



## ANŪŠERVĀN

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**ANŪŠERVĀN B. MANŪČEHR B. QĀBŪS**, ruler of the Daylamī dynasty of the Ziyarids in Ṭabarestān and Gorgān during the early 5th/11th century. He was the grandson of the celebrated amir and prose stylist, Šams-al-Ma‘ālī Qābūs b. Vošmgīr, and his father, Manūčehr, was the son-in-law of Maḥmūd of Ġazna. Toward the end of Manūčehr’s reign, the Ziyarid emirate was drawn into the Ghaznavid orbit with the 420/1029 takeover of Ray and Jebāl from the Buyid Maǧd-al-dawla Rostam and from various local Kurdish and Daylamī powers. Manūčehr died in 420/1029 or 421/1030, and Maḥmūd then confirmed the youthful Anūšervān in his territories in return for tribute, though he had some doubts, according to Bayhaqī, about his capacity for strong rule in a region increasingly under pressure from Turkmen attacks from the direction of the Dehestān steppes. Shortly afterward, according to Bayhaqī, there was an internal upheaval in the Ziyarid emirate; Anūšervān was effectively set aside by his father’s uncle BūĀr Kālījār but possibly retained the throne as nominal ruler. Anūšervān held on for several years, and Ebn al-Aṭīr records that in 433/1041-42 the Saljuq Toǧrel Beg took over Ṭabarestān and Gorgān; he apparently left Anūšervān as nominal ruler there, Bū Kālījār having dropped out of mention. Anūšervān’s death is variously placed in 435/1043-44 (Yāqūt, *Odabā’* VI, p. 145) and in 441/1049-50 (Ebn Esfandiār, abridged tr. E. G. Browne, Leiden, 1905, pp. 235-36). The latter says that his cousin Kay Kā’ūs b. Eskandar, author of the *Qābūs-nāma*, succeeded him in the mountainous inland regions. No coins of Anūšervān are known.



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