Analysis on Military Actions of Democrat Sect Which Leads to Occupy Maragheh on Azar, 1324 (Solar System Equals to 1945)

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A B S T R A C T

One of the most sensitive eras in contemporaneous time was events on Azar, 1945. In this month, this research all military centers and garrisons have explored these evolutions process in this era. This research is descriptive-analytic and historical method has been used. In this research formulation, archived documents, published books related to Maragheh contemporaneous history, published and unpublished memories, oral interview, and objective witnesses have been used. The main finding in this research is that there was no main evolution in Maragheh in one-year predominance of democrat sect, because this sect couldn’t attract public support of people for lack of alignment with Maragheh people traditions and general and intensive religious believes.

INTRODUCTION

By start of 1945 Maragheh faced with considerable activities of Toudeh group, meetings, associated groups related to Toudeh in villages and arming villagers against government owners and forces with Soviet support. Soviet Union government had concluded that separating Azerbaijan and making democrat sect was not possible without weakening Iran military forces and centers; therefore, Maragheh was not exceptional as one of strategic centers in Azerbaijan. It is tried in this research to explore military actions of democrat sect forces with soviet forces support against garrisons and terror against military commanders in Maragheh in Azar, 1945. The important of this research subject is that there has not been any research formulated comprehensively in this issue. This research purpose is about how establishment and empowering democrat sect happened in Maragheh in Azar, 1945. In this research, reader becomes aware of issues such as regional/military senior commander and governor, Fadaeiyan arming way, sect followers, Soviet forces role, and also Maragheh garrison’s bravely resistant to the last moment.

Maragheh: it is located in Azerbaijan-Sharghi Province in OrumiyeLake and on Sahand south hillside.

Democrat sect: it is sect which was established by SeyyedJafarPishevari in Shahrivar, 1945 in Azerbaijan.

Research Methodology:

Research method in this research is analytic- historical.

Questions of Research:

1- Why were insecurity and military actions against governmental actions started sooner than other cities?
2- How much was the role of Caucasian in insecurities and empowering sect in Maragheh?
3- How much was the role of police station officers and owners in fasting insecurities events?

1- Being Killed of Maragheh Governor and Colonel Seyyed Abbas Moein Azad:

In the second night of Azar, 1945 Soviets invited YahyaSalari, Maragheh governor; Colonel Seyyed Abbas Moein Azad, regional military senior commander and Ilkhi garrison commander; Major Ahmad Safvat, service military administration principal; and first grade jamadarFereydoonAzarnoor, Maragheh group commander with fiction of negotiation to provide city security to Kamanandi of Soviet in order to be able to supply the condition...
of democrat sect forces invasion to city. FereydoonAzarnoor didn’t accept the invitation among others, and Major Ahmad Safvatescaped at that time to Tabriz [7].

Governor and Colonel Moein Azad accepted the invitation and went there by one soldierafter 9 pm. While exiting from Soviet Kamandani building and getting far about 400-500 meter, Governor, Moein Azad and that soldier with fell on the ground with lantern in hand by shooting tommygun of Kamamman, an Armenian person by name of Soumbat. The soldier was killed immediately, and governor died at 1 A.M, but Colonel Moein Azad became injured in legs and head and was hospitalized in hospital [8].

Several times it was asked from Tabriz army to send ambulance to transfer colonel to Tabriz, because there were no skillful physician, hygiene and medicinal substance available for state centers, and he has intensive injuries.

As the villages in the way were under the authorities of democrat sect, Azerbaijan army staff made Soviet authors to send ambulance. On Tuesday, 20th of Azar, the ambulance was sent by army to Maragheh. There were no problems in that way. Colonel entered to ambulance while had small equipment and his leg was in plaster. The ambulance was stopped in Ajabshir rout by Adloddoole- Kabiri gunmen, and Ahmad Alasi, the driver of ambulance, was arrested and killed. Colonel had explained the story of becoming injured and the killing of governor to Alasi. After the ambulance stopped, colonel and sergeant with him who has casual clothes transferred to Shirvan village in Ajabshir.

