Summary

Subject matter: Deportation of the Karachai people (1943-1957).

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Topicality of the research: The Great Patriotic War of the Soviet Union against the fascist Germany and its allies is an unforgettable event in the history of all the peoples of the USSR as it was a sacred war in the name of life and freedom of the entire Motherland. So no matter how much time has passed it continues to attract people’s attention. The work explores the contribution of the departed people to the victory in the Great Patriotic War, accusations made against the Karachai people at the highest point of war, its deportation, settlement in Kazakhstan, Central Asia and subsequent rehabilitation – return to the historical homeland.

Objective of the research is the study of the causes of the deportation of the Karachai people during the Great Patriotic War.

Tasks:
- to study all the causes of the deportation of the Karachai people both true and false;
- to prove the lack of objectivity and groundlessness of the false accusations put forward to the address of the Karachai people during the Great Patriotic War;
- to examine the official acts and the position of the Karachai people, the division of their property and territory, settlement, accommodation and living in Kazakhstan and Central Asia;
- to study the position of the Karachai people after their return to the historical native land.

Theoretical and practical significance of the research: The paper broadens the scientific idea of the role and activity of the Karachai people in the achievement of victory during the Great Patriotic War. This research can be used
for the in-depth study of the history of the Karachai people in 1943-1957 by history teachers, academics in their research and pedagogical work, in the creation of generalized studies in the history of the deportation of the peoples of Russia and in specialist courses.

**Results of the research:** The deportation of the Karachai people became an awful tragedy in the history of the peoples of the North Caucasus, made worse the genofond of the people and took many thousands of lives. In the long run the people unjustly and cruelly accused of the crimes it did not commit saw justice done – rehabilitation and return to the historical sites of their residence.

**Recommendations:** As this paper is chiefly theoretical, the materials of the research can be used in the preparation of the information material on the deportation of the Karachai people, detailed interpretation of both objective and false causes of the deportation of the Karachai people in November, 1943. The concrete results obtained in this work can be used in the academic process in giving specialist courses in the history of the peoples of the North Caucasus.