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HISTORY OF THE TANGIMUSH CULTURAL MONUMENT

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Although the Bandikhon district of the Surkhan oasis is officially a new, junior district, its history has been recorded by historians with world recognition.

The ancient site of "Tangimush" in the Bandikhon district - whether it is actually Tangimush, Tangimush Atami or Tengridara - this question has remained open until now.

The sources note that the Tangimush oasis crossed the Takasakragan range in the northeast and the Sherabad range in the southwest, connecting the Boysun ravine with the Surkhandarya valley. The Tangimush cave is about 2 km long, very narrow, and difficult to walk through. In many places, especially in the western part, there are stone mounds. It is noted that a path connecting the villages of Uzunkuduk and Dashtigoz passed through it.

However, no information is provided about the tombs (inside the cave) in Tangimush, which bear witness to the distant past, and the old cemetery nearby.





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According to local residents, there was a large village in this place, where cattle breeders lived, and there was also a cemetery. The Tangimush Cave consists of two caves, and the grave of Tangimush Ata (there are three graves in this blessed place—His wife and shepherd were also buried here) in a large cave below, while his son-in-law's grave was in a slightly smaller cave above. The reason was that the son-in-law did not dare to stay in one place for long because of his father-in-law's greatness. Even after his death, he had requested that his grave be placed in a nearby cave out of respect.



If we take into account the fact that people lived in this place and there was a cemetery belonging to them, we can conclude that there was a village of "Tangimush" in this place. If we take into account the fact that an attentive, knowledgeable, characterful person entered the cave and did not return (according to the story of the inhabitants), there is no doubt that it was the shrine of "Tangimush ota".



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It is said that the person who settled in the Tangimush Gorge was originally from the descendants of the prophet, a mature person who possessed the knowledge of "hal". According to them, this person, who had the qualities of a saint, originally came in search of the path and settled in this remote place. Shepherds who drove cattle from Babatog to Shurab and Baysun visited this blessed place and reached their destinations without loss. They sheltered in this cave with their cattle in the bitter cold.

It is said that this cave connects with the caves of Amonkhana Ata, Khojaipok Ata, Khojakochkor Ata, and Khojamaikhona.

After 40 meters, the cave becomes very narrow. Predators - wild boars, wolves, bears, and even lions - have found their home in these places.

There was a large spring at the foot of the Boyankara Gorge near here, and the residents had a large garden, even growing watermelons. No one had been buried in the cemetery here for years. There was a large mosque above the cemetery.





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Once upon a time, it was very difficult to travel to these places and visit them. People traveled on horses and donkeys. Now, a new railway has passed through the foothills, opening a convenient route to Tangimush.