



International Harmony is the Main Effecting Factor of Social Stability

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Abstract. *The article raises and discusses the issues of the proper understanding and interpretation of the fundamental nature of the reforms carried out in the cultural, economic, political, and social humanitarian spheres, that are considered to be the most crucial components of sustainable development. Also, it makes the remarks on the positive solution of ethnic problems occurring in our society.*

A key tenet of the extensive changes being implemented in Uzbekistan is the protection of human rights and interests. The leader of our country Shavkat Mirziyoev states “It is obvious to us all that we cannot envision human interests in isolation from the peace of the nation, the atmosphere of reciprocal respect, generosity, kindness and harmony in our society. This is all our priceless wealth, and it is our sacred duty to protect it like an apple of our eye” [1].

A stable and unifying strategy has been developed in our country from the early years of our independence; this initiative has been greatly supported by a number of different nations and serves as a symbol of solidarity for the members of various ethnicities who reside on the territory of Uzbekistan. According to our President Sh. Mirziyoev, Uzbekistan does not engage in political rivalry with other nations; on the contrary, it promotes the concepts of unity and solidarity through further strengthening friendly and neighborly relations with them. According to the Holy Qur’an “All Muslims are brothers without a doubt” [2]. Allah is the one who has established brotherhood between them. The kinship bond He makes cannot be untied. [3] The issue of strengthening international harmony and cooperation is considered one of the most crucial and concurrently essential in the political life of our country. Additionally, a rational policy is being developed to effectively address the ethnic problems in our society.

There are no legal restrictions on the number of religious organizations that may operate in the Republic of Uzbekistan or certain time for their existence. The development of the noble human qualities e.g., unity, religious tolerance, solidarity etc. ingrained in the mental character of the Uzbek people, has a long history. It dates back to the beginning of human evolution. Central Asia was regarded as the birthplace of civilization, and for this reason a lot of craftsmen, scientists, jewelers, and traders from other countries frequently visited it, and majority of them settled in these lands. As a result of developing friendly relations with the representatives of many nations and peoples, the idea of interethnic harmony has therefore taken on a more active role in our daily social life. The main focus of today’s progression in our country is adherence to our eastern values and traditions, persistent continuation of democratic reforms, and the goal of building a civilized, free and prosperous state. Different religious beliefs will always exist in our country as long as there are representatives from different nationalities and human communities living here. Particularly, the rights of citizens living in our country and believing global and national faiths such as Christianity, Buddhism, Baha’i, Ayurveda, Krishna etc. are being controlled and protected by the state through responsible institutions and organizations. There are now no barriers in our country preventing people of different religions from openly and pressure-free celebrating their religious rituals and holidays. On the initiative of the first President of Uzbekistan I. Karimov religious holidays of other faiths, such as Easter, Christmas, Purim, Hanukkah, etc. have been celebrated by the public for several years alongside our national holidays, such as Eid al-Adha and Ramadan Eid etc. Such factors may serve



as a bright example of glorification of our universal values such as tolerance, interethnic harmony and religious tolerance in the stable policy of Uzbekistan. The Council was established for the purpose of promoting and supporting the activities of various religious denominations in the Republic of Uzbekistan, establishing cooperation with various religious organizations on the basis of the principles of religious tolerance, and encouraging interreligious harmony and unity. Paying attention to religious activities, that is considered to be the primary source of knowledge, culture, spirituality, and morality, and promoting and upholding the concepts of religious tolerance is crucial for maintaining the tenets of peace and stability in the social life of the society. International harmony is based on international friendship. It is the concept expressing the fact that the representatives of different ethnicities coexist peacefully and cooperatively without encountering any conflicts. Interethnic harmony is sometimes referred to the spiritual basis for interethnic respect, generosity, friendship, and solidarity between people of different nationalities and peoples who coexist in one community and strive to achieve a common goal. The basis for the development of ancient values is not to lose the aims of common good goals between the nations.

The representatives of many nationalities have been living peacefully and in harmony since ancient times. For centuries there haven't been any inter-national conflicts between them. Since ancient times, our people have shown universal human qualities such as tolerance, hospitality, forgiveness, and respect for other people's traditions and beliefs. International harmony is a universal value that determines the national development of regions and countries where people with different backgrounds live together, and serves as a guarantee of peace and stability.