The ambulance was given to Ahmad Alasi the next day morning. He asked about colonel Moen while the democrat claimed colonel moved to Tabriz previous night. Ahmad Alasi entered to Tabriz on Saturday, and the ambulance was occupied by democrats [4]. Mahmoud Mohajer restated the killing of Colonel Moein Azad, and the way he died in his trial at the military court after collapsing this sect in this way: in TazeKand (a village between Ajabshir and Maraghe) I sat on platform, asked me someone on phone. I went to telephone center, Kabiri told me: Colonel Moein Azad went to Tabriz by ambulance, but you should prevent his movement and obstruct him not to go there, as Kabiri said: the ambulance didn’t depart from Maragheh. I called Hossein carriage-rider and messaged him to make carriage ready and brought it to coffee shop. We stopped in front of coffee shop. His leg was injured and he couldn’t walk. Hossein carriage-rider and another person with him got his hands and got him on the carriage. We moved to Ajabshir. I told Hossein: it is better not to exit from the main-route and go to side-route for not being known by people. When we wanted to pass a river, the carriage stuck in mud, and the horses were stopped. As much as we tried, the carriage moves less to come out. We got off. Colonel couldn’t come with us, and we couldn’t carry him on shoulders, too. Unfortunately, I armed gun on him to oblige him to come by threatening. The gunshot was shot from gun and contacted colonel. He collapsed on ground. He couldn’t walk. We had no time, and night was coming. We took colonel to well by help of Hossein and another escort, put him in well, and went. We wanted to go further that I heard the moan of colonel, I couldn’t tolerate, went to well and shot 2 more gunshot, the moan stopped. (MoghadamMaraghei, 2007, P.388)

Being killed YahyaSalari and Colonel Moein Azad was regarding to Soviet politics to make insecurities in Azerbaijan and executing legislation of 8th October 1945, 16th, Mehr 1324 (solar system) Soviet Union UNHCR Superior Council that they send 80 members of checklist who passed certain course to Azerbaijan to act terroristic actions immediately. (Baharestan, P.509).

Gun distribution in Maragheh:

Maragheh was as the first places Russians distributed guns among people in order to conquer garrisons and military centers. In 6thMehr 1945, 1500 handles of gun sent to Maragheh and neighborhoods by Soviet information service head dwelling in Azerbaijan [2]. Sect leaders attempted on arming sects’ members in Maragheh and villagers to make prerequisites for establish National Guard. Necessary predictions had been made by Maragheh police station in order to resist against Guard actions. In date 21/8/1324 (solar system) a command was sent to police station from Major Safvat. It was about reacting immediately while an event occurred that the last soldier even should resist with complete honor [3].

Common arms in Iran among distributed arms at that time were see Brno,Revolver,grenade, and automatic weapons.

At the end of Aban month, Ajabshir police station was unarmed by democrat armed members, and the city was gotten under their authorities. Any commuting from Tabriz was disrupted to Maragheh and Miyandoab. Sect members cut telegraph wires and ruined any kinds of communication tool [3]. On the other hand, in the contact between police station members and armed fans of sect in GholiKandi village, between Maragheh and Miyandoab, 2 members of sect were arrested and transferred to Maragheh, then got free by Soviet actions pressure. There were more than 1000 people armed in KhosheMehr village and were waiting to attacot Maragheh and Benab [3]. By reports of Major GeneralDerakhshani, Major General 3 of Azerbaijan concluded related to Maragheh condition after collapsing police station in Ajabshir and distributing 2 trucks of guns by Soviet authorities that city condition in 26th of Aban was so fatal, and several thousand of guns were distributed among people. He suggested removing Maragheh blockade that Saghez brigade moved to Miyandoab, and after eradicating opponents move to Maragheh. Second, at least one battalion trooper sent to Shahindsht to move to
Miyandoab and Maragheh besides covering left side of Saghez brigade, and share helps with Saghez brigade. “Military staff orders to corps 3 at 09/09/1945 if it is possible order to Maragheh Company to exit from garrison, to go to Miyandoab, and to join their garrison”. At 09/09/1945, corps 3 commander reported that several days ago, offenders entered to Maragheh, took military there by armed members. Democrats published statement addressing to soldiers in city to put down their guns, but garrison based on order was responsible for resist until the last cartridge. Still Maragheh city is in peace and there was no accident.” “At 12/09/1945 another report arrived from corpse 3 to military on this base that Maragheh garrison has resisted until now and kept its communication by telegraph. There are many errors for their existence from Maragheh; by the way, if it is not possible to supply route, it was commanded that go to Ghorichay, but Miyandoab garrison is blocked and for retreating they should battle in longitude of 4 miles to open their route to Shahindezh. In present condition, it was commanded to Maragheh and Miyandoab garrisons to resist until the last moment while evils attacked” [5].

