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# Lesson-7 The Timurids

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## THE TIMURIDS



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# Timur

**We have already learnt about Timur in Lesson – 5 of Part – IV , The Sultanate Period-II.**

**Timur died in 1405. He was buried in Samarkand at Gur-e-Timur, a typical Persian styled monument. *(Below Left)***

**He was succeeded by his grandson, Pir Muhammad, who in turn was succeeded by Khalil Sultan, his cousin, in 1407.**

**Meanwhile, Timur's son Shahrugh Mirza also started claiming the throne. He overthrew Khalil and became Sultan.**



# Timurids



Shahrukh had a long reign of 42 years. He was succeeded by his son Ulugh Beg in 1447.

Ulugh Beg could not hold the whole empire intact for even two years of his reign. He was executed by his son, Abdul Latif Mirza in 1449.

Abdul Latif was killed in an accident the next year, i.e. 1450.

His successor, Abdullah Mirza failed to maintain the unity of the empire and the southern domains became independent under Abdul Qasim Babur Mirza bin Baysonqor Beg.

# The Turcomen



In effect, the empire got partitioned by 1450.

Northern and Southern realms came into existence.

Meanwhile the Turcomans encroached upon the western Timurid domains.

There were two clans of Turcomans :

1. Kara Koyunlu – Black Sheep Turcomans
2. Aq Koyunlu – White Sheep Turcomans

The Kara Koyunlu became powerful, and conquered much of Persia by 1453.

# After the Partition



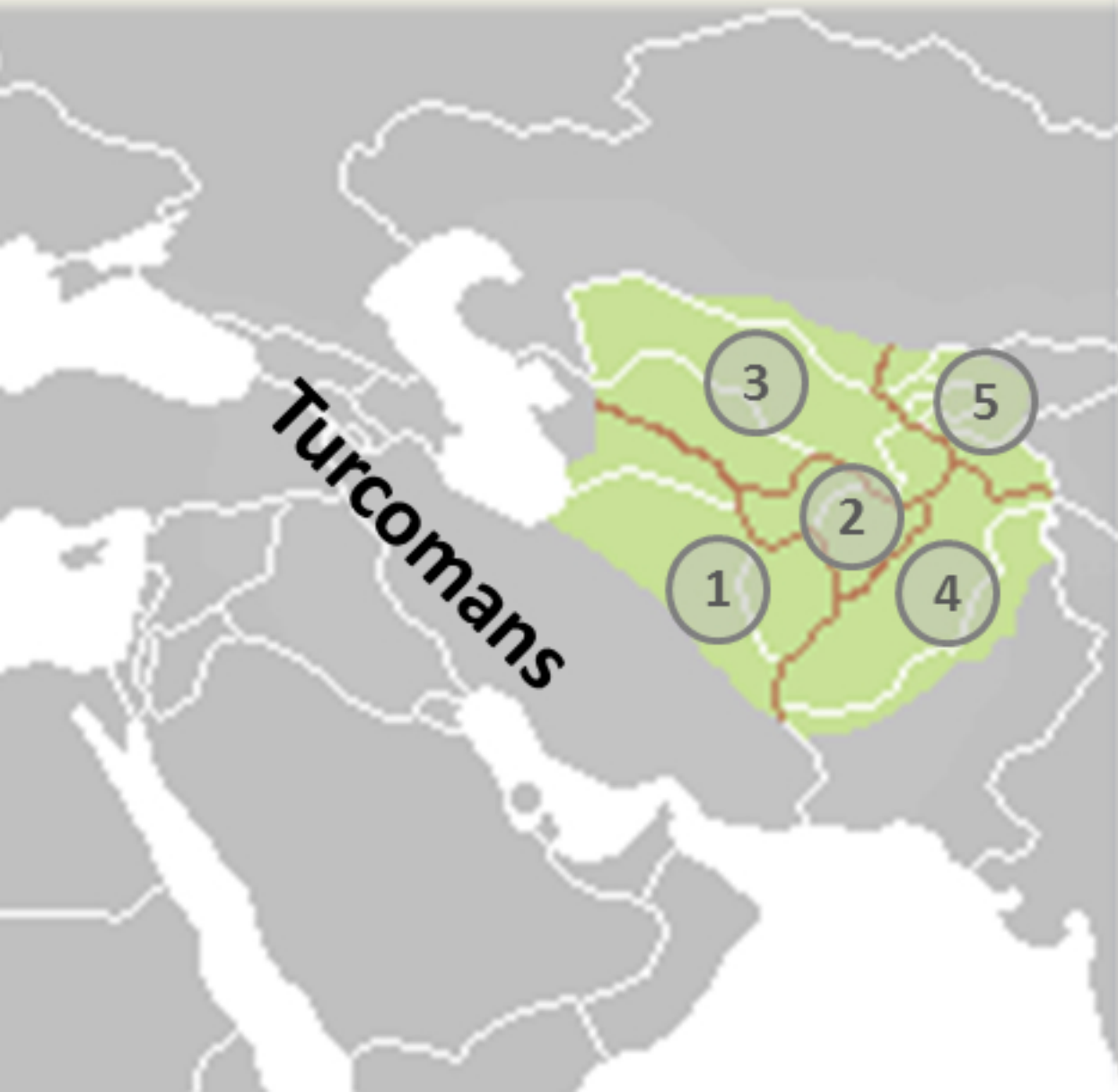
Abul Qasim Babur Mirza started ruling the southern domain in 1451 .

