

# Lords of the Earth

## CAMPAIGN TWENTY-FOUR – THE WEST

### Turn 97

1458 ~ 1461 Anno Domini

862 ~ 865 in the year of the Hegira

4156 (Earth Tiger) - 4159 (Metal Snake)

### 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>

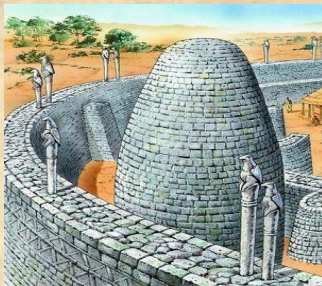
# Africa



## The Mwene-Mutapa Empire

(Unkulunkulu Civilized Open Empire)

*TjiKalanga, King of Mapungubwe*



The new King Muthzanga ruled from Mapungubwe and awaited his new wife from Me'Lela. The offer of a royal marriage and Shalada's efforts saw Me'Lela become friendly to the Mwene-Mutapa Empire. Several of the empire's cities were to grow in size and the walls of Mwene-Mutapa were extended. In the north, Tshiven was to offer an alliance to the Malawians extending the reach of the empire to the gold mines of Kimbu. Sadly, the veteran diplomat was to die of a fever in 1461. Vandalwe continued his efforts in Shona managed to fully integrate the province into the empire before he travelled back to Mwene-Mutapa.



## Usama-Yoruba Onium of Ibo

(African Pagan Civilized Open Empire)

*Boure II, Oni of Ibo*

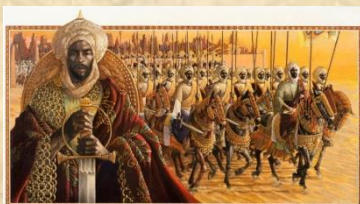


As Boure rules from Ibo, he invested in the lands of the Gambians as well as clearing Douala and Teke for farmland. A trade route was established from the port of Bata down to Lasani of the Mwene-Mutapa Empire. Prince Obinna was promoted to the heir after the tragic death of Ezeke. He travelled home to Obo where he spent these years with Princess Lolo, fathering three children. On his way to battle the Bomi, Numini was to marry Ezeke's widow Nneoma in Obo. The now Prince Numini attacked the Bomi from Nieta. With the support of local sympathisers, Numini easily defeated the Bomi forces and took the province for the Onium. After leaving a garrison, the successful prince led his forces into the Senegal province of Marampa. Despite a furious defence by the Senegalese, Numini was again successful but with several thousand of his men killed including his personal guard. Despite being one of Boure's most inept generals, Fatoumata managed to lead his small fleet through the length of the great Kongo river; exploring both its upper and lower reaches. Okechukwo travelled to Teke and gained tributary from the province. After arriving in Douala, Neneh was to gain more economic support from the province. The popular Jelani started to smooth over relations with the newly conquered Mboubans.

## The Wadai Kingdom of Sennar

(Coptic Barbarian Open Empire)

*Malik Karim Al-Shabrani, King of Sennar*



King Malik was once again to rule with Prince Khalid at his side. Prince Khalid was to take a young bride from amongst the Sennarese and was blessed with a young bride. The charismatic Prince Fayez travelled to the Chalbi Emirate and was to take a young bride from the amongst the Muslims. Some influence was gained with the emirate, despite Sennar forces holding the province of Kobowen.

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# Eastern Europe



## The Varangian Rus of Kiev

(Orthodox Civilized Open Empire)

*Siegfried, King of the Rus*



A Fortress was built on the banks of the Dnepr and close to the city of Varangia. Pechnograd in Pechneg was to grow in size and the city walls replaced and expanded. The Great Wall surrounding the Rus lands was extended so that the border with Goryn was protected. It was then left to General William, supported by Smirnov of Smolensk to protect the kingdom while Admiral Huon based the Rus fleet in Perograd. News of the Narodnaya armiya activities had reached Siegfried in Kiev and he ordered Prince Ragnar to gather all the nobility there. Supported by the Rus intelligence service and several Brothers of the St Vladimir Order, the city of Varangia was searched for any sign of the Narodnaya. Despite all this effort, nothing unsurprising or unknown was found in the city

## The Oriental Roman Empire

(Roman Catholic Civilised Open Empire)

*Alexios, Emperor of East Rome*



Ruling of the empire was left to young Prince Manuel with the assistance of Lord John. The prince was blessed with a young son in 1460 by Princess Evaline who they named Acteon. The emperor had travelled to Thessaly where he was pleased that the province had decided that its best interests lay within the empire. In the lands outside Constantinople, the Fortress of Angelos was built to protect access to the city. With the Knights providing the settlers



for Valletta, the Romans were to spend on improving the city and replacing the great walls surrounding it. Missionaries were sent to Rhodes and Sevastopol but given the low level of piety amongst the Empire's subjects very few converts were made.

