



'ALĪŠĀH, TĀJ-AL-DĪN

'ALĪŠĀH, TĀJ-AL-DĪN, vizier of the two Il-khans Öljeytü (r. 703-17/1304-16) and Abū Sa'īd (r. 717-36/1317-35). In his youth as a textile merchant and jeweler he played an important part in the development of the new capital Solṭāniya. In 710/1311, he was made vizier along with K̄vāja Rašīd-al-dīn and Sa'd-al-dīn Sāvājī; the latter was executed in 711/1312 for his part in an intrigue. Thus 'Alīšāh (with his own *nā'eb*) became Rašīd-al-dīn's companion and rival. However, Öljeytü retained them both as advisers; he tried dividing the affairs of state, or the realm itself, between them, or allowing them to hold office for alternate years. When he died, 'Alīšāh accused Rašīd-al-dīn of having poisoned him; in the end Rašīd-al-dīn was executed (18 Jomādā I 718/15 July 1318). 'Alīšāh was now the sole minister and acted as counselor to the new ruler along with Amīr Čübān (Čoban), on whose behalf he had put in a good word. He is said to have devoted much effort to the dissemination of Islam among the Mongols. 'Alīšāh retained the confidence of Abū Sa'īd during the next few years, which were troubled by all manner of unrest and border conflicts. He died at the beginning of 724/1324, the first vizier of the Il-khans to die a natural death, as the sources emphasize. Abū Sa'īd visited him shortly before the end.

See also [Arg-e 'Alīšāh](#).



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