

UZBEKISTAN'S REFORMS TO ENSURE INTERNATIONAL PEACE STRATEGY

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Annotation

This article analyzes the views on the reform strategy in ensuring interethnic harmony and religious tolerance in Uzbekistan. The article also contains opinions on changes in the global geopolitical arena, the growing process of globalization and the constant awareness of the world community about maintaining peace and stability. In such difficult conditions, maintaining peace, stability and strengthening independence remains one of the priorities of each state. Today, an effective fight against internal and external threats and dangers in the field of spirituality, strengthening ideological immunity in society, strengthening the atmosphere of mutual respect, friendship and harmony between representatives of different nationalities and religions in our country. Particular emphasis is placed on the priority task of public policy[1].

Keywords

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Introduction

Today, the changes in the global geopolitical arena, the escalation of globalization processes require serious thinking about the constant awareness of the world community in maintaining peace and stability. Mankind is faced with a completely different environment, new demands and unprecedented dangers and threats. Such rapidly evolving processes around the world have a serious impact on all aspects of social life, including the spiritual and enlightenment spheres. In such a complex environment, maintaining peace, stability and strengthening independence remains one of the priorities of every state[2]. Today, effective work is being done in our country to systematically organize targeted spiritual and educational work. In this regard, it is necessary to think seriously about increasing the effectiveness of spiritual and educational work in our country, the effective fight against internal and external threats and dangers in the field of spirituality strengthening ideological immunity in society[3].

In the context of globalization, security and stability are becoming increasingly important. In particular, the positive attitude to the state of interethnic harmony and interfaith cooperation has laid the foundation for a new era in the development of our country. In the development of the culture of tolerance and humanity inherent in our people, the prevailing atmosphere of interethnic harmony and interfaith cooperation plays an important role in educating our citizens, especially the younger generation, in the spirit of devotion and devotion to the motherland.

Methods

In turn, these factors have been identified as one of the most important priorities of public policy in Uzbekistan. In accordance with the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev dated February 7, 2017 "On the Strategy of Actions for the Further Development of the Republic of Uzbekistan", foreign policy in a mutually beneficial and practical spirit, ensuring religious tolerance and interfaith cooperation in strengthening the independence of our state and the international prestige of our country. It is these factors that create the basis for the development of the country and the homeland by ensuring peace, stability, interethnic harmony and religious tolerance in the world on a global scale[5]. It is known from history that Zoroastrianism, Buddhism, Christianity, Monism and Islam have always lived in harmony and peace in our country. In particular, there are mosques, churches and synagogues in many cities of the country. In these holy places, nations and peoples of different religions performed their religious rites freely. Therefore, this situation can be seen in the relationship between all nations and peoples of different religions living in our country today[4]. History bears witness to the absence of conflicts. While thinking about this, President Sh. As Mirziyoyev noted: "... Our state is a multi-ethnic and multi-confessional state. Today, more than 130 nationalities and ethnic groups live in our country as children of one family. In this regard, there is no doubt that the ancient traditions of tolerance of our people play an important role," he said. This, in turn, is a unique example of interethnic harmony, religious tolerance, interfaith harmony and solidarity in Uzbekistan, and is a positive example of tolerance towards all religions.

The Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated May 19, 2017 "On measures to further improve interethnic relations and friendly relations with foreign countries" Creating equal rights and opportunities, educating the younger generation in the spirit of patriotism, respect for national and universal values, love and devotion to the Motherland, regardless of their beliefs, is one of the important priorities of state policy in Uzbekistan. The decree also states that raising the culture of tolerance and humanity in society, ensuring interethnic and interfaith harmony, civil harmony, as well as strengthening friendly, equal and mutually beneficial relations with foreign countries is one of the priorities of state policy of Uzbekistan[13].

It should be noted that the existing religions of the world, in their essence, embody the ideas of goodness, peace, goodness, friendship and creativity. In particular, religion encourages people to be honest and pure, compassionate, fraternal and tolerant. In particular, Islam and Christianity promote moral values that embody the ideas of humanity: generosity, compassion, honesty, purity of heart, courage and modesty. One of the world's religions, Christianity, promotes its believers to be compassionate on the basis of religious and moral ideas, to speak the truth, to help the oppressed and toiling, to work hard, and to live in harmony. This means that in all world religions, the issue of religious tolerance is absorbed through both universal and religious-moral qualities. Thus, religion began to emerge as one of the most effective ways to influence the human mind. In turn, religious teachings have helped people overcome life's trials, problems, and challenges by strengthening trust in people by influencing culture and spirituality in the life of any society.

