



SATI BIK

SATI BIK (Sati Beg), of the [Il-Khanid](#) dynasty (739/1338-9) was the daughter of the Il-Khan [Öljeitü](#) ([Uljāyту](#)) by his wife [Eltüzmiš](#) ([Kāšāni](#), p. 7). She was married by her half-brother, the Il-Khan [Abu Saʿid Bahādor Khan](#), in 719/1319 to the powerful amir [Čobān](#) ([Čupān](#)) as a reward for his service in suppressing a rebellion, and bore him a son [Sorġon](#) ([Surgān](#)). Left a widow at her husband's execution in 727/1327, she became an important figure during the turbulent period that followed Abu Saʿid's death in 736/1335. She was first married to his successor [Arpa Khan](#), who was defeated and killed in 736/1336, and was then used as a pawn in the struggle between the [Chobanids](#) and the [Jalayerid](#) [Šayk](#) [Ḥasan-e Bozorg](#).

Proclaimed Il-Khan in [Arrān](#) by Čobān's grandson [Ḥasan b. Timurtāš](#) ('[Ḥasan-e Kuček](#)') at the beginning of 739/July-August 1338 in opposition to [Toġa Temür](#) ([Toġa Timur](#)), Sati Beg was recognized only in Azarbaijan, Hamadān and eastern Anatolia, however and reigned for merely nine months ([Ahri](#), p. 166). Towards the end of 739/circa May 1339, [Ḥasan-e Kuček](#) deposed her in favor of a distant kinsman [Solaymān](#), whom she was forced to marry in turn. Nevertheless, coins were struck in her name in [Ḥešn Kayfā](#) (in mod. Batman Province, southeastern Turkey) in 743/1342-3 and in [Arzan](#) (southwestern Armenia) as late as 745/1344-5 (example: [Figure 1](#)). She accompanied [Solaymān](#) and her son [Sorġon](#) in 744/1343-4 to [Diārbakr](#) ([Ahri](#), p. 171) and is last heard of in 746/1345-6, when [Sorġon](#) was defeated by the Chobanid [Malek Ašraf](#) and she apparently fled with him to join the semi-independent amir [Eretnā](#) in Anatolia ([Ahri](#), p. 172). Although Sati Beg reigned only in name and



very briefly, her elevation is symptomatic of the high status that elite women retained in steppe society even when the Islamization of the Mongols had been under way for over two generations.

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