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The Migration Landscape of Kazakhstan's Uyghur: A Historical Perspective

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ABSTRACT The research article focuses on the population of Uyghurs, one of the groups whose historical struggle for identification and establishment of their own nationalism intersected with the history of Kazakhstan, especially at the end of the XIX century. Through the analysis of migratory activity of Uyghurs, the authors proceed from the fact that there were migratory stages involved in the resettlement of the Uyghurs. An opinion survey among the Uyghurs of the Kazakhstan-Chinese border-zone is presented in the article. The aim was to determine the number of the Uyghurs and features of its settlement in the Kazakhstan-Chinese border zone. The article specifically attempts to present an account of the history of resettlement of the Uyghur from western China to the territory of Semirechye in Kazakhstan.