Research and discussions

Today, more than 130 nations and ethnic groups live in harmony and harmony in our country. Religious organizations of 16 denominations operate freely in our country. In turn, these denominations have all the opportunities to carry out their activities and take an active part in the life of the country. Teaching in public educational institutions is conducted in 7 languages. The National Television and Radio Company of Uzbekistan prepares programs and broadcasts in 12 languages. 138 national cultural centers play a leading role in the development of ethnic identity and further harmonization of interethnic relations in our country. They make a significant contribution to the development of their culture, language, crafts, mutual enrichment, strengthening the feeling of a multi-ethnic single family. In addition, the Council of Societies of Friendship and Cultural and Enlightenment Relations with Foreign Countries and 34 friendship societies are successfully operating in Uzbekistan. It should be noted that the prevailing atmosphere of interethnic harmony, religious tolerance, friendship and solidarity in our country, in turn, plays an important role in further enhancing the prestige of Uzbekistan in the international arena by ensuring peace and stability.

Today, ensuring peace and development in Uzbekistan is of great importance. All religions are equally interested in the atmosphere of peace, tranquility, stability and prosperity in the republic. In turn, the state promotes mutual reconciliation and respect between citizens of different religions and non-believers, religious organizations of different faiths, actions aimed at contrasting and aggravating the relationship between religious and other bigotry and extremism, the escalation of enmity between different religions. -prevents movements. Reflecting on this, the head of our state Sh. Mirziyoyev noted: "... at present, inter-ethnic and inter-religious tensions are growing in different regions of the world, nationalism and religious intolerance are on the rise. In such a difficult situation, it is becoming increasingly important for us to further strengthen friendship and solidarity between people of different nationalities and religions in our country[14]. Undoubtedly, this is a strong guarantee of peace and tranquility in our land, the basis for increasing the creative potential of our people, their confidence in the future, "he said. In particular, the provision of interethnic harmony and religious tolerance in Uzbekistan, first of all, creates a basis for the formation of mutual cooperation, solidarity and solidarity between representatives of different religions through the prevention of inter-religious conflicts. This factor directly contributes to the peace and development of the country, the development of universal culture and spirituality. The state in the republic supports peace and harmony between religious denominations. Proselytizing activities of one religious denomination, as well as any other missionary activity are prohibited. Individuals guilty of violating this rule will be prosecuted in accordance with the law.

Vladimir (Ikim), former archbishop of Tashkent and Central Asia, said: "Unfortunately, the forces trying to falsify our religions are also threatening the peace, unity of our people and prosperity in Central Asia. These are bigotry, proselytism, extremism, false religious politics[6]. These evil forces disguise the foundations of our religions under the guise of representatives of both Christian and Muslim religions. Their goal is to divide society, create spiritual instability, and create inter-religious and

inter-ethnic conflicts, ”he said. Therefore, strengthening the environment of religious tolerance for all religions in Uzbekistan, first of all, plays an important role in ensuring mutual solidarity, harmony and harmony among the citizens of our country[7].

On November 12, 2014 at the Tashkent Islamic University in cooperation with the Tashkent Islamic University, the Committee on Religious Affairs, UNESCO Office in Uzbekistan, German expert, Doctor of Philosophy and History Gert-Rüdauger Vegm his thoughts are remarkable[8]. The German scholar, in particular, said: “I was struck by the fact that the topic of this conference is also very relevant. Because the political processes taking place in the world are one of the main causes of bloody conflicts - the contradictions in the religious worldviews of people of different religions[9]. Therefore, if other nations of the world were as tolerant as the people of Uzbekistan, such conflicts would be resolved. I think that the policy pursued in your country in the field of religion is very correct and I have always supported the aspirations of Uzbekistan for peace, ”he said. In his congratulatory message on the occasion of Independence Day, Metropolitan Vikenty noted that religious tolerance and interethnic harmony in Uzbekistan is one of the main factors of peace and stability in the country. He also noted that the role of religion in society is growing, and the equal attention to different religions allows them to take an active part in the work of spiritual education, ”he said. It should be noted that thy above-mentioned views on the work carried out in our country on religious tolerance and interfaith cooperation are positively recognized around the world.

