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### PATRIOTISM IN LAZ FOLKLORE

Historical Lazeti is mainly located in the Republic of Turkey. Today only the half of Sarpi village belongs to Georgia. Nevertheless, the love of Laz people for their motherland has never ceased. Patriotism of Laz people is also focused on the native Sarpi village which is divided into two parts.

Sarpi village is the cornerstone of eternal feeling of the great past of the Laz people.

Presented materials, collected in the both parts of Sarpi village, are inspired with a deep patriotism.

There is intense sorrow expressed for the separation of relatives. Some people died long before the border of Sarpi became accessible. It was the most exceptional event in terms of restoring the relations between families and neighbours of the both parts of Sarpi village.