

# Lords of the Earth

## CAMPAIGN TWENTY-FOUR – THE WEST

### Turn 96

1454 ~ 1457 Anno Domini

858 ~ 861 in the year of the Hegira

4152 (Wood Dog) - 4155 (Fire Ox)

### Announcements and items of note

**General Stuff:** Please use my Paypal account ([stephenbrunt@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stephenbrunt@yahoo.co.uk)) for all Lords' 24 payments. If you cannot use this facility then please let me know and I will see what I can do about filtering US funds to my account. I may also stop using the throneworld email address due to the mass of spam I'm getting!

**Order Form:** Please use the [standard excel order form](#) from now on. This is important as it helps me process the turn more quickly. THIS IS NOW MANDATORY.

**Non-Payment:** some of you still owe me some cash. Although it may come as surprise that this is not my main source of income, I see it only polite that you pay for the occasionally night out. So, if you're under zero next turn I'll not process your orders.

**Version 6:** Lords 24 uses version 6 of the basic rules

### How to make your GM happy (PLEASE READ! REALLY!):

Please send any and all Lords24 correspondence to [doceveel@gmail.com](mailto:doceveel@gmail.com) .

### LORDS 24 WEB RESOURCES

The Lords Twenty-Four homepage is at:  
<http://lords.throneworld.com/lote24/index.html>

All of the on-line resources, including order forms, mailing lists and web-sites for Lords of the Earth are summarized on this page:

[http://lords.throneworld.com/?page\\_id=2](http://lords.throneworld.com/?page_id=2)

You can subscribe to the Lords 24 mailing list by pointing your web-browser at:

<http://games.groups.yahoo.com/group/lot24>

...and following the instructions on that page.

### **VARIOUS FEES AND LEVIES**

At the moment the turns cost \$10 – please pay up if you owe

We are using the latest v6.3.5 of the basic rule book that can be found here

<http://lords.throneworld.com/players/loterule/rules.html>

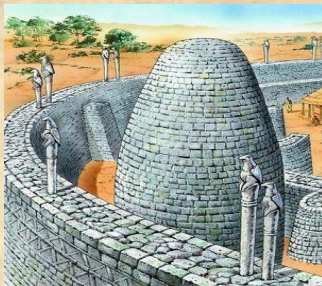
# Africa



## The Mwene-Mutapa Empire

(Unkulunkulu Civilized Open Empire)

*TjiKalanga, King of Mapungubwe*



Inhamizua was to grow in size during these years as the empire grew in prosperity. The great King TjiKalanga was to die in early 1454 and was succeeded by the young Prince Muthzanga. Through the efforts of Tshiven, the Kingdom of Malawi became closer aligned with Mwene-Mutapa. His navigation skills were greatly missed as Shalada struggled to explore the northern seas of the Bab-al-Mandab. He lost over half his fleet trying to map those seas but was still forced back to Inhamizua. Vandalwe managed to gain more support from Shona.



## Usama-Yoruba Onium of Ibo

(African Pagan Civilized Open Empire)

*Boure II, Oni of Ibo*



The port of Teke was built on the Kongo Sea to extend the reach of the Onium to the south. The lands of the Gurma, Bani, Niete and Burkina were much improved with better irrigation and crop selected to provide greater yields. Boure ruled from Ibo and ensured that the merchants of the Onium were fully occupied. Prince Ezeke was to spend a short time with his wife before taking command of seventeen thousand warriors and heading towards Niete. Ezeke leads an attack into Bomi with his army and his elite guard but was isolated from his main force. His guard protected him to the end but to no avail. Prince Ezeke died fighting against the Bomi and his men retreated to Niete. Prince Obinna was to continue diplomacy with Ortuga when he heard news of Ezeke's death. He was able to gain tribute from the city, remaining there rather than travelling to Bomi. Prince Chininso was to travel to Doula but fell ill during the spring of 1454 and died shortly afterwards. Asante and Tusyam were pulled further into the Onium through the efforts of Okechukwo and N'bona; although N'bona was not to survive a crocodile attack whilst hunting in 1456. Obinwannem was also to perish during these years but manage to gain tribute from Takrur before his death. With the harbour blockaded by Jelani's fleet, Numini was able to force the city of Mbouda to surrender else starvation would have destroyed the populace. The small Senegal fleet in the city was scuppered by the defenders before the gates were opened for Numini's men. To avenge the death of Prince Ezeke, Iboan assassins were able to kill the Senegal king Kinta II in his palace, throwing the small nation into disarray.

## The Wadai Kingdom of Sennar

(Coptic Barbarian Open Empire)

*Malik Karim Al-Shabrani, King of Sennar*



King Malik and Prince Khalid continued to rule the Coptic kingdom from Sennar. His missionaries laboured in vain to persuade the Shoans to convert to Christianity. Taahir al-Sani was to pass away in 1456 while overseeing the defence of Atbara.

