

## Theoretical and Conceptual Foundations of Ensuring the Security and Stability of Society in Our Country

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**Abstract:** This article analyzes the theoretical and conceptual foundations of ensuring the safety and stability of society in Uzbekistan. Risks and threats affecting the safety and stability of society, their manifestations, types, and the review of threats to public safety are classified based on the scientific research of scientists, legal literature, and legal documents. On the basis of the analyzes carried out, proposals were developed to improve the sphere of security through the political vision and approaches of threats to the security of society in our country. This article analyzes the theoretical and conceptual foundations of ensuring public safety and stability in Uzbekistan. The risks and threats affecting public safety and stability, their manifestations, types, and a review of threats to public security based on scientific research, legal literature, and legislative documents are classified. Based on the analysis, proposals have been developed to improve the security sector in our country through political views and approaches to threats to public security.

**Keywords:** Action strategy, Development strategy, State policy, Strategy, National Guard, Public safety, public order, national security concept, public safety concept.

### INTRODUCTION

In the current complex conditions prevailing in the world, ensuring the security and territorial integrity of our country, strengthening peace and harmony in our society, and ensuring order and safety in society are becoming increasingly important.

At the modern stage, from the perspective of ensuring common security and achieving balance, the problems of security and sustainable development of newly independent states are a key issue.

Today, we are concerned about the increasing number of expected and unexpected threats in the world and in our region. We can see that there are active organizers of threats or dangers to the security of society, whether in energy, chemical or biological terms.

The first President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Islam Karimov, raised the following questions regarding the security of society in order to ensure the safety of the country: "What can we do to counter the problems that threaten our security? What can guarantee the continuous and stable development of our society and the preservation of geopolitical balance in the region where we live?"<sup>1</sup>

His thoughts have not lost their relevance even today.

It is known that the development of the state, the guarantee of the rights and freedoms of the population, and strong interstate cooperation are directly related to the level of public security in the country. Therefore, in New Uzbekistan, ensuring public security, preventing crimes and combating crime have been identified as one of the most important issues of state policy, and priority tasks in this regard are reflected in the state's perspective programs, concepts and strategies.

The issues of developing and effectively implementing legal, methodological, scientific, and organizational measures to introduce a qualitatively new system of ensuring public safety have been identified<sup>2</sup>.

President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Sh.Mirziyoyev emphasizes that "in these turbulent and complex times, preserving our invaluable wealth, a peaceful and tranquil life, and further strengthening the atmosphere of interethnic and interreligious harmony, mutual respect and

<sup>1</sup> Karimov I.A. Uzbekistan on the threshold of the XXI century: threats to security, conditions for stability and guarantees of development. – T.: "Uzbekistan". 1997. – P. 3.

<sup>2</sup> Джурбаев Р.М. Охрана и обеспечение общественного порядка и общественной безопасности // "Scientific-practical journal of public security. - T.: No.-1. 2021. - P. 18-22.

kindness in our society remains our most important and priority task<sup>3</sup>".

In turn, its practical side determines the theoretical aspects of this situation. In security theory, the category under study serves as the main concept. It is the starting point for understanding and interpreting the essence of the security sphere, the subject of research - the object of social relations and legal influence<sup>4</sup>.

In the field of state and public safety, the main sources of threats to national security can be understood as the activities of individuals aimed at harming the safety of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the activities of terrorist organizations, groups and individuals aimed at forcibly changing the foundations of the constitutional system of the Republic of Uzbekistan, disrupting the normal functioning of state bodies, and the extremist activities of national, religious, ethnic and other organizations and structures aimed at violating the unity and territorial integrity of the Republic of Uzbekistan, destabilizing the internal political and social situation in the country<sup>5</sup>.

The well-known scientist S.Otamuratov conducted a number of studies on the topic of globalization and national security. "Material and spiritual factors have a special place in strengthening national security. It is a well-known fact that material factors play a special role in it. National security cannot be imagined without it. However, the role of spirituality in this process is not denied, - the scientist writes. - Because spirituality gives strength and energy to the effective functioning of material factors. After all, no matter how strong material factors are, their effective functioning still goes back to the human factor. If the sense of patriotism is strong in the minds of people (military personnel and citizens), if they deeply understand the sacredness of every inch of the Motherland, then efforts to effectively use material

factors (available resources and weapons) in this way will also be able to give the expected result"<sup>6</sup>.

The words of the Head of our state Shavkat Mirziyoyev at the expanded meeting of the Security Council of the Republic of Uzbekistan: "...Today, we are carrying out great work aimed at ensuring public order in our country based on the concept of "Safe City - Safe Country". In this regard, this new structure, namely the National Guard, was established. From now on, the National Guard, together with the Ministry of Internal Affairs, will be responsible and accountable for implementing the safe zone project in each city and region and maintaining public order,"<sup>7</sup> - in ensuring public security, the National Guard serves as a strategic task for all personnel.

