



AZDĪ, MOḤAMMAD

AZDĪ, MOḤAMMAD B. RAWWĀD, a notable of Azarbaijan at the beginning of the 3rd/9th century, known mainly in connection with the revolt of **Bābak**, the leader of the Ḳorrami movement.

According to the *Fehrest*, Bābak was in Ebn al-Rawwād's service in Tabrīz for two years between the ages of sixteen and eighteen. Probably a variant of this, cited by Ṭabarī, says that Bābak's mother was a servant of Ebn al-Rawwād. Ṭabarī also refers to Wajnā' b. Rawwād, probably Moḥammad's brother, and to the *rostāq* of Dākarrāqān, i.e., Dehḳvāraqān (see **ĀZARŠAHR**) to the east of Lake Urmia, as "the *belād* of Moḥammad b. al-Rawwād." Ya'qūbī mentions Ebn al-Rawwād as one of the Azarbaijani notables who helped the caliph's forces against Bābak in 206/821-22.

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