



## ‘ABBĀS AḤVAL

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‘ABBĀS AḤVAL, leader with ‘Amr al-Azraq (Mas‘ūdī: al-Afvah) of an Arab invasion of the lower Euphrates region in which the Savād of Iraq was ravaged, about A.D. 589, toward the end of the reign of Hormozd IV. This event is represented by some ancient historians as part of a coalition of the enemies of Iran. The Arab invasion was probably made from Baḥrayn (see [Baḷ‘amī](#)). Baḷ‘amī states that it was bought off by subsidies of provisions and money through the agency of Hawḍa b. ‘Alī, ruler of al-Yamāma, whose pro-Persian policy ended disastrously later. Mas‘ūdī mentions that the expedition consisted of Arabs of Qaḥṭān (South Arabians) and Ma‘add (North Arabians). It is likely that the Arab invasion of Iraq in this year was connected with the contemporary situation in the Yemen (see [Abnā’](#)), then occupied by Persia.

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