Preface

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The book presents the autograph manuscript, Turkic texts and a translation of the memoirs of Muḥammad Amīn Bughra, a 20th century nationalist of “Eastern Turkistan” (Xinjiang), who can largely be seen as representative of his era. The work contains his previously unpublished memoirs, titled “Muḥammad Amīn Bughraning Siyāsī Ḥayāṭi” (The Political Memoir of Muḥammad Amīn Bughra) and “Muḥammad Amīn Begning Qisqacha Tarjumaiḥāli” (The Brief History of Muḥammad Amīn Beg).

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