

## AL-BURZ: A MOUNTAIN RANGE IN IRAN AND IT'S RELATION WITH BRAHUIS

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**Abstract:**

Two things inspired me to write some thing about "Alburz", the name of a mountain range in Iran. First, long ago, when I had been listening and reading about "Alburz" and its relation with Brahuis, and secondly, the name proposed for the newly research journal of Brahui Department, University of Balochistan by Dr. Hameed Shahwani the former chairman Brahui Department and present Dean of the Faculty of Languages and Literature. To participate in the ceremonies of the second death anniversary of Allama Ayatullah Khomeini and to participate in the International Conference on Palestine in Tehran, Iran I along with eminent scholars Prof. Abdullah Jan Jamaldini, Prof. Muhammad Khan Raisani, (the then Vice Chancellor of the University of Balochistan) Prof. Nadir Qambrani, Agha Mir Naseer Khan Ahmedzai visited Iran in May, 1991, I witnessed this famous "Alburz" mountain first time, from windows of my room in hotel Estighlal, Tehran. Like Chiltan in Quetta we all enjoyed the scene and discussed it time and again. Returning back to Pakistan I again saw the highest peak of Al-Burz, namely "Koh-i-Damawand" from my window seat in the plane and asked my senior accompanies Prof. Jamaldini and Nadir Qambrani to see it. Meanwhile, Prof. Jamaldini during the flight up to Karachi fascinatingly recounted the history of "Koh Damawand" and its relations with famous Iranian ancient characters. Here it is a precise introduction of the mountain for the readers of the journal namely "Al-Burz".

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There are many schools of thoughts about the origin of the Brahis. According to one they are descendents of an Irani tribe (living together with Baloch) in the northern mountain region (Al-Burz range) of Iran. They were persecuted and driven out of their land by Sassanian King Nausherwan in 521 AD.

Despite the fact that Brahui is a Proto Dravidian language spoken by Brahuis nowadays in the Central Balochistan, some parts of Sistan-o-Balochistan province of Iran, Helmand Nimruz provinces of Afghanistan up to Mari province of Turkmenistan, but in the meantime some local historians prominent among them are Mir Gulkhan Nader Agha Nascer Ahmedzai and Mir Aqil Khan Mengal claim that the Brahis are the today's Brahuis who are original inhabitants of this mountain range. The Brahui has derived its recent name Brahui or Brahis from Al-burz or Burz Koh to Burzkohi and later on Brahui. Brahui or Brahis may not be the Koch but still now Koh-Alburz or Alborz Mountains are familiar among most of them.

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(Highest peaks of mount Alburz)



Mount Damavand, Iran's tallest mountain is located in Alborz mountain range.