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| Name (English) | Béja, Beja |
| Name (Fuṣḥā, transcription) | Bāǧa |
| Name (Fuṣḥā, Arabic) | باجة |
| Name in local variety (in transcription) | Bǟža |
| Geo location | 36.74, 9.18 |
| Typology (Local) | West (Maghreb) > Tunisia > North Western Tunisia |
| Typology (General) | Bedouin-type dialect with urban elements |
| General | Béja is the biggest city in North Western Tunisia and the capital of the eponymous Governorate. It has a long history, being founded by Berbers, followed by the rule of various empires including the Carthaginians, the Numidians, the Romans and the Byzantines. During the Roman period, the city bore the name *Vaga*.  The landmark of Béja is the white stork (called *billǟriž* in the local dialect). Furthermore, the region of Béja is famous for its fertile soil and thus agriculture as well as dairy products, e.g. the *gūta* (Ricotta) cheese. |
| Research history | To the best of our knowledge hitherto no research has been done on the dialect of Béja, however this dialect is linguistically investigated within the TUNOCENT project. |
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