



ḲĀNĀ QOBĀDI

ḲĀNĀ QOBĀDI, Gurāni poet (fl. ca.1700-1759 or 1778) and one of the major members of the school of **Gurāni** poetry that is said to have been founded by Yusof Yaskā (d. 1636). The development of Gurāni poetry was furthered by the Ardalān dynasty, which carved out a semi-independent state in southern Kurdistan in the late 16th century CE. Gurāni became the language of the Ardalān court, and that dynasty promoted its use as a literary *koine* throughout the southern Kurdish areas.

Qobādi is popularly credited with translating verses from the Qurʾān into Gurāni. These translations have not survived, but it was because of them that Qobādi is said to have been forced to flee to the court of the Ardalāns' rivals, the Bābān dynasty. Qobādi praised the Prophet Moḥammad and Imam ʿAli b. Abi Ṭaleb in his poem called *Ṣalawāt-nāma*; his best known work is a Gurāni version of the romantic epic *Širin o Ḳosrow*.

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