



BANG

BANG (Middle and New Persian; in Book Pahlavi also *mang*, Arabicized *banj*), a kind of narcotic plant. In older Arabic and Persian sources *banj* is applied to three different plants: hemp (*Cannabis sativa* or *indica*), henbane (*Hyoseyamus niger*, etc.), and jimsonweed (*Datura stramonium*). The effects of these three narcotic plants vary, something which may explain the widely differing descriptions of *bang* in the Middle Persian texts. In modern Persian *bang* is hashish.

i. In ancient Iran

ii. In modern Iran