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6 *Survival on the Tashkent Front* (pp. ) "I am going to Tashkent," Maria Belkina, recently evacuated from Moscow, wrote to her husband en route.

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**Introduction** The history of Uzbekistan after the break-up of the former Soviet Union in the early s is replete with ethnic division, civil strife and Islamic militancy. It is widely acknowledged that only the successful, yet often repressive leadership of one man, Islam Karimov, has been able to keep the nation together. The Fergana Valley, a fertile valley that is also a major strategic gateway in Central Asia that straddles the old Silk Road, has been a hotbed of Islamic militancy and ethnic strife for generations. A number of Islamic terrorist organizations have found their genesis in this region since , including the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan IMU. The Fergana valley is a hotbed of Islamic fundamentalist activity and a strategically important crossroads for all of Central Asia. This fertile valley is densely populated in comparison to the surrounding dry and arid Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan that surround it, as well as the bottleneck of land that connects it to the rest of Uzbekistan to the West. The coming months will witness whether or not the Uzbek political bureaucracy, the armed forces and internal security apparatus possess the leadership and capability to keep the nation together and in a state of peace. Although rather small and reliant on soviet era weapons and equipment, the Uzbekistan Armed Forces have been able to provide security to the nation. More importantly, the National Security Services SNB , which has received far more investment and attention under the Karimov regime than the armed forces, will most likely bear the brunt of countering any internal or foreign attempts to foment unrest. The coming year will test the capabilities of the SNB on many fronts.

**Brief History** The Republic of Uzbekistan became an independent nation in Islam Karimov had been the leader of the Uzbek Soviet Socialist Republic prior to the dissolving of the Soviet Union, assuming the post in , and continued on as its president upon independence in Often criticized in the west as a post-Soviet dictator, Karimov actually had moved to improve relations with the U. The airbase would prove a key logistics asset in pursuit of U. In his ongoing struggle to maintain the nation as an Islamic, yet secular state, Karimov found himself often at odds with a devout Islamic population, powerful tribal infighting, and the harmful, yet ever present influence of Islamic fundamentalism. These forces all coalesced, culminating in with a fateful tragedy in the city of Andijan. A general uprising in the city was crushed by the SBN and Army troops when they opened fire on allegedly unarmed protesters. Official reports state that protesters were killed, but the actual number according to some media reports may have exceeded 1, dead. The United States responded to the incident with strong criticism in bilateral communications and through the United Nations. Karimov interpreted the U. They departed the base in November of Karimov may have come to the realization at that point, that the United States was not interested in aiding secular governments against Islamic fundamentalism in the Middle East and Central Asia. To the contrary, the U. Karimov turned toward Russia and President Putin in finding a more reliable partner in his struggle to maintain the stabilizing influence of a secular government for Uzbekistan. Russia had been fighting a war against U. This partnership would eventually lead to the Russian Federation and the Republic of Uzbekistan signing a mutual defense treaty in , and Uzbekistan becoming a member of the Collective Security Treaty Organization CSTO from to Uzbekistan had already become a member of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization SCO in , of which Russia is also a member, and remains in the organization at present.

**Islamic Fundamentalism** Uzbekistan has been plagued by the specter of Islamic fundamentalism and terrorist organizations since its independence. Although Islamic fundamentalism existed prior to independence, it did not gain much traction until just before the fall of the USSR and the turbulent years that followed. Both groups have perpetrated attacks against the government of Uzbekistan and have found sanctuary in neighboring countries. The Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan is an internationally recognized terrorist organization that has been in a state of flux since its inception. Karimov fought the IMU, and used it as an excuse to persecute anyone that threatened government control of religion, for the entire 27 years he was in power. The movement

