



‘ABDALLĀH B. ‘OMAR

‘ABDALLĀH B. ‘OMAR B. DĀVŪD VĀ‘EZ BALĶĪ, ABŪ BAKR, also known as ŞAFĪ AL-DĪN VĀ‘EZ, the author of an Arabic monograph on the city of Balk (d. after 610/1213). Little is known of his life except for a few references found in his work. He flourished in the 6th-7th/12th-13th century. He traveled in Khorasan, was in Bokhara in 582/1192 (*Fazā‘el*, pp. 166, 213; Solamī, *Ṭabaqāt al-şūfiya*, p. 91). He was still active in 610/1213 when he finished his monograph. This exists only in a Persian translation, *Fazā‘el-e Balk*, of the late 7th/13th century by ‘Abdallāh Moḥammad Ḥosaynī BalĶī. It is divided into three chapters. The first two are on the excellent qualities of the city; the third (the largest portion of the book) deals with the lives and works of seventy leaders (*maşā‘ek*) and savants of Balk from the rise of Islam to the author’s lifetime. The author mentions his sources, some of which are lost. The work has been edited by ‘A. Ḥ. Ḥabībī (Tehran, 1350/1971).

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