# Eastern Europe



## The Varangian Rus of Kiev

(Orthodox Civilized Open Empire)

*Siegfried, King of the Rus*



from the Moldavians

Varangia and Vitebsk were both to grow in size. Missionaries from Kiev managed to gain more converts from amongst the Levedians. King Siegfried granted a salt monopoly to the House of Byzantium during his rule. While the nobility of the nobility searched for signs of infiltration amongst the Rus, the Vladimirian warrior priests were able to gain more support

## The Oriental Roman Empire

(Roman Catholic Civilised Open Empire)

*Alexios, Emperor of East Rome*



The ceding of Thessaly from the Knights went fairly smoothly, although there were some rumblings of dissent from the populace. The Knights of Malta provided the new population for the growth of Valletta with the Romans rebuilding the walls as the city grew. The emperor had travelled to Thessaly to oversee the transfer of the province and to ensure that Princess Evaline of Thessaly was escorted to Constantinople. There was some success in converting the remaining Moslems of Taman but there was no success in Rhodes. Old Duke Stefans was to ensure the securing of the Mare Negri before his death in 1454. Luckily, no fleet appeared in those seas in the years afterwards. Duke John was able to improve relations with the Czech diaspora of Taman. Control of the Salt markets was granted to the House of Byzantium.



## **The Order of St Vladimir**

(Roman Catholic Civilised Religious Order)

*Bjorn, Grandmaster of the Order of St Vladimir*



Grandmaster Bjorn was to die of his wounds and his dying wish was that his comrade in the failed attack on Ademids, Brother Skallagrim, be his successor. There was no contention to his decision and Skallagrim took over command of the Order before returning to Goryn. Sven travelled to Ialomita where more converts were made amongst the Eflaks.

## **The Noble House of Byzantium**

(Roman Catholic Civilised Mercantile House)

*Cephalus, Chairman of the Noble House of Byzantium*



Lord Cephalus travelled from Varangia to Constantinople where he was able to gain control of both cities salt markets. The death of Ioannis in early 1454 meant that the Branch Office in Valletta was not completed. Sostratos was not a popular man and his attempts to acquire an Agent for the Noble House in Kiev was met with derision, despite spending several years on the search.

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# Arabia and the Middle East



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## The Buwayid Sultanate

(Sunni Islam Civilized Open Empire)

*Lamman II, Sultan of the Buwayids*



The Sultan was once again to rule from his palace in Mesopotamia. During these years he was blessed with a young son. The Sultan's agents were able to locate some information about the Assassin's operations in Jerusalem. Inger's son, also called Inger, did not have his father's flair for diplomacy but still managed to improve relations with the Levant. Salah a Din was to offend the Christian ruler of Hamadan and their support was reduced to merely paying tribute to the Sultan. As with previous years, most of the Sultanate's cities were to grow in size and prosperity. To support its growing population, the Sultanate's fishing fleets out of Bursa and Kufa were also increased.

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# Western Europe and Moslem Spain



## The Knights of Malta

(Roman Catholic Civilised Religious Order)

*Heinrich, Grandmaster of the Knights of Malta*



The Knights expanded the city of Valletta with many of their lay followers. The growth of the city meant that the city's Preceptory was improved to an Oratory. The lands of Thessaly were ceded to the Romans to curry favour with the Emperor. The Grandmaster's attempt to found an Estate in Verona came to nothing but in Attica Brother Bernhard was successful. In Rome, Brother Frederick was to gain an Oratory in the holy city. Attempts to gain more status in the lands of the French were to prove elusive. A House for the Order was raised in

Savoy and a Preceptory in Lombardy.



## The Kingdom of Germany

(Roman Catholic Civilized Open Empire)

*Ludvig, King of the Germans*



As he came of age, Prince Hans was declared Ludvig's heir and successor. The cities of Lyon, Ulm and Zurich were to grow in size during these years as the prosperity of the German kingdom continued to grow. As a sign of good faith, rutters for the seas explored by German navigators were shipped to the French. Ludvig ruled from Saxony and was blessed with a further two children by Queen Annaka before her death in 1456. Godric continued to woo the Savoyards, gaining an alliance from the wealthy province. Reinhold managed to explore the Aegean with ease before facing fierce storms in the Mare Negri. He was to lose several ships before returning to port in Cannes. While Gunther was given command of the southern army, Cenric travelled east to Poland where he was to improve the German influence. Ulm became further integrated into the kingdom through the efforts of Jurgen. Albrecht battled storms and treacherous seas as soon as his small fleet left port. He last reported that he was having to make port in the Baltic port in Segervik before losing contact.

## The Akramid Caliphate

(Sunni Islam Civilized Open Empire)

*Tiroman VI, Caliph of the Akramids*



The Sardinians saw the benefit of Akramid rule as their once barren island was turned into a fertile paradise. More converts were made amongst their people following the work of Moslem priests. The Akramids were also active in gaining converts amongst the northern island of Corsica. Given the skill of the Akramid engineers, the strength of the Caliphate's cities and fortifications was improved and the lands seeded with smaller defensive works. The Caliph ensured the security of his domain from Seville with Prince Luhk while Prince Teague was to spend his last days with his wife Lilith before his untimely death in 1455. Onika led a delegation to the northern province of Asturias where he was able to gain some support from the old English lands. The Akramid delegation proved too strong for the French as they too tried to gain control of Asturias. Even the death of Onika in 1455 and Tano in 1456 proved no great impediment as Malit and Kazim were able to continue their work. Prince Fithfal, brother to Tiroman was also to pass away during these years.

