

# Zahiriddin Muhammad Babur the Great Commander

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## ABSTRACT

This article talks about the great general, ghazal poet, Shah Zahiruddin Muhammad Babur and his conquest of India. Babur's defeat of Ibrahim Ludi's army and the tactics used in the battle are briefly explained. Famous personalities of India also tell about the works done by Babur and his dynasty in this country.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Zahiriddin Muhammad Babur was a writer, poet, scientist who occupied a special place in the culture, literature and poetry of the Middle Ages and was also a great statesman and general. Babur founded the Babur dynasty in India with his broad outlook and perfect intellect, and his name remained in the history of this country as a statesman. His elegant ghazals and rubai's are the rarest masterpieces of Turkish poetry, and his treatises on "Mubayyin" ("Declared"), "Khatgi Baburi", "Harb ishi", and "Aruz" made a worthy contribution to the fields of Islamic jurisprudence, poetry and linguistic theory.

## II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

The brilliant work of the king and great general, the child loyal to his religion and nation and the poet Zahiriddin Muhammed Babur Mirza, the military campaigns that led him to greatness, are still studied by historians and poets. While studying the life of Mirza Babur, after Mir Alisher Navoi, the sultan of the ghazal estate, he was a skilled poet and writer who continued his work, but a person who can compete with Navoi in Ruboynavis appears before our eyes. Zahiruddin Muhammad Babur is recognized as a role model for all generations with his military campaigns. Babur is recognized as a person who lived

with a sense of homeland and longing until the end of his life. The theme of the homeland occupies a special place in Babur's lyrics. His homesickness and love for the homeland are evident in each of his verses. We will once again witness that many poems and ghazals written by Babur are filled with the national anthem. However, in Babur's leadership skills, we can see his love for the motherland, his responsibility as a leader to the lives of ordinary people regardless of their nationality and religion. When we talk about this, we feel more clearly that his bravery and courage are characteristic of Timurids. His life and literary activity coincided with a period when the political life in Movarounnahr was finally complicated, the leadership of feudal groups was at its peak, and the crisis of the Timurid state was continuing. If we saw the vision of such complexities in "Boburnoma", how it was reflected in the psyche of the poet is shown in his poems. After his attempts to unify Movarounnahr failed, Babur's mood was reflected in his poems when he was in a difficult mood and was disappointed by the treachery of the officials. Later, when he left his country and went to Afghanistan and India, Babur's poetry began to feel the feeling of Homeland, longing for the Homeland, and the hope of returning to it.

If we look at Babur's entire life, we can see that the general's constant dedication to his country and his love for his country are clearly reflected in his works.

Babur's skills in battles are still studied in the West and the East, causing controversy. Ibrahim Ludi's victory in the battle near the city of Panipat with about 100,000 soldiers and 50,000 military elephants is especially commendable and once again shows how great a general Babur was. It was very difficult for only about ten or two thousand troops to achieve such a victory. In the achievements of Babur, the leadership experience can be shown in a leading position. He had learned the secrets of martial arts not only from his friends but also from his enemies. In the battle with Ibrahim Ludi, he learned the cannons from Shokh Ismail, and learned the use of ammunition from the experience of his enemies Shaibani Khan and Ubaidullah Khan. As with all generals, Babur had suffered a number of defeats in battle. However, Babur was able to use the mistakes and shortcomings he made in each of his defeats to his advantage in subsequent battles. For example, while passing through the city of Punjab, which is washed by five rivers, to fight with Ludi, he takes his army through the swamps and diseases of a foreign land. At this place, in the battle near the city of Panipat, the field where Babur Mirza halted for battle was also chosen on the basis of a strong plan. It was protected from attack by the Jamna river on the right and the dense population of the city of Panipat on the left. From this it can be seen that Ludi can only be expected directly. However, it was very difficult to stand up to the army that was coming with a ten times larger force with chariots and ambushes. Babur's multi-ethnic soldiers from different places also believed in his military experience, otherwise they would not have faced inevitable death. This quality of Babur can show how persuasive the general was to his army. Before the battle, Babur urged the generals who were training their soldiers to train hard, saying: "Don't spare the soldiers during the training, if you spare them now, they will lose and die in the battle." We can see that the commander's views on the combat training of soldiers are widely used in modern armies. For example: "The more difficult the training-combat activity is, the easier the soldier moves in the battle" is widely used.

Babur used to go into battle with his trusted men in all future battles, he trusted all his men who went into battle. The general used this rule as a program throughout his military career. In all the battles of Sarkarda, qualified commanders and his son Khumayun were shoulder to shoulder. This was the basis of his victories. In the battle with Ludi, the King

of India entrusted the right side of the army to Khumayun, who was accompanied by such skilled generals as Khoja Kalonbek and Hindubek. Babur attacked Ludi's large army from three sides, and from the open center with seven hundred guns. The war elephants, frightened by the terrible sound of cannons and fiery chariots, broke ranks and fled in all directions. Among them is the white elephant of Ibrahim Ludi, who dies on the battlefield. This incident threw all the army of the mine into confusion. Regardless of how high the victory was, Babur, unlike the generals of the past, did not allow the local population to be looted by his soldiers, and their traditions and customs were trampled under foot. By these actions, Babur shows how noble a person he is. He even courted Ludi's mother, Princess Bayda. However, he was the cause of Babur's death. In this way, Babur Mirza is considered as a great general who founded the Babur dynasty on the land of India, recognized all over the world, including India. Living in this hot country, he pays great attention to the construction, cultural and educational sphere. It puts an end to customs such as burning the wife while the husband is alive, which is against some human rights in the country. In a short period of time, Babur sponsored efforts to stabilize the political environment in India, unify the Indian lands, improve the cities, regulate trade and create gardens. The beautification of India, the construction of architectural monuments, gardens, libraries, caravanserais, which are still famous in it, spread on a large scale, especially during the period of his sons and descendants. The penetration of the Central Asian style into Indian art and architecture began to be felt. In the presence of Babur and his ruling descendants, a perfect spiritual and spiritual environment was created, which embodied the advanced and intelligent scientists, poets, musicologists and statesmen of that time. Jawaharlal Nehru wrote about the importance of the cultural environment in the Babur state for India: **"After Babur's arrival in India, great changes took place and new incentives breathed fresh air into life, art, architecture, and other branches of culture became intertwined."**<sup>1</sup>. In addition, Jawaharlal Nehru in the book "Discovery of India" said this about Babur: **"Babur was a charming person. A great renaissance sultan, a powerful businessman, loved art, literature, and beauty"**.<sup>2</sup>. The Babur dynasty ruled India for over 300 years.

1. Jawaharlal Nehru - Discovery of India book.

2. Yaqubov H., Zakhiriddin Muhammad Babur, Tashkent, 1999. Khasanov S., Babur's treatise Aruz, Tashkent, 1981.

### III. CONCLUSION

The good works done by the king and the great leader, the great creator Babur Mirza and his descendants, that is, the Babur dynasty, have a special place in the world civilization. The fact that the buildings built by the Baburis in the land of India over the centuries amaze all the nationalities is considered as an obvious result of this. Baburi's practical work in India, humanity, patriotism, religious tolerance, etc., are the qualities of the Uzbek nation that are different from other nations, and have been showing in other countries. Centuries pass, but the figure of the great Uzbek general Zahiriddin Muhammad Babur is studied again and again as a person who left an indelible mark in the history of the world.

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