



## BŪRĀN

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**BŪRĀN**, (Middle Pers. Bōrān) also called Ẕadīja (192-271/807-84), wife of **al-Ma'mūn** and daughter of Ḥasan b. Sahl, was probably so named after the Sasanian queen **Bōrān** (r. 29-30). At the age of ten she was betrothed to al-Ma'mūn, but the wedding took place at her father's residence in Fam al-Ṣelḥ near Wāseṭ when she was almost eighteen (Ramazān, 210/December, 825--January, 826). The occasion was so pompously celebrated that it became proverbial and won the name of "The Invitation of Islam," *Da'wat al-Eslām* (cf. Ta'ālebī, *Temār al-qolūb*, Cairo, 1965, pp. 165). She is also remembered for asking the caliph to pardon his uncle Ebrāhīm b. Maḥdī and to allow Zobayda to go on pilgrimage. Nothing else is known about her as a queen (210-18/825-33) or during her long life after the death of al-Ma'mūn (218/833). She died (Rabī' I, 271/September, 884) in the former palace of Ja'far Barmakī on the Tigris (al-Qaṣr al-Ḥasanī), which she had received from her father. She is credited with the creation of the popular dish *būrānī* (see Naḳjavānī, p. 145).

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