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FADIL PASHA'S QASIDA AS AN ANSWER TO ZIYA-PASHA'S ZAFERNAMA*

The most important XIX Bosnian writer in the Turkish language who lived and worked in Sarajevo is certainly Fadil-pasha Šerifović. Born in Sarajevo (1802) in an aristocratic family (ešraf), whose members, from generation to generation, filled the post of nakibul-ešraf (representatives of Muhammad's ancestors in Bosnia) and he filled the post himself, but also many other posts (qadi, mutesellim, mutesarrif, mir-i liva askeri). He wrote at the time when Turkey was heavily influenced by European literature, but stayed out of range of those modern movements in literature. He died in Istanbul in 1882.

He kept close contacts with leading figures of the Empire, and in terms of literary people, he particularly respected, beside our own Sabit Užičanin, Fuzuli, Nedim, Şeyh Galib and other Turkish classics. He also respected his contemporary, the famous Turkish poet Ziya-pasha (1825-1880), to whom he dedicated one *qasida-panegirik* (*medhiye*) on the occasion of Ziya-pasha's arrival to Bosnia on the post of a controller (*müfettiş*). The qasida will not be discussed here, the one appearing in Fadil-pasha's *Divan*, but another one, the one that Fadil-pasha sent in form of response to Ziya-pasha's *Zafernama*, involving Fadil-pasha.¹

See: "Fadil-pašina kasida kao odgovor na Zija-pašinu Zafernamu". In: *POF 28-29/1978-9*, Sarajevo, 1980, pp. 67-78.

O mîr ekmel vü a' kal ki misli gelmedi dehre Felātûn-ı zaman andan eder noksānını istikmāl.

Muhamed Ševki Sarajlija's transcript (The Oriental Institute, nb. 4520, p. 68) and Muhamed Enveri Kadić's transcript (Gazi Husrev-bey's Library, R-92, p. 45) of Fadil-pasha's *Divan* contain this *qasida* with their bayt number of 15.

For any further information on Ziya-pasha, besides Namik Kemal, the greatest Turkish poet after the reformation (Tanzimat), we direct readers to the vast Turkish documents and books on XIX century literature, particularly: Prof. Ahmed Hamdi Tanpmar: 19 uncu Asır Türk Edebiyatı Tarihi, Dördüncü Baskı, İstanbul, 1976; Şemsettin Kutlu: Tanzimat Dönemi Türk Edebiyatı Antolojisi, İstanbul, 1972. and particularly M. Kaya Bilgegil: Ziyā Paşa üzerinde bir araştırma, Ankara, 1979.

The qasida of Fadil-pasha Šerifović, written to congratulate Ziya-bey (later: Ziya-pasha) on the post of a müfettiş (controller) in Bosnia, was published in a book of M. Kaya Bilgegil: Ziya paşa üzerinde bir araştırma, Ankara, 1979, p. 41-42. He borrowed the qasida from the work Tarih-i Enveri, XXVI, by Muhamed Enveri Kadić, missing the second line:

Shortly after the return of Ziya-pasha from Bosnia to Istanbul and Fadil--pasha's appointment to Izmit (Nycomedia) district head an incident broke out between Ziya-pasha and Grand Vizier Ali-pasha, which took on a new dimension when Fadil-pasha became part of the conflict. Ziya-pasha wrote a satirical poem Zafername, at Ali-pasha's expense, abusively explaining Ali--pasha's intervention in Crete. It is a known fact that Ali-pasha had opponents due to his reformist activities, for giving the autonomy to Crete, as well as for establishing contacts with Serbian Government. But, being a person close to the Sultan and the government, he had both opponents and rivals to the post in the government, but also to Fadil-pasha, being his friend and associate. Ziya-pasha himself wrote a tahmis² on this poem, and later added a prose comment on this tahmis. He signed the gasida with the name Fadil Pasa Bosnevi Mevlevi mutessarif-i İzmit, and Tahmis with the name of a poet Hayri-efendi. Ziya-pasha signed the prose comment with the name of the police chief Husni-pasha. Zafernama with Tahmis was printed in lithography in Istanbul in 1866. Fadil-pasha composed a "rediyya" (rebuttal) in 35 bayts (couplets) and sent it to Ziya-pasha. Formerly, because of the signature bellow the Zafernama, it was considered to be a work of Fadil-pasha, both by us and the others, but having compared it with the printed copies of Ziya-pasha's Zafernama and the date from the work Tarih-i Enveri by Muhamed Enveri Kadić (collected papers), we came to conclusion that it was indeed written by Ziya-pasha.

