



## DAKANĪ, REŽĀ ‘ALĪŠĀH

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**DAKANĪ, REŽĀ-‘ALĪŠĀH**, also known as Shah ‘Alī-Rezā (1094-1204/1683-1799), leader (*qoṭb*, lit., “pole”) in the years 1154-1214/1741-99 of the Ne‘mat-Allāhī Sufi order in Hyderabad (Deccan), India. Nothing is known of his background, except that he was a disciple of Šams-al-Dīn Dakanī, who initiated him into the order. He is best known as the man responsible for reviving the Ne‘mat-Allāhī order in Persia through the dispatch of Sayyed ‘Abd-al-Ḥamīd Ma‘šūm-‘Alīšāh Dakanī to Fārs in around 1190/1776. Režā-‘Alīšāh preached in a city mosque every Friday and initiated many distinguished persons into the order. According to Ma‘šūm-‘Alīšāh, he enjoyed special favor with the Asafjahid ruler of the Deccan Nežām-‘Alī Khan (1175-1218/1762-1803) and his vizier, Araštū Khan. After the death of Nežām-‘Alī Khan a certain Bahrām Jang, who nursed a grudge against Režā-‘Alīšāh, threatened the *kānaqāh* but retreated when Režā-‘Alīšāh went out to meet him. Režā-‘Alīšāh’s tomb is next to that of Mīr Moḥammad Dakanī, located beside a mountain 4 km outside Hyderabad. He apparently did not leave any literary work, but a *robā’ī* composed by him was quoted by Režāqolī Khan Hedāyat (p. 451). His successor as *qoṭb* of the order in India was Ḥosayn-‘Alīšāh.



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