it. Is there any nation or people in the world that does not value peace and safety?

Remembering our compatriots who showed courage in the fight against fascism in the years of the Second World War, paying respect to their memory is a noble value, and the wide celebration of the Day of Remembrance and Appreciation every year has become an integral part of our spirituality. This process is related to eternity, and it also encourages the younger generation to appreciate the value of our peaceful life and clear sky today and to be thankful for such prosperous times.

More than half a million of the 2 million Uzbeks who took part in the war, which was the most terrible and bloodiest massacre in the history of mankind, died. Because of the war, many families were left without their breadwinners, children became orphans, and women became widows.

That's why I will never forget that in times of peace and security, our honorable fathers and kind mothers are the crown of our country. As long as we appreciate them and keep them calm, we will never be less. At present, in a complex and dangerous time, when various contradictions are intensifying, and the danger of terrorism and extremism is increasing, the value and importance of the priceless gift of peace is increasing more and more.

As the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev said: *“We deeply understand the essence of the call, the Uzbek people need peace and security, without forgetting that each of us is responsible for peace, we must always be alert and aware”* at the speech of at the reception ceremony dedicated to the Day of Remembrance and Appreciation on May 9, 2017 [1].

### **A SUNNY LAND THAT SAVED, SHELTERED**

The war was far from Uzbekistan. But the terrible fire and sad shadow of the war was not only over the country, but over every house. From babies with no milk teeth to elders with beards falling to their chests, they were left on the abhorrent war trail. Until delivering to the destination, triangular “black letters” turned yellow and wrinkled like the face of a soldier who died at the front did not miss any house. What was the number of people who lost their lives, wandered in search of bread, and suffered from hunger and malnutrition?

Famine, dearth, destitution, hunger, scarcity - there were enemies who invaded the country. There was no one to stand in their way. Thousands of people surrendered. Heart-shaking screams from the houses where the “black letter” came from did not stop. This war was a mourning for many.

Fast trains were heading towards the refuge of Uzbekistan. Factories, manufactories, machine tools moved in three trains. About 170 factories were evacuated to Uzbekistan from areas where bombs and missiles were constantly exploding and were restarted in a short period of time. During 1941-1942, 17,500 wagons loaded with the equipment of relocated industrial enterprises were transported.



The world was on fire. The sky was on fire. The bosom of the sunny land was wide. Therefore, Uzbekistan has become a fortress of salvation for thousands of people and children who are suffering from hunger and agony. Tashkent was known as the city of bread.

The Uzbek people who came out to meet the people arriving on the trains heading east from the places where the war was going on, to give them a place in their house, and share their food with them, could not fit in the territory of the North station.

Our people accommodated everyone. They did not act arrogantly. They sent their children to the front and shared a loaf of bread with the hungry babies from the war zones. They didn't complain, they didn't give up. For our people, there is no difference of nationality or religion, only high-status humanity is the most important. There were starving babies with bulging eyes, sad faces, and hopeless looks. Uzbekistan welcomed them with open arms. No one had seen such kindness anywhere. Such devotion was not even in their imagination. But after the train arrived at the Tashkent railway station, there were no homeless people, the hosts took them under their protection.

The Uzbek people shared the last piece of bread they had with the people who came out of the death grip of the war. They collected hay, dried fruits and survived and fed their children.

The trains did not return from the sunny land empty-handed. For example, in 1942, a group of republic representatives went to Leningrad to deliver 600 wagons of flour and meat, 100 wagons of rice, and 60 wagons of dried fruit. How many have not been recorded in history! This is the fact that kindness, childishness, virtues are the lifeblood and bloodline of our nation!?

Rizamat Musamuhamedov, a famous gardener, academician of the Academy of Sciences of Uzbekistan, who created thousands of hectares of gardens and vineyards during his lifetime, was 60 years old when the war started. Following his grandson to the war, the father put dried fruits in the wagon and followed him to the battlefield. The patriotism of Hasan ata Islamov, who loaded Uzbekistan's sweet-sugar fruits on wagons and delivered them to the frontline fighters, became the basis for the creation of the film "Apples of the Forty-First Year".

