



BARQĀNĪ, ABŪ BAKR AḤMAD

BARQĀNĪ, ABŪ BAKR AḤMAD B. MOḤAMMAD B. AḤMAD B. ĠĀLEB (b. 336/948, d. 425/1034), a traditionist (*moḥaddet*), philologist, and lawyer of the Shafe'ite school, highly praised for his industry, erudition, and reliability. Born at Barqān in K̄vārazm, he commenced his studies in his homeland and then left to pursue them in Baghdad. After an absence on a study tour which took him to Jorjān (Gorgān), Esfarā'īn, Nīšāpūr, Herāt, and Marv, he returned to Baghdad, and he did further study in Damascus and Cairo; but he chose Baghdad for his permanent abode and taught there until his death. Noteworthy among his many teachers were Moḥammad b. Aḥmad Abū 'Alī b. al-Ṣawwāf (d. 359/970), Moḥammad b. Ja'far b. al-Hayṭam Bondār (d. 360/970), 'Alī b. 'Omar Abu'l-Ḥasan Dāraḳoṭnī (d. 385/995) in Baghdad, Aḥmad b. Ebrāhīm Abū Bakr Esmā'īlī (d. 371/981) in Jorjān, Moḥammad b. Aḥmad Abū 'Amr Ḥīrī (d. ca. 376/987) in Nīšāpūr. His most illustrious pupil was Aḥmad b. 'Alī Abū Bakr Kaṭīb Baġdādī (d. 463/1071), the author of the *Ta'rik* *Baġdād*. His best-known literary work is a *mosnad* in which he has combined the *Ṣaḥīḥ*sof Boḳārī and Moslem (Sezgin, *GAS* I, p. 229). He also made collections of traditions transmitted by Sofyān Ṭawrī (d. 161/778) and others.



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