In his essay on Ziya-pasha, Musa Ćazim Ćatić misinterprets the origin and the purpose of *Zafernama*. Namely, he says that Ziya-pasha wrote a comment on *Zafernama* by Sabit Užičanin, in which he speaks abusively about this poet of ours. Ćatić certainly never considered Sabit's *Zafernama* either, the one written about a Crimean Khan Selim Giray on the occasion of his successful war operations against Russians and Poles, and not seeing Ziya-pasha's *Zafernama*, clearly saying that the sting is directed towards Ali-pasha, not somebody else.³

The existential quality of Fadil-pasha's reddiyya (rebuttal), expressing his deepest feelings of being wronged, is reflected in the fact that Fadil, here, more than in any other poem speaks of his viewpoints and his poetics. Excluding the caustic offences to Ziya-pasha which, to a degree, could be understood as having in mind Ziya-pasha's act, this poem reveals a range of secrets on its author. Thus, Šerifović, in the third bayt, claims that he would not have written a verse that would harm the reputation of the country or its

Musa Ćazim Ćatić, "Dvije-tri o Zija-paši", Gajret V/1912 and Sabrana djela, II,

Tešanj, 1968, p. 44-55.

² Tahmis is a poetical form, mostly used by divan poetry, composed in at least 5 stanzas of 5 lines. The basis of every tahmis is two lines (bayt) of one poet whose lines the author of the tahmis uses to complete the three lines of his. Usually the author's lines are at the beginning of the stanza, and it ends with the lines of the poet that is being imitated.

high dignitaries, and if he did, he would call in all fair and educated people and poets to testify.

According to Fadil-pasha, the purpose of poetry is, among other things, bringing up the truth (bayt 9), and in that case one is not forced to use other person's name, because if one tells the truth, one has no reason to be ashamed (bayt 16). At the end of the poem Fadil-pasha says that he throws his pen to fire, because it is stained from writing this poem. He is a nobleman, a son of a nobleman and it is not suitable for him to argue with someone from a lower class. Especially, the poet's reproof to Ziya-pasha for his hiding behind Fadil-pasha name is noticeable from the verses; this poet also mentions the case of a poet Nef'i, who wrote a collection of satirical poems "Sihām-i kaza" (The Arrows of Faith), but did not cowardly sign his poems with somebody else's name.

In this poem too, Fadil-pasha admits the great poetical capability of Ziya-pasha and says that he enjoys the reputation of a famous pre-Islamic poet Imru al-Qays, but throws all paid respect under his feet. Šerifović particularly blames Ziya-pasha for signing him, Fadil, as the author of the poem, saying that he would be proud if he created such a masterpiece. In any case, with this poem, Fadil-pasha does not belittle Ziya-pasha's poetry, but castigates to his improper act of tricking the earlier friendship of theirs. So is Ziya-pasha, according to Fadil, keen to betray their friendship, and as such, he is also ungrateful to the country that had him hold a high post, so "he is a common sailor on the Greek ship Enosis (Uniting)", with which Fadil-pasha alludes to his co-operation with Greeks (bayt 29).

Such hard accusations at Ziya-pasha's expense Šerifović uttered against no one. The vocabulary of this poem clashes with the rest of Fadil-pasha's poetry, never earlier or later did he refer to anyone as köpek, hāin-i dîn ü millet, devletin nān ü ni'am azgûyen, kāfir, bedkār, bi-'ār, domuz, fācir, 'ābir and so.

