



## 'ABBĀS III

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'**ABBĀS III**, son of Shah Ṭahmāsp II, *roi fainéant* of the Safavid dynasty. After the deposition of his father by Nāder Khan Afšār in Rabī' I, 1145/August, 1732, the eight-month-old 'Abbās was invested as 'Abbās III on 17 Rabī' I 1145/ 7 September 1732 (or possibly earlier). Nāder Khan, who was the real ruler of the country, dropped his own now obviously inappropriate style of Ṭahmāsp-qolī Khan and assumed the titles of *vakīl-al-dawla* (deputy of the state) and *nā'eb-al-saltāna* (viceroy). 'Abbās III was deposed in his turn on 24 Šavvāl 1148/8 March 1736, when Nāder Khan had himself crowned as Nāder Shah and by this act officially terminated the Safavid dynasty. 'Abbās and his father were murdered at Sabzavār in 1152/1740 by Moḥammad Ḥosayn Khan Qājār, on the orders of Nāder's son Reżā-qolī Mīrżā, who was persuaded to take this action to forestall a possible pro-Safavid coup induced by rumors of Nāder's death in India.

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