

Ḥāḍjib b. Zurāra b. ʿUdus b. Zayd b. ʿAbd Allāh b. Dārim b. Mālik b. Ḥanẓala b. Mālik b. Zayd Manāt b. Tamīm, an eminent *sayyid* of the Dārim of Tamīm in the period of the Djāhiliyya. His name was, according to Abu ʿl-Yaḳẓān, Zayd, and his *kunya* Abū ʿIkriṣha.

Ḥāḍjib, a member of one of the noblest families of Bedouin society, was known for his mildness. A particular incident in connexion with Ḳurād b. Ḥanīfa later caused Ḥāḍjib to kill Ḳurād, which led to clashes between some families of Dārim.

The first battle attended by Ḥāḍjib was the battle of Djabala. He was captured and freed himself by paying the exceedingly high ransom of 1100 camels. He headed the troops of Tamīm in the encounters of al-Nisār and al-Djifār and was defeated.

Ḥāḍjib continued the tradition of friendly relations between al-Ḥīra and the Dārim and attempted to gain for the Dārim the privilege of the *ridāfa*, which had been entrusted by the rulers of al-Ḥīra to another branch of Tamīm, the Yarbūʿ. The Yarbūʿ refused to cede the *ridāfa* to the Dārim, marched out against the forces of al-Ḥīra sent against them, and defeated them at Tikhfa.

Ḥāḍjib attained fame through a visit to the court of Persia. He asked the Persian ruler to permit his people to pasture their herds in the Persian territory, since they were suffering from a heavy drought caused by the curse of the Prophet on Muḍar. Ḥāḍjib left his bow as pledge, promising that his people would not harass the subjects of the Persian ruler. When the Prophet lifted his curse, Ḥāḍjib was already dead. His son ʿUṭārid went to the Persian king, who returned to him the bow and granted him a precious suit of clothes, which ʿUṭārid presented to the Prophet while visiting him with the delegation of Tamīm in 9/630. The Prophet, however, refused to accept the gift.

This widely current story is contradicted by a report recorded in a commentary of Abū Tammām's *Dīwān*. According to this report Ḥādījib gave his bow as pledge when he was entrusted by the Persian ruler to escort a caravan to ʿUkāz. After he had successfully carried out his mission he was “crowned” by the ruler of Persia.

Some traditions claim that Ḥādījib embraced the religion of the Magians. Whether Ḥādījib met the Prophet is rather doubtful, since traditions claiming this seem not to be trustworthy. He died in the twenties of the 7th century.

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