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SHALVA AMIREJIBI - A WRITER AND PUBLIC MAN

Shalva Amirejibi was a poet, a journalist and a public man, an ardent patriot and a gifted man. He established national-democratic party of Georgia and was its chairman and the founder of its main committee. During the first republic of Georgia (1918-1921) he was a member of the National Board and of the Constituent Assembly.

One of the principal questions which Sh.. Amirejibi studied in his works dealt with Armenian ethnicity living in Georgia and their relationships with Georgian population. Sh. Amirejibi saw the future of Armenians in their homeland, otherwise if they stayed to live in Georgian they should recognize the right of the Georgian state and its people. He encouraged the Georgian and Armenian relationship on friendly terms but he considered unacceptable the policy when in his homeland other ethnic groups enjoyed whatever privileges than the local population; as in his opinion, such disposition created the prelude for the loss of the country's territories.