

## Political activities of mahd Alia befor ascending the throne of Nasere – al – din shah

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**Abstract:** In history of Iran from the beginning until now woman (Female) has had remarkable role in life, family's destiny, and country with her natural characteristic feature either with the name of mother or spouse. During the kingship of Gajars over Iran, men and many characters had ruling whether about policy or ruling in country. After all, in this time a woman catching sight of us the despite of the situation and the time that they have lived she turned in to one of well – known characters of Gajar's era, this woman named malek Jahan khanom or mahd Alia, that she got successful to do some actions with her capability & worthiness from the kingship of mohammad shah and after his death. she could control the ruling of country for 45 days and also could pacify ( keep calm ) the capital in those chaotic , disorganized situation until crowning ( ascending the throne ) of her offspring Nasere – al – din shah , she suppressed the riots ( rebellions ) , neutralized the conspiracy of Mirza Agasi and dismissed him , likewise , she did some actions in order to eradicating or blending of her old rival Abas mirza . this article or investigation intended to do brief analyse of political actions and activities of Mahd alia before ascending the thereon of Nasere – al – din shah.

**Key words:** *Gajarha – Mahd alia; Mohammad shah; HajiMirza agasi – Mirza Abas*

### 1. Introduction

In Iran Gajar age with attention to system of ruling that it is with manner of dictatorial and at the case of kingship presence of people especially women in political and socially issues were not comparable to men's situation. With attention to the restrictions that were exerted about women we catching sight of a powerful woman that could participate in society of out of seraglio. She stewed her political activities from the king ship of Mohamad shah and the zeanith of her political activities were after the death of mohamad shah and in the time his ruling and also she continued until the ascending the through of her offspring Nasere – al – din shah and even when he died. In this paper , had effort to couceru to the most important her political actions before ascending the throne of Nasere – al – din shah that is used from descriptive and analytic and the library were applied and also it is attempted to use from first – hand sources . However, between vast heaps of materials about women it is rarely to debate or argue about women.

### 2. The death of Mohammad shah and ruling of capital

One of the prominent women of court of Gajar kings that are Malek Jahan Khanom named mahd Alia. Her mother was princess Beigom jan thoughter of Fathali shah and her father was Amir mohamad

gasem khan Gavanlo Afzal-ol-molk, M., and afzal-o-tavarikh (1982).

She married to her cousin mohamad mirza son of Abbas mirza that this marriage did happened according to testament of mohamad khan and commands of Fathali shah (Danbali maftoon, 1972)

Mahd alia was a thoughtful, wise policy woman and she showed many eager in political, official works before when.

Mohamad shah died, such that, when her son was crown prince in Azarbeyejan she participated in affairs or even sealed the crown prince's letters or commandes. Seal of Nasere-din mirza in right margin and mahd alia's seal with written «crown prince of king 'is my mother that her seal was square (Navei, 1982).

Mohamad shah died due to gout in night of 6 shaval 1264 (lunar) in age of 42. Afzal-ol-molk, M., and afzal-o-tavarikh (1982). It has been said that in this thme Mahd alia put on two scarf, a black scarf and another colourful scarf together, and said , “ one of this is for mourning of husband and another is for kingship of my son “ Afzal-ol-molk, M., and afzal-o-tavarikh (1982).

In this time mahd alia accomplished the affairs of country as a minister and assistant with name of naeb-ol-saltane and whit help of aligoli mirza etezad-ol-saltane. she appointed mirza nasro-lah ardebili agnomened to« sadr-ol-mamalek» during her ruling that was between a 40 to 100 days. she did a wonderful allemts to pasify the country in this time that were handled with of claimants (Wattson, grunt. 1958).

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After all, someone was chosen and engaged in act with presence of men and court persons. They established a consorting meeting or republic government with queen's chairmanhip and every their members intended to be chancellor of Iran with arrival of king. Here there are two groups; one was crowd of azarbajaniha with leadership of one of priest namely mirza nasrol - lah sadr-ol-malek that was expected to be chancellor hopefully and was trustful of advocators of Allahyarkhan uncle of mohamad shah asefo-dule namely second group. Mahd alia was realized that it is out of the authority of government that be able to dismiss second group. as a result, she invited the head of this group in order to participate in meetings of council and settled the affairs.

Meanwhile, in this chaotic time secretive association group with leadership of foreign minister mohammad shah, mirza masoud khan-e- ansari garmaroudi the advocator of Russia policy in accompany with some of political men dealt with disagreement with council meeting that were advocater of English political and agreement with kingship of nasere-din shah.

