



THE IMPORTANCE OF THE NEWSPAPER "JADID" IN THE STUDY OF JADIDISM

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***Annotatsiya:** Ushbu maqolada XX asr boshlarida shakllangan jadidchilik harakatining ma'naviy-ma'rifiy mohiyati, uning bugungi kun bilan g'oyaviy bog'liqligi, shuningdek, "Jadid" gazetasi misolida ushbu merosni zamonaviy jamiyatga yetkazishdagi sa'y-harakatlar tahlil etilgan. Yangi gazetaning nashr etilishi xalq ongini uyg'otish va milliy o'zlikni mustahkamlashdagi o'rni bilan izohlanadi.*

***Аннотация:** В статье анализируется духовно-просветительская сущность движения джадидов, возникшего в начале XX века, его идейная актуальность для наших дней, а также усилия по донесению этого наследия до современного общества на примере газеты «Джадид». Издание новой газеты объясняется ее ролью в пробуждении общественного сознания и укреплении национальной идентичности.*

***Abstract:** This article analyzes the spiritual and educational essence of the Jadid movement, which emerged at the beginning of the 20th century, its ideological relevance to the present day, as well as efforts to convey this heritage to modern society using the example of the "Jadid" newspaper. The publication of the new newspaper is explained by its role in awakening public consciousness and strengthening national identity.*



Kalit so‘zlar: jadidchilik, ma’rifat, matbuot, milliy uyg‘onish, “Jadid” gazetasi, Yangi O‘zbekiston. Iqbol Mirzo, O‘zbekiston adabiyoti va san’ati”, “Muharrir minbari”, Bahodir Karimov

Ключевые слова: джадидизм, просвещение, пресса, национальное пробуждение, газета «Джадид», Янги Узбекистон. Икбол Мирзо, «Узбекская литература и искусство», «Редакционная кафедра», Баходир Каримов

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Jadidism is a movement that played a key role in the Uzbek people's entry into a new historical stage. Jadidism, using the experience of European development, put forward ideas that envisaged the renewal and transformation of Muslim society. They timely put the issues of reforming the education system, developing the press, and restoring national identity on the agenda. The public consciousness was influenced by schools, newspapers, magazines, and books founded by Jadid intellectuals such as Mahmudkhodja Behbudiy, Abdulla Avloniy, and Munavvarqori Abdurashidkhanov. Due to such factors, the Jadidism movement went down in history as an important movement of national awakening at the beginning of the 20th century.

Our Jadid enlightened ancestors began their work to awaken the nation and encourage it towards development by first establishing a newspaper. Through printed publications such as "Tarjimon", "Oyina", "Taraqiy", "Sadoyi Turkiston", "Sadoyi Ferghana", "Najot", "Hurriyat", "Al-isloh", they sought to bring life-giving ideas such as national independence, freedom, and enlightenment to the people. In recent years, the head of our state has been paying special attention to a wider study



of the efforts of our ancestors, the new enlighteners, for the development of the Motherland and the prosperity of the nation.

We must deeply understand that the words of the Head of State, “It is known from history: in times of increasing threats to the fate of the Motherland and the people, it was the national heroes - bright-hearted intellectuals, poets and writers, artists, and workers in the field of spirituality and enlightenment who courageously took the stage. At a time when our country is entering a new, high stage of its development, we need mature personnel who, like our ancestors, are educated in the spirit of national values, along with the achievements of Western science, like water and air,” are not just historical information, but a serious call for each of us.

Also, at the international conference on "Jadids: Ideas of National Identity, Independence and Statehood" held in Tashkent on December 11, 2023, our President noted that the Jadid movement left a deep mark not only in the history of Central Asia, but also in the entire Muslim world and the Turkic world, and noted the importance of in-depth study and promotion of their rich heritage. According to the President, it remains an urgent issue to study the progressive ideas and views of our Jadid ancestors, to study their role and influence in the development of national statehood, to analyze the legislative framework of the state structures established by them in the first quarter of the 20th century, and to give a historical assessment of their activities aimed at building a secular, legal and democratic society.¹

He also expressed his views on the "Jadid" newspaper. He said that “The “Jadid” newspaper will continue the noble traditions and comprehensively cover

¹ Mirziyoyev, Sh. M. “Jadidlar – ideas of national identity, independence and statehood”. Speech at the international conference, December 11, 2023. www.president.uz



the ideas and programs of our great ancestors, which are in common with the development strategy of New Uzbekistan, bring this blessed heritage to the hearts and minds of our people, primarily our youth, and shape public opinion.” At an expanded meeting of the Republican Council for Spirituality and Enlightenment held on December 22, 2023, our President supported the idea of establishing the “Jadid” newspaper among the initiatives of our great ancestors aimed at accelerating national development in all aspects and uniting intellectuals and creative people, and put forward a proposal to publish this publication on the first day of the new year. In a short time - in just eight days, the first issue of the eight-page newspaper was prepared for publication. Regarding the establishment of the “Jadid” newspaper, Bakhodir Karimov, a literary scholar, Doctor of Philology, assessed the establishment of the newspaper as follows: “The new year began with a new historical event. On the first day of 2024, we have a newspaper called “Jadid” in our hands. Its initiator is our President, and this newspaper is literally a tribute to the new era dreamed of by our enlightened ancestors, a celebration of the noble idea of once again uniting the national lights in the interests of the Motherland and the people.”²

Iqbal Mirzo, the newspaper's editor-in-chief, said about the establishment of the "Jadid" newspaper instead of the "Uzbekistan Literature and Art" newspaper: "The newspaper did not close, it opened its doors wider. This newspaper was "Uzbekistan Literature and Art", which, as our teacher Abdulla Oripov said, was "stuck in paper form between two rivers". Today we have the opportunity to distribute its electronic version to the whole world."