Today, as a positive result of the wise government policy pursued by Uzbekistan in our country, the fact that representatives of all religious denominations in our country freely perform their religious traditions and customs, ceremonies is a bright confirmation of our opinion. The late Bishop of the German Evangelical Lutheran Church, Corney Vibe, said: "The atmosphere of mutual tolerance, kindness and goodness in our society serves to strengthen peace and tranquility and prosperity." In turn, K. Vibe stressed that the representatives of the German Evangelical Lutheran Church have been living freely in Uzbekistan for a hundred years and are very pleased with the attention paid by the state to the religious sphere and believers in the performance of their prayers and rituals[9]. In this regard, he expressed sincere gratitude to the leadership of our country. In turn, these positive views were expressed by the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Germany to Uzbekistan Renate Lener. In this regard, Renate Lener said: “I have witnessed that Uzbekistan is a democratic state that is much more advanced in the economic and social spheres than we thought, and can be a real example for many other countries in the East. I was pleased that the conference was dedicated to the topic of religious tolerance. Here I saw that people of different religions - Catholic, Orthodox, Muslim, Jews communicate with each other as close relatives, brothers, and I witnessed in practice that the policy of Uzbekistan in the field of religion is correct and fair. I have been to Muslim countries on an official visit before. However, I have not seen people of different religions enjoying freedom and peace, as they do in Uzbekistan, ”he said. Maria Laura Conte, director of the Italian Center for Interreligious Dialogue "Christians and Muslims in the Age of Civilization", said: "I think I have found the main reason for peace and harmony in Uzbekistan[10]. This is because the state and

the people want peace and harmony in your country. I am very grateful to you for inviting me to the conference and giving me the opportunity to get acquainted with such a unique and wonderful country," he said. In turn, the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Vatican to Russia, Archbishop I. Yurkovich, who took part in the conference, noted that he was impressed by the policy of the Government of Uzbekistan on interfaith dialogue and religious tolerance. In this regard, I. Yurkovich said: "We have witnessed with our own eyes the respect shown to religious organizations in Uzbekistan, their contribution to the development of society. Prosperity can be achieved only as a result of such coordination, that is, as a result of mutual support between the state and religious organizations. This movement can be seen in the example of Uzbekistan," he said. Thinking about this, President Sh. Mirziyoyev noted: "It is the sacred duty of every person who considers Uzbekistan as his homeland to be more vigilant and vigilant, to preserve and further strengthen the unity and solidarity of our multinational people, which is our main asset and which we are rightfully proud of [11]. We can effectively counteract all the threats and dangers of the day, create a strong immunity in our society against various destructive ideas, achieve more significant results in the path of democratic development we have chosen. We will do everything possible to provide practical support to the activities of cultural centers," he said. It is these factors that play an important role in ensuring mutual solidarity, harmony and solidarity among the citizens of our country by strengthening the environment of interethnic harmony and interfaith cooperation in Uzbekistan.

Today, it is well known that issues such as international terrorism, radicalism, bigotry, and extremism are of great concern to the world community. In particular, President Sh. Mirziyoyev's speeches and lectures at the international level.

In his speeches, it is necessary to emphasize the initiatives of the head of our state Sh. Mirziyoyev to address the urgent problems facing the world community. Today, the initiatives and advanced ideas in this area are being promoted by President Sh. Mirziyoyev around the world. In today's delicate and, at the same time, extremely complex environment, the struggle for enlightenment plays an important role in ensuring interethnic harmony and interfaith cooperation. The idea of promoting enlightenment in the fight against extremism, international terrorism and bigotry, which is plagued by ignorance, has become a major topic in the world today. In his speech at the 72nd session of the UN General Assembly on September 19, 2017, the head of our state noted that the threat of terrorism in the world, especially in recent years, is not justified by the use of force. He stressed that the fight against terrorism is limited and that the root of international terrorism and extremism, among other factors, is ignorance and intolerance. Addressing the UN General Assembly with a proposal to adopt a special resolution entitled "Enlightenment and Religious Tolerance", the President said: "The main purpose of this document is to promote the right to education, the elimination of illiteracy and ignorance. This resolution is aimed at promoting tolerance and mutual respect, ensuring religious freedom, protecting the rights of believers, and preventing discrimination against them. We believe that this is the key to the successful implementation of the most important priorities of the reforms being

carried out in our country, which are to meet the needs and interests of the people," he said.

