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ON THE ORIGIN OF SOME ZAN FAMILY-NAMES

Patronimic models common to the Kartvelian worldview are still found in the territories inhabited by Laz tribe, some of which are also preserved in the geographical names.

The majority of the Laz family-names are formed from the first-names which have family-name suffixes characteristic to the Zan Language: -š (Janaši); ua(èièua) -va (Tandilava. Here also belong family-names with **skir** and **ber** suffixes (maiskiri, gulaberi etc.)