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- 1 The northernmost dialect of Arabic is Central Asian Arabic, spoken in a few villages in Uzbekistan, Afghanistan, and Tajikistan. This dialect has been highly affected by the Iranian languages (mainly Tajiki) with respect to the verb system. In this paper, it is shown that the Central Asian Arabic may be distinguished from other Arabic dialects with respect to a perfect form referred to as the “new perfect”. The new fully inflected perfect developed is marked for all persons and gender, and its forms directly correspond to the present and past perfective-resultative paradigms of Tajik, and has become a Persian-type preterite or “aorist”. The paper discusses this issue, and regards it as the most prominent innovation in this dialect of Arabic.

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