Today, it is widely acknowledged that the reforms being carried out in our country in this area are setting an example for other countries in the world.

In this regard, it is worth noting that on December 12, 2018, the UN General Assembly adopted a special resolution entitled "Enlightenment and Religious Tolerance." Adoption of this resolution by President Sh. It can be mentioned as a practical manifestation of the initiative put forward by Mirziyoyev at the 72nd session of the UN General Assembly in September 2017 in New York. Helena Fraser, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in Uzbekistan, commented on this: "The resolution entitled "Enlightenment and Religious Tolerance" was adopted unanimously by the UN member states. 51 countries supported the constructive proposal put forward by Uzbekistan, ie the idea of strengthening the culture of spiritual tolerance towards all religions in the world[12]. This resolution is important because it serves as a priority for global peace and prosperity, along with tolerance, as well as promoting the principle of strengthening cultural and religious knowledge," he said. Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to Uzbekistan Mosud Mannon said: "The Republic of Bangladesh has always been a supporter of peace and harmony, religious tolerance. Therefore, he was one of the first to support the initiative put forward by the President of Uzbekistan. In terms of religious tolerance, Uzbekistan is one of the most exemplary countries in the world. During my five years at the embassy in Uzbekistan, I have not seen any prejudice against members of other religions. On the contrary, all religions, nations and peoples live in peace, harmony and harmony. This is a sign that the policy pursued by the President of Uzbekistan has created an atmosphere of religious tolerance in the country. In addition, this issue is due not only to the fact that it is enshrined in law, but also to the fact that the people of Uzbekistan, many of whom are believers in Islam, have always had respect for members of other religions. Friendly relations between people of different nationalities are formed, first of all, through mutual dialogue.

The adoption of the resolution "Enlightenment and Religious Tolerance" by the UN General Assembly is the result of this positive relationship, "said Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Arab Republic of Egypt to Uzbekistan Amani Al-Itr." Egypt also supported this important resolution. The common ground between our countries on this issue is that Uzbekistan and Egypt have realized that religious harmony plays an important role in the stability of society. The initiator of the resolution was the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Sh. I would like to emphasize the role of Mirziyoyev. This is a wise initiative of Uzbekistan to find solutions to the complex problems facing the international community," he said.

Conclusion

Today, changes in the global geopolitical arena, the intensification of globalization and the rapid development of modern information technologies are making a sharp turn in the world. Mankind is faced with a completely different environment, new demands and unprecedented dangers and threats. Such rapidly evolving processes around the world have a serious impact on all aspects of social life, including the spiritual and educational spheres. Analysis of tragic events in different

regions and countries of the world shows that the media, modern information technologies, including the Internet, social networks and electronic publications, often become a convenient and fast means of propagating various false, harmful ideas and ideologies in the hands of some destructive forces. . Such threats lead to the erosion of national and universal values, to the root of such evils as violence, human destiny, indifference to public life, irresponsibility, indifference, carelessness, obscenity. As a result, it causes humanity to be cut off from its historical, religious, national and spiritual roots. This has become a common trend in many countries around the world. Education and enlightenment are key to human well-being. Therefore, it is important to preserve and enrich the resources that determine the spiritual world of man, the culture of our people, as well as to ensure interethnic harmony and interfaith cooperation on the basis of world scientific achievements and the experience of universal development. Today, Uzbekistan has entered a new era of national development. This can be seen in the attitude to spirituality and enlightenment, as well as radical changes in all areas. It is especially noteworthy that the reforms being carried out in our country in recent years are doing great work in our country to combat ignorance and enlightenment. In this regard, the launch of the activities of the Imam Bukhari International Research Center, the Center for Islamic Civilization in Uzbekistan, Imam Termizi International Research Center, the International Islamic Academy of Uzbekistan creates the basis for further development of sacred Islamic values and traditions in our country. It is noteworthy that the high attention paid to education, science, culture and enlightenment, study and appreciation of ancestral heritage in our country is recognized not only by the people of our country and the region, but also by the world community.

