



## BĒṬ ĀRAMAYĒ

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**BĒṬ ĀRAMAYĒ**, lit. “land of the Arameans,” the region and Sasanian province of *Āsōristān* in Iraq between the Jabal Ḥamrīn and Maysān. It is called Balad al-Nabaṭ in the Arabic Chronicle of Sīrt. A *marzbān* of this province is attested under Šāpūr II (r. 309-79), Yazdegerd I (r. 399-421), Pērōz (r. 459-84), in 485, 496, and prior to 525 (stationed at Rādān). A *mōpat* of Bēt Āramayē is attested under Ƙosrow I (r. 531-79) when Mār Abā was Nestorian catholicos (540-52). This province disappeared as an administrative unit as a result of the reforms of Ƙosrow I, but Elias of Naṣībīn calls Zīād (44/664) and al-Ḥajjāj (75/694) governors of Bēt Āramayē in Syriac for Iraq in his Arabic text. The Nestorian church province of Bēt Āramayē dependent on the patriarchal see at Seleucia is attested in 486, 544, ca. 612, the mid-eighth century, ca. 900, and in the twelfth century, and included the bishoprics of Kaškar (Wāseṭ), Bēt Darayē, Zawābī, Ḥīra, and Anbār (Fīrūz Šāpūr).

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