attempted to assassinate him in , amongst a host of other terrorist bombings, including suicide bombings, over the past twenty seven years. In recent years, the IMU has faced setbacks and a culling of leadership after the organization splintered amongst membership that declared allegiance to the Islamic State and those that maintained ties with the Taliban. This exacerbated a long running feud that dates back to the death of Mullah Omar. The group was connected to foiled terrorist plots targeting civilian targets in Europe in , but has largely been active in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Syria. Due to a high percentage of Turkish membership, the organization has largely sent fighters to Syria in recent years. Many members of these terrorist groups have been fighting in Afghanistan and Syria over the past decade and a half, and have been battle hardened and further pushed down the road of Islamic fundamentalism and zealotry. International intelligence services and independent analysts are all in agreement that the security services of Uzbekistan are going to be challenged by these groups, as well as a number of other possible indigenous and foreign based threats, in a challenge to the long standing political power structure and social cohesion of the state in the coming year. The Armed Forces Although larger and better equipped than most of its neighbors, the Armed Forces of the Republic of Uzbekistan are far from a modern, well-oiled military machine. Is the Uzbek military up to the task of providing for the security of the state against both internal and external threats? The answer is yes, and no. The Uzbek armed forces can defend the nation against any regional conventional force most likely to threaten the sovereignty of the state; however, the most likely threats to the state in the near future will not come from neighboring governments, and will be anything but conventional. The nation is comprised of five military districts, as per old Soviet practice, and units are allocated to these military districts according to the level of possible threats internal and external and according to established tactical doctrine. In addition, there are at least three Special Forces Spetsnaz battalions which come under the direct command of the SNB. These are supplemented by an unknown number of independent motorized units, Border Guard forces, as well as the three SBN controlled Spetsnaz battalions. Tashkent is the capital of Uzbekistan, and the Tashkent HQ most likely relies more on Spetnaz and SBN forces for security and national defense concerns. As well as guarding the nation against any immediate incursion from the nations of Afghanistan, Turkmenistan and Tajikistan, the units of the Central Military District cover the confluence of national borders most volatile of which is the border with Afghanistan and serve as a strategic reserve to the Eastern Military District. Without a doubt the most precarious region of the nation to defend and the most prone to internal strife and possible invasion, due to the strategic importance of the Fergana Valley. Afforded the natural barrier of the Aral Sea and only one nation on its northwestern border, the Northwest Military District is the most secure. Bordering Turkmenistan to the south, and supporting the Central Military District. It is important to note that this border is perhaps the most prone to illicit drug traffic originating in Afghanistan. Air Force Photo by Tech. Sturkol Released The air assets afforded the armed forces are predominantly of Russian manufacture. Focusing on internal security and counter-insurgency, the air force has largely focused on maintaining a small air attack component of Su fixed wing aircraft and a large number of Mi Hind attack helicopters. These rotary wing aircraft are invaluable in providing high mobility and rapid deployment in the vast and open desert of the frontier, as well as the rugged Fergana valley. National Security Services Though the Republic of Uzbekistan Armed Forces are perhaps one of the most capable in the region in real terms total personnel, equipment, etc. Much like the FSB, the SNB controls a number of Spetsnaz units, which it can utilize in a number of roles, including counter-insurgency, counter-terrorism, drug interdiction and a whole host of intelligence and paramilitary activities. These units have been utilized by the SNB to interdict drug traffickers illegally entering Uzbekistan from neighboring countries, and more importantly, to raid and destroy Islamic militant strongholds and safe houses within the country and along the frontier. The Spetsnaz battalions are organized along Russian lines, their organization and equipment being quite similar. Most notable are the U. It is also apparent, despite German attempts to hide the fact, that Airbus has signed a contract with the government of Uzbekistan to deliver rotary and fixed wing aircraft. Uzbekistan military promotional videos released this year have shown both AS Super Puma transport helicopters and CW transport planes in use. It is unclear whether the German government finally acquiesced to the deal there had been an export ban on weapons since the Andijan massacre, although lifted in , or if a new deal has been signed. Although the United States and other Western nations have chastised the often

