



ARDAKĀNĪ, ABU'L-ḤASAN

ARDAKĀNĪ, ḤĀJJĪ ABU'L-ḤASAN, known as [Ḥājjī Amīn](#) and Amīn-e Elāhī, one of the four *Ayādī-e Amr Allāh* (Hands of the Cause of God) appointed by Bahā'allāh as leaders of the Baha'i movement in Iran. Apart from his general functions as an exponent and defender of Baha'ism, Ḥājjī Amīn was made responsible for the collection of the *ḥoqūq Allāh* (a compulsory tithe levied on all believers; q.v.) and its transfer to the Baha'i leadership in Palestine. From his base in Tehran, he organized agents (*wokalā*) for the collection of the *ḥoqūq* in Iran and Russia (which would seem to refer to the large Baha'i community established in the late 19th century in Ashkhabad, effecting transfer of the monies thus raised through Āqā 'Alī Ḥaydar Šīrvānī. He associated closely with another *ayādī*, Mollā 'Alī Akbar [Šahmīrzādī](#), known as Ḥājj Ākūnd, with whom he was imprisoned in Qazvīn from 1308/1890-91 to 1310/1892. Following the death of Bahā'allāh in 1310/1892, he played a leading part in the effort to achieve recognition for his son 'Abd-al-Bahā' as his successor. In later years he traveled widely in pursuance of this mission throughout Iran and to Russian Turkestan, Turkey, Syria, and Egypt. In 1329/1911 he traveled to Palestine. In 1335/1916-17, he handed much of the responsibility for the collection of the *ḥoqūq* to Ġolām-Rezā Tehrānī (Amīn-e Amīn) and gradually relinquished his own involvement in this task. He died in 1346/1927-28, aged about 90.



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