3-5-9 Maragheh Garrison Condition in late Aban and Azar 1945:
Maragheh garrison included 1 battalion from 3 armies that were made after Iran occupation by Allied forces. In Maragheh besides garrison placed in Narges Garden, there was another garrison in Ilkhi which commander was Colonel Moein Azad. These 2 garrisons were dependent to Azerbaijan army 3. More than them, police station and outpost were inside city that each one did its own responsibilities. In this part, Maragheh garrison condition was described by General Derakhshani’s report:

“Report on 26/08/1945, Colonel Moein Azad, Maragheh Ilkhi Boss arrived to 27/08/1945 to army 3 indicates that Ilkhi is exposed to bandits, certain financial and lives danger, telegraph wire was cut. Major Safvat on 127/08/1945 reported that Bonab is under the occupation of democrats, and they want to come to Maragheh today or tomorrow, army commander answers, too in case of their invasion, we should defend to the our last breath.”

First lieutenant Azarnoorat 28/8/1945 reported that Kabiri sent message after the invitation of honors and scholars that if garrison guns were not handed in, they wanted to attack in 24 hours with 3000 people, and the answers were that garrison resists up to the last member and report at 01/09/1945 that gendarmes escaped.

Major Safvat reported that Khalgh Camp issued an statement exactly at 12 in first, Azar they entered to city and unarmed Gendarmerie. What should we do if cartridges get finished? Army commander with no. 01/09/1945-3619 commands to Safvat Major to exist from gendarmeries and garrison with all members and go to Ghorichai. Major Safvat answered that as it is cleared they don’t want to attack to garrison, camping has problem, and army commander order to stay in this condition and defend.

Major Safvat reported on 03/09/1945 that governor and Colonel Moein Azad were attempted to be killed, governor was killed, Colonel Moein Azad was injured, and first lieutenant Azarnoor confirmed that colonel was injured in head, leg, and associated soldier was injured in stomach. Colonel Moein Azad also declared this matter by telegraph reporting and asking for ambulance. Army commander declared also that the ambulance couldn’t move to way for the way blocking. Colonel Moein Azad telegraphed again on 09/09/1945 that his general mood was not good and was threatened in spite of being injured, and he may be attempted to be killed again. Maragheh event document finished with 2 following papers.

1. Order no.23/09/24-6731, army commander named Major Safvat, Maragheh disciplinary with following content (following secret 101/09/1945-3625, based on center order to prevent from slaughtering, leave resistance, and hand in garrison guns to Azerbaijan national government agency, and officers should move to Tabriz.) [5].

2. Order no.23/09/24-6732, from army commander to first lieutenant Azar Noor, Maragheh company commander, with the following content ( coherent to report 23/09/24-6732, please order to gather forces and based on order hand in guns to Azerbaijan national agency , and officers move to Tabriz.”

In this time, pressure inside and outside city increases in order to have Maragheh garrison hand in guns and put them on the ground, but in spite of all pressures, at the early of Azar month Maragheh garrison resist by all its forces. Eteelaat Newspaper on Saturday, 10th Azar wrote:” some of quasi-democrat adventurers entered into city some time ago, they didn’t anything against peace while they saw city garrison stayed in its place and martial soldiers were present to defend from city [4]. In 8th Azar, some democrats entered to city in order to make anarchies in city. Military garrison put guards in city districts in order to prevent from potential events and notify the sect adventurers not exit from city. On the other hand, Soviet Force commander informed to municipality principal that it is necessary for municipality to mind city safety and discipline, and prevent from armed people traffic in city. But it was not cleared what the commander meant was whether gathering armed democrats or removing guards [4].

