

Third Anglo-Afghan war 1839

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Abstract:

Afghanistan and Great Britain have fought three wars. Each war had its own causes and repercussions. In the first two Anglo-Afghan wars, the Great Britain imposed war on Afghanistan to achieve its colonial aims. It is commonly believed that third Anglo-Afghan war was result of Great rivalry between the Britain and Russia. However the third Anglo-Afghan war was started by King Amanullah to achieve independence in its external and internal affairs. It aimed to liberate Afghanistan from the yoke of colonial power i.e. Great Britain. This article tries to prove that King Amanullah was responsible for third Anglo-Afghan war. This article is descriptive and analytical secondary sources have been consulted to substantiate this argument. The first two Anglo-Afghan wars were fought because of Great Game. The British Government wanted to halt the advancement of Russia into India. To achieve this aim, British wanted submissive government in Afghanistan Rulers. Who did not conform to British policies were considered enemy. However the third Anglo-Afghan war resulted due to Amanullah's quest to create sovereign and independent Afghanistan.

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