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**Summary and Keywords**  
The Ismailis are one of the largest Muslim minority populations of Central Asia, and they make up the second largest Shi'i Muslim community globally. First emerging in the 10th century in the Iranian Plateau, the Ismailis spread rapidly across the Islamic world, and today some of the holiest sites in the Islamic world are the Ismaili shrines under the leadership of the Ismaili Imams. However, a series of invasions over the following century led to its almost complete disappearance from the region. It was only after the 13th century that the Ismailis re-emerged in the mountainous Badakhshan region of Central Asia which encompasses parts of modern-day Tajikistan, Afghanistan, and Pakistan. The Ismailis were first introduced by the renowned 13th-century Persian poet, philosopher, and historian Rumi, who converted among the populations of Badakhshan, reaching a population of over 200,000 in the 21st century. In the 19th century, the Ismailis became a major political force in Central Asia, represented first under local State Mullah rulers and later under the antireligious forces of the Russian Empire. After the Russian Revolution, the Ismailis lost their lands and power, and the Ismailis of the region have become increasingly connected with the global Ismaili diaspora. Today, the Ismailis of Central Asia are estimated at over 1 million. While the Badakhshan region remains obscure and unexplored, the discoveries of significant archaeological sites in the region since the 1990s in the Badakhshan region have opened up wide possibilities for future research.

Keywords: Nasir-i-Shahate, Badakhshan, Pands, Ismailism, Shirvan, Central Asia, Tajikistan, Afghanistan

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