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### Albert Menteshashvili – Remembrance

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We will remember a person who was the best teacher, a great scientist, a good diplomat, and a person of state vision and actions. A well-known scientist who has long been involved in scientific and educational activities at the Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, was born on April 13, 1932, in Georgia (Tbilisi). He established a center of ethnic-confessional research at the Ivane Javahishvili Tbilisi State University, on the Department of History Asia and Africa. Released collections of current Middle East-related subjects and during his time as the head of the department, worked with colleagues and students to present the related subjects of the Middle East in a flexible and analytical way. He personally brought items that were difficult to find in the Soviet Union from several scientific visits abroad. Asked renowned international orientalists to conduct methodological work. His students and colleagues were always supported from him. Personally introduced students to well-known scientists and led them



on field trips. Played a significant role in each doctoral dissertation defense. Students studied under his direction and developed their critical writing and teamwork skills. Students were always welcome to attend his lectures and observe his teaching methods. Never fit within. Always went into depth on a certain subject and gave students fascinating details about the Middle East. His sense of humor and camaraderie were great. Students have always felt that he is special to them.

He was invited to conduct lectures at the Sorbonne University in France and the Kurdistan University in Iraq. Received a NATO grant. In 2002, under the editorship of Doctor of Historical Sciences Professor Givi Jordania, he published a book intended for students, teachers, graduate students, researchers, and a wide range of other readers interested in the above issues of Oriental studies.

He published the following scientific works:

1. AL. Menteshashvili, „From the history of the national liberation movement of the Iraqi Kurds in 1919-1925“. Georgian SSR Academy of Sciences, Institute of Oriental Studies. Tbilisi, Science, Tbilisi, 1965.

2. AL. Menteshashvili, `Problems of socio-economic development of modern Iraq“. Academy of Sciences of the USSR of Georgia. G. Tsereteli Institute of Eastern and Western Studies. Tbilisi, Science, Tbilisi, 1980.

3. Varlam Donadze, Albert Menteshashvili, Ioseb Tsintsadze, `Recent history of Asian and African countries. II, (1945-1968)“. (ed. V. Donadze) Publishing House of Tbilisi University, Tbilisi, 1970.

4. AL. Menteshashvili, „Issues of agrarian relations in modern Kurdistan“. Georgian USSR Academy of Sciences, Institute of Oriental Studies. Tbilisi, Science, 1976.

5. AL. Menteshashvili, „Kurds and Kurdistan: issues of socio-economic development“. Soviet Georgia, Tbilisi, 1977.

6. AL. Menteshashvili, „Questions of the history of the Kurds of the Middle East: X-XX centuries“. Tbilisi University Publishing House, Tbilisi, 1978.

7. AL. Menteshashvili, „Prominent politicians and diplomats of the world / I: from ancient times to 1919“. (Editor: Levan Aleksidze). Tbilisi, University Publishing House, Tbilisi, 2003.

8. AL. Menteshashvili, „History of international relations and diplomacy from ancient times to 1799“. (Ed. Givi Jordan). Tbilisi University Publishing House, Tbilisi, 2003. (These books are kept in the National Scientific Library of Georgia).

He was also the head of the following scientific researches:

1. Marine Itriashvili, „The place and role of the Maronites in the confessional evolution of Lebanon (XII-XX centuries)“. Tbilisi, 1996.

2. Emzar Makaradze, „Cyprus and NATO, Greek-Turkish relations in the 60s-80s of the 20th century“. Tbilisi, 1998.

3. Lamzira Khidesheli, „The role of the Berber element in the political arena of the Maghreb countries“, 1993.

4. Madonna Gogitidze. „The Ottomans in Russia's Middle East Policy in the Last Third of the 19th Century“. Tbilisi, 2004.

5. Zviad Tkabladze, „Foreign policy relations between the Arab Republic of Egypt and the United States in the 70s-90s of the XX century“. Tbilisi, 2006.

6. Irakli Gorgiladze, „The place and role of Caspian oil in the foreign policy of the leading states at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries“. Tbilisi, 2003.

As well as monographs, scientific articles, etc. His Personal Library was distinguished by its abundance and variety of books. At the Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University he was elected as head of the department as a high-level professional, with a state vision and a fair personality. He instilled these values in his students and raised them to be scientists/experts at the highest level. Nowadays respected scientists proudly and lovingly recall that they were once doctoral students of such a teacher, and still feel a sense of gratitude:

Affiliated professor of the National University of Georgia - Marine Itriashvili;

Head of the Department of Oriental Studies, Batumi State University named Shota Rustaveli, Professor Emzr Makaradze;

Doctor of the National University of Georgia - Lamzira Khidsheli;

Doctor of Historical Sciences, Head of the Resource Center of Kobuleti (Adzharia) - Madonna Gogitidze;

Orientalist, Doctor - Zviad Tkabladze;

Professor of Batumi State University Irakli Gorgiladze.

As Professor Emzar Makaradze say: “he was a true citizen and a symbol of Georgian manhood”. Such was Professor **Albert Menteshashvili**.

His death is undoubtedly a great loss for Georgian science. He will always be in our hearts and memories as a talented, highly educated, professional, dear senior colleague, a great person, the best lecturer and scientist.