

- P. Tungání amnestied after the Khánaric fight; having first got the blessing of the *Shekhulislam* Eshán Mahmúd Khán. Yákúb Beg had early made a special friend of this most important Church dignitary, who was one of the original party coming over from Khokand.

When Yákúb Beg with the force going against Yárkand arrived at Yángí Hissár, he discovered reasons to doubt the fidelity of the Tungání contingent. He, consequently, at once disarmed them of four cannon, 100 *tyfú*, 200 spears, and 400 swords, which they had brought with them to the Khánaric fight, and stored them all in the fort there, and then, taking them along with his army, camped at Kizili. Here the Kirghiz and Kapchák under Sadíc Beg, in connivance with Buzurg Khán, plotted to assassinate Yákúb Beg. Their design was discovered and immediately disclosed to the intended victim by Abdulla *Pánsad*, his trusty adherent.

Yákúb Beg was at the time able to do no more than increase the vigilance of his self-guard, and to summon the chiefs of the conspirators and bind them to good faith by oath on the Kurán. He then marched on by Kok Rabát to Yárkand, where he pitched his camp with the Tungání in rear, at a mile to the south of the Yángíshahr, near Chíníbagh.

On their way to camp these disarmed Tungání interviewed some of their brethren from the Yángíshahr, and immediately proposed to them a night surprise upon the camp; but to allay suspicion advised a pretence of submission without delay. The Tungání leaders, accordingly, shortly repaired to the camp, and presenting rich offerings, humbly apologized for their conduct, and swore devotion and fidelity to the Khoja, and promised to surrender the city and fort to Yákúb Beg on the morrow. Thus deceived by their professions, the *Koshbegi* robed and dismissed the deputation, and the camp, careless of security, omitted the precaution of outlying pickets.

At midnight the Tungání issued from their fort, surprised the enemy's camp, and setting fire to some of the tents, slew many and dispersed the rest in utter confusion. Yákúb Beg and Abdulla with a few devoted adherents, after a hard hand to hand fight, in which they were all wounded, cut their way through the crowd of assailants and escaped to a place of shelter hard by; whilst the Tungání, joined by their disarmed brethren, plundered the camp and at daylight returned with their booty to the Yángíshahr.

Yákúb Beg now sent Abdulla with a few men to rally the scattered army, and he returned in the course of the day with some 300 bootless and half-clad fugitives, of whom an equal number from different quarters had already gathered round their chief to the sound of bugles blown in all directions around. The Kirghiz and Kapchák, who had held by Buzurg Khán, now wished to separate, but Yákúb Beg appealing to the Khoja pointed out the folly of the step and the certain ruin it would bring upon him, and persuaded him to hold on for the capture of the city. They consequently, though with reluctance, rejoined and together returned to the original camp ground, and trenching the position awaited events. A few days later the Tungání, having gained over the city chiefs to their side, marched in and raising the populace expelled Mír Bábá and his few followers, and plundered the treasury. They then opened fire from the walls upon the Káshghar camp. On this the Kirghiz and Kapchák, in connivance with Buzurg Khán who from the commencement, through pique at his secondary position, had done all his little abilities enabled him to thwart the operations of his General and rival, and whose conduct was the cause of the failure of this enterprise, again bodily deserted the camp with their leader Sadíc Beg. Yákúb Beg, however, managed to reassure and win them back, and next day led them in person to the assault of the city. Abdulla leading the advance set fire to and forced the south gate, and driving the Tungání out of the city back to the shelter of their fort, reinstated Mír Bábá in the *orda* with a small garrison, and rejoined Yákúb Beg who, to prevent complications and a sack of the city, had withdrawn the force back to the camp.