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Recently Published Anthology of Archival Documents: “From the History of Deportations: Kazakhstan: 1939–1945” on the History of Stalin’s Ethnic Deportations

Abstract

The review of documents collection “From the history of deportations: Kazakhstan: 1939-1945” analyses and assesses research potential of the new corpus of documents and memoirs on such form of Soviet political repressions as forced total or partial resettlement of dozens of the USSR peoples to Kazakhstan. Although the “archival revolution” of the 1990s opened access to a huge array of sources on deportations, the issue remains one of the most complex and poorly investigated. Thus, identification and introduction into scientific use of archival documents covering the previously unknown or little-known aspects of deportations remains an urgent problem of Sovietology. Therefore, the review notes that the Kazakh historians who have prepared the anthology “From the history of deportations: Kazakhstan: 1939-1945” have made a significant contribution to the national scholarship on forced migration. The work has been implemented within the frameworks of the project “From the history of deportations: Kazakhstan: 1930-1945” initiated in 2010 by the Archive of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan (AP RK), the Central State Archive (TsGA RK), and the Assembly of the People of Kazakhstan — consultative and advisory state body responsible for development and implementation of national policy in Kazakhstan. This collection published in 2018 is the third documentary work prepared within the frameworks of the project. The authors contend its great scientific significance.

Keywords

Historical source, archival fond, deportation, nationalities policy, Archive of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Great Patriotic War, Second World War.

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