



EBN MORSAL, LAYṬ

EBN MORSAL, LAYṬ b. Faḏl, a client (*mawlā*) and governor of Sīstān 199-204/815-19. Previously governor of Egypt in 182-87/798-803 (Kendī, pp. 139-41), he was appointed governor of Sīstān by the caliph Ma'mūn in place of the discredited Moḥammad b. Aš'aṭ. Facing stiff opposition from the outgoing governor and a local 'ayyār leader, he took up his post by making an alliance with the Kharijite leader Ḥamza b. Āḏarak. Once in control in Zarang, the provincial capital, he kept himself in power by conciliating both Kharijites and 'ayyārs, giving Sistan four years of prosperity until the new governor of Khorasan, Ḡassān b. 'Abbād, replaced him by A'yan b. Harṭama b. A'yan.

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