

A Historical Account of “Shaal”: The Quetta Valley

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Abstract:

The term Shall has been widely used in the historical accounts by various historians for the today’s Quetta valley that is the capital city of Balochistan. In this paper the scholar has traced back the term and its subsequent context that elaborates the political and historical importance of Shall and its adjacent Pashtun and Baloch cities and valises. There are substantial misconceptions about the term and the Quetta valley that are constructed by various local and external historians. The writer has argued with substantial historical evidences and has proved that, the use of this term transcends the 18th century politics of this region and finds this term in almost 800 years old historical accounts.

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