



BAGAWAN (REGION)

BAGAWAN (Baguan or Aṭʿši Bagawan), a district of the land of Kaspianē (Arm. *Kaspʿk*, later *Pʿaytakaran*) lying along the right bank of the Araxes river and corresponding to the northeastern part of Iranian Azarbaijan. Here was located the town of Bagaran or Aṭʿši Bagawan (Ar. and Pers. Bāgarvān or Bājarvān) now Badcharvan (Bājarvān), a village in Prishib *raion* in Soviet Azarbaijan of the district center of the same name. Nearby flows the Bagarwan river, now Bazarchaī (Bazaṛčāy) but still called the Bagarū by the Armenians and the local Iranian-speaking Ṭāleš. In the seventeenth century the district was still called Bejirwan, while the name Aṭʿši (presumably from Mid. Pers. *ātaš* “fire”) suggests that the town may once have been a center of Zoroastrian worship (Eremyan, p. 42).

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