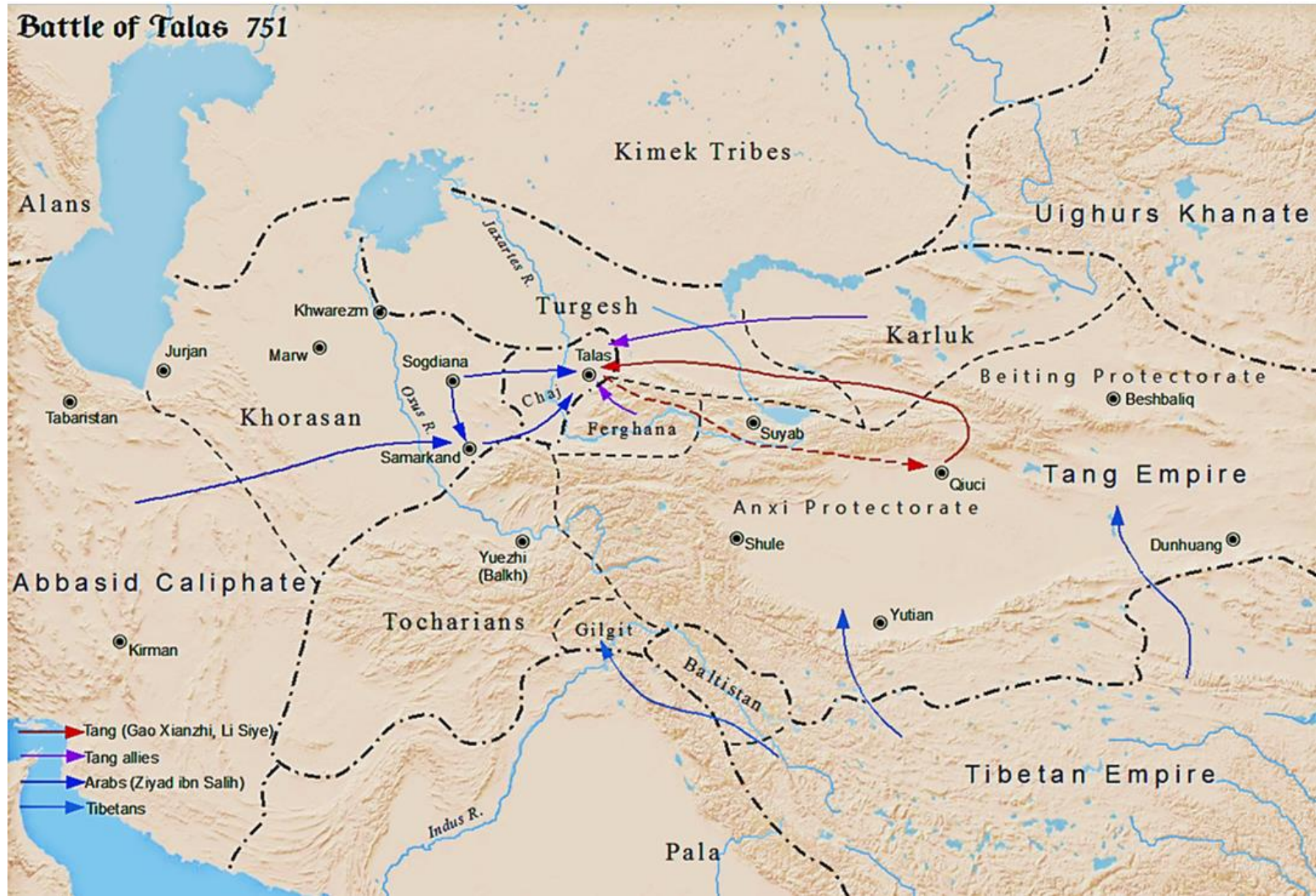
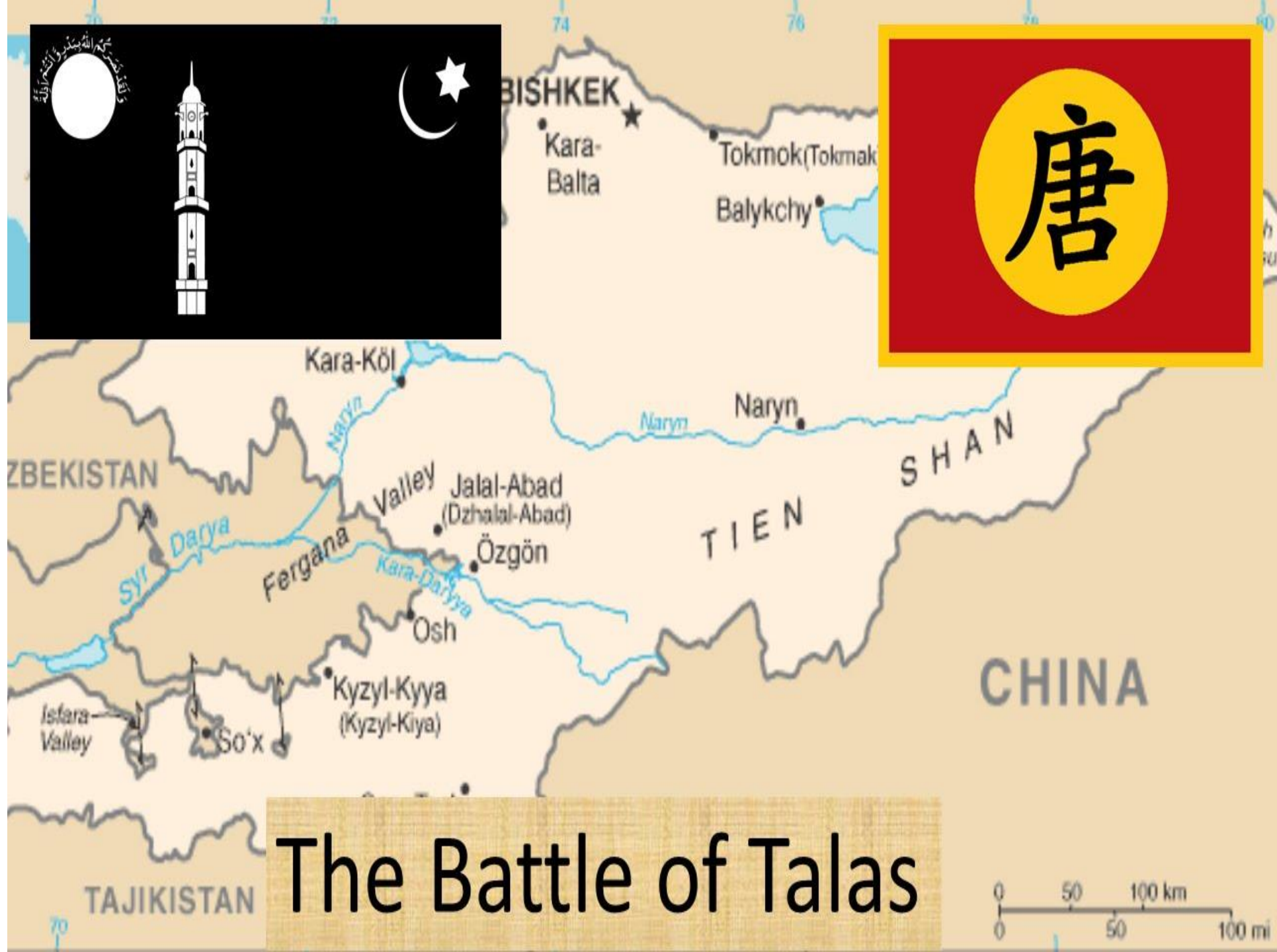
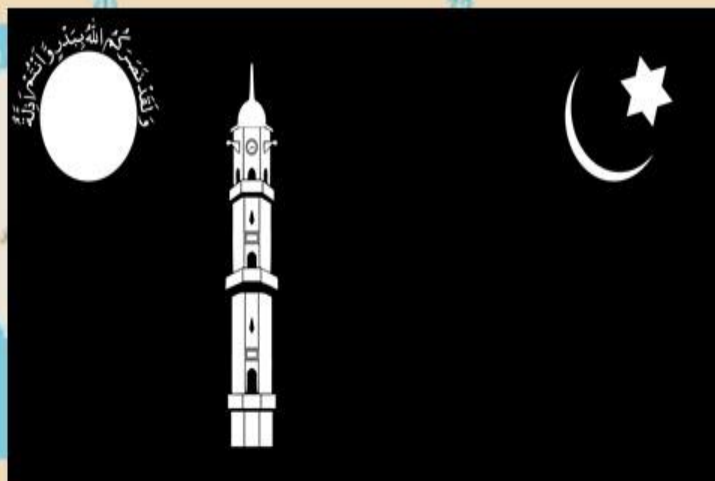


