

## Battle dance

This stick dance is called as *chub-bozi* or «battle dance» performed by men and usually it is danced in pair. This dance depicts the war, hunting and various wrestling elements typical of heroism and epic traditions involving men. It incorporates elements of heroic battles. The performers hold sticks

as a sword and depict a battle scene involving also wrestling. It is danced under the drum music and shows sportsmanship

The dancers during the performance depict the battle as two fighting party as well as depict the heroism of friends during the battle. They move in the stage in the manner as they are in a battlefield. In addition the dancers demonstrate their skill of handling sword by imitating the sword fight. It also shows the juggling and acrobatic skills of throwing the stick on the air and spinning fast and catching the stick. The choreography includes elements of martial art and is very entertaining.

This is a dance popular among the populace of mountainous regions. Given their geographical habitat people in the mountain regions always carried a stick with them, which they used as defense instrument against wild animals etc.



