**Glossary**

*aiyl okmota*: village council in Kyrgyzstan  
*akim*: leader  
*akimat*: administrative office  
*aksakals*: respected male leaders  
*fitr*: a payment to religious institutions or leaders during or at the end of *uraz*, the month-long feast concluding in the Uraz-Bayram celebration in the Islamic faith  
*jamiyats*: neighborhood Islamic charities  
*kolkhoz*: collective farm in the Soviet era  
*mahalla*: a subdivision of an urban neighborhood, particularly in predominantly Uzbek neighborhoods  
*mazar*: shrine  
*oblast*: province  
*oblast akimat*: provincial administrative office  
*oblast kenesh*: provincial representative body in Kyrgyzstan  
*oblast maslikhat*: provincial representative body in Kazakhstan  
*raion*: district  
*raion akim*: district leader  
*raion akimat*: district administrative office  
*sadaq*: voluntary contributions in the Islamic faith  
*shaar bashchylar*: mayors in Kyrgyzstan  
*sovkhoz*: state farm in the Soviet era  
*uraz*: the month-long feast concluding in the Uraz-Bayram celebration  
*waqf*: religious endowments in the Islamic faith  
*zakat*: an annual obligatory welfare contribution of surplus wealth in the Islamic faith