



## □ TABRIZ CONTEXT

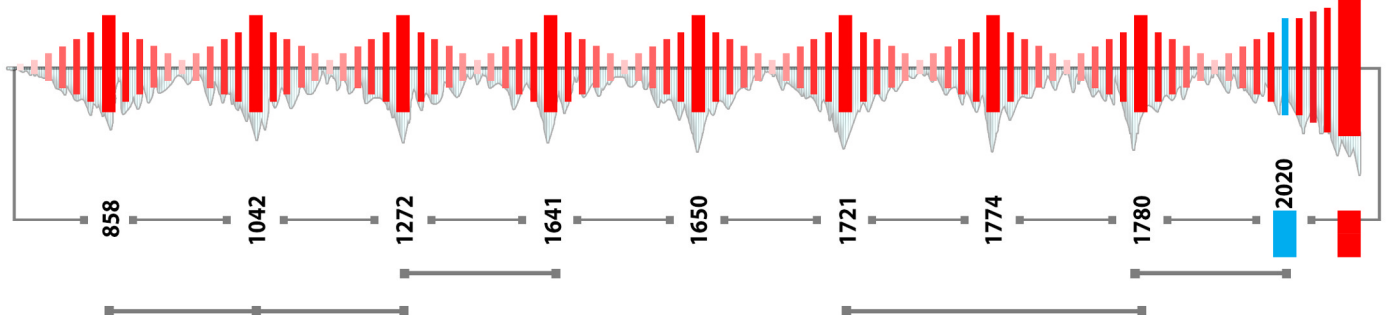
COMMERCE IS AN ANCIENT ECONOMICAL SYSTEM THAT ESTABLISHES LEGAL AND ETHICAL FOUNDATIONS, IMPROVING CULTURAL RELATIONS, ON SAFE AND SECURE ROUTES.

THE INTERACTION OF DIFFERENT CULTURES THROUGH COMMERCE HELPED TO DEVELOP A TRADITIONAL INSIGHT TO SHOPPING ACTIVITY AND DESIGN THAT ARE BEING PRESERVED IN THE HEARTS OF CITIES SITUATED ON THE ANCIENT ROUTES AND PORTS OF THE SILK ROAD.

ISLAMIC BAZAARS ALSO HAD CONNECTIONS TO IMPORTANT RELIGIOUS, GOVERNMENTAL OR PUBLIC BUILDINGS, AND DEFINED THE MAJOR STREETS OF URBAN FABRIC.

## □ EARTHQUAKE TIMEWAVES

TABRIZ IS THE CONFLUENCE OF TWO ACTIVE FAULTS LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS. SO FAR, 12 MAJOR EARTHQUAKES HAVE OCCURRED IN TABRIZ, 5 OF WHICH HAVE BEEN DEVASTATING. IT'S ESTIMATED THAT THE MAGNITUDE OF THESE EARTHQUAKES WAS BETWEEN 7 AND 8 RICHTER.



IN THE HISTORY OF 1402 TO 1641, THERE WAS NO EARTHQUAKE IN TABRIZ AND IN THE 150-YEAR PERIOD, 4 IMPORTANT EARTHQUAKES DESTROYED THIS CITY.

NOW, 240 YEARS OF SILENCE HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED.

IN GENERAL, AN AVERAGE OF 7 MAGNITUDE EARTHQUAKES HAVE OCCURRED IN TABRIZ ALMOST EVERY 200 YEARS, AND NOW THIS TIME HAS PASSED.

MEANWHILE, THE EARTHQUAKE OF 1780 WAS THE MOST SEVERE, SO THAT THE CITY WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED.

THE LATEST STRONG EARTHQUAKE OCCURRED BY THE YEAR 1780 (ABOUT 240 YEARS BACK) THEREFORE WE CAN SAY THAT EACH OF THESE 8 DEASTATING ERATHQUAKE HAD OCCURRED EVERY 200 YEARS. AND THERE IS A GREAT CONCERN AMONG CITIZENS SINCE THE LATEST ONE TOOK PLACE ABOUT 240 YEARS AGO.

BUT NOW THE SITUATION IS VERY DIFFERENT FROM 200 YEARS AGO. THE CITY'S POPULATION IS CLOSE TO 2 MILLION. LARGE POPULATIONS LIVE ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE CITY.

**\* THIS IS A FACT THAT EXISTS TODAY, AND NO TECHNOLOGY CAN PREVENT IT FROM HAPPENING!**