We take the liberty of claiming that this poem was not influenced by the divan literature, and that neither contemplatively nor lexically could it be fit in the divan poetry, that being the reason why it was excluded from the hand-written copies of *Divan* by Fadil-pasha Šerifović. The poem, even, gives enough elements from which it would be concluded that it was originally conceived in our language and that is a reflection of our man who rejected all courteousness and affectation imposed by the poetics of the divan poetry. All 35 couplets of this *qasida* are full of the injured poet's acrimony.

This rebuttal, more than any other Fadil-pasha's poem, expresses his time, his relations with contemporaries, and from it one could also sense turmoil in Ottoman Empire which included, on one or another side, Ziya-pasha and Fadil-pasha Šerifović. A tradition says that Fadil, as Hayri-efendi did, ran to Ali-pasha to justify himself because he did not write Zafernama, and Ali-pasha said that their justification was not needed, because he knew that only Ziya-pasha was able to write such a poem.⁴

Semsettin Kutlu, Tanzimat Dönemi Türk Edebiyatı Antolojisi, Bateş Yayınları, İstanbul, 1972, p. 155.

When Divan was composed, this poem was excluded, because as we said earlier it did not fit to this poetry, neither ideologically nor lexically, and maybe because the conflict with Ziya-pasha was probably overcome. The process of composing it included a selection for a so-called mürettep divan (edited text of divan, authorised divan), later to be given to the finest Sarajevo calligrapher Muhamed Ševko Imamović to make two copies of it. The poem was preserved, to the best of our knowledge, only in Kadić's Mağmū'a (collected papers) (XXVI, p.105). The title of the prologue of the poem was written as: "Mezkûr Zafernāme ve tahmisi ve nesren şerhi mûma ileyh Fadil paşa'nın eline geldiğinde kendi hatt-ı destile yazdığı reddiyye ve tekzibiyyeyi 'aynen buraya kayd eyledim'. 5

The text of this rebuttal is provided according to the only transcript in our possession, so we point out that, it was, therefore, not possible to arrange a critical edition of the poem. In Kadić's Maǧmūʿa, written with a lead pencil, some letters have faded and are hardly readable, so we doubted two or three words, and finally we have chosen this manner of reading of the rebuttal:

When the mentioned Zafernama, Tahmis and prose comment came into the possession of Fadil-pasha, he himself wrote the rebuttal and denial I hereby recorded". See: Kadi-zade (Kadić) Muhamed Enveri, *Tarih-i Enveri*, XXVI, p. 105.

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Kadić's transcript of the rebuttal to Ziya-pasha's Zafernama

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(Rebuttal II)

(Fāilātün feûlün fāilātün feûlün)

Bir köpek dişli teres <u>bāin-i</u> din ü millet 1 Devletin nān ü ni'am azgûyendir ol kāfir.

Eylemiş namıma isnād ile hicvi imlā 2 "Tir-i kudret" le anı recm ede rabb-ı kāhir.

