
The Soviet State activity on awarding Muslims for the participation in the Nazi Germany defeat: Lessons for Russia's national security

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The article considers the Soviet State religion politics on the example of awarding Russian Orthodox Church leaders and Muslims unions for the contribution to the Nazi Germany defeat during The Great Patriotic War. On the basis of archival documents, we reveal the misconception of specialized literature that the Chairman of the Central Muslim Spiritual Board G.Z. Rasulev (Ufa) first addressed the Soviet Muslims only 15 May 1942. Two versions of Mufti's G.Z. Rasulev patriotic address of 2 September 1942 found by the author as well as recently declassified documents, break established stereotypes and make it possible to see in the new light the Muslim Board's and ordinary Muslim's patriotic activities. We propose recommendations that would contribute to the consolidation of our society and to the Russian influence growth in the world.

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