The tasks set by the Head of State - the Supreme Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces - are being achieved through the effective implementation of measures developed to ensure public order and security in all regions of our country, as well as through close cooperation and dialogue with the population and the public. At the same time, the issue of ensuring the implementation of these tasks is being resolved on an individual basis at the level of each region of the republic, region, district, village and mahalla, based on their specific characteristics.

The "Strategy of Actions for the Further Development of the Republic of Uzbekistan", adopted by the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev on February 7, 2017, marked a new stage in the reform of the country's Armed Forces system, as well as in all sectors, and the improvement of a number of documents regulating its activities politically and legally<sup>8</sup>.

The establishment of the National Guard of the Republic of Uzbekistan is considered an important event in ensuring public safety in the country. As a result of reforms in the field of military

<sup>3</sup> Mirziyoyev Sh.M. We will build our great future together with our brave and noble people. - T.: "Uzbekistan". 2017. - P.19.

<sup>4</sup> Jorayev N.Q. Theoretical foundations of the philosophy of history. - T.: Spirituality. 2008. - P. 307.

<sup>5</sup> Mirziyoyev Sh.M. Let us work together more firmly for the fate and future of our homeland. Speech delivered at the conference on the topic "Ensuring social stability, preserving the purity of our holy religion is the demand of the time" // People's Word. - June 16, 2017, No. 119.

<sup>6</sup> Otamuratov S. Globalization and the responsibility of preserving the nation. - T.: Uzbekistan, 2018. - P. 314.

<sup>7</sup> Mirziyoyev Sh.M. Speech at the Security Council meeting on January 10, 2018 on the topic "Our Armed Forces are a strong guarantee of the stability and development of our country" // People's Word. January 11, 2018. No. 18. - P. 1-4.

<sup>8</sup> Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. PF-4947 dated February 7, 2017 "On the Strategy of Actions for the Further Development of the Republic of Uzbekistan". People's Word February 8, 2017. Issue No. 28 (6722).

construction in our national army, on January 9, 2018, the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On the Defense Doctrine of the Republic of Uzbekistan" was adopted. The doctrine consists of 4 sections and 40 points, which cover general provisions, military, political, economic and military strategic aspects and tasks<sup>9</sup>.

Currently, a lot of work is being done in our country to research and study various aspects of ensuring public safety, as well as to create and strengthen its organizational and legal framework. In particular, the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. PF-27 dated November 29, 2021 "On approval of the Concept of Public Safety of the Republic of Uzbekistan and measures for its implementation" is noteworthy for its focus on ensuring the peaceful life of the population and ensuring public safety in our country. In particular, on the basis of this concept, the main tasks of the National Guard in ensuring public safety and the powers to maintain public order were determined.

As part of the large-scale reforms being implemented in Uzbekistan, special attention is being paid to ensuring peace and tranquility of the population and the formation of a culture of law-abiding citizens and public order in our society. In particular, completely new mechanisms and procedures for organizing work in the field of ensuring public security based on the principle of "Serving the interests of the people" have been introduced, and purposeful cooperation between state bodies and public structures has been established. At the same time, the growing number of various dangers and conflicts in the world, threats to national peace and tranquility, pandemics, natural and man-made disasters impose on responsible state structures the task of further improving their activities based on the priority idea of "All efforts are for human dignity"<sup>10</sup>.

Scientific studies on the role and importance of public safety in society show that scientists have made various statements in this regard. Also, the scope of systematic work on ensuring human

rights, strengthening the accountability and transparency of state bodies, and the role of civil society institutions, the media, and increasing the political activity of the population and public associations is expanding.

In terms of reforming the national economy, effective measures have been taken to liberalize foreign trade, tax and financial policies, support entrepreneurship and guarantee the inviolability of private property, organize deep processing of agricultural products, and ensure the accelerated development of regions. Strengthening social protection of citizens and reducing poverty have been identified as priorities of state policy, and providing the population with new jobs and a guaranteed source of income, qualified medical and educational services, and decent living conditions have been raised to a qualitatively new level.

As a result of the reforms implemented since 2017, the necessary political-legal, socio-economic and scientific-educational foundations for building a New Uzbekistan have been created in our country.

At the inauguration ceremony of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev on November 6, 2021, he noted the beginning of an important historical period based on the principle of "From a Strategy of Actions to a Strategy of Development" in order to ensure the continuity of reforms. In this important conceptual document, the main idea and main criterion were put on the agenda in order to ensure the continuity of our reforms<sup>11</sup>.

It was emphasized that the rights and freedoms, legitimate interests of every citizen living in our country are the highest value. The New Uzbekistan Development Strategy has launched a new stage of our national development, and from now on we will lead our society to great goals based on the new principle of "man – society – state".

Based on a thorough analysis of complex global processes and the results of our country's development path, reforms aimed at further improving the well-being of our people, transforming economic sectors and rapidly

<sup>9</sup> Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On Defense Doctrine" // National Database of Legislative Documents, 10.01.2018, No. 03/18/458/0537.

