



DELĪKĀNLŪ

DELĪKĀNLŪ, tribe of the *Ḳalkāl* region in eastern Persian Azarbaijan. In spite of its Turkish name (*deli* “young, wild, frolicsome”; Doerfer, *Elemente* II, pp. 660-62), the tribe is apparently of Kurdish origin, like its neighbors the *Šaṭrānlū* and *Qolūqjānlū* tribes; Moḥammad Mardūk includes it in his list of Kurdish tribes (I, p. 190). Although most of the *Delikānlū* are now Turkophone, as recently as 1330 Š./1951 Kurdish was still spoken at *Āqbāš* (*Razmarā*, *Farhang* IV, p. 26, s.v.), one of the *Delikānlū* villages (Oberling, p. 54).

The *Delikānlūs* occupy about twenty villages in the *dehestāns* of *Garm*, *Ganjgāh*, *Kivī*, and *Ḳoreš Rostam* (Oberling, p. 54). In 1311 Š./1932 Maḥmūd Kayhān (*Joḡrāfiā* II, p. 108) estimated their number at 400 households, in 1339 Š./1960 the Persian high command at 480 households (Oberling, p. 53) and M. J. Maškūr (p. 184) at 400 households, and in 1352 Š./1973 Mardūk (I, p. 90) at 200 households.

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