heavy-handed tactics of the SNB in its never ending struggle to insulate the state from Islamic militancy, both internally and externally, there is no doubt that these tactics have been successful over the past 27 years. Always a power behind the scenes, and extremely secretive Rustam Inoyatov will most likely decide to remain out of the spotlight, letting someone else appear as the public head of state. He will continue to wield a great deal of power regardless. Stability or Anarchy The future of Uzbekistan, whether it holds the promise of continued stability or explodes into anarchy, largely depends upon the ability of the national leadership to maintain a strong sense of national identity among all Uzbeks, regardless of ethnicity, and to minimize the influence of Islamic militant groups within the country. The very fact that approximately to Uzbek militants are fighting with a number of groups in Syria, including with Islamic State and Imam Bukhari Jamaat, does not bode well for the long term stability of Uzbekistan. There is no getting around this problem, and it will have to be addressed in the near future. This is a shared reality for most Central Asian nations. Syria has provided Islamic militants from Central Asia with a perfect training ground where they can gain combat experience, learn and perfect the manufacture and utilization of explosives, and to establish a more extensive international support network. In such a zealous environment, where Islamic radical groups from around the world are free to practice the most violent and corrupt version of Islam, these fighters will continue further along the road of radicalization. Regardless of the outcome in Syria, there is no doubt that the internal security forces and the military of Uzbekistan will have to contend with the return of a large number of increasingly radicalized terrorist cells. It is just a matter of when. In the immediate future, Uzbekistan is likely to experience increased government repression and total intolerance for any form of civil protests. The SNB is already increasing its counter intelligence and anti-terrorism activities, and is undoubtedly increasing surveillance of Islamic fundamentalists and separatists of all stripes within the nation and abroad. Any bloody confrontation reminiscent of the Andijan Massacre will be seized upon by the IMU and like-minded groups to foment unrest in the general population, and will lead to a renewed call to jihad. After years of fierce fighting in Syria, Uzbekistan may seem a soft target to many such Islamic terrorist groups. Kyrgyzstan security forces intervene to stop clashes between Kyrgyz and Uzbek groups in Osh, on the border between the two nations on the eastern edge of the Fergana valley. Ethnic conflict in the region is a constant threat to stability. Conclusion The Republic of Uzbekistan stands at a crossroad. Either the nation embraces the stability of a secular government, and subordinates ethnic differences and religious life from public governance, or the people of the nation embrace the fragmentation of the state along ethnic and theocratic divisions. Ironically, Uzbekistan now stands threatened by the radical forces that it deposed and deported years ago. The IMU and its many factions and offshoots have only grown in number and capability in the intervening years. Now they are poised to return home, emboldened and empowered. The fate of Uzbekistan may seem inconsequential to many. It is a poor country in the middle of Central Asia; however, in many ways it stands out as a singularly important domino, poised to be tipped over. The threat of Islamic Fundamentalism has been growing in Central Asia, held back by a multi-faceted defense strategy that utilizes many conventional and asymmetric components. The pivotal battle that is being waged in Syria will have a profound effect on the future of the entire region and the world. If the national leadership falters and the citizens of Uzbekistan fall to the destructive and murderous siren call of Islamic fundamentalism, all of Central Asia could descend into chaos.

### 2: Rebecca Manley | LibraryThing

*Survival on the Tashkent Front* is included, who U ed Rus sia during the Civil War. In some ways, it was an apt comparison. Those who gathered in Tashkent were, like their forebears in.

Skeptical is exactly how I would describe how I went into this review. As many of you know I have lower back problems and I was sure that when I got this Ribz Front Pack allloaded with gear that is was going to cause undue strain. I wore it all day out in the woods shooting multiple videos including the one posted below and practicing different skills and can say with certainty that I walked away from my review of the Ribz Front Pack very surprised and pleased! The Ribz Front Pack does an excellent job at keeping the pack and the gear in close to your body. It also aides in weight distribution, especially when wearing the Ribz Front Pack with another backpack. Another awesome feature is the incredible amount of versatility and accessibility that it offers. Being able to just reach in and grab items that you use frequently through out the day is really cool! The only potential downside is also an upside and that is weight. However that actually helps to make the Ribz Front Pack more comfortable and more light weight. All in all it is plenty sturdy enough to handle frequent medium duty use and abuse. However, I will be able to confirm the durability aspect more conclusively in the future after more extended testing. Take a look at the video below to see my full review, impressions and thoughts of the Ribz Front Pack. Ribz Front Pack Review Video: Overall I give the Ribz Front Pack a 9 out of 10 stars! It is very comfortable to wear and is sized just right so that I can put in plenty of things I might need throughout the day but not so big as to have too much space to make it bulky and awkward. They are also priced lower that I initially expected. Going into this I expected they would be charing around 85 to 95 dollars per Ribz Pack. However, I was pleasantly surprised when I visited [http:](http://) That small gesture really helps me out a lot! Also feel free to subscribe via email by putting your email address in the space to the right or below and get my updates straight to your inbox. Thanks so much for your support! Disclosure of Material Connection:

