



## AMĪNJĪ

**AMĪNJĪ** B. JALĀL, AMĪN-AL-DĪN, eminent Ṭayyebī Ismaʿīli jurist from Ahmadabad in India, son of the twenty-fifth *dāʿī moṭlaq*, Šams-al-dīn Jalāl b. Ḥasan (d. 975/1567). He was fourth in rank in the *daʿwa* hierarchy in the time of the twenty-sixth *dāʿī moṭlaq*, Dāʿūd b. ʿAjabšāh (d. 997/1589 or 999/1591), and third under the succeeding *dāʿī*, Dāʿūd Borhān-al-dīn b. Qoṭbšāh (d. 1021/1612). In the dispute which resulted in the Dāʿūdī-Solaymānī split of the Ṭayyebī community, he supported Dāʿūd Borhān-al-dīn's title to the position of *dāʿī moṭlaq* and wrote a refutation of Solaymān b. Ḥasan's claim to have been appointed successor by the previous *dāʿī*. Amīnjī's argument was refuted in turn by Solaymān's son and successor, Jaʿfar. Between Raġab, 1005/March, 1597, and Moḥarram, 1007/August, 1598, during the *dāʿī*'s absence from Ahmadabad, Amīnjī conducted the affairs of the *daʿwa*. He died at Ahmadabad on 13 Šawwāl 1010/5 April 1602 (Kawġ b. Malek Kapadvanjī, *Majmūʿ al-rasāʿel al-sett*, MS, p. 47; Qoṭb-al-dīn Borhānpūrī, *Montazaʿ al-aḵbar*, MS, II, pp. 116, 124, 130, 154-55, 169, 174; Moḥammad-ʿAlī b. Mollā Jīvā, *Mawsem-e bahār*, Bombay, 1301-11/1883-94, III, pp. 193, 237-38, 252, 257). Among his juridical works extant in manuscripts, *Masāʿel Amīnjī b. Jalāl*, also known as *Ketāb al-soʿāl waʿl-ġawāb*, and *Ketāb al-ḥawāšī*, a two-volume commentary on Qāzī Noʿmān's *Daʿāʿem al-Eslām* and *Moḵtaṣar al-āṭār*, are well known in the community (Esmāʿīl al-Majdūʿ, *Fehrest*, ed. ʿA. N. Monzawī, Tehran, 1966, pp. 37-38; A. A. A. Fyze, *Compendium of Fatimid Law*, Simla, 1969, pp. xxxii-xxxiv) and are regarded as authoritative. The legal problems and relevant anecdotes discussed in these works are often typically Indian and provide useful material for the social and economic history of the Bohra community. *Ketāb al-*



*ḥawāšī* contains numerous quotations from Qāzī No‘mān’s *Ketāb al-īzāḥ* and *Moḳtaṣar al-īzāḥ*. The citations from the former deal with ritual purity, prayers, pilgrimage, and wergeld, indicating that a greater portion of the work was available to the author than is now preserved. In *Ketāb al-ḥawāšī*, Amīnjī has also reproduced the answers given by the *dā‘ī* Edrīs ‘Emād-al-dīn (d. 872/1468) to queries sent to him from India on legal matters. Amīnjī’s *Ḥesāb al-mawārīt* deals with issues of inheritance. He also wrote commentaries on Qāzī No‘mān’s *al-Orjūzat al-montaḳaba* (on jurisprudence), and another on the latter’s *Asās al-ta‘wīl* and *Ta‘wīl al-da‘ā‘em*.

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