#### **TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF BIG-HEARTED PEOPLE**

Uzbekistan has given shelter to hundreds of thousands of people displaced from Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova and other places, showing examples of kindness and care. The lives of those who were evacuated from the places where military operations are being carried out were saved. Men and women, elderly and children condemned to war torture were provided with shelter, clothes and food. Uzbek families took 200,000 orphans into their care, did not treat them less than their children, raised them without scolding or hurting them. Let's give another example. Antonina Khlebushkina received 200 hungry children brought from the war zones to the Children's Home with 160 beds. Although their former students were dispersed to their own countries by fate, they still remember Tashkent, Khlebushkina, the mother of the Children's House, with gratitude.

It is known to the whole world that Shoahmad Shomahmudov, a master blacksmith from Tashkent, adopted 14 orphans of different nationalities. The sacrifice of this family during the war years became the prototypes of writer Rakhmat Faizi's novel "Hazrati Inson", "You Are an Orphan" and other films. Everyone knows that the family of Hamid Samadov from Kattakorgan took in 13 orphans, Muazzam Jorayeva and Ashirkhojayev from Bukhara took in 8 orphans. How many more we don't know!..

#### **FROM ZANGIOTA DISTRICT OF TASHKENT**

We acknowledge the contribution of the people of Uzbekistan during the Second World War. In 1941, the population of Uzbekistan in our country was over 6.8 million. After the start of the war, about 2 million of our compatriots went to the front, and more than 500,000 of them died on the battlefields. More than 200,000 compatriots were awarded orders and medals, 301 of our compatriots were awarded the title of Hero of the Soviet Union, more than 70 of them were awarded the third-class Order of Honor.

During the Second World War, Uzbekistan made a significant contribution to the victory by producing and sending the following items to the front: 2,100 aircraft, 17,340 aircraft engines, over 2 million aerial bombs, 5 armored trains, 2,200 field kitchens, 1 million grenades, 17,100 mortars, and 22 million mines.

During the Second World War, 682 Japanese prisoners were brought to Uzbekistan. They were involved in hard work on various charges and were persecuted. There was even a policy of not burying the dead. But this situation was not allowed in Uzbekistan.

The cemeteries where the Japanese were buried were preserved. Japanese people know this well. They have great love for the Uzbek people. Mutual cooperation between Uzbekistan and Japan is strengthening and developing. The creation of a Japanese



garden in Tashkent and the raising of the statue of Alisher Navoi in Japan are the result of long-standing friendship and fraternal ties.

Even in the most difficult times, our forefathers gave shelter to people of other nationalities and shared bread with them. During difficult and trying times, Uzbekistan became a second Motherland, a fortress of salvation and a refuge for them. Their descendants were born, studied, matured and gained prestige here. These generations consider Uzbekistan as their motherland and serve for its development.

According to the laws of life, many things are forgotten and unremembered over time. But there is a great truth in this bright world that never changes, never gets old. The memory of people who showed courage and bravery in the way of the freedom of the homeland and the people, and the happiness of future generations is always alive! We are all indebted to our ancestors who showed bravery on the battlefields of the Second World War and contributed to our happy life by working behind the front lines. It is also clear that our country, which showed its high humanistic qualities during the war years, will forever remain in the memory of humanity as a bright page of history. Uzbekistan was recognized as a country of kindness, which gave shelter to thousands of people of different nationalities brought from the hotbeds of war. This tenacity, this courage is a lesson for today's generations [2].

In a land where human dignity is honored, the spirit of ancestors is always happy. May this year was full of changes. The fact that human dignity and honor were glorified in the updated Constitution, which came into force from the very first day, made me very happy, at the same time, the Decree "On the encouragement of the participants of the Second World War" was very encouraging. It is the happiness of our nation that our people were lucky enough to see the reforms under the protection of the law and the state. Peace and serenity and placidity are needed for happiness. It is not for nothing that they say that a family that fights for one day will be sad for forty days.

We are witnesses of the fact that peace, honest work, education and training have become the guarantee of development for our people who ate one almond divided into forty. We have always been a peace-loving people. Who did not invade our country? While we are proud of the bravery shown by our ancestors like Spitamen, Shirok, Jalaluddin Manguberdi, and Amir Temur during the Second World War, we are equally proud of the spiritual courage displayed by Najmuddin Kubra, Mirzo Ulugbek, and Zahiruddin Muhammad Babur, whose contributions to the development of world civilization fills our hearts with immense pride.