Today, Uzbekistan's reforms in the field of human rights and religious freedoms are gaining worldwide recognition. In particular, in recent years, 8 decrees on pardon of criminals have been adopted in our country, and more than 4,000 people have been released from prisons. At the same time, great work has been done to pardon the convicts who sincerely repented of their crimes and to return them to a free life. A completely new practice based on the principles of humanity is being introduced in our country. As a result, 993 citizens, including 456 young men and women and 113 women, who had strayed from the path of crime and sincerely regretted their actions, were released on bail under the auspices of the Youth Union, neighborhood and women's committees. As a continuation of this work, it is worth noting that the closure of the penal colony in Jaslyk in 2019 is a practical example of such a humane policy of our state. At the same time, for the first time, the procedure for payment of pensions and social insurance to convicts has been introduced, and pension payments have been made to 709 convicts of retirement age serving sentences in penal colonies. It should be noted that this is the first step towards ensuring the right of this category of citizens to receive the pension enshrined in our Constitution.

At the same time, in 2019, Mehr-1 and Mehr-2 humanitarian operations were successfully carried out, and 261 people, mainly women and children, were repatriated from the conflict zone in the Middle East and Afghanistan and provided with medical and material assistance. Speaking of human rights in Uzbekistan, the fact that 9,692

people have been granted Uzbek citizenship over the past three years, including 5,868 in 2019, is a positive development.

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The work carried out in our country to form a culture of respect for human rights and freedoms in society, thereby further enhancing the international prestige of our country, is recognized worldwide. This requires more serious thinking about the need to be constantly sensitive, alert and vigilant in the work being done to ensure peace and tranquility in our country. As the head of our state noted: "In order not to lag behind the sharp demands of the time and life, we all need to study every day, work on ourselves, constantly improve our knowledge and skills. The blood of our great ancestors is flowing in our veins. It is both a duty and an obligation for us to be worthy followers and successors of our great ancestors, and I think you will all agree. To work tirelessly for the development of one's homeland, one's motherland: this is courage and bravery, this is love and devotion to the motherland, this is the right upbringing and practical example. " Indeed, it is important to have a deep understanding of the events and happenings in the world and to work together as one in ensuring inter-ethnic harmony and inter-religious cooperation. In such an environment, it is important to pay special attention to spirituality and enlightenment, first of all, in maintaining peace and stability. Changes in the global geopolitical arena, the intensification of globalization and the rapid development of modern information technologies are making a sharp turn in the world. Mankind has to live in a completely different environment, in a new demand and in a situation where unprecedented dangers and threats have intensified.

Analysis of tragic events in different regions and countries shows that the media, modern information technologies, the Internet, social networks and electronic publications in some cases become a convenient and fast means of propagating harmful ideas and ideologies in the hands of destructive forces. Such threats lead to the erosion of national and universal values, violence, human destiny, indifference to public life, irresponsibility, indifference, carelessness, and indecency. In such a complex environment, national and universal values: preserving interethnic harmony, interfaith harmony, strengthening independence, ensuring socio-economic stability is one of the priorities of each state. A deep understanding of the changing worldview and its essence, the mobilization of the whole society in the fight against emerging threats and dangers will lay the foundation for the future and development of the country. Indeed, interethnic harmony, interfaith harmony is a key factor in human development. Therefore, the preservation of the spiritual world of man, inter-ethnic harmony, inter-religious harmony, which determines the culture of our people, plays an important role in the fight against evil, destructive ideas based on the experience of universal development. Such noble deeds carried out in our country serve to further increase the respect for more than 130 nationalities and ethnic groups living in our country by forming a healthy religious outlook and objective views on religion in the hearts and minds of all our compatriots. In this context, in maintaining peace and stability, it is important to focus on ensuring inter-ethnic harmony and inter-religious harmony.

In conclusion, the head of our state Shavkat Mirziyoyev said: "Uzbekistan has always been faithful to its traditions in the field of interethnic harmony and religious tolerance and will never deviate from this path. "This is our greatest asset and it is the duty of all of us to preserve it like the apple of our eye," he said. After all, ensuring interethnic harmony and interfaith harmony, which is inherent in the spirituality of our people, plays an important role in the rule of peace and stability in our country, first of all, through the development of noble ideas and human qualities in our society.

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