

Khan Shaheed Abdul Samad Khan Achakzai A Political Leader and His Literary Contributions

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Abstract:

This paper highlights diverse dimensions of the life and works of the prominent pashtoon leader, shaheed-e-millat Khan Abdul Samad Khan Shaheed. His praise worthy services rendered for the protection of pashtoon territory, culture, history, language and civilization have also been discussed. The contents of the paper indicate that despite leading hectic life, Khan Shaheed never ever ignored the literary aspects of Pashto language. He provided a strong foundation to it by reshaping Pashto Alphabets, translating prominent works, and giving due status in media. The writer explores command of Khan Shaheed over eight popular regional languages through which he would easily convey his message to all freedom fighters. It also carries a comprehensive account of his vision and active participation in the politics of the then sub-continent and after the partition of India. The writer evaluates the life of this pashtoon leader who spent half of his life for the rights and dignity of pashtoon. They planned to remove him out of their way. Finally at the age of 67, he was martyred by two hand grenades attack on December 2, 1973

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