We have a rich national spiritual heritage that holds the value of peace in high esteem and completely condemns war. This noble purpose is the reason why we celebrate May 9th as a national holiday in the form of the Day of Remembrance and Appreciation [3].

It is a great value to include this day in the calendar as a holiday to honor the motherland. The lines "Motherland will never forget our heroic compatriots who sacrificed their dear lives for peace and freedom" are reflected in the monument dedicated to the memory of the heroes in Victory Park. It is a national and universal value that is accepted as infinite and eternal. 78 years have passed since the end of the Second World War. This is equal to the average life of a person. The opening of Memorial Squares in the center of every region gives pride and delight to the young generation. Uzbekistan has shown truly heroic assistance to the war-torn areas from behind the front lines, in addition to the bravery of young and old, including women, on the battlefield. The patriotism and humanitarianism of our people were demonstrated by the commissioning of the Fergana canal in forty-five days, and the tireless work of our workers at the relocated factories. "My grandfather, Abdurashid Muhitdinov, statesman and public figure, Professor Feruza, remembers that they were during the siege of Leningrad. They used to tell us about the hardest and most difficult days of the war. Their chests were decorated with military orders and medals. Every year, when the decree and decision of the head of our state is issued, tears come to my eyes, saying that the souls of my ancestors have rejoiced. I will tell my grandchildren about it and show them their pictures. But there are millions of my compatriots like me. So, this Memory will make our people more cohesive and united. There was no end to the love and humanity shown to those evacuated to our country. Because this also belongs to our household. My grandmother took and brought up Valentina Popochenko, who was three or four years old from Ukraine (her name and surname are written in her hand)."

Currently, her children live in the village of Sektare, Gijduvan district, Bukhara region. They also took another boy. During the war, this child was born and named Shukur. Shukur Sharapov lived well. He died in 2021 [4].

"Courage, perseverance, attention and honor are celebrated every year on May 9", and during the year, special care is given to the participants of the Second World War. Just one example: in accordance with the Decree "On encouraging participants of the Second World War" signed by the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev, May 9 is widely celebrated as a national holiday in our country. Also, on the occasion of the 78th anniversary of the Victory over fascism, the tasks of financial



stimulation of war participants and disabled persons were determined. According to the decree, each participant of the Second World War and disabled persons were awarded 18 million soums on a festive occasion [5].

Muhabbat Hamidova, the editor of “Gulkhan” magazine, recalls: At the age of 18, he gave his son his name in memory of his brother Habibullah, who left for the war and did not return home. In the painful memories of Narimon Orifjanov, the editor-in-chief of our magazine, who never tired of searching for his brother’s name in hundreds of fraternal cemeteries in dozens of European cities. At the age of 18, he gave his son his name in memory of his brother Habibullah, who left for the war and did not return home. Painful memories of Narimon Orifjanov, the editor-in-chief of our magazine, who tirelessly searched for his brother’s name in hundreds of fraternal cemeteries in several European cities: while his mother was crying sadly saying “I couldn’t put a pinch of soil on my eyes”, 60,000 soldiers in Bratislava brought a pinch of soil from the cemetery, when they could not determine whether it was Sharifjanov or Orifjanov. With tears in my eyes, I listened to the memory of how happy his mother was when she felt her child. And I realized that the most terrible history of human life should never be forgotten, that it calls people to always be vigilant, to preserve peace as a precious blessing. Nearly eighty years have passed and it’s Memorial and Appreciation Day. As I sit down for breakfast with my family, surrounded by a bountiful spread prepared by the bride, I am struck by the peace and tranquility of our home. However, my thoughts are drawn to the brave villagers who lost their lives in defense of our way of life. One by one, their faces pass through my mind. Surprisingly, their faces showed happiness instead of the previous pain and dreams. O dear people, you may realize that our Uzbekistan will never forget its brave children, that human memory is sacred and valuable in this holy and free land. I plan to visit Khatira Square where hundreds of my fellow countrymen will gather. I wish to revisit the memory books where the names of my fellow village heroes are recorded. These names have been etched in the books for eternity, and reading them again will help me remember and honor their names [6].

