



BAHMAN JĀDŪYA

BAHMAN JĀDŪYA (or Jādōē), Sasanian general engaged in the defense of the Sawād of 'Erāq during the Muslim conquest in the 630s. He belonged to the Median or Pahlavi faction led by Rostam at Madā'en and had a reputation for being anti-Arab. Because of his bushy eyebrows he was called *Du'l-Ḥājeb* (owner of bushy eyebrows) as was *Mardānšāh*. During *Ḳāled* b. *Walīd*'s raid in 12/633 he was sent with an army to back up the forces of *Andarzaġar*, who had gone to oppose *Ḳāled* in the territory of *Kaskar*. When *Ḳāled* defeated *Andarzaġar* at *Walaja* the survivors joined *Bahman Jādūya*, who left *Jābān* in charge of local defense in the western Sawād and returned to *Madā'en*. During the rest of *Ḳāled*'s campaign he camped with the vanguard outside *Madā'en*.

During *Abū 'Obayd* b. *Mas'ūd Ṭaqafī*'s campaign in the Sawād in 13/634, *Rostam* sent *Bahman Jādūya* against him with a force which included elephants and the royal leopard-skin standard (*Derafš-e Kāvīān*). He turned the Muslims back at *Bābel* west of the *Tigris*, drove them across the *Euphrates*, and camped at *Qoss al-Nāṭef* on the east bank. *Abū 'Obayd* camped at *Marwaḥa* across the river, and when he crossed the *Euphrates* on a floating bridge and attacked the Persians, *Bahman Jādūya* caught the Muslims with their backs to the river and inflicted a serious defeat on them in the *Battle of the Bridge* (*yawm al-jesr*) in the fall of 13/634. *Abū 'Obayd* was trampled to death by an elephant, the bridge was broken by an Arab, and some 4,000 Arabs perished by drowning. *Moṭannā* b. *Ḥāreṭa Šaybānī* managed to retie the bridge and rallied 3,000 Arab survivors, although some of them returned to *Madīna*. *Bahman Jādūya* was unable to follow up this victory because, as his



army was about to cross the river, news came that the faction of the people of Fārs under Fīrūzān at Madā'en had overthrown Rostam-e Farroḳzād and his faction, and Bahman Jādūya was dismissed and recalled to the capital.

Bahman Jādūya also fought in the center of the Sasanian army under Rostam-e Farroḳzād at the battle of Qādesīya in 16/637, where he was killed by Qa'qā' b. 'Amr Tamīmī in revenge for the death of Abū 'Obayd and the others killed at the Battle of the Bridge. The claim that he fought and was killed at the battle of Nehāvand is due to confusing him with Mardānšāh.

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