

Impact of the Mongols on Dar- al Islam

“If you see my Dad
Tell him my brothers
Have all gone mad
They’re beating on each other.”

-Perry Ferrell



Mongol Rivalry

- By 1620's the Il-Khans dominated Armenia, Azerbaijan, Mesopotamia, and Iran (parts of the Middle East)
- Egypt independent – Mamluks drove Mongols out

Mongol Rivalry

- Il-Khan Mongols adopted Buddhism (possibly from Tibetans)
- Murder of last Abbasid Caliph by Il-Khan brought conflict between:

The Il-Khan and

The “Golden Horde” (Occupied Russia, were Muslim)

Europeans tried to take advantage of the rift

- Pope tried to make alliance with Buddhist Il-Khans against the Golden Horde (who were Muslim)
- Il-Khans wanted to use Europeans to drive Golden Horde out of border area (Caucasus)
- Mongol vs. Mongol war immanent (!!!)



ATLANTIC OCEAN

North Sea

Baltic Sea

Lake Ladoga
Lake Onega

Lake Chud

Novgorod

Moscow

Riazan

LITHUANIA

POLAND

PRINCIPALITIES OF RUSSIA

KHANATE OF THE GOLDEN HORDE

Kiev

UKRAINE

HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE

Vienna

Venice

Genoa

CARPATHIAN MTS

HUNGARY

BULGARIA

Black Sea

Kaffa

CAUCASUS MTS

GEORGIA

ARMENIA

Manzikert

Tabriz

TRANSOXIANA

Balkh

MONGOL IL-KHAN EMPIRE

LEBANON

Tyre

Damascus

Ain Jalut

Jerusalem

Cairo

EGYPT

MAMLUK SULTANATE

BEDOUINS

Mecca

RASULIDS

Basra

Baghdad

ZAGROS MOUNTAINS

Persian Gulf

Balkh

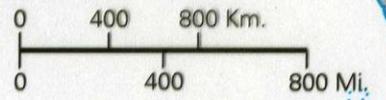
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SULTANATE OF DELHI

Delhi

S A H A R A

- Russian principalities under Mongol control
- Islamic countries
- Boundary of Timur's Empire, 1405



Arabic Sea

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URAL MOUNTAINS

Irrish

Lake Balkhash

KHANATE OF JAGADAI

Jaxartes

Oxus

TRANSOXIANA

Caspian Sea

Aral Sea

BYZANTINE EMPIRE

SELJUK KINGDOM OF RUM

Mediterranean Sea

Sicily

GRANADA

ISLAMIC EMIRATES

IFRIKYA

SPAIN

Cordoba

Seville

- HOW did the situation resolve?

How it resolved

The Il-Khan converted to Islam, pacifying the Golden Horde

How the Il-Khan governed

- Goal: collect as much taxes as possible
- Method: **Tax Farming**
- Tax Farming: Private companies or individuals are given contracts to collect a set amount of taxes. **They get to keep anything more they collect.**
- What were some of the **advantages** and **disadvantages** of this system?

Effects of Tax Farming

- Short term: Huge income
- Long term effects: Major economic crisis
 - Tax reduction programs failed – too late!
 - Paper money failed – no one trusted it!

Il-Khans fragmented with nobles fighting each other for scarce resources

And in the end...

The Golden Horde attacked and
dismembered the Il-Khan empire.

Questions:

- What is Tax Farming, what are its advantages and disadvantages?
- What was the nature of the conflict between the Il-Khan and Golden Horde? How was the conflict initially resolved?
- What lessons about how to run an economy can we take from the Il-Khan failure?
- What was the impact of the Il-Khan on the Middle East?