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The Qarāūnās in the Īl-Khānate Sources

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The “Qarāūnās” mentioned in the sources dealing with the history of the Īl-Khānate was an appellation, after the Khānate, 1258–1335, had been firmly established, for the half-breeds between the twenty-thousand Mongol troops dispatched to, and stationed in, Hindūstān and Kashmīr immediately after the accession of Ūktāi Qāan in 1229, and local women.

The Qarāūnās, who had been in Hindūstān and Kashmīr protecting the flank of the active conquests of Hūlāgū Khān came, toward the end of his reign, 1258–1265, under the command of Abāqā when the prince was dispatched to govern Khurāsān. In 1265 when Abāqā returned to Adherbaijān to take over the Khānship, he took along with him a part of the Qarāūnās, whom he organized into a *tūmān* or myriarchy directly under him, with an *amīr* close to him at its head. This was the “Qarāūnās Tūmān of the Khān’s own” which was under the successive control of influential *amīrs* close to the Khāns until the reign of Ghāzān Khān, 1295–1304.

Prince Abāqā, when returning to Adherbaijān, organized into two more *tūmāns* those Qarāūnās who did not accompany him, to garrison Khurāsān under the command of *amīrs* loyal to him. These were the “Qarāūnās Tūmāns of Khurāsān.”

The Qarāūnās, who had made themselves independent along the Eastern borders of the Īl-Khānate by the time when Prince Abāqā was dispatched to govern Khurāsān, continued their plundering raids into the Īl-Khānate territories even after the prince’s accession as Khān.

From the reign of Arghūn Khān, 1284–1291, on, the myriarchs of the Qarāūnās Tūmāns of the Khān’s own and of Khurāsān disturbed the Īl-Khānate with their court intrigues and frontier revolts, until finally they were united under Ghāzān Khān.

*Qarā* of *qarāūnās* derives from *qara*, black, in Mongolian, while *ūnās* (*ūnā*, *ūnā*) appears to be the same name as the Hsiung-nu. Hence *qarāūnās* means the Black Huns.

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