Devletin şanile nam-ı vukelāya dokunur

3 Ebedi hicv ü hezel olmadı benden sadir.

Haric-i tavr-i edeb nazm ü nesir söylemedim

4 Bilir ehl-i dil ve daniş şu'arā-yı sā'ir.

- Sadr-i 'Ālī⁶ keremin bunca sene bendesiyim
- 5 Borcudur boynumun ihsānına olmak şākir.
 - Ömür ve ikbālını ede hazret-i Mevlāmız dād
- 6 Olmuşum leyl ü nehār ed'iyesinde zākir.
 - Kit-a-yı takdīmimi yazmış hüner yanında 'anīd
- 7 Etmiş olsaydım o nazmımla olurdum fāhir.
 - Hadd-i edebi bilir devletin edna kuluyum
- 8 'Arza etseydim emel kit'alarim var vāfir.
 - Yazdığım kit'aların nesr edeyim bak birini
- 9 Haklı nazım eylemişim gün gibi zāhir ü bāhir.
- Bunca lütf ü ni'am padişaha mazhar iken
- 10 Mülteci oldu kim Efrence Ziya bedkār.
 - İmrüül-kaysa bedel 'asırda bir şa'ir idi
- 11 Bu sefer Avrupaya etti firar ol bî-'ār.
- Bî sebeb zatıma gadr ile 'adavet etti
- 12 Sırası geldi hiciv yazdım o şahsa dāir.
 - Gittiği yerde ehaliye ne yapti biliriz
- 13 Etti Haccac gibi zulmunu icra gādir.
- Fi'li makbulu cihan içre şuyu' bulmuştur
- 14 Bilir a'la vü edani anı emr-i bādir.
 - Pîç atan 'avrete benzer bağidir mel'anetin(i)
- 15 Şimdi oldu o cesaretli müzevvir hāsir.
 - Nām-i diğer ile ben neşre kıyām eylemedim
- 16 Nice etmiş o deni kim müteşā'ir şā'ir.
 - O cühūd mahlasını şöhret ile derc etsin
- 17 Katm-i nām eylesin kahpe misal-ı sāḥir.
 - Eylemiş sirkat ile "sehm-i kaza"-i taklid
- 18 Kimseye hicvini 'azv etmedi Nef'i māhir.
- Kubhunu kendisinin bed meniş iham etmiş
- 19 Beyt-i meşhuri musaddik kim o kıbti zāhir.

⁶ Mehmed Emin Āli-pasha (1815-1871), was the Grand Vizier five times. Fadil-pasha praised several chronograms congratulating him the filling of the post.

20	Divden mader-i rahminde olupdur peydā Andan oldu mütevellid o edepsiz mākir.
21	Sifat-i tavrı tulumbaciye benzer donuzun Bu 'asırda aranılsa dahi misli nādir.
22	'Ar u namus u haya cevheri yok zatında Şi'r-i nāpāki gibi tineti gayr-i tāhir.
23	Kim hezl-i ruyu ile o kudurmuş köpeğin Ezip içsin anası südü gibi ol făcir.
24	Edeyim kāzibi ifşa ki bile halk-i cihān Bana söyletti bu nazmı kim o fitne sāḥir.
25	Kimsede görmedim anda görünen kezb ü cüb Bilir ahvalini ol bi edebin her āmir.
26	Bazilar hicret ettiler Haremeyne gerçi O deni milletin 'aksine oldu hācir.
27	Kangi millet ile hembezm olursa o şeki Olur ānide o mezheb yolunda ol 'ābir.
28	Kulaği kim verir ol savb-i kerihe eşeğin Dolaşır lağar ve āç arar iken bir çā'ir.
29	Anı bir besliyecek hidmet işitim Şire'de Olsa mellahı Enosis vaporunun sāğır.
30	Bikr-i mazmun ile hāmem bu kaside yazdı Mal-ı mesruk değil oldu gönülden sādir.
31	Ana yetmezmı 'aceb halını ettim izah Kāzib ve naşirine işte cevabım hāzır.
32	Hāmemi etti mülevves ateşe yaktım anı Ana yatmezmi bu reddiyyemiz evvel ü āḫir.
33	Göremem şanıma lāyık o köpekle itişim. Ben şerif ibn şerifim nesebimde tāhir.
34	Ömrü oldukça ola san'at ve kesb-i hünerān Çin ve Hinde o nekes olsun anınla tācir.
35	Eylesin hicv ile enfas-ı hayatını ikmāl

The translation:

Caddish traitor to the faith and people, with dog teeth,

1. Non-believer who speaks little of bread and this country's benevolence.

Having taken confidence in my name, he's written a satire,

2 May "The Arrow of Faith" of Lord the Victor strike him.

A satire that would harm the country and the name of the head,

3. Was never written by me.

I never wrote anything improper in a song or poem,

4. All honourable, learned people know, and other poets.

I've served the honourable Grand Vizier for so many years,

5. It is my duty to be grateful for benevolence.

Mighty Lord gives us life and happiness,

6. And I think of Him, day and night.

The poem "I wrote and suffered because of" artistically was written defiantly,

7. I would be proud, if it were mine.

I'm a faithful servant to the Empire, he who knows the frames of moral,

8. Had I written the stanza, I would have given hope for this "poem of mine".

Look at any poem I've revealed,

9. What I've written, is true and obvious and clear as day.

The man who won such royal kindness and favour,

10. Hid in France, he, Ziya the evildoer.

He was the poet of his time as Imru al-Qays⁷,

11. But fled to Europe, the shameless man.

With no motive, he expressed his hostility to my person,

12. So the time has come, and I wrote a satirical poem in his regard.

We know what he did to the inhabitants of the place he went to,

13. He was as violent as Hağğağ.8

Imru al-Qays, the greatest pre-Islamic poet, lived in V - VI century.

