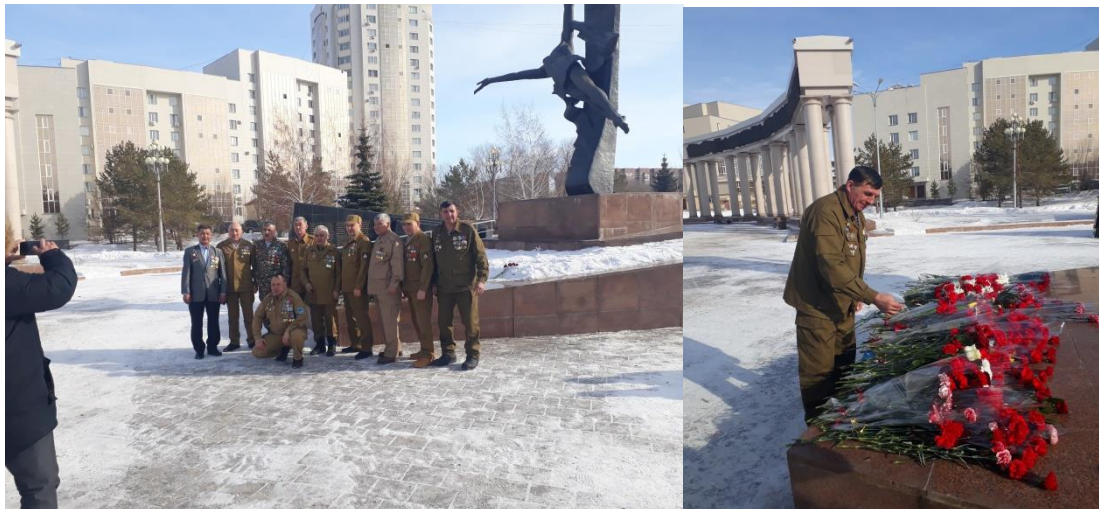


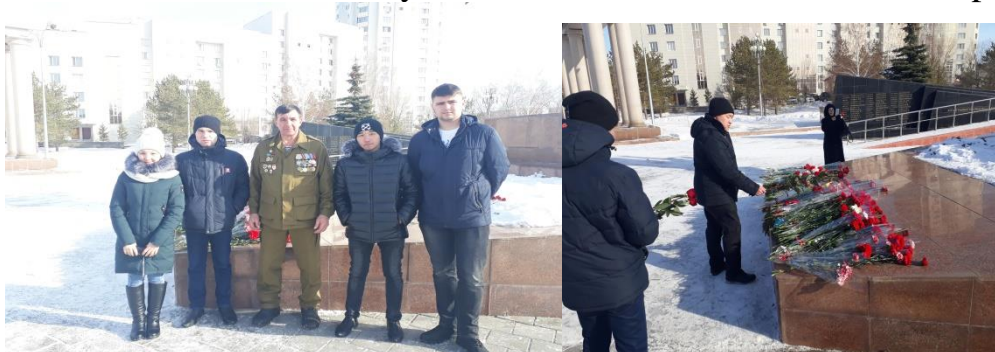
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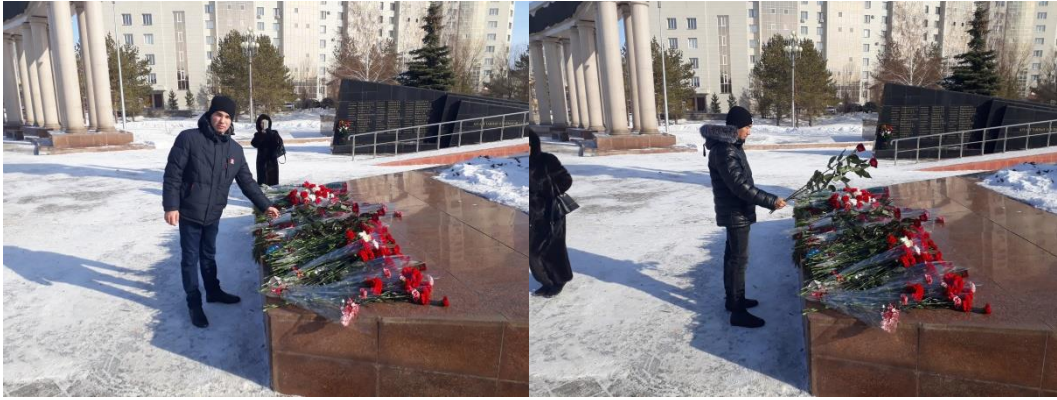
A solemn meeting was held in Karaganda in honor of the next anniversary of the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan. In a rally at the memorial to fallen soldiers-internationalists took part Deputy of akim of Karaganda Nurlan Bekenov, representatives of Regional commands "Astana", "Italy", the Deputy chief of Department on defense Affairs of Karaganda region Mukhtar Kishinev, Chairman of the Union of veterans and invalids of war in Afganistane "Ardager" Talgat Khasenov Also in a commemorative meeting was attended by the chairmen of district Councils of veterans of the city, veterans of labour and great Patriotic war, families of soldiers-internationalists, veterans of the Afghan war, students of the Karaganda Republican school "Zhas Ulan" named after Talgat Begeldinov, students of the OP-19-2C group, youth representatives and residents of the city.

