



## BAQTĪĀR, ABŪ ḤARB

**BAQTĪĀR, ABŪ ḤARB** B. MOḤAMMAD, the patron of the poet Manūčehrī (d. 432/1040-41) who praised his bravery, nobility, magnanimity, learning, and eloquence in three *qaṣīdas* and one *mosammaʿ* on the occasion of the ancient Iranian festivals of Sada (*Dīvān*, pp. 21-22), Mehragān (pp. 90-95), and Nowrūz (pp. 114-16, 169-73). The choice of these festivals may indicate that Baqtīār belonged to a noble family of Iranian origin.

In my annotations to the *Dīvān* of Manūčehrī I had suggested that Baqtīār might be identical with Abū Ḥarb b. 'Alā'-al-Dawla Abū Ja'far Moḥammad b. Došmanzīār, the governor of Naṭanz, but the publication of three extant inscriptions of his (see Bibliography) has revealed his full identity as Abū Ḥarb Baqtīār the son of Ḥājeb Abū Ja'far Moḥammad b. Ebrāhīm, one of the amirs of Semnān and Dāmḡān (old Qūmes). He was a vassal of the Ziyarid amirs and a contemporary of Falak-al-Ma'ālī Manūčehr b. Qābūs (r. 402-23/1012-32) and his successors. The inscriptions are in chronological order: 1. in Dāmḡān, in the palace of his father, known as Pīr-e 'Alamdār, dated 417/1026, when his father was already dead; 2. in Dāmḡān, on the minaret of the Tārī-kāna mosque of Dāmḡān during the reign of Falak al-Ma'ālī; this must have been written between 417/1026 and 423/1032, when Baqtīār had the position of *ḥājeb* at the court of this king; 3. in Semnān, on the minaret of the Friday mosque, which was built during his governorship between the years 417/1026 and 426/1035.



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