



ḲĀLU

ḲĀLU, a small Turkic tribe of Kermān province. According to the Iranian Army files (1957), this tribe once lived in the vicinity of Bardsir and Māšiz, southwest of Kermān. It supported Loṭf-‘Ali Khan Zand (r. 1789-94) in his struggle against **Āqā-Moḥammad Khan Qājār** (r. 1779-97). When Fath-‘Ali Mirzā, the nephew of Āqā-Moḥammad and the future Shah (r. 1797-1834), was ordered to seize Bardsir, the Ḳālu resisted for six months. Impressed by their courage, Fath-‘Ali decided to marry Fāṭema, the daughter of one of the khans of the tribe, who became his fortieth wife (Iranian Army files, 1957; Sepehr, I, p. 332). Because of this relationship with the ruling family, the tribe became known by the name of Ḳānlu, which was later shortened to Ḳālu. The Ḳālu are now partly sedentary. The tribe’s summer quarters are in the vicinity of Rābor and Bāft, in the *šahrestān* of Sirjān. Its winter quarters are in the vicinity of Šast-Ficj, some 40 kilometers southeast of Bāft, as well as in the *dehestāns* of Golāškerd and Esfandaqa in the *šahrestān* of Jiroft (Iranian Army files, 1957). Henry Field estimated the population of the Ḳālu at 50 families (p. 235) while *Irān-šahr* at 150 families (I, p. 159). The Ḳālu are Shi‘ites, and speak a mixture of Persian and Turkish.



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