### **3. Dismissal of hajimirza aghasi**

Haji mirza aghasi gathered a group of troops around himself in Tehran in chaotic situation after the death of mohamad himself in Tehran in chaotic situation after the death of mohamad shah, or even had the intention of kingship, he had the seal of government (country) too, and paid abundance of drafts with that. Commanders and administrators were dissatisfied with him, but Russia and English ambassadors supported him. When the matter caught the sight of mahd alia and aligolimirza, mahd alia dismissed him. Mirza agasi even requested abasmirza malek ara's mother in a letter in order to, that abas mirza be naye-ol-sahane but he did not accept. When Russia and English ambassadors went before Mahd alid and praised haji, Mahd alia talked to them so that they did not support him anymore.

As Nasere din shah came to Tehran from Tabriz, haji mirza went to beynol- nahrein with his permission and then he died after a year in 1265 (lunar).

### **4. Clamp down of riots**

In this time, mahd alia sent some rules and commands to regularity and organizing big or small cities. These rules (regulation) had written with observation and advisability of princes aligoli mirza and great guides were signature and sealed behind every commands. She appointed hajeb-o-dule to gilán and abbass gholi khan javanshir for maintenance of fields and properties of agruluriuy. at the same time, mirza agakhan nori the minister of troops exiled to kashan, came to Tehran and were entertainment with commander of Mahd alia before the sun.

At the time of news of the death of Mohamad Shah some of corrupters and revolvers in the path of Gazvin with leadership of seif- ol-molok mirza the son of shahzadeh zel-ol-soltan and groom the cousin of the king of Iran rioted and looted. He sent some texts to the head of groups of the kingship with claiming of king ship requested them to join to him, but soleiman khan afshar treated them, finally, seif-ol-molok after looting his properties and missing his comrades were arrested and dispatched to Tehran with order of Mahd alia.

From the others riots were the people's riot in brojerd that were under the rulling of jamshid khan makoie and the riot of against moheb ali makoei the ruler of Kermanshah too, that due to tremendous cruelty, the people got in to revolt with hearing the news of the death of king. Next riot in kordestan and the riot of shiraz people against Hussein khan nezam-ol-due the yuller of far and riot of yazd city eachone got suppressed.

### **5. Blinding the conspiracy of abbas mirza and his exile**

As it turned out, mirza agasi, when mohammad shah was expending his last day of his life, with writing of some letters to reza goli khan hedayat-companion of abbas mirza asked him that pick him up to abas mirza, so that, he treated to him as chancellor, but since mahd alia was opponent of abbas mirza and his mother so, he rejected because of fear. However with existence of advisers of government men and with presence of mirza agasi in authority of commander his request was denied. And then this action augmented the sense of hostility and grudge of mahd alia. Some of people increased the fire of this grudge, so that she decided to blind abbas mirza in order to this act she officered her two brother asad-ol-ah khan & soleiman khan ghavanluto do so.

But when her uncle namely farhad mirza in formed .she had gone to the inner of her kingship with excuse of visiting of her sisters, he attempted exiled abbas mirza to English as a refugee after argue with authorities.

Then send him to golhak the summer domicile of English embassy secretly with lettering to ambassador of English (Mostofi, 1951).

With entrance of shah to Tehran, abasmirza and his mother thought that disturbing have finished, but all their properties were confiscated and abbas mirza got accused to murdering the king and mirza taghi khan, and that he wanted to be king himself. also the event of riot of champion group against amir kabir and after killing amir and abuse on behalf of that happened against nasere-al-din shah in 1268(lunar). He was sentenced as accomplish of babie (Touhid chafi, 2008).

Finally, abas mirza got isolated in tehran and he was the minister of commercial and honorary chancellor of high council and ruler of gazvin , until he did a year before the murdering nasere-al-din shah in the age 59 (Hedayat, 2006).

## 6. Conclusion

The zenith of penetration of seraglio with entrance of Malek Jahan Khanom the spouse of Mohammad Shah that then named Mahd Alia is in political stage and endless effort at supporting of her son's crown prince and kingship namely Nasere-Din Shah, that his fateful impact in dismissing and installing and serious competence to political men as new and powerful element came into to stage of competence. And in floundered the political destiny of country intensely. She was worried about her son's crown prince that king intended to choose another of his favorite sons namely Abbas Mirza as crown prince due to suspiciousness. These worriness and take care and inherently talents of Mahd Alia a little by a little made her smart and thoughtful person.

He went to Azerbaijan with her son when he was appointed to ruling there, the period that was the zenith of complicatedly and ambiguity of future status of Nasere-Din Shah. This competence made Mahd Alia as a genius. The most important her political role took place in guiding of groups and those happen that was after the death of Mohammad Shah and during the transferring of kingship to Nasere-Din-Mirza. All told, policy activities of Mahd Alia were because of maintenance of Gajar king ship in the way of ascending the throne of her son. Activities and action of Mahd Alia were investigated out of scape her femininity.

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