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BUN-TURKS OF THE GEORGIAN HISTORICAL SOURCES AND THE QUESTION OF THE ANCIENT POPULATION OF TRANSCAUCASION

The term **bunturki** found in the chronicles of Georgia is a compound word. **Bun** - means **Turk** nucleus, chief part of Turks; correspondingly, this ethnonym is related to Scythians, driven by Kaikhosro, King of Persians. In the later half of the firstmillenium, B.C. Georgians resettled this group in Sarkine.