



## ‘ABD-AL-RAḤMĀN SARAḶSĪ

‘**ABD-AL-RAḤMĀN B. MOḤAMMAD AL-SARAḶSĪ**, ABŪ BAKR, a Hanafite jurist (d. 439/1047). Though originally from SaraḶs, he grew up in Baghdad, where his shaikh was the well-known Hanafite scholar Qodūrī (428/1037). He left Baghdad for Kūzestān, where Ebn al-Moštārī (436/1044), judge under the Buyid sultan Abū Kālījār, appointed him as the judge of Baṣra. A lean and not an outspoken person, SaraḶsĪ did not impress the Buyid vizier, Ḍu’l-sa’ādāt b. Fesānjes; the latter wrote to Ebn al-Moštārī, blaming him for his bad choice. Before Ebn al-Moštārī had even tried to write anything in reply, the vizier sent him another letter apologizing for what he had said at first. It seems that the ascetic SaraḶsĪ was not particularly interested in keeping the post and left it and went to Rāmhormoz. In the field of learning he was much influenced by his teacher Qodūrī who wrote, among other things, two famous manuals: *al-Moḵtaṣar* and *al-Tarjīd*. Although the former means “The Abridged,” SaraḶsĪ reduced it to a yet more abridged form (*Moḵtaṣar al-moḵtaṣar*). He wrote a supplement (*takmela*), a copy of which still exists (Vehbī, Istanbul, No. 442), to *al-Tarjīd*.



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