



BOZGŪŠ

BOZGŪŠ, the traditional reading of the name of a mythical tribe in Māzandarān (i.e., India, see Monchi-Zadeh, pp. 62ff.) mentioned in the *Šāhnāma* (Moscow, II, p. 103 vv. 497-98, IV, p. 226 v. 281) together with two others named Sagsār and Narpāy (Čarpāyān and Davālpāyān in other sources). All three tribes were supposed to consist of monsters. The stories about them originally belonged to the Garšāsp legend, but many of Garšāsp's exploits were subsequently attributed to other figures, for instance, Kay Ƙosrow, Esfandīār, and Alexander.

J. Markwart read the name as Bargūš (*Caucasica* 6/1, 1930, p. 37 with n. 4), connecting it with the Wargōš people listed in company with the Wařčašm in the Pahlavi *Bundahišn* (chap. 14.38; tr. Anklesaria, pp. 134-35) and *Draxt āsūrīg* (ed. M. Nawwābī, Tehran, 1345 Š./1967, pp. 72-73); in the *Draxt āsūrīg* they are located between India and the Warkaš Sea (Warkaš zrēh), probably reflected in Ferdowsī's Māzandarān and Daryā-ye Zereh (see Monchi-Zadeh, pp. 62-65).

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