



## ABU'L-RAYYĀN EŞFAHĀNĪ

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**ABU'L-RAYYĀN EŞFAHĀNĪ**, AḤMAD B. MOḤAMMAD, Buyid vizier. Of unknown origin, Abu'l-Rayyān had been lieutenant in Baghdad of Moṭahhar b. 'Abdallāh and the Christian Naṣr b. Hārūn, both viziers of 'Azod-al-dawla. They had chosen him less for reasons of exceptional qualities than for his long experience in numerous positions. When 'Azod-al-dawla died in the beginning of 375/985, Abu'l-Rayyān was temporarily imprisoned, then named the single vizier of the new amir, Şamşām-al-dawla. Besides the liberation of Abū Eşḥāq Şābī, the single salient feature of his vizierate was an attempt to negotiate with the Qarmaṭīs, and then a subsequent attack on them; but in only the seventh month of his vizierate, he was arrested and executed (end of 375/986) as a consequence of the intrigues of the queen-mother. The amir who shortly after replaced Şamşām, Şaraf-al-dawla, had his corpse exhumed and buried honorably. Abu'l-Rayyān's son, 'Alī (354-482/965 to 1036-37), was lieutenant of the vizierate in Wāseṭ in 388/998 and was praised by the 'Alid leader Rāzī and by Ebn Nobāta.

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