

= Al @-@ Mansur Abu Bakr =

Al @-@ Malik al @-@ Mansur Sayf ad @-@ Din Abu Bakr (Arabic : ????? ?????? ??? ?????? ??? ???) , better known as al @-@ Mansur Abu Bakr (Arabic : ?????????? ??? ???) , (ca . 1321 ? November 1341) was the Bahri Mamluk sultan in 1341 . From an early age , Abu Bakr received military training in the desert town of al @-@ Karak . His father , Sultan an @-@ Nasir Muhammad (r . 1310 ? 41) , groomed him as a potential successor to the throne and made him an emir in 1335 . He was consistently promoted in the following years , becoming the na 'ib (governor) of al @-@ Karak in 1339 . He became the first son of an @-@ Nasir Muhammad to succeed him as sultan , although his reign was short @-@ lived . A few months after Abu Bakr 's accession , he was deposed and arrested by his father 's senior emir , Qawsun . Abu Bakr was imprisoned in the Upper Egyptian city of Qus with several of his brothers in August 1341 , and was executed on Qawsun 's orders two months later . He was succeeded by his younger half @-@ brother , al @-@ Ashraf Kujuk , but Qawsun was effectively the strongman of Egypt .

= = Early life and career = =

Abu Bakr was born around 1321 to his father sultan father an @-@ Nasir Muhammad (r . 1310 ? 1341) and his concubine mother , Narjis . Narjis also gave birth to Abu Bakr 's younger full brothers Ramadan (died 1343) and Yusuf (died 1346) . Information about Abu Bakr 's early childhood is unavailable in the Mamluk sources . The first mention of Abu Bakr came in 1332 . At that time , Abu Bakr had been sent to the desert fortress of al @-@ Karak to join his half @-@ brothers Ahmad and Ibrahim in their military training . Also during that year , Abu Bakr left al @-@ Karak to accompany his father and half @-@ brothers Anuk and Ahmad at al @-@ Aqaba and from there to Mecca to perform the Hajj pilgrimage . However , an @-@ Nasir Muhammad had them return to al @-@ Karak before the trek to Mecca .

In 1335 , Abu Bakr was recalled to Cairo and made an emir by his father . The event was marked by a royal procession , led by Emir Qawsun , in which Abu Bakr was dressed in the attire of an emir . At around the same time , an @-@ Nasir Muhammad arranged Abu Bakr 's marriage to a daughter of Emir Tuquzdamur al @-@ Hamawi , who married Narjis sometime earlier . Later , during his 59 @-@ day reign as sultan , Abu Bakr also married two slave girls , spending 100 @,@ 000 gold dinars for each of their bridal veils . In 1337 / 38 , Abu Bakr was promoted to an amir arba 'in (emir of forty [mounted mamluks]) .

Abu Bakr was sent back to al @-@ Karak in 1339 to replace Ahmad as na 'ib of the province . By then , Ahmad had been dropped by an @-@ Nasir Muhammad as a potential successor . Anuk remained the sultan 's favored son to replace him , but with Ahmad deemed unfit to rule , Abu Bakr became the runner @-@ up . Sometime that year , Abu Bakr paid a visit to his father with a gift of 200 @,@ 000 silver dirhams that he apparently extorted from the inhabitants of al @-@ Karak . He later returned to al @-@ Karak where he remained until 17 July 1340 . At that point , Anuk had been dropped as a potential successor by the sultan , who invited Abu Bakr back to Cairo . There , an @-@ Nasir Muhammad had his emirs swear an oath of allegiance to Abu Bakr .

Abu Bakr then set off for al @-@ Karak until he was recalled to Cairo once more in 1341 , arriving on 24 January . When he returned , he brought his father a sum of 100 @,@ 000 dirhams , while an @-@ Nasir Muhammad issued another order recalling all of Abu Bakr 's mamluks and soldiers in al @-@ Karak to Cairo . Abu Bakr remained in Cairo effectively to wait for his ailing father to die . In the months prior to an @-@ Nasir Muhammad 's death , Abu Bakr was given a large iqta (fief) , his interests were put under the care of Emir Bashtak and he was transferred a large number of wafidiyya (immigrant , typically Mongol , soldiers) from Aleppo and other troops . On 4 June 1341 , while on his deathbed , an @-@ Nasir Muhammad had all of his emirs recognize the transfer of the sultanate to Abu Bakr in the event of his death . Moreover , he coronated Abu Bakr as " al @-@ Malik al @-@ Mansur " , the title of the latter 's grandfather , Sultan Qalawun (r . 1277 ? 90) , and gave him Qalawun 's sword . The throne was peacefully passed to Abu Bakr when an @-@ Nasir Muhammad died on 7 June .

= = Reign = =

Although Abu Bakr was made sultan , the reins of power were held by an @-@ Nasir Muhammad 's senior emirs , chief among whom were his son @-@ in @-@ law Qawsun and Bashtak . According to historian Amalia Levanoni , Abu Bakr sought to restore the traditional concepts of mamluk @-@ master relations and the modes of hierarchical advancement set by his grandfather Qalawun and abrogate the growing independence of the emirs that developed under his father . However , the post @-@ Qalawun mamluk norms of conduct proved too resilient for Abu Bakr . In the view of the emirs and the low and middle @-@ ranking mamluks , Abu Bakr was to solely play the role of a figurehead and not disturb the system created by his father . Thus , Abu Bakr 's attempts to rule in his own right were consistently stymied by the emirs . Of the latter , the most prominent was Qawsun , who sought to become the mudabbir ad @-@ dawla (organizer of the state) , in effect the strongman of the sultanate . After neutralizing Bashtak , his principal rival , Qawsun moved against Abu Bakr ; Qawsun had feared that Abu Bakr would attempt to imprison him .

On 5 August 1341 , Qawsun had Abu Bakr arrested on concocted charges of frivolity . Abu Bakr and six of his brothers were subsequently sent to prison in Qus in Upper Egypt . In November 1341 , Abu Bakr was executed by the governor of Qus on orders from Qawsun . After his death , Qawsun installed Abu Bakr 's infant half @-@ brother , Kujuk , as sultan and became the Kujuk 's regent . Meanwhile , dissent mounted against Qawsun in Syria and Cairo and he was ousted in a revolt , along with Kujuk . The new sultan , Abu Bakr 's half @-@ brother Ahmad , later had Qawsun and the governor of Qus (who apologized for killing Abu Bakr) executed in early 1342 .