



## ḤAMAYD

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**ḤAMAYD**, an Arab tribe of *Ḳuzestān*, which claims descent from the large Bani Rabi'a tribe (Bani Ṭoraf, p. 47). In the early 1900s, it dwelled mostly in the *boluk* of Ḥamayd, on the left bank of the Kārun river (just south of its juncture with the Āb-e Dez), its territory stretching from Naddāfiya on the Kārun to Raḡeyva, 50 km northwest of Rāmhormoz. It numbered some 6,000 individuals and comprised the following *tiras*: 'Attāb, 'Awāmer, Ḥawālāt, Ḳarāmeza, Mayyāḥ, Nesaylāt, and Sā'ed (Lorimer, pp. 620-21). The tribe subsisted chiefly on the cultivation of wheat and barley; it also owned sheep, camels and cattle (Field, p. 192). Today the Ḥamayd are scattered across a wide area, from Ahvāz to Rāmhormoz, and from Rāmhormoz to the vicinity of Behbahān and Ḳalafābād. They own some of the finest purebred Arabian horses in *Ḳuzestān* (Bani Ṭoraf, p. 48).

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