In this process, the employees of this newspaper, which emerged on the basis of the newspaper "Uzbekistan Literature and Art", Jadid scholars, scientists,

² <https://www.kun.uz/news/2023/12/22/prezident-manaviyat-va-marifat-sohasida-9-ta-yo'nalishda-muhim-tashabbuslarni-ilgari-surdi>



intellectuals worked seriously, and in a very short period of time the task of our head of state was fulfilled. This initiative of our President is supported not only by us - Uzbek scholars, but also by international Jadid scholars, all intellectuals involved in Jadid literature, Jadid culture, Jadid art. I think that many sources and materials from abroad will also find their expression on the pages of the newspaper.

The process of preparing the first issue of the "Jadid" newspaper was intense. The editorial article of the People's Poet of Uzbekistan, the outstanding artist Iqbol Mirzo under the column "Editor's Pulpit" under the title "The Era of Unity" in the publication touched upon the content, goals, objectives, and direction of this new publication. Today, the educational reforms taking place in our country, which is recognized as a renewed Uzbekistan in the world, are deeply, sincerely, fluently, and popularly expressed in a way that is in harmony with the ideas and aspirations, goals and objectives of our Jadid ancestors.³

The newspaper "Jadid" also sets itself the following goals:

- To widely cover the life and activities of our Jadid ancestors, who occupied a unique place in the history of the educational, political and national revival of the Uzbek people - representatives of the Jadid movement.
- To popularize the ideas of national identity, independence and statehood.
- To promote harmony between the development strategy of New Uzbekistan and the heritage of the Jadids.
- To strengthen the sense of national pride and self-awareness in the hearts of the younger generation.

³ Mirza Iqbal. "The Pulpit of the Editor: The Era of Unity". Jadid Newspaper, 2024, Issue 1



The newspaper "Jadid" is registered by the Uzbekistan Press and Information Agency.

The direction of the publication:

- Historical and educational articles.
- The views of the Jadids on science, education, culture, politics and the development of society.
- Opinions of modern Uzbek intellectuals and researchers.
- Ideas of building a national statehood, democracy and a legal society.

The significance of the newspaper:

- A modern interpretation of the Jadids' heritage and its instillation in the minds of young people.
- Starting a new stage in strengthening the national idea and spirituality.
- Serving the formation of public opinion on the basis of enlightenment.

The newspaper's pages featured the ideas of our great nationalist and enlightened ancestors on reforming the nation, as well as popular scientific articles by famous literary critics, writers, publicists, scientists, and historians under such columns as "Sources", "Civilization", "Mirror", "Immortal Heritage", "Spirit of the Age", "Heritage", "Lesson of the Moz", and "Field of Thought".⁴

When we say Jadid, the schools, textbooks, and newspapers of our enlightened forefathers come to mind as the most important works they have done. In order to take our nation and state to a new level, to take the reforms on the path

⁴ <https://www.jizzax-ovozi.uz/jamiyat/3942-jadid-gazetasi-birlashmoq-davrining-minbari.html>



of development that our President is passionately working towards, to a more courageous level, today there is a need for a platform that will bring together progressive thinkers and convey this to our people in an understandable way. The newspaper also adopted the congratulatory words of our Jadid forefathers, “Unity in language, thought, and work!” as its motto. This is not in vain. So, we must unite and justify the trust of our President. In this sense, I call on all our friends to cooperate. May this new platform be blessed for everyone! We are determined that the “Jadid” newspaper will become the main platform for such courageous intellectuals, and we call on all our enthusiastic, selfless compatriots to creatively cooperate in this regard,” said Iqbol Mirzo, editor-in-chief of the “Jadid” newspaper.⁵

Indeed, the “Jadid” newspaper is literally a tribute to the new era dreamed of by our enlightened ancestors, a celebration of the noble idea of uniting the national luminaries again today in the interests of the Motherland and the people. This magnificent edition of New Uzbekistan was greeted with great enthusiasm by the intellectuals of our people and the general public as an enlightening edition that opens new horizons of thought. The landmark issue of the “Jadid” newspaper and the historical significance of the establishment of this new edition were presented on the “Culture and Enlightenment” channel of the National Television and Radio Company of Uzbekistan.

The Jadid movement left an incomparable mark on the historical development of the Uzbek people. Representatives of this movement, through the press, who sought to awaken the people, to cultivate the spirit of national pride and independence. Today, the “Jadid” newspaper continues this historical tradition in modern conditions, popularizing the heritage of the Jadids, and educating the younger generation on the basis of national values. The publication of the

⁵ Mirza Iqbal. “The Pulpit of the Editor: The Era of Unity.” *Jadid Newspaper*, 2024, Issue 1.



newspaper shows that it can not only revive historical memory, but also become an important source of ideological power in the development of New Uzbekistan.

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