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DIKLO-SHENAKO'S TRAGEDY IN THE GEORGIAN FOLKLORE

Mountainous villages of Georgia, very frequently in the past, have to withstand invaders from the north to block their advance onto the country's territory. Diklo and Shenako are villages of Tusheti located near the northern frontier and their fate has often been strongly interrelated. People of the mountainous region, from time to time, concluded peace treaties between each other.

This paper discusses narrations, legends, poetry, describing the tragedy of the villages of Diklo-Shenako and Helo, featuring the desperate fight of Georgians for liberty and for the defence of honour and dignity