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*The beginning of Druze movement (XIth century) based on the Muslim chronicles*

The Druze movement was created within the Fatimid Isma'ilism about 1015 year. The circumstances in which this happened are very obscure. It could be suggested that this idea had appeared firstly in the circle of Isma'ili missionaries (du'at). For the Druzes the Fatimid caliph Al-Hakim is the epiphany (mazar) of God on earth. This opinion, vaguely described in the chronicles and theological writings, certainly was created the Isma'ili milieu. Al-Kirmani (d. after 1021), a celebrated philosopher and theologian from the Fatimid court, wrote two polemic treatises against Druzi "heresy": *Ar-Risala al-wa'idha* and *Mabasim fi ithbat al-imama*. Descriptions of these events and Al-Hakim's attitude towards his own "divinity" could be found in several chronicles having been written during or after these events. The accounts of the chroniclers vary, depending on their political and religious views, the used sources e.t.c.

In my paper, I will focus on chroniclers' relations (eg Jahya al-Antaki, Ibn Zafir, Ibn Taghribirdi, Al-Askalani, Al-Maqrizi, etc.). I will also try to analyze the construction of historical narrative and formation of "myth of origins".