### 3: Ribz Front Pack Review

*To the Tashkent station: evacuation and survival in the Soviet Union at war /.*

Additional Information In lieu of an abstract, here is a brief excerpt of the content: I am beginning a new life, without illusions and hopes. Georgii Efron, likewise en route to Tashkent, was tormented by questions, which he duly recorded in his diary: What will it be like? Gromova, Vse v chuzhoe gliadiat okno Moscow: Sovershenno sekretno, , Vagrius, , , entry of November 17, Eduard Babaev later wrote: Inapress, , Akhmatova herself used the term some years later in a short written piece about the composition of her Poem without a Hero. Ronald Meyer Ann Arbor: Ardis, , In some ways, it was an apt comparison. For Tashkent, unlike Istanbul or Baghdad, was not, in fact, a foreign city. The journey to Tashkent, though long and trying, traversed no international boundary. Their plight was not that of the stateless. Rather, it was that of the uprooted in a society in which rootsâ€”spatial, institutional, and personalâ€”determined both status and access to scarce state-supplied goods. Displacement deprived evacuees of one of the key requirements for inclusion in the urban polityâ€”a set residence. Although evacuees were not stateless , their rights were sharply constrained by administrative procedures that made residence dependent on official sanction. The gates to the cities of refuge were thus not open to all. Moreover, access to scarce state goods required inclusion in an official distribution network. In this regard, self-evacuees were in a particularly precarious position, for the act of self-evacuation effected a breach in the dense web of institutional networks that mediated relations between citizens and state. Evacuation also disrupted personal networks, which were almost as important as institutional ones in the struggle to survive. There is no return to the old life. Thousands of kilometers from their homes, evacuees set about repairing old bridges and establishing new ones. Whether they came across You are not currently authenticated. View freely available titles:

### 4: Project MUSE - To the Tashkent Station

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Short sighted preparation in the overall mobilization of the western front led many in these councils to scour Moscow libraries for any resources pertaining to evacuations during the first World War. Evacuation of industrial plants began in August and continued until the end of the year. These areas offered safety to its inhabitants due to its isolated locations that were not in reach of damaging Axis airstrikes, and they offered Soviet industries with a mass quantity of resources to field the factories and plants associated with the war effort. The Urals in central Russia fielded an impressive array of heavy iron and steel factories as well as agriculture and chemical plants. The Siberian industries relied on their coal mines and copper deposits in the Kuznetzk coal basin for continuing the support of the Soviet war machine. The rapid growth in production early in suggests that the evacuation started in For others, it was simply not used. During World War II refugee was replaced by evacuees. The reasons for controlling the displaced population varied. These elite individuals were evacuated to the rear of the country. The other portion of the evacuated were meet with a suspicious eye. The evacuation process despite the Soviets best efforts, was far from organized. The state considered the majority of those heading east as suspicious. Since a large majority of the population were self evacuees they had not been assigned a location for displacement. Officials feared the disorder made it easy for deserters to flee. These policies were not formed as a humanitarian effort but as a way for the country to defend itself. They needed to avoid the past issues such as: The exact number is hard to approximate since many evacuated themselves rather than by the states directive. However, due to the vast number of refugees the train stations were overcrowded and the distribution of train tickets could take days. The re-evacuation policy was written around those not working in industry. These citizens lost their residence to their city of origin, therefore were not part of the re-evacuation process. Anybody who tried to return without consent faced jail time. Despite many roadblocks and issues the Soviet state managed to do what no other European country could: Those chosen for the labor force were those deemed as socially unproductive. People who did not work for a set wage such as artist, writers and artisans were excluded from this new decree. Problems did arise with workers motivation to work. The children who were transported to Moscow were done so in barges which had no side railing. Subsequently, children would fall over board. First had accounts from children state that the boats had been previously used for the transportation of flour. On one account a child wrote to his parents that he was eating well. He wrote about having bread and tea for breakfast, and for lunch he would eat cabbage soup. Jewish families in the Soviet Union[ edit ] The Soviet Union had added nearly 2,, Jews to its population between and It is estimated that around , Jews were living in Bessarabia and Bukovina at the time. Around 10, of these newly Soviet Jews were deported into the interior of Russia for various reasons, many of them ending up in the Red Army. The creation of the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee is one example of this. Many underestimated the dangers of the impending Nazi war machine and paid the ultimate price. While the Soviet Union did not keep records specifically relating to Jews, it is estimated that , Soviet citizens were evacuated from Moldavia to places like Kazakhstan. In February there were as many as 45, displaced Jewish citizens from the Moldavian region living in Uzbekistan. The city of Tyumen , approximately 2, kilometers east of Moscow, was its chosen destination. Along with the body were sent chemicals and implements necessary for the continued preservation of the body. The crate was placed on a dedicated train secured by a selected group of Kremlin Guards. The body had its own private car and a personal guard around the clock. The conditions necessitated the acquisition of additional chemicals and distilled water from the city of Omsk , a further kilometers east of Tyumen.

