



ABU'L-QĀSEM EBRĀHĪM SOLTĀN

ABU'L-QĀSEM EBRĀHĪM SOLTĀN, MĪRZĀ, only son of Kāmṛān Mīrzā, the brother and rival of the Mughal emperor Homāyūn (r. 937-47, 962-63/1530-40, 1555-56). An incident of symbolic significance, placed in the year 952/1545 (or 951/1544), is related in the *Akbar-nāma* (tr. I, pp. 455-56): The boys Abu'l-Qāsem and Akbar, sons of two rival princes, wrestle for possession of a kettle-drum, and the latter wins. As a potential candidate for the throne, Abu'l-Qāsem became a source of concern for Akbar during the insecure early years of his reign. When Homāyūn died, Tardī Beg sent Abu'l-Qāsem to Akbar in the company of the royal guard which also escorted the crown jewels (W. Erskine, *India under Baber and Humayun II*, London, 1854, p. 529), and the new king soon confined his cousin in the fort of Gwalior, where he was eventually executed in 973/1565 or 974/1567. He was also a poet, but his *dīvān*, if he left one at all, has not survived. Two *bayts* are ascribed to him in the *Haft eqlīm* of Aḥmad Rāzī (I, p. 454). His *taḳalloṣ* was Šawkatī.



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