

Geopolitical Analysis of Natural and Human Factors Affecting the Border Crossing in Astara

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Traffic on the Astara border barrier has risen steadily as a result of the reopening of the political border, while it was rarely and rigorously executed until two decades ago. The principle consequence of increasing the presence of citizens of the Republic of Azerbaijan and travelers and tourists other parts of the country in Astara is the construction of infrastructures and commercial sites, all of which implies urban growth and development. The increase in the construction and presence of nationals of the two countries has altered the physical space of Astara, which is the results of the socio-economic function of the political border. It is a descriptive and analytical study which was used library, documentary and field method. The current study investigates the geopolitical factors of natural and human factors affecting the Astara border region with aimed to geopolitical analysis of natural and human of impact factors and the introduction of natural and human factors in the Astara border region. The main question of the thesis is how does the Caspian coastline in Astara involved in the border region? And the following hypotheses have been raised. Natural factors affect the development of the Astara border region. Human factors influence the development of the Astara border region. The results indicated that over the course of two decades, when the Astara border with the Republic of Azerbaijan is opened, due to the socioeconomic function within the Astara city, there have been a lot of changes in the establishment of communication facilities and networks. Culturally, given that in many border regions, people living beyond the border share cultural, ethnic and have a common language, so the markets have become native to residents of both sides, and this could be a reason for the boom in markets in these areas. Politically, good relations with neighbors naturally have a direct impact on the prosperity and inactivity of the border market, and we have always seen that the loyal communication between the responsible authorities has added to the boom of

the markets as well. In terms of security, considering that the creation and establishment of markets has increased security and confidence in these areas, and because of the geographical and economic conditions, the possibility of productive activity is limited or basically absent. The results of the survey also demonstrated that both natural and human factors have a great role in the development of the Astara border region. However, according to the author, human factors play a greater role than natural factors.

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