



DAYSAM

DAYSAM b. Ebrāhīm KORDĪ, ABŪ SĀLEM, Kurdish commander who ruled sporadically in [Azarbaijan](#) between 326/938 and 344/955 after the period of Sajid domination there.

Daysam is described as the son of a Kurdish mother and an Arab father who had been a partisan of the Kharijite Hārūn Wāzeqī at Mosul during the caliphate of al-Moʿtazed (279-89/892-902). A Kharijite like his father, Daysam rose to prominence in the service of Yūsuf b. Abi'l-Sāj. Owing largely to Kurdish backing, he had taken control of Azarbaijan by 326/938, but his position there was soon threatened by the northward expansion of the [Deylamites](#), particularly Moḥammad b. Mosāfer of Ṭārom and his sons Marzbān and Vahsūdān. The Gilanī general Laškarī b. Mardī expelled Daysam, who then sought help from the Ziyarid Vošmgīr in Ray; he recovered his principality, only to lose it again to Marzbān b. Moḥammad in 330/941-42. He was invited back from exile in Armenia by pro-Kurdish, anti-Deylamite elements in Azarbaijan but was nevertheless forced to surrender to Marzbān, who then extended his dominion as far as Dvin and Arrān (333/944-45). Daysam was back in Azarbaijan in 341/952, but two years later he had been expelled thence yet again and was seeking help from the Hamdanids. With aid from Sayf-al-Dawla, ruler of Aleppo (333-56/945-67), he took advantage of Vahsūdān b. Moḥammad's preoccupation with quelling a revolt in Darband, reappeared in Azarbaijan, and took Salmās (344/955-56), but he was again obliged to retreat into Armenia when Marzbān appeared. The Artsrunid prince Deranik', son of Gagik, then handed him over to Marzbān, who blinded



and imprisoned him; when Marzbān died in 346/957 his supporters killed Daysam.

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