

The Political Situation of the *Tujue* (突厥) until the Beginning of the 7th Century: An Analysis of the Chiefs and their Districts.

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Analyzing where the chiefs of the *Tujue* (突厥) were stationed until the beginning of the 7th century in consideration of the relations between the *Tujue* and the *Tiele* (鉄勒), the conclusions drawn are as follows.

The *Tiele*, which the *Tujue* conquered in the first war against foreign countries, reinforced the *Tujue*'s army. Under the reign of *Yandu* (燕都) the chiefs appear in the *Tujue*. Until the reign of *Tuobo-kehan* (佗鉢可汗) the *Tujue* consisted of the eastern, the central and the western district. Though the chiefs were stationed in the *Tujue*, they were not independent of the *Da-kehan* (大可汗) clearly. Since the reign of *Shetu* (撰圖) the central government was uniting with the eastern and the northern district (北方) controlling the *Tiele* was appearing. Moreover the relation between the western and the central government was deteriorating. After *Daluobian* (大邏使) ran to the west the *Tujue* consisted of the central-eastern, the northern and the western district. The situation that three *Da-kehans* were equal in the form of accession to the throne toward the end of the 6th century was based on that structure. *Simo* (思摩) was a *Da-kehan* of the three. It is quite possible that *Simo*'s district *Qibei* (磧北) faced the *Tiele* in the northern district and that he controlled the *Tiele* as *Rangan* (染干) did. At the beginning of the *Daye* (大業) period *Rangan* was in the south of Mongolia and *Daman* (達漫) in the western district. The *Tiele* tribes governed by the *Tujue* before then had their own *Da-kehan*. The former territory of *Tujue*'s divided into three, the government of *Rangan* in south Mongolia, the independent government of the *Tiele*, and the western district.