

# Uzbeks Ban Valentine's Day

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ALMATY, Kazakhstan — Uzbek authorities are, apparently, unwilling to give love a chance.

Local media reported Tuesday that Uzbekistan has canceled concerts and other events for Valentine's Day, according to RIA-Novosti. Instead, residents in the capital, Tashkent, can enjoy readings of poems by Mughal emperor Babur, who died in the 16th century.

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