During the years of the war, Uzbek hospitality and tolerance were particularly striking. Over a million people, including 200,000 children, were evacuated to Uzbekistan at that time. The Uzbek people treated and raised orphans of different nationalities as if they were their own offspring. For instance, the family of Shoakmad Shomakhmudov from Tashkent set a high example for humanitarianism. During the Second World War Shoakmad Shomakhmudov and his young wife Bakhri Akramova adopted and educated children of different ethnicities. In a multi-ethnic country like Uzbekistan, harmonizing the interests of different nationalities and ensuring harmony among them is one of the key components of the development. The growth of other nations and countries, as well as the situations and opportunities in the whole world, are the main factors that influence a nation's perspective. If there isn't peace, tranquility, stability, solidarity, and equal relations among the peoples living side by side in the world, and especially in the neighboring countries none of them will be able to guarantee its bright future.

The emphasis on interethnic cooperation creates the basis for people living in Uzbekistan and trying themselves in a variety of professions and being aware of traditions and customs. This directly contributes to the growth and enrichment of spiritual values across the country. At present, our state is paying close attention to the issues relating to the preservation of national traditions and values of different nations and peoples, as well as their further growth and enrichment.

Today, our secondary schools provide education in seven different languages, including Uzbek, Karakalpak, Russian, Kyrgyz, Turkmen, Kazakh, and Tajik, while the media has become available for people in ten languages, representing different ethnicities residing in Uzbekistan.

Today, when the threat of the coronavirus pandemic is causing serious problems on a global scale, it is crucial to maintain unity and confidence in the successful outcomes of the reforms we have started, taking into account the fact that we are one of the multi-ethnic nations, considering the possibility of raising the risk of inter-ethnic conflicts in the area where multi-ethnic peoples live and operate. In Uzbekistan, the population's multi-ethnicity is viewed as a favourable factor of socio-economic development.

Uzbekistan's reputation in the international arena is increasing due to maintaining social and economic stability, and fostering harmonious inter-religious and inter-ethnic relations. To be very specific, state educational institutions in our country offer teaching in seven different languages. Newspapers and periodicals are published in more than ten different languages, while the Uzbek television and radio company broadcasts its programs in twelve different languages. There are 138 national cultural institutions under the patronage of the Committee of International Relations and Friendship with Foreign



Countries, as well as about 2,300 religious organizations belonging to 16 denominations. In this respect, a comprehensive, deeply-thought policy and practical measures are actively implemented with a focus on fostering inter-ethnic and inter-religious harmony. First and foremost, particular focus was placed on ensuring equal rights and freedom of citizens regardless of their gender, race, nationality, language, religion, social origin, faith, personal and social status and their equality before the law. Equal rights of citizens, social justice, the rule of law, and mutual respect for cultural, linguistic, and religious values, traditions, and customs of different nations and peoples are some of the guiding principles of the official policy of the Republic of Uzbekistan carried out in this area.

Citizens can participate in public and state building thanks to the constitutional assurances, regardless of their gender, ethnicity, nationality, language, religion, or socio-economic origin. It is important to note that the Republic of Uzbekistan conforms completely with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international legal and regulatory documents in its strategy to promote inter-national and inter-religious harmony. The fundamental objective of the modern state is to ensure the unity and stability of the society as well as effective protection of human rights and freedom. In this sense, our main law, the Constitution, serves as both a high-level political-legal framework that directs societal and governmental development and a crucial foundation that guarantees a decent life for every citizen living in our country.

In conclusion, it should be highlighted that establishing friendly relations with the representatives of other nationalities that reside in our country and showing high respect towards them would help to rise Uzbekistan's prestige in the international arena. Shavkat Mirziyoev, the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, at present is particularly concerning with the development of socio-economic sector of our country. In this process, all necessary conditions have been created for the representatives of different nations and peoples living in Uzbekistan to live freely and legally operate in their fields. All these aspects demonstrate how universal human values such as tolerance, solidarity and unity etc. have been exalted in our country.

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