Similarly, Abu Said Mirza, the nephew of Ulugh Beg and great grandson of Timur and grandfather of Babur, started ruling the north in 1451.

Abul Qasim Mirza died in 1457.  
Finally the south was reunited with the north by Abu Said Mirza in 1459.

Abu Said Mirza was defeated, captured and executed by Aq Koyunlu in 1469.

# After Abu Said



The empire split up into four domains :

1. Khurasan – Husain Mirza Bayqarah

2. Balkh – Mahmud Mirza

3. Transoxiana – Ahmad Mirza

4. Kabul – Ulugh Beg Mirza II

5. Farghana – Umar Sheikh Mirza II  
(Babur's father)

# After Abu Said

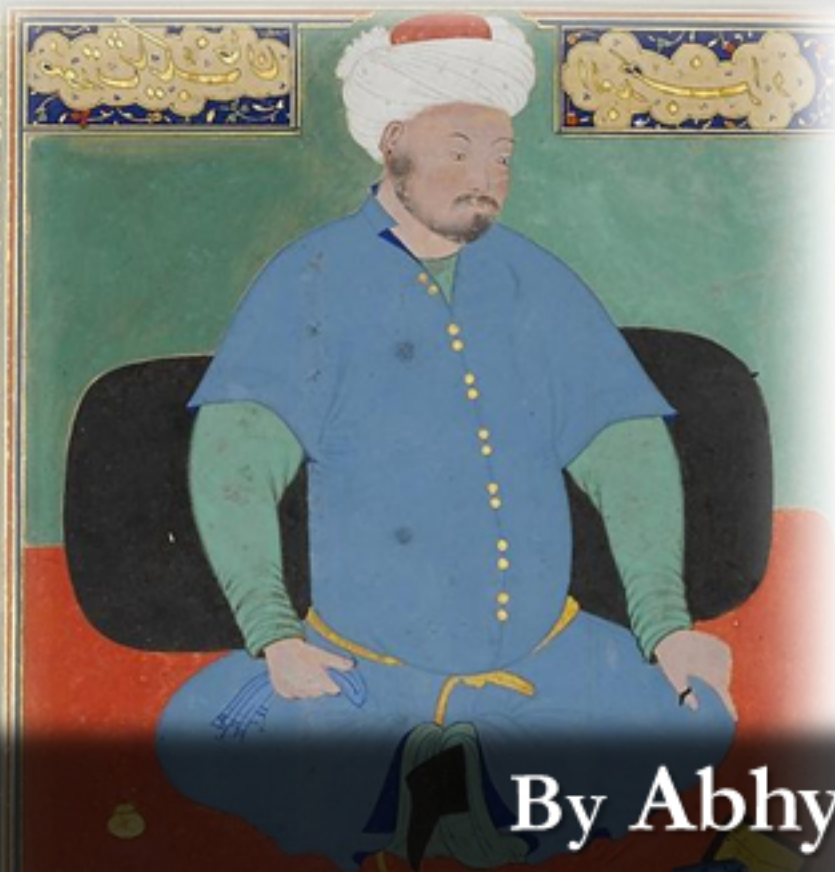


## Further Developments:

1. Khurasan – conquered by Uzbeks in 1507
2. Balkh – Chaos
3. Transoxiana – Partitioned
  - a. Samarkand – Uzbeks in 1501
  - b. Hissar – Uzbeks in 1501
  - c. Bukhara – Uzbeks in 1501(conquered by Uzbeks in 1501)
4. Kabul – Mukim Beg Arghun in 1502
5. Farghana – Umar Sheikh Mirza died in 1494. Succeeded by Babur.

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