

Causes of Ashraf Khan Hijree's Imprisonment by Mughals

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Abstract:

The role of Khushal Khan Khattak and his family has been of great value in shifting the paradigm of Pashto literature. Due to his fierce rivalry with the Mughal Empire especially in the era of AurangzaibAllamgeer, several wars have been fought between the Mughals and Afghans. Ashraf Khan Hijree (1044-1116 Hijree) the well-known classical poet and the eldest son of Khushal Khan have always fought in the leadership of his father. In the last days of Khushal Khan, his most reliable and likeminded son Ashraf Khan was detained by Mughals till the last moments of his life. In this paper, the scholar has traced history to figure out the reasons that caused Ashraf Khan Hijree's imprisonment.

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