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One of his pupils was his son Abū l-Rabī Khālid b. Yūsuf al-Samtī (d. 249/863), who is also considered a Basran Ḥanafite. Regarding him cf. Sam‘ānī, *Ansāb* VII 133, 7; *IAW* I 230 no. 581; *Mizān* no. 2488. According to Şaymarī, *Akhbār Abī Ḥanīfa* 151, 3ff. Hilāl al-ra’y (d. 245/859 in Basra; *GAS* 1/435f.) was in contact with him.

#### 2.2.3.4 *Kullu mujtahid muşīb*

Even before Abū Ḥanīfa became known beyond Kufa, a Kufan had been *qādī* in Basra for a short time:

al-Ḥajjāj b. Arṭāt al-Nakhaī.

The Abbasids had appointed him immediately after seizing power; they probably would not have trusted a Basran.<sup>1</sup> He possessed a healthy self-confidence: when, dressed all in black, he visited ‘Uthmān al-Battī’s teaching circle for the first time and the latter offered him the seat of honour, he said that wherever he sat would be the seat of honour.<sup>2</sup> He could boast of having pronounced his first *fatwā* at the age of 16.<sup>3</sup> He did not stay in Basra long; after only a month Sulaymān b. ‘Alī, who took over the administration of the city from his brother al-Saffāḥ, seems to have removed him from office.<sup>4</sup> He had not dared to take part in the Friday prayer;<sup>5</sup> when he rode out he was preceded by *kāfir-kūbāt*, the dreaded club-bearers who were also Abū Muslim’s entourage.<sup>6</sup> The population did not like him and it was said that he had been the first to take bribes.<sup>7</sup> And in the end the governor appointed a man from before the revolution: ‘Abbād b. Maṣṣūr al-Nājī, a Qadarite who had been appointed to the position during the time of Yazīd III.<sup>8</sup> He was one of the old guard of anti-Umayyads, with Ḥajjāj b. Arṭāt being another one; he had been prefect of police in Kufa under Yazīd III, or rather his governor ‘Abdallāh b. ‘Umar b. ‘Abd al-‘Azīz.<sup>9</sup> However, loyalties were distributed differently in the case of a Basran: in 145 ‘Abbād b. Maṣṣūr

1 *Wakī* II 50, 8ff.; regarding his Kufan origins *ibid.* 50, pu., and 51, 7f. General information regarding him *IS* VI 250, 10ff.; *Mizān* no. 1726 etc.

2 *Wakī* II 50, 9f.

3 *Ibid.* 50, 15f.

4 Khalīfa, *Ta’rīkh* 634, 3ff.

5 *Wakī* II 52, 15 and n.

6 *Ibid.* 51, pu.; regarding the *kāfir-kūbāt* cf. *EI*<sup>2</sup> IV 411 s. v.

7 *Ibid.* 51, -5f.; regarding the phenomenon as such cf. E. Rosenthal, *Gifts and Bribes* in: *Proc. Amer. Philos. Soc.* 108/1964/135ff., and Tyan, *Organisation judiciaire* I 425ff.

8 Sourdel in: *Arabica* 2/1955/113. Regarding him see p. 381 below.

9 Khalīfa, *Ta’rīkh* 559, 4, and 578, 6; *Wakī* II 54, 4f.