Yusuf Hağğağ (661-714) was an Omayadian Arabian governor and commander, born in Kufa. Served as a regional governor in Iraq and Hijaz. He was brutal, and due to his brutality served as an object of comparison with brutal and unjust rulers or governors.

His heinous crimes became famous worldwide,

14. The greatest and the lowest know about the thing that suddenly emerged.

He spills his curse like a harlot,

15. And now that courageous geek is finally unmasked.

I never published anything in somebody else's name,

16. Imagine the things that lowborn person pretending to be a poet did.

He tries to make his pseudonym famous,

17. Let the harlot not cover his name with the captivating model.

His theft imitated "The Arrows of Faith",9

18. Ingenious Nef'i¹⁰ never passed off his skilful satire to anyone.

His wicked nature expressed his own monstrosity,

19. Who would be the one to confirm the famous bayt of the scoundrel?

It was clear that he was the devil himself even when he was in his mother's stomach,

20. And because of that, the ruthless impostor was born.

The character and behaviour of this hog resembles a ruffian,

21. Should one seek one, one would find him difficulty.

He knows no shame or pride,

22. His nature itself is unclear too, as his poem is unclear.

That funny-looking rabid dog,

23. That reprobate disgraces himself, as he disgraces his mother's milk.

Unmask the liar, so the whole world knows,

24. Who this rotten misleader, who assigned this poem to me, is.

In no people have I seen the lies and stupidity as I see in him,

25. Everyone responsible knows this shameless person's situation.

While some moved to Mecca and Medina,

26. This ruffian moved to another part of the world.

An allusion to Nef'i's work Sihâm-i Kaza [The Arrows of Faith].
 Nef'i, one of the greatest XVII century Turkish divan poets, Born in Hasankale in 1572?, died in Istanbul on the 27th of January 1635. At the time of Ahmed I (1603) he was employed as a notary, then was in charge of Murat's (II) endowment in

famous poets.

Edrene, and then as a tax (cizya) collector. As a poet, he became famous for his two divans (poem collections), one in Turkish, another in Persian, and for his collection of satirical poems under the title of Sihâm-i Kaza (The Arrows of Faith), printed in 1943. The collection contains poems that treat satirically dignitaries and