Participants of the rally paid tribute to the memory of the internationalist soldiers with a minute of silence, a salvo of weapons was fired in honor of the heroes, and wreaths and flowers were laid at the memorial. A field kitchen was organized for Afghan soldiers, war veterans, and residents of the city.

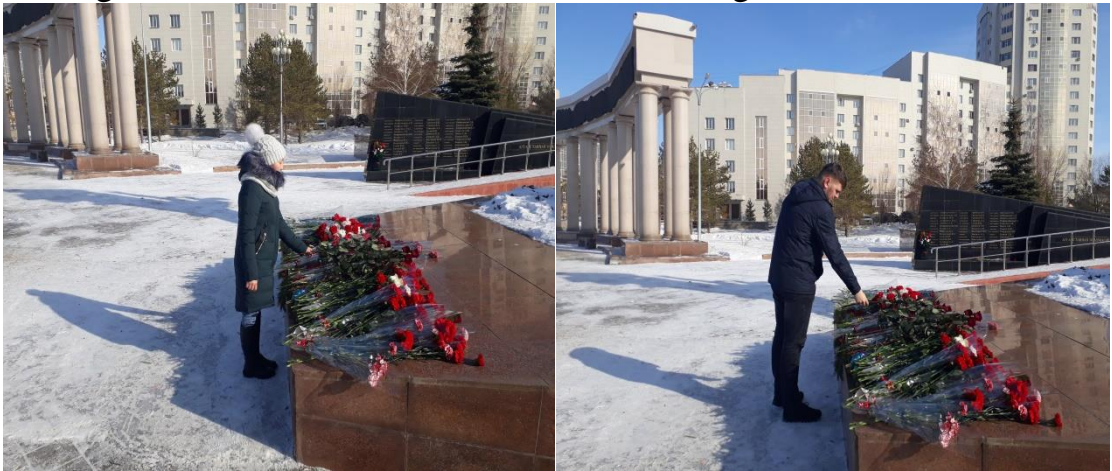


On December 25, 1979, Soviet troops crossed the border into Afghanistan , and after a long nine years , one month and nineteen days, on February 15, 1989, the commander of the 40th army, General Gromov, withdrew his troops.





Between these dates: 22,269 Kazakhstanis took part in this war, 924 of them were killed, 1,015 became disabled, and 21 soldiers went missing. This is the result of providing "Fraternal international assistance" to Afghanistan.



In different countries, it is known by different names, but its essence remains the same.