# **Talas Battle (10 July 751)**

**China stops eastbound expansion of Islam**

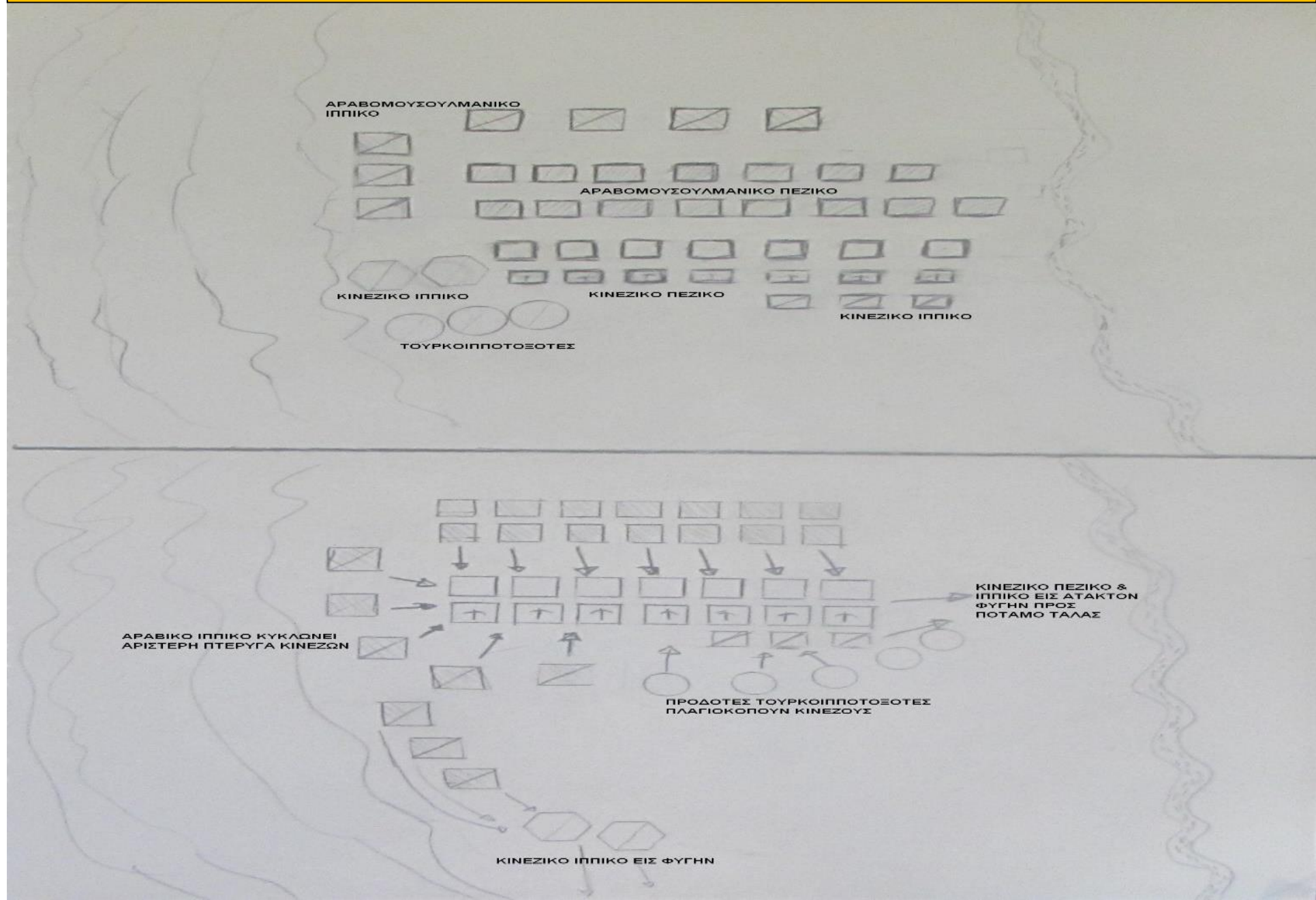
# Talas Battle – The location





# The Battle of Talas

# The Battle



# **Talas Battle-The Players**

**China vs Islamic Persia**

# Talas – The