Whoever this outlaw joins forces with,

27. He would accept to follow his path.

Whoever follows this arse's path,

28. Will roam around hungry and thirsty looking for a grazing land.

In Hermople, 11 I heard that he made a living,

29. Working as a common sailor on the Greek boat Enosis. 12

My pen wrote this *qasida* purely and honestly,

30. It is no stolen good, it came from my heart.

My God, has he had enough, I explained his state to him,

31. To the liar and his publisher, there, my reply is ready,

I stained my pen, so I throw it to the fire,

32. Is this denial, the first and last, enough to him?

It is beneath my dignity to fight this dog,

33. I am a nobleman, a son of a nobleman, with a pure origin.

While he is alive, may he be skilful in art and profit,

34. May that ruffian trade with it in China and India.

May he end his life in satire,

35. I beg that of God, for He is mighty.

FADIL-PAŠINA KASIDA KAO ODGOVOR NA ZIJA-PAŠINU ZAFER-NAMU

SAŽETAK

Najznačajniji bosanskohercegovački pjesnik na turskom jeziku u XIX stoljeću, Fadil-paša Šerifović (Šerif-zade, 1802-1882), iako pjesnik starog načina pjevanja, održavao je prisne veze i sa nekim modernim turskim pjesnicima. Fadil-pašini kontakti sa poznatim turskim tanzimatskim pjesnikom Zija-pašom (1825-1880) intenzivirani su dolaskom Zija-paše u Bosnu u svojstvu mufettiša (kontrolora zemaljske uprave). Tom prilikom je Fadil-paša spjevao kasidu pohvalnicu ovom turskom funkcioneru i pjesniku koja je uvrštena u rukopisni Divan Fadil-paše Šerifovića (Orijentalni institut, Rukopisni fond br. 4520 i Gazi Husrevbegova biblioteka R-92 i R-93). Nedavno je ova kasida-pohvalnica i izdana u knjizi M. Kaya Bilgegil: *Ziyā-paṣa üzerinde bir araṣturma*, Ankara, 1979.

¹¹ Turkish name for this Greek island is Shire.

The word "enosis", by our reading manner, is written

jet, and marks the name of a Greek ship Enosis, meaning uniting. This bayt (29) leads us to conclusion that Fadil-pasha either had some evidences or at least hints that Ziya-pasha collaborated with the Greeks.

U ovom radu po prvi put se izdaje jedna druga pjesma Fadil-paše Šerifovića, za koju se nije znalo ni u okviru bosanskohercegovačke kulturne baštine na turskom jeziku, a niti u okviru historije turske književnosti. Pjesma je satiričkog sadržaja i sadrži oštru osudu Zija-paše koji je svoju čuvenu *Zafernamu*, upućenu kao kritiku velikom veziru Mehmed Emin Ali-paši (1815-1871) potpisao imenom *Fadil-paša Bosnevi Mevlelvi mutesarrif-i İzmit*. Teško je naći u turskoj književnosti uopće, a još manje u književnosti na turskom jeziku u Bosni pjesmu koja na ovako oštar način kritizira neku ličnost, pojavu ili društvena kretanja.

Po načinu pisanja ova pjesma izlazi iz okvira divanske poezije pa je njen autor, Fidil-paša, koji je naručio prepisivanje svog *Divana* kod sarajevskog kaligrafa Muhameda Ševki Imamovića izostavio iz *Divana*. Pjesmu smo pronašli u opsežnom historijskom djelu Sarajlije Muhameda Enveri Kadića *Tarih-i Enveri*, sv. XXVI, str. 105.

FADIL-PASHA'S QASIDA AS AN ANSWER TO ZIYA-PASHA'S ZAFERNAMA

SUMMARY

The most important XIX century Bosnian-Herzegovinian poet in the Turkish language, Fadil-pasha Šerifović (Şerif-zade, 1802-1880), though an old school poet, kept close relations to some modern Turkish poets. Fadil-pasha's contacts with Ziya-pasha (1825-1880) were intensified with Ziya-pasha's arrival to Bosnia in the capacity of a müfettiş (controller). On that occasion Fadil-pasha praised a commendation qasida to this Turkish official and poet, which is included into the hand-written Divan by Fadil-pasha Šerifović (the handwritings' fund to the Oriental Institute nb.4520 and Gazi Husrev-bey's Library R-92 and R-93). Recently, this qasida -commendation was included into the book by M. Kaya Bilgegil: Ziyā-paṣa üzerinde bir araṣtırma, Ankara, 1979.

For the first time, this work includes a new poem by Fadil-pasha Šerifović, known neither within the scope of the Bosnian-Herzegovinian cultural heritage in the Turkish language, nor within the scope of the Turkish literature history. The poem is a satire and contains a harsh disapproval of Ziya-pasha, who signed his famous Zafernama, sent as a critique to Grand Vizier Mehmed Emin Ali-pasha (1815-1871), with the name Fadil-pasha Bosnevi Mevlevi mutesarrif-i İzmit. It is difficult to find, in Turkish literature alone, not to mention in Bosnian literature in Turkish, a poem with such a harsh critique of a person, occurrence or social movement.

By the manner of writing, this poem leaves the scope of the divan poetry, so its author, Fadil-pasha, who ordered copying of his *Divan* from the Sarajevo calligrapher Muhamed Ševki Imamović, excluded it from *Divan*. We found the poem in the ample historical work *Tarih-i Enveri* by Muhamed Enveri Kadić, v. XXVI, p.105.