<sup>10</sup> Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On approval of the Concept of Public Security of the Republic of Uzbekistan and measures for its implementation". PF-27, No. 29.11.2021. <https://www.lex.uz/ru/pdfs/5749291>.

<sup>11</sup> Speech of the newly elected President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev at the joint session of the chambers of the Oliy Majlis dedicated to the solemn ceremony of taking office on November 6, 2021 // People's Word. – November 7, 2021. No. 218. – P. 1-3.

developing entrepreneurship, unconditionally ensuring human rights and interests, and forming an active civil society are continuing in earnest, based on the principle of "For the sake of human dignity."

The adoption of the new Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan by popular vote in a referendum held on April 30, 2023 serves to strengthen the constitutional foundations of building a New Uzbekistan. The presidential election held in accordance with the new Constitution once again testifies to the political maturity of our society and the full support of our people for the reforms being implemented on the path to building a New Uzbekistan.

In the updated constitutional and legal conditions, it is necessary to improve the main directions of our country's development and bring the ongoing large-scale reforms to a new stage. In order to realize the will of our people to build a free, prosperous, powerful New Uzbekistan, to create all opportunities for each citizen to develop their potential, to raise a healthy, educated and spiritually mature generation, to form a strong economy that has become an important link in global production, to ensure justice, the rule of law, safety and stability, the "Uzbekistan - 2030" strategy was adopted based on the experience gained in the implementation of the New Uzbekistan Development Strategy and the results of public discussions<sup>12</sup>.

The State Program for the Consistent Continuation of the Policy Based on the Principle of "A Secure and Peaceful State", which is included in the fifth priority area of the "Uzbekistan-2030" Strategy, developed as a result of wide public discussion, sets out Goal 97: Further increase the power of the Armed Forces, the country's defense capabilities and military potential, taking into account the complex global processes taking place in the world<sup>13</sup>.

At the same time, the development of mechanisms for joint implementation with state and public structures contributes to the joint activities of the National Guard in ensuring the security of the state

and society. Over the past period, extensive work has been carried out in our country to improve the activities of ensuring public safety, create its modern, operational and popular image. Within the framework of the implemented reforms, issues such as the creation of effective mechanisms for providing services to the population and cooperation with the general public in ensuring public safety, increasing the efficiency of sector services by providing them with new generation technologies and software systems, and organizing service activities on the basis of purposeful models (modeling) have become especially important<sup>14</sup>.

This document sets out as priority tasks: "Clearly defining the promising directions of state policy in the field of ensuring public safety in our country, forming an integrated system of ensuring public safety, establishing effective activities of the National Guard bodies from the lowest level to the republican level, strengthening law and order and legality in our country through the introduction of modern working methods, ensuring peace and tranquility of the population, and creating an effective system for timely identification and elimination of the conditions that led to the commission of crimes<sup>15</sup>".

## CONCLUSION

It should be said that the large-scale reforms implemented during the years of independence serve as an important foundation for strengthening national statehood and sovereignty, ensuring security, law and order, the inviolability of our state's borders, the rule of law in society, human rights and freedoms, and an environment of interethnic harmony and religious tolerance.

In the world, confrontations and conflicts between various powers are intensifying, a brutal struggle for resources is underway. New threats to peace and security in our region are emerging. The era of globalization and fierce competition, a rapidly changing life, sets before us extremely important

<sup>12</sup> Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 158 on the Strategy "Uzbekistan - 2030". 12.09.2023. [https://uza.uz/uz/posts/ozbekiston-2030-strategiyasi-togrisida\\_519158](https://uza.uz/uz/posts/ozbekiston-2030-strategiyasi-togrisida_519158)

<sup>13</sup> Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On the Strategy of Uzbekistan-2030" // New Uzbekistan Newspaper. September 12, 2023.

<sup>14</sup> Sharipov S.S. Scientific Analysis of the Role, Essence and Significance of the Activity of Maintaining Public Order in the Life of Society // [https://ijmmu.com/public/journals/1/page/HeaderTitleImage\\_en\\_US.png](https://ijmmu.com/public/journals/1/page/HeaderTitleImage_en_US.png)

<sup>15</sup> Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On measures to raise the activities of internal affairs bodies to a qualitatively new level in the field of ensuring public security and combating crime" No. PF-6196 (March 26, 2021) // National database of legislative documents, 03/26/2021. No. 06/21/6196/0240.



and urgent tasks that cannot be postponed. In such a complex and critical situation, we all need to unite, be vigilant, and act boldly and decisively to preserve our peaceful and quiet lives and strengthen our national independence.

As is known, within the framework of the reforms introduced in various sectors of our society, special attention is paid to ensuring public safety. In this regard, new mechanisms and procedures for organizing work in the field of ensuring public safety have been introduced based on the principle of "Serving the interests of the people." According to the analysis of the activities of the National Guard in cooperation with state and public structures in society, it can be seen that effective work is being carried out to protect the rights, freedoms and legitimate interests of citizens, the property of individuals and legal entities, the constitutional system, the rule of law, and the security of the individual, society and the state.

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