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THE PLACE OF DORTASH CULTURAL HERITAGE IN HISTORY

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The archaeological site of Dortash, which dates back to the 1st millennium BC, has been protected by the state due to its antiquity. In a unique location at the foot of the Bandikhan mountain, which connects Kadim Chaganiyon with Maverunnahr, there was a Friday market where people would gather.

The vast market of Katnov was the most important trading point, mainly between the Baisun and Denov bekilas of the Bukhara Khanate.



The Friday market was on a flat area of 2-3 hectares at the entrance to the gorge leading from present-day Bandikhon to Kofurin. There was a dungeon on the northern side of the market area, and the site and remains of the dungeon are still preserved.

Thieves, raiders and prostitutes who committed serious crimes and were sentenced to death were expelled from Chaganiyan and imprisoned. On the days of the Friday



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market, in front of the people, their guilt was heard and they were strangled on a high hill on the west side of the market.



That is why the place where this severe sentence was carried out was called "Dortash". Over the years, "Dortash" has been stained with the blood of criminals, and blood stains have remained to this day. The source says that their bodies were buried in a cemetery on the northern side of the Friday market. However, until recently, the location of this cemetery remained unknown.