Time is the judge. In the 80s, the name and memory of the boys who sacrificed their lives to protect the freedom and liberty of the Motherland and the peaceful life of our country remained forever in the memory of our people. Indeed, not forgetting and appreciating the sacrifices of the people is an aspect that shows the nationhood of the nation, taking an example from their heroic fathers and always being proud of them. This is an example for future generations. Therefore, it is our priority to honor our compatriots who have shown courage for the peaceful life of our country today. Information about participants of the Second World War and behind the front living in the Republic of Uzbekistan: 174 people as of May 7, in terms of regions: 3 people from the Republic of Karakalpakstan, 5 people from Khorezm region, 9 people from Navoi region, 7 people from Bukhara region, 10 people from Kashkadarya region, 8 people from Surkhondarya region, 10 people from Samarkand region, 3 people from Syrdarya region, 6 people from Jizzakh region, Tashkent city 55 people, Tashkent region 26 people, Namangan region 7 people, Fergana region 19 people, Andijan region 6 people. Days, months, years pass, but the historical truth and historical events remain. Here are the numbers in front of us. I will give an example: there is a family house in Shodlik neighborhood of Tashlaq district of Fargona region. Odiljon Ota Zakirov, the owner of this family, a participant of the Second World War, recently turned 100 years old. If you talk to Odiljon Zakirov, you will sincerely admit that the way of life consisting of courage and perseverance deserves an example. The happy and sad stories of our hero, who have been painted for centuries, will captivate any person in an instant and make them think. During the Second World War, I served in the ranks of the artillery unit, - recalls the war veteran. - How many of our comrades-in-arms died prematurely in the battlefields. On the one hand, there were the horrors of war, and the loss of loved ones and homesickness were even more painful. But we were lucky to bravely overcome all difficulties and return to Uzbekistan with a bright face. 10 children grew up in the family. Currently, the hero of the war and labor front, who is the beloved grandfather of about 50 grandchildren and more than 100 great-grandchildren, lives happily. This house is busier than ever before the Memorial Day holiday. Yesterday, the governor of Fergana region visited the father and read the holiday greetings of the President to the war participants. He handed over a prize of 18 million soums. Also, souvenirs of the regional administration and daily necessary food products were presented. The war veteran continues our conversation by saying, “I am very grateful for the fact that I have reached these days at the age of one century.” God, let peaceful life continue in our country. We always pray that today’s youth will never see the hardships we saw. In fact, the Motherland is dear and holy, it is necessary to appreciate it and serve it tirelessly for its further development. God, may peace, love and goodness prevail on Earth, as in our country. Of course, great faith in building a new Uzbekistan of tomorrow will be strong in our hearts. The care of the Honorable President and peace and security will always be stable, that is, “Improving the financial support of the participants and veterans of the Second World War” and further supporting the system of support for the lonely elderly and persons with disabilities. in the Decision on improvement: Veterans of the war of 1941-1945 and former juvenile prisoners of Nazi concentration camps and citizens who worked during the siege of Leningrad, as well as to single elderly people who need the care of others and persons with disabilities instead of food products and hygiene products delivered free of charge, an additional fee is paid every month in the amount of one times the base calculation amount; Instead of the necessary clothes and shoes, which are delivered free of charge to the above-mentioned citizens, a compensation of 15 times the base calculation amount will be introduced for the purchase of clothes every year in August.



In this case, the surcharge is made on the basis of information provided by the medico-social services development agency to the organization responsible for the appointment of pensions and benefits about single elderly or persons with disabilities who need other people's care. We remind you that compensation and additional payments to the persons listed in this paragraph are paid according to the procedure for payment of pensions and allowances.

That is why Shavkat Miromonovich stated in his speech at the 78th session of the UN General Assembly: "Durable peace and prosperity can be achieved only with common aspirations and joint actions. We need mutual trust, solidarity and a spirit of cooperation more than ever." In this current historical turning point, it is necessary to leave the world whole and complete to future generations.

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