

Bestami's preaching had served to acerbate. Najib Paša had the matter referred to the Sublime Porte and, at the end of April, following orders received from there, he had Bestami transferred to Istanbul. There, it appears, he was sentenced to labor in the docks, where he died in prison toward the end of 1846. Some secondary sources note that he was banished to Karkuk, but this is based on a misreading of the Turkish word kürek ("forced labor") in a letter published in Zohur al-haqq (p. 109).

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