



GAČSAR

GAČSAR, a village in the Karaj district, situated at an altitude of 2,210 m at 110 km northwest of Tehran and 7 km south of the Kandavān Tunnel on the main road to the Caspian coast. It had a population of about 166 in 1365 Š./1986. Its farmlands on both sides of the Tehran-Čālūs road are irrigated by the river Karaj. Its products are fruits and plants for animal fodder. Of natural plants, marjoram, marshmallows, and bugloss grow there. Of wild animals, jackal, wolf, fox, boar, and bear inhabit the area. It has a gypsum mine and a hotel built during the time of Reżā Shah as a royal residence. There is little information about its past, except that Nāşer-al-Dīn Shah sojourned there twice (E'temād-al-Salţana, *Montaţam-e nāşerī*, ed. Reżwānī, III, p. 1908; idem, *Mer'āt* II, p. 1768).

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