

Investigating the Actions of New Muslim Christians in the Face of the Afghan Mirvaiys

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Abstract

Mirvaiys Gholjazai was the commander of a group of Afghans in the border province of Kandahar who rebelled against the Safavid rule during the reign of Shah Sultan Hussein Safavid. The most important reaction of the Safavid court to this revolt was the dispatch of Georgian forces under the command of the Georgian princes (first Gorgin Khan and then Khosrokhani) to the Kandahar region. These forces were mainly Christians who had recently converted to Islam. The purpose of this study is to analyze the performance and actions of New Muslim Christians in the face of the Mirvaiys Afghan insurgency, with a pathological approach and relying on the main sources of the period. The findings of this study indicate that: adopting incorrect war policies, lack of empathy of the Safavid court with the troops sent to Kandahar, improper use of regional capabilities to repel the insurgency and turning capabilities into threats by commanders, the old conflict between Ghezelbas and Georgians, The conversion of Georgian forces to Christianity, despite being converted to Islam by both Safavid and Afghan forces, led to the defeat and inefficiency of Georgian New Muslim in the face of the Mirvaiys Afghan insurgency. Research Method In this research, descriptive-analytical and data collection has been done in a library method.

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