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ON THE HISTORY OF TOPONYMS OF KINCHKHI AND GORDI

The villages of Kinchkhi and Gordi had settlements as early as mid Bronz-Age. Toponyms of these villages reflect the history of the region. More than five hundred toponyms were recorded in the villages and 30-35% of the place names are of Zan origin. There is no motivation for a certain part of toponyms and even popular etymology does not give any information at all. Half of the place-names may be regarded as the so-called modern toponyms which have different motivation and structure from those discussed in this paper. Diachronic study of Kinchkhi and Gordi toponyms could reveal many interesting materials.