



ĀŞLĀNDŪZ

ĀŞLĀNDŪZ (or AŞLĀNDŪZ), a small village in the northeast of the Iranian province of East Azarbaijan (*dehestān* of Moġān, *baḵš* of Germī, *šahrestān* of Ardabīl) on the south bank of the Aras river. By road it is 120 km west of Bila-Savār. The district is mountainous but is counted as warm. The local people are Shi'ites and speak Āḍarī Turkish. They subsist on stockrearing and grain cultivation (Razmārā, *Farhang* IV, p. 25).

The village figured in the history of Iran on two occasions. Firstly, during the Russo-Iranian war of 1218/1803—1228/1813, it was the scene of preliminary peace parleys between Russian and Iranian military representatives on 27-30 Ramażān, 1227/29 September-1 October 1812 (Sepehr, *Nāseḵ al-tawārīḵ* I, p. 140; James Morier, *Le Second voyage* II, pp. 79-97).

Secondly, less than a month after the suspension of these parleys, the Iranian force under the crown prince 'Abbās Mīrzā, which had camped in the village, was surprised by a Russian night attack on 24 Šawwāl 1227/31 October 1812. The attack would not have been made but for the Anglo-Russian reconciliation in Europe and the subsequent collusion of the two powers over Iran (Watson, *History of Persia*, p. 165; Maḥmūd, *Tārīḵ-erawābeḡ-e Īrān o Engelīs* I, p. 121; Sepehr, *Nāseḵ al-tawārīḵ* I, p. 127; Qā'em-maqāmī, *Taḥawwolāt-e siāsī-e neẓām-e Īrān*, p. 41). 'Abbās Mīrzā's troops were thrown into complete disarray and suffered heavy losses. The outcome of the ten-year-long war was in fact decided by this attack, because the army in Azarbaijan could no longer put up effective resistance. 'Abbās Mīrzā thus became ready for a ceasefire and finally had to accept the onerous terms of the treaty of Golestān, which was



signed on 29 Šawwāl 1228/12 October 1813.

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