### **The Order of St Vladimir**

(Roman Catholic Civilised Religious Order)

*Sven, Grandmaster of the Order of St Vladimir*



Concerned by news of the bandits called the Narodnaya armiya being active in the Rus lands, Grandmaster Bjorn gathered his most loyal Brothers and rode for the province. Aided by the Order's agents the Brothers were led to a remote part of Kiev on news that there might be a Narodnaya camp there. Shockingly, the information was false and the Brothers were brutally ambushed. Bjorn and Skallagrim were cut down immediately as they entered a ruined farmhouse. Sven was outside with Arngrim and desperately tried to reach the mortally wounded Grandmaster before being forced back. Seeing they were outnumbered; the surviving Brothers rode back for their camp but Arngrim was speared in the back as they fled. A black day for the Order as only Sven was to survive.

### **The Noble House of Byzantium**

(Roman Catholic Civilised Mercantile House)

*Cephaus, Chairman of the Noble House of Byzantium*



After travelling to Valletta from Constantinople, Lord Cephalus oversaw the spending of the Company's gold on improving the city. He spent more time in the city and was to establish a Branch Office. His subordinates, Laodamus and Sostratos were not the most likeable of company officials and struggled to improve the House of Byzantium's holdings along the Dnepr. Only a single company Agent was acquired in the port of Perograd in Pereaslavl.

### **The White Cossacks**

(Pagan Nomadic Open Empire)

*Stenka Razin, Hetman of the Cossacks*



Hetman Stenka Razin took a bride from amongst the Urkel and was blessed with a son and daughter. He dispatched Vasily Orlov to Nogai to improve relations with the tribes of that province. Pavlo Teteria travelled thorough the Bolgar Khanate lands before investigating the Urkel lands for any suspicious activity. He was to discover nothing untoward but his snooping saw him being chased from an Urkel encampment by angry Turks.

# Arabia and the Middle East



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## The Buwayid Sultanate

(Sunni Islam Civilized Open Empire)

*Lamman II, Sultan of the Buwayids*



The cities of the Sultanate once again grew in size and to support this new population the fishing fleet of Susa was expanded. The Sultanate was to send grain to both the Holy Rashidun and the Empire of Egypt. To improve the trade with Egypt, new roads were started down from Aleppo to Petra to the south. The Sultanate's priests were able to gain some converts in the city of Antalya, although the majority were still Christian. The Sultan continued to rule from Baghdad and presented his son and heir to the Buwayidim court. Prince Ra-Amir took several ships and sailed south to explore the Somali Sea before returning to Baghdad. In Selucia, the port of Haditha was founded on the banks of the Euphrates. Much work was done in improving relations with the captured cities still not friendly to the Sultanate; some of which backfired and caused more animosity.



## Al-Khulafa'ur Rashidun

(Sunni Islam Civilized Primacy)

*Qaa'id al-Mohamed, Caliph of Baghdad*

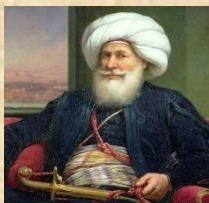


His holiness, Caliph Qaa'id al-Mohamed of the Rashidun, was to generously spend his extensive treasury. Al Qamishli was rebuilt and his lands of Lebanon much improved. Lay members that had sat in idle study were sent to help the Buwayids and the Egyptians. Trade was established with Egypt and the Karakhanate in Samarkand. To improve the trade, roads were built to connect Egypt and Ilig to Baghdad. The lands of Arbiliq, Circis and Suakin were cultivated and those of Mand, Baluchistan and Dongola improved. Missionaries were sent far and wide, from Asturias in the west to Siahian in the east. Nubia was to convert to Islam after many years worshipping the Coptic god. Naazim al-Rahaim gained a military alliance from the city of Tyria while Dhaki el-Yasin travelled to Azerbaijan where he established a small mosque as well as establishing one in Tabriz. In Armenia, Huraira al-Basha was to spread the word of Mohamed amongst the Christians of that province. Yaasir el-Noor travelled to Khurasan where he founded an Abbey. He went onto Merv and was also to found an Abbey in the city.