## The Kingdom of France

(Roman Catholic Civilized Open Empire)

*Philippe, King of the French*



The cities of La Rochelle and Bruges were to grow in size along with Paris. Phillippe ordered that the royal highway be extended to Ponthieu and from Limousin to Auvergne. Aqueducts were built in Paris and Peronne. He responded in kind to receiving the German ritters by shipping French navigation charts east to Saxony. His personal guard was to receive better training and equipment as well as an increased number of cavalry. Philippe was not a young man and without a male heir was to declare that Princess Marie his successor. He also became more pious in his later years and oversaw the resurgence of the church in France. His concern of the royal treasury ensured that a complete census was undertaken of his loyal, and tax-paying, subjects. Prince Philippe was to move to Asturias to persuade the southern region to join the kingdom. He was to try in vain to gain support from the Asturians in the face of a concerted Akramid effort. Some reports say that his failed attempts to woo them to the French cause were the reason for his death in 1457. Gerard had some success in Brittany before his death in 1457. Guillaume was also to die in 1457 and managed to lay claim to Navarre before his death. While Jeanaut support the King, John was able to gain some support from the Gascons after travelling there from Paris.

## The Papal States

(Roman Catholic Civilized Papacy)

*Remo, The Pope*



Papal missionaries were active throughout the Mediterranean, gaining converts in the Akramid lands of Granada and Murcia as well as regaining some in Bastia and Sardinia. The fighting Orders of St Denis in France, Spain and Italy were visited and the Papal influence increased. Heading the call from Rome, Prince Roberto of Sicily travelled to the holy city and was to be ordained as Pope Remo's first Cardinal. Boniface attempts to build a Cathedral in Calania were met with distrust by the local population and little progress was made. The very small Christian enclave in Bastia were to benefit from a Monastery from the efforts of Theodore. Travelling north, Benedict was able to build an Abbey in Carinthia as well as Churches in Austria and Vienna. His only failure was in Klagenfurt where a Church failed to be built. Despite Prince Roberto taking holy orders, Silvio had little success in building a Monastery in Palermo due to his unfortunate death in 1455.

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# Scandia and the Out Isles



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## Kingdom of Orkeneyjar

(Roman Catholic Seafaring Open Empire)

*Soren, King of Orkney and the Isles*



In the far west, a new port of Vestrehavn was built in Vinland. Work continued apace to reverse engineer the Roman Bombards as vast sums of gold and men were applied to the task. The Order of St Denis was seen as a harmful foreign influence and efforts were made to reduce its status in the English regions. Efforts to build an Order House for Le Marteau in newly converted Ventapils was to fail but in Kristiansand the locals were keen to help build one. King Soren ruled his far-flung kingdom from Kirkval, sending Prince Aethelbert to escort the new colonists to Vinland and oversee the building of Vestrehavn. In York, the Princesses Astrid and Vigdis assisted Frode in a diplomatic mission. They managed to gain greater support from the city before Frode's death in 1455. Brother Hugin was assisted by Bresi in gaining nominal support from the Northumbrians. Gold, experts and vast tomes of knowledge were packed into several ships and escorted by Canute and Dreng for the long voyage to Constantinople. Wary of the treachery of previous years that could occur during these journeys, Soren tasked both men to keep an eye out for any theft. The northern sailors were given several months rest to enjoy the famed fleshpots of the east before travelling back to Kirkval. On his return from the east, Dreng took command of the garrison in London. Gunnar supported Brondolf in patrolling the seas off the Orkneys before the latter's death in 1455 when he took sole command of the fleet. Golden Wolf of the Naskapi was forced to travel home to ensure the cessation of raids by the Huron warriors.

## La Marteau de Dieu

(Roman Catholic Civilised Religious Order)

*Geoffrey, Hammer of God*



While Geoffrey attempted to recruit some more mercenaries to the cause, Brother Fergus was given command of the Order's fleet based in Kirkval. Brother Stephen travelled to Land's End but became serious ill during the journey. Even though he was to die in the winter of 1454, Stephen was able to raise a House for the Order in the city. Brother Eldred travelled to the far west with Brother Ottar where the garrison of Himlensport was increased with three thousand men brought from Kirkval. While Eldred took command of the fleet, Ottar raised a House for the Order in the Micmac lands before the Brothers returned to Himlensport. Brother Chadwick was busy with planning for a possible Order campaign against the Huron when he was set upon by unknown assailants. Near to death for several wounds, the valiant brother leapt into the sea to escape. No body was found despite a thorough search by the Order.

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