## 5: Table of Contents: To the Tashkent station :

*This book is one of the most significant recent contributions to the history of the Soviet Union in the Second World War. A nuanced, complex, and confident interpretation of a rich and diverse source base, it is much more than just a careful study of a policy, its (non) implementation, and.*

But his inspiration is still lighting up the Uzbek capital -- and beyond. Weil, the founder of the world-renowned Ilkhom Theater, was struck on the head and stabbed in the stomach by unidentified assailants in front of his apartment building on September 6. His last words were, "I open a new season tomorrow -- and everything must happen. At the Ilkhom "inspiration" in Uzbek , the show goes on. The theater, located in a dark and dank Tashkent basement, remains the beacon of artistic excellence and cosmopolitan dissent that it has been since opening in the Soviet Union 32 years ago. We did not know how to live or what to do, and we are still hurting. Yes, we were in shock. But we have overcome it. We are learning how to live again, and continue doing what he has taught us. Embassy in Tashkent, as well as the U. Ilkhom will also perform later this year in Germany and is mulling a possible tour in Israel. The company bills its plays, which will carry subtitles abroad, as "understandable by people of all languages and cultures. Umida, a Tashkent resident and self-professed Ilkhom aficionado, says she sees every play performed at the theater and calls each one an "exquisite masterpiece. He is forced to marry, and his bride is also unhappy. It is a real human tragedy. The performance is so dramatic -- it just captivates audience. For many, it was a place of freethinking dissent amid the Soviet gloom. Weil once told the BBC that he had been under "total pressure" in Soviet days when everything was under "the absolute control of Soviet ideology. While suspicions that it was politically motivated are inevitable in this deeply authoritarian land, local media reports say the assailants, who did not rob Weil, were most likely drug addicts. The theater has been an island for intellectuals who recall the multiethnic and multilingual Tashkent of years gone by -- and would like to keep it that way. Yet Weil himself famously recorded the slow disappearance of such a city in his documentary, "The End of an Era: He was beloved by Muslims and Jews, Uzbeks and Russians. Yet he says Ilkhom is unlikely to share the fate of some other Uzbek theaters whose actors, especially ethnic Russians, have emigrated for better-paid jobs -- mostly in Russia. Although growing instability in Uzbekistan eventually led Weil to move his family to Seattle, the man himself resolutely refused to leave his homeland -- the only place he truly felt creative, he said. It is not true that there is nothing to stay here for. There is, and some. It is based on books written in the s by Abdulla Qodiriy.

## 6: Evacuation in the Soviet Union - Wikipedia

*Ithaca, NY & London: Cornell University Press, , xviii +pp., \$ h/b as the author notes in her 'Acknowledgments', her interest in the topic of this book took shape during her research in the Moscow archives when she "stumbled" on some letters penned during the final years of.*

## 7: Afghanistan Will Uzbekistan Survive the Death of Islam Karimov?

*To the Tashkent Station. Evacuation and survival in the Soviet Union at war, by Rebecca Manley, Ithaca and London, Cornell University Press, , US\$45/£, pp. + maps, photographs and index, ISBN This is a groundbreaking study of the displacement of Soviet citizens.*

## 8: Uzbekistan: Tashkent Theater Troupe Overcomes Tragedy

*The struggle for survival on the Tashkent front fell disproportionately on the shoulders of women, who accounted for nearly two-thirds of the city's evacuee population. As Nadezhda Mandelstam put it in a letter to a friend, "in general there are a lot of people, but they are all women."*

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