After this event, Maragheh garrison was gotten under the democrat sect minding , and it was prevented from people referring to garrison, people who wanted to entered to garrison were inquired and interpellation. So, neighbors didn’t dare to go there (Eteelaat Newspaper, Tuesday, Azar 15th, 1945, p.3).
Maragheh garrison was attacked sooner than the other garrisons and military centers and collapsed. Garrison blockage duration was 27 days. During these 27 days, it felt all kinds of pressures and provocations. If we consider Maragheh city condition with its small garrison with the other cities, we can see that Maragheh martial and army forces showed the most resistance in doing their commitments and responsibilities. During 27 days in Maragheh, 2 of the superior martial and army authorities were killed by Soviet agents and democrat sect members, but garrison didn’t yield with first lieutenant Azarnoor and 80 soldiers. In a document seen about Fereydoon/Azarnoor, it is stated that:”Fereydoon/Azarnoor in 1945 during 27 blockage in Maragheh by democrats was suffered from Dacryocystorhinostomy (DCR), tonsils, missed his teeth, and all his cloths and belongings were destroyed.” [1].

In spite of not occurring murders, or not slain people being important, government officials were afraid and yield, but Maragheh garrison kept its status until the collapse of Tabriz. In spite of blockage in 12 days by Soviet officials and preventing from entering food, they resisted. Tabriz garrison put down guns on the ground in the morning of 21th Azar and yielded to democrats, but Maragheh garrison resisted until 26th of Azar until the yielding command arrived.

When Rabi Kabiri (Adoldolleh) declared at the first Azar that Khalgh forces established, said organizations and military centers shouldn’t have yielded. Maragheh gendarmerie yielded without any contact, and captain Abedi by distinguished cloths went to Tabriz from mountainous path regarding to his backgrounds in supporting owners in villages, arresting, and maiming demonstrator villagers against owners. [4]

_Ettelate Newspaper said on Monday, 19th Azar:_

Night of 14th, Aar, an unknown person with villager cloths and armed was arrested by militaries and policemen. He introduced himself captain Abedi, gendarmerie principal of Maragheh. In another way of explanatory in recent days that guns were distributed among villagers, with gendarme Aboanhabaei attempted to gather distributed guns among villagers, but it didn’t take much time adventurers and bandits understood the action of this jingoism officer and arrested him. Captain Abedi inevitably distinguished by cloths, wore villagers clothes, and escaped to Tabriz through Sahand mountain path.

Based on existed documents about Major Safvat, the principal of Maragheh military service and captain Abedi after the sect predominance on Azerbaijan were arrested. Major safwat was under observation and captain Abedi was trialed and jailed. Etelate Newspaper in an article with title of “from a voice of Passenger to Tabriz” wrote: “Major Safvat, military principal of Maragheh, was under observation in Tabriz. Captain Abedi, police station principal, was jailed at that time, and democrats bludgeoned him every day. (Monday, 24th Dey, 1945).

**Conclusion:**

In answering to the certain questions of research, it should be said that what has been published or not published in documents and books, and interview with witnesses, it has been deducted that the reason of disquiet and being opponents armed against governmental forces which was stared sooner than the other cities. General Rabi Kabiri effective role and presence was as south Azerbaijan military commander. He was from the ancient and weighty family who had high influence on people, because he referred to Dadash Taghizadeh on peak of Toudeh group who established Toudeh group on 17th, Ordibehesht, 1942 in Maragheh and declared correlation with democrat group.

In answer to the research second question, it should be said that Caucasian immigrants who went to Maragheh in Reza Shah regimen, had close relationship with people for their work on buying and selling second hand home appliances, music instruments, Samovar, bed, repairing and darning shoes and so on. After occupying Maragheh by Russians, they were become their helper, guider and spy. This fact reinforced by empowering democrat sect in 1945., they play important roles in occupying garrisons and military centers, terror and arresting opponents of sect, making unsafe, motivating simple people to attend into group, and persuading them after democrat sect establishment.

In answering to the research third question, it should be said that regarding to many villages existed in Maragheh and high powerful owners in comparison with other cities in Azerbaijan, terminating villagers, and gendarmerie officers’ support from villagers made intensive dissatisfaction of villagers from them that certainly made the condition of Toude group demagoguery and activities more convenient. Many beneficiaries and group leaders in Maragheh such as Safarkhan Ghahramani, Heydarkhan Afaghi stated the main tendency to democrat group in resisting against gendarmerie officers. Finally, it is concluded that democrat group for not rooting from people, non-existence of social roots, not arising from the society context, and not being in alignment with tradition, customers and people general and religious believes of Maragheh people that during history had high effective role in political and social revolutions, and also had dependency to Russian couldn’t be successful in obtaining to its goals.

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