



'ABD-AL-RAZZĀQ MAYMANDĪ

'**ABD-AL-RAZZĀQ ABU'L-FATH B. AḤMAD B. ḤASAN MAYMANDĪ**, Ghaznavid vizier of the middle years of the 5th/11th century. He was the son of the famous minister of sultans Maḥmūd and Mas'ūd I, Šams-al-kofāt [Aḥmad b. Ḥasan Maymandī](#) (d. 424/1032). The Maymandī family served the Ghaznavids for at least three generations, since a nephew of 'Abd-al-Razzāq, Abū Naṣr (or Abu'l-Mo'ayyed) Maṣṣūr b. Sa'īd b. Aḥmad b. Ḥasan, was 'ārež or war minister under sultan Ebrāhīm b. Mas'ūd I. The dates of his birth and death are unknown.

'Abd-al-Razzāq must have started his career, perhaps at his father's side, in the later years of Maḥmūd's sultanate (i.e., before 421/1030). He seems to have fallen into disgrace as his father had done, for when the new ruler Mas'ūd I came to the throne, Aḥmad b. Ḥasan was freed from imprisonment and 'Abd-al-Razzāq likewise was released from jail at Nandana in the Panjab (422/1031). He then served in the administration, since Bayhaqī mentions him at various times, and was present with the sultan in Khorasan at the disastrous battle of [Dandānqān](#). He rose to the top in the ensuing reign of Mawdūd b. Mas'ūd I (after 432/1041). The sultan soon appointed him as his third and final vizier, and 'Abd-al-Razzāq was to serve him for seven years until Mawdūd's death. His decisive action proved invaluable for the safety of the state in the confused months of the two ephemeral reigns of [Mas'ūd II b. Mawdūd](#) and ['Alī b. Mas'ūd I](#), for he swiftly released from jail at Mandēš in Gōr 'Abd-al-Rašīd b. Maḥmūd, the senior surviving member of the dynasty, and raised him to the throne (late 440/1049 or early 441/1050). He probably served 'Abd-al-Rašīd as vizier, since



we have no mention of any other person in this office; and he also held an official position, though not the vizierate, under the subsequent sultan Farroḳzād b. Mas‘ūd I (443-51/1052-59). Toward the end of this reign he was acting as an informant on the events of his father’s times for Bayhaqī when the latter started to put together his *Moǰalladāt* (i.e., after 450/1058). The death of ‘Abd-al-Razzāq must have fallen within the first half of Ebrāhīm b. Mas‘ūd I’s reign.

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