



BAQTĪĀRĪ III. ĠOLĀM-ḤOSAYN KHANŠEHĀB-AL-SALTĀNA

Ġolām-Ḥosayn Khan Šehāb-al-Saltāna, then **Sardār(-e) Moḥtašam** (1866?-1950), one of the few BaqtĪārī chiefs who played a national role after the Constitutional revolution (1324-27/1906-09). He was the sixth son of Emāmqoli Khan, known as Ḥājī Īlkānī, founder of the younger branch of the Haft Lang, whose chiefs were titled *ḵawānīn-e bozorg* (great khans). After seven years in the service of Moḥammad Shah while still a prince, he was twice *ilbegī* and twice *ilkānī* of the BaqtĪārī tribe between 1905 and 1921, and occupied a government position 1911-13, when the government was dominated by the BaqtĪārī chiefs. He was one of the few members of his family who was not arrested and executed in 1933. He died in Tehran in 1950 and is remembered as a pensive, courageous and extremely honest man.

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