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### **FROM THE HISTORY OF IRANIAN-GEORGIAN RELATIONS IN THE REIGN OF VAKHTANG V**

The paper deals with the urgent problem of the political relations between Iran and Georgia, which is linked with the attitude of the kingdom of Kartli, as a vassal of Iran, towards Iran's royal court in the reign of Vakhtang V.

King of Kartli Vakhtang, as a Moslem ruler, raised to the throne by Iran's Shah, was obliged to recognize the authority of the latter, but he made every effort to get free from the suzerain and gain independence. Although his attempt was not successful, but Iran's court once again had to give up its plan of Islamization of Georgia.

Along with this, Vakhtang V tried to extend his political influence over other Georgian principalities too and restore the inner unity in this way.

The paper stresses that due to the unfavourable political situation at that time in the Near East (the rivalry of Iran and Ottoman Turkey) Vakhtang's attempt to restore the political unity of the country as well as to liberate the country from the domination of Iran failed.