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THE EVERYDAY LIFE OF MOSCOW'S ISMAILI MUSLIMS IN THE CONTEXT OF SOCIOCULTURAL CHANGE

Moscow, a metropolis with a centuries-old history, is today a complex conglomerate of cultures, religions, and identities. In this polyphony, the Ismaili community holds a special place as one of the least studied yet dynamically evolving religious groups in the capital. Ismailism a branch of Shia Islam. One of the indigenous and compactly residing Ismaili communities inhabits the high-mountain valleys of the Pamirs — the Gorno-Badakhshan Autonomous Region (GBAO) of the Republic of Tajikistan. As a result of labor and other migration to Moscow, an Ismaili community has emerged here. The everyday life of Moscow Ismailis is a unique blend of tradition and modernity, rooted in the global umma and seeking its place in Russian society. This everyday existence, like a sensitive barometer, reflects profound sociocultural changes taking place both within Russian society itself and in the global Muslim world. The article is based on the author's field materials collected in the spring and summer of 2025 in Moscow. The author analyzes the everyday life of Shia Ismailis in the context of the changes occurring in their lives due to migration from Tajikistan to Russia.

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