

Thank you Mr. Moderator.

I am Nuriddin Rizoyi, From Tajikistan, head of foreign affairs of Political movement "Group 24".

According to today's topic I would like to focus on the "Rights of persons belonging to national minorities"

- Although oppressions and injustices are happening over all societies in Tajikistan, but the national minority in the region of Badakhshan is in a very bad situation for a long time and still it's going on.

The "Kūhistani Badakhshon" autonomous region located in the east of Tajikistan in the Pamir Mountains, it makes up 45% of the land area of the country.

The population is almost 218,000. The main ethnic group are Pamiris. The largest city is Khorugh. They have their own language, it called Pamiris.

The majority religion is Ismaili Shi'ite and adherence to the Aga Khan is widespread.

Although Badakhshan is Semi-independent, but unfortunately its people have no any contribution in their destiny.

For example:

1. Head of province elected by the President, not by the people.
2. Despite the existence of a local parliament, but without any authority.
3. It is one of the richest areas by its natural resources in the world, but unfortunately the people of this region are deprived of all those resources.
4. The majority of the new generation of Badakhshan is among the rest of the Tajik youth in Russia working as a labor.
5. The central government does not give serious attention and not care toward this region, the evidence of the mentioned is lack of factories and industries.
6. A part of their land was sold even the people was not asked.
7. All known and influential people from Badakhshan were killed or exiled.
8. People of Badakhshan have suffered all sorts of pressures and threats, killing and torture. The worst happened in 24 July 2012 when the military attacked in the region and killed innocent people. The number of deaths is not determined yet. Because, the communications was blocked by the government. Many international organizations reported on this issue as Freedom House, and Amnesty International, and HRW. Certainly, what happened in 2012 can be called genocide.

The most important personalities were killed in this campaign are:

1. Imomnazar Imomnazarov
2. Sabzali Mahmadrizoyev

We have prepared a documentary film in this regard and have been handed in OSCE website ... You can see it!

Youtube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EJ22JTHSOxw>

Thank you for your attention!