Opponents



**Tang Empire**

**Area of Islamic influence**



Major city



Trade route



China boundary today



Great Wall

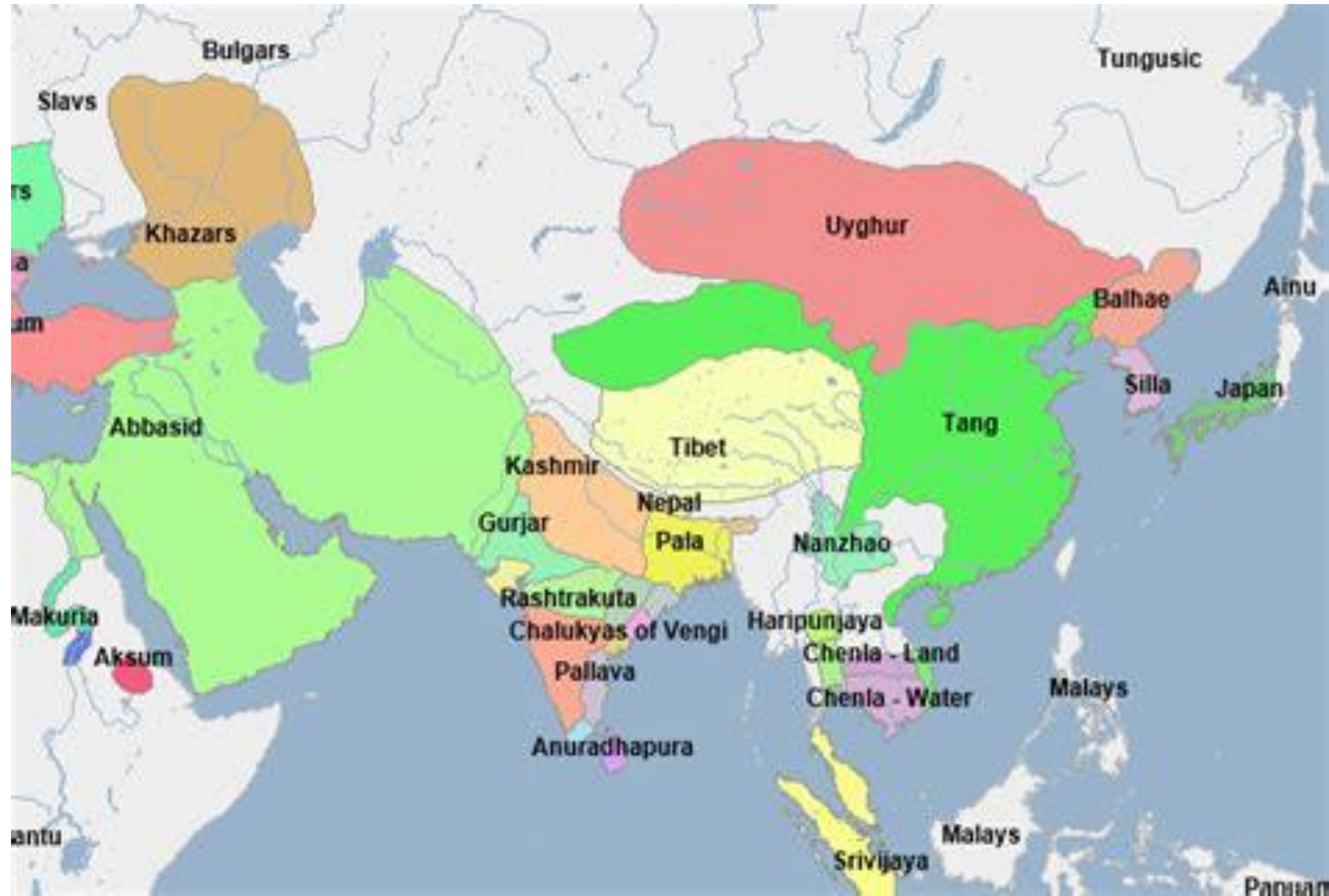
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# China (Tang Dynasty) vs Persia (Abbasid Dynasty)

