



## BOĠRĀ KHAN

---

**BOĠRĀ KHAN**, ABŪ MŪSĀ HĀRŪN or Ḥasan b. Solaymān, called Šehāb-al-Dawla and Ḥahīr-al-Daʿwa, the first Qarakhanid khan to invade the Samanid emirate from the steppes to the north and to deal a severe blow at its fabric.

He was the grandson of ʿAbd-al-Karīm Satūq Boġrā Khan (d. 344/955), the first Qarakhanid to become a Muslim. In 380/990 Boġrā Khan Hārūn occupied [Esfijāb](#), and then two years later was invited into the heart of the Samanid lands by discontented local *dehqāns*, opposed to the amirs' centralizing policies, and by the commander of the army in Khorasan, Abū ʿAlī Sīmjurī, who secretly proposed a partition of the Samanid dominions, with himself taking Khorasan and Boġrā Khan having Transoxania. The latter also apparently supported an ʿAbbasid descendant, ʿAbd-Allāh Wāṭeqī, who had dreams of ascending the caliphate throne. Bukhara was occupied by Boġrā Khan in 382/992 with little opposition. He also started minting coins in [Īlāq](#), the first known Qarakhanid ones, and adopted honorific titles in the traditional Islamic pattern. He was however taken ill and evacuated Bukhara, and the Samanid prince whom he had supported as his puppet, ʿAbd-al-ʿAzīz b. Nūḥ b. Naṣr, had to be abandoned in the face of the triumphant return of the Amir Nūḥ b. Naṣr; he himself died shortly afterwards at Qoċqārbāšī en route for the Qarakhanid territories in Kashgharia.



## BIBLIOGRAPHY

---

Barthold, *Turkestan*<sup>2</sup>, pp. 254ff.

O. Pritsak, "Die Karachaniden," *Der Islam* 31, 1953-54, pp. 25-26.

R. N. Frye, in *Camb. Hist. Iran* IV, pp. 157-58.

*Search terms:*

بوغرا خان boghra khaan boughraa khan boghra khan