



ABU'L-FATH YŪSOF

ABU'L-FATH YŪSOF B. YA'QŪB, ŠAMS-AL-WOZARĀ' QOṬB-AL-DĪN NEZĀM-AL-MOLK, Ghaznavid vizier of the early 6th/12th century. The dates of his birth and death are unknown; the biographical works on viziers by Nāṣer-al-dīn Kermānī, Sayf-al-dīn Fażlī, and others stop short at the viziers of the later Ghaznavids. It is possible that he was a brother of the Abu'l-'Alā' b. Ya'qūb Nākūk (q.v.) who had served Sultan Ebrāhīm b. Mas'ūd I in India. Abu'l-Fath Yūsof acted as vizier to Sultan Malek Arslan or [Arslan Shah](#) (509-11/1116-17). Nothing is known of his administrative policy during this brief period, and he presumably shared in the downfall of his master; but for a time he was clearly a powerful figure in the state, since Malek Arslan's panegyrist, 'Oṭmān Moḳtārī, addressed several odes to him (*Dīvān*, ed. J. Homā'ī, Tehran, 1341 Š./1962, pp. 85-90, 171-74, 282-84, 376-85, 475-76).

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