



BĒṬ DARAYĒ

BĒṬ DARAYĒ (Arabic Bādarāyā), a district southeast of the lower Nahrawān canal in Gōkē (Arż Jūkā), Iraq, linked administratively with Bākosāyā. Fiey identified it with Tell al-ʿAqr near the village of Badra ca. 150km east-southeast of Baghdad. It lay between al-Bandanījayn and the environs of Wāseṭ and produced excellent dried dates. Mani is said to have gone to Bēṭ Darayē in the third century, and Qobād I (r. 488-96, 499-531) is said to have resettled people there. This district is also attested as a Nestorian bishopric of Bēṭ Aramayē in 424, 486, 497, 544, 554, 605, 790, and again in the twelfth century, after being included in the diocese of Kaškar in ca. 900. Bādarāyā and Bākosāyā together were assessed taxes of 4,700 *korr* of wheat, 5,000 *korr* of barley, and 330,000 dirhams in 204/819-20.

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