## The Egyptian Empire

(Sunni Islam Civilized Open Empire)

*Ahmad III, Emperor of all Egypt*



To protect the Empire, fortresses were built in Sinai, Dongola and Funj and the walls of the existing fortresses increased. The Egyptians were desperate for grain and sent gold to the Buwayids in exchange. The lands of Adulis, Kassala and Nubia were to benefit from improved irrigation. Trade was established from Memphis to Al Hudayah of Yemen and by land to Sennar, the Chalbi Emirate and the Buwayids. To further improve the shortage of food, fishing fleets were expanded in several of the Empire's ports. The Egyptian priests were able to gain converts from amongst the Coptics within the Empire. Emperor Ahmad took a bride from the House of Egypt and was blessed with a young daughter. He spent the remainder of these years ruling from Alexandria with Byat Al'Mal. Nur al-Din Ali gathered the cavalry garrisons of Mansura, Faiyum, Thebes and Kassala before moving to Adulis. After ensuring the province was protected, he spent time smoothing relations with their Emir. Bayezid took a fleet from Alexandria and explored the seas around Libya and the Bay of Tunis. The storms around the Sea of Libya prevented Bayezid from exploring Gades, making him anchor in Mahidia to deliver his cargo of gold to the Akramids. Bayezid returned to Alexandria but was to die of a fever in 1461. Al-Sharif was to collect the garrisons enroute to Funj where he ensured the defence of the southern border. Ali-Bey was a fairly incompetent navigator and



his mission to explore the Bab-al-Mandab and further east was hampered by his skill. His fleet suffered several losses before returning to Memphis.

## **The Rum Khanate of Turkiye**

(Roman Catholic Civilized Open Empire)

*Usulian, King of Turkiye*



King Usulian ruled from Phrygia with the assistance of Usuis. He took a wife from amongst the Phrygian nobility and was blessed with two daughters. Tersus had no luck persuading the Cappadocians in their mountain fortresses to do more than ally with the Turki. Xerio was shocked to discover the extent of criminal activity being carried by Ademid bandits in the Phrygian countryside. He was also to discover that the Crimeans had secret outposts throughout Phrygia

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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*



More status for the Order was gained in Sicily but attempts to gain any status in the Western Uighur Khanate came to nothing. The Order was also unsuccessful in gaining Houses in Latium, Taranto and Thessaly but in Rome Brother Frederick established an Estate for the Knights. Grandmaster Heinrich travelled back to Malta where he oversaw the building of an Order Estate in Valletta after the Knights populated the city once again. Brother Franz continued to patrol the Ionian Sea from Valletta. Brother Bernhard sailed to Romagna where he was to establish a Preceptory for the Knights.



## The Kingdom of Germany

(Roman Catholic Civilized Open Empire)

*Ludwig, King of the Germans*



The cities of Lyon, Ulm, Zurich, Albrecht and Leipzig were all to grow in size. The walls of Hanover were greatly improved as well as those of the port of Cannes. Missionaries from Hanover were active in Liguria, rooting out the few remaining Moslems in the province. King Ludvig ruled from Saxony with Prince Hans. Godric was to continue his diplomatic efforts in Savoy but had little success and was to succumb to a fever in 1459. However, Jurgen was able to persuade the burghers of Ulm to fully commit to the kingdom. Although he travelled to Cavalleri, Waltraud was unable to gain any status in the city. In Poland, Cenric was to formalise an alliance with the Polish Duke.

## The Akramid Caliphate

(Sunni Islam Civilized Open Empire)

*Tiroman VI, Caliph of the Akramids*



The Christian minority of Sardinia was greatly reduced through the efforts of the Caliphates priests. The growing Christian converts in Granda and Murcia were also persuaded of the error of their ways. In Asturias, one-third of the population now worshipped Islam. Mihkael, Olbia and Susanna were to grow in size and they're not insubstantial walls rebuilt. The Caliph ensured the security of the nation along with Prince Luhk, Tarsh and Marteen. Borus led the diplomatic mission to Asturias but with the province still Christian, little progress could be made. Some Christians converts were made in southern Spain and the Balearics through Papal missionaries and the work of La Sindone dei Fedeli.

## The Kingdom of France

(Roman Catholic Civilized Open Empire)

*Marie, Queen of the French*



Paris, Marseilles were to grow in size and the port of Bordeaux was founded on the Garonne in Gascony. The royal road was extended southwards from Aquitaine, over the Pyrenees to Giovanna in Navarre. The three ageing spinsters, Anne, Eleanor and Isabelle, were found suitable matches amongst the Houses of Montfort, Grailly and Navarre. The marriages were to aid the diplomatic missions to those provinces where all but Gascony pledged further support to the kingdom. Percival was able to improve the French influence with La Orden de San Denis in Catalonia. Sadly, in 1461, King Phillippe was to pass away in his sleep. His heir apparent, Princess Marie, although unmarried and childless, was extremely charismatic and loved by the Parisian mob. Any grumbling a dissent were quickly drowned out.

## The Papal States

(Roman Catholic Civilized Papacy)

*Remo, The Pope*



Pope Remo rules from Latium with the majority of his senior clergy. Benedict continued to attempt to build the Abbey in Vienna but struggled to complete the holy site. He was however able to gain many converts in the wilds of Slovakia. Sadly, Boniface was to die of a fever in 146 and was interred in St Peter's after his death. Papal influence grew with the Orders of St Denis in France and Italy but no progress could be made with the Order in Spain. Papal missionaries were once again active in southern Spain and Sardinia as well as the port of Bastia in Corsica. The Pope was to send envoys to the Imans in Sardinia to discuss the similarities between Christianity and Islam and their common roots.

## The Principality of Salerno

(Roman Catholic Civilized Open Empire)

*Socto Durazzo, Duke of Naples*



A fortress was built next to the city of Vincencia in Lombardy. On the Dalmatian coast, the port city of Split was founded. Salernese missionaries were active throughout Slovakia and managed to convert a large number of the Orthodox Christians in the province. The city of Pescara grew in size and its walls replaced around the new housing. Duke Socto Durazzo ruled the Principality from Campania and took a young bride from amongst the Campanian nobility. The new duchess Katarina gave Socto a daughter in the year of 1461. From Venice to Klagenfurt, the paved road was extended northwards; replacing the old postal route. Salernese agents found traces of infiltration into their own intelligence service and ruthlessly purged the service of any suspected traitor. Giuseppe Ludovisi had little success in his diplomatic mission to Klagenfurt but Marco Ludovisi managed to improve on the alliance with the city of Petropolis, allowing Stjepan Ostoja to retire. Angelo Sanudo took his fleet southwards and explored the Sea of Dogs and the Coast of Alwil before returning to Naples with the new charts. It was left to Admiral Tomasso Morosini to patrol the seas out of Naples while General Mattei secured Campania.

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# Scandia and the Out Isles



## Kingdom of Orkeneyjar

(Roman Catholic Seafaring Open Empire)

*Soren, King of Orkeney and the Isles*



The city of Vestrehavn was to grow in size and walls built to ensure its security. Prince Aethelbert escorted new Norse colonists to the isolated lands surrounding the city and settled Vinland for the Kingdom. He remained in Vestrehavn to ensure there was no issues in settling the island. King Soren was content to let his bureaucracy handle affairs of state with just a small amount of oversight. He increased the size of the fishing fleet out of Kirkval and ensured that Vestrehavn was also to benefit from a fleet. Orkeneyjar engineers finally completed the reverse engineering of the Roman bombard. No longer did they explode when fired. Soren also orders that a Le Marteau House be built in Vestrehavn to help the conquest of the Americas. Princess Astrid travelled to Northumbria with Princess Vigdis and Alfarin where a bride was sought for Prince Aethelbert. The marriage deal was sealed with an alliance with the Northumbrians but sadly Princess Astrid was to die in 1460 before completing the negotiations. Bresi sailed for the port of Santander in Asturias and along with Brother Hugin of Le Marteau, was able to lay claim to the city for King Soren. Golden Wolf ensured the safety of the Naskapi in case of further Huron incursions.

## La Marteau de Dieu

(Roman Catholic Civilised Religious Order)

*Geoffrey, Hammer of God*



Grandmaster Geoffrey continued to recruit more mercenaries for the Order's garrison in Kirkval. The Irish Brother Sean travelled to Wells with the Norwegian Brother Gustav where they were able to improve the Order House in the city to a Preceptory. Geoffrey decided that Mercia would become the Order's temporal realm and sent Brother Eldred to the province to persuade the Mercians to support the Order. Eldred was joined by Brother Ottar on his return from the Americas. The old Brother was only able to assist Eldred for a couple of years before he passed away in 1460. Order Houses were raised in La Rochelle and Wessex but the Order had little success in Cornwall and Gascony. Trade was established with several Noble Houses within reach of the Order's Fortress in Kirkval.

## The Ests

(Jumali Skyfather Civilized Open Empire)

*Braddick IV, King of the Ests*



Spurred on by the Catholic conversion of Ventapils, priests of the great Jumali Skyfather were active in the city. They were also to convert vast numbers of pagans in the province of Yaroslav. The city of Ventapils was also to grow in size. A great wall was built along the border with Rzhev and Veposkava to protect against any incursion from the east. The farmlands of Estonia were greatly improved with new mills and irrigation systems. King Bradick married into the Estonian nobility and his young wife was to give birth to twins in 1461. Allan supported Kalev in bringing Kalinin closer to the kingdom. In Yaroslav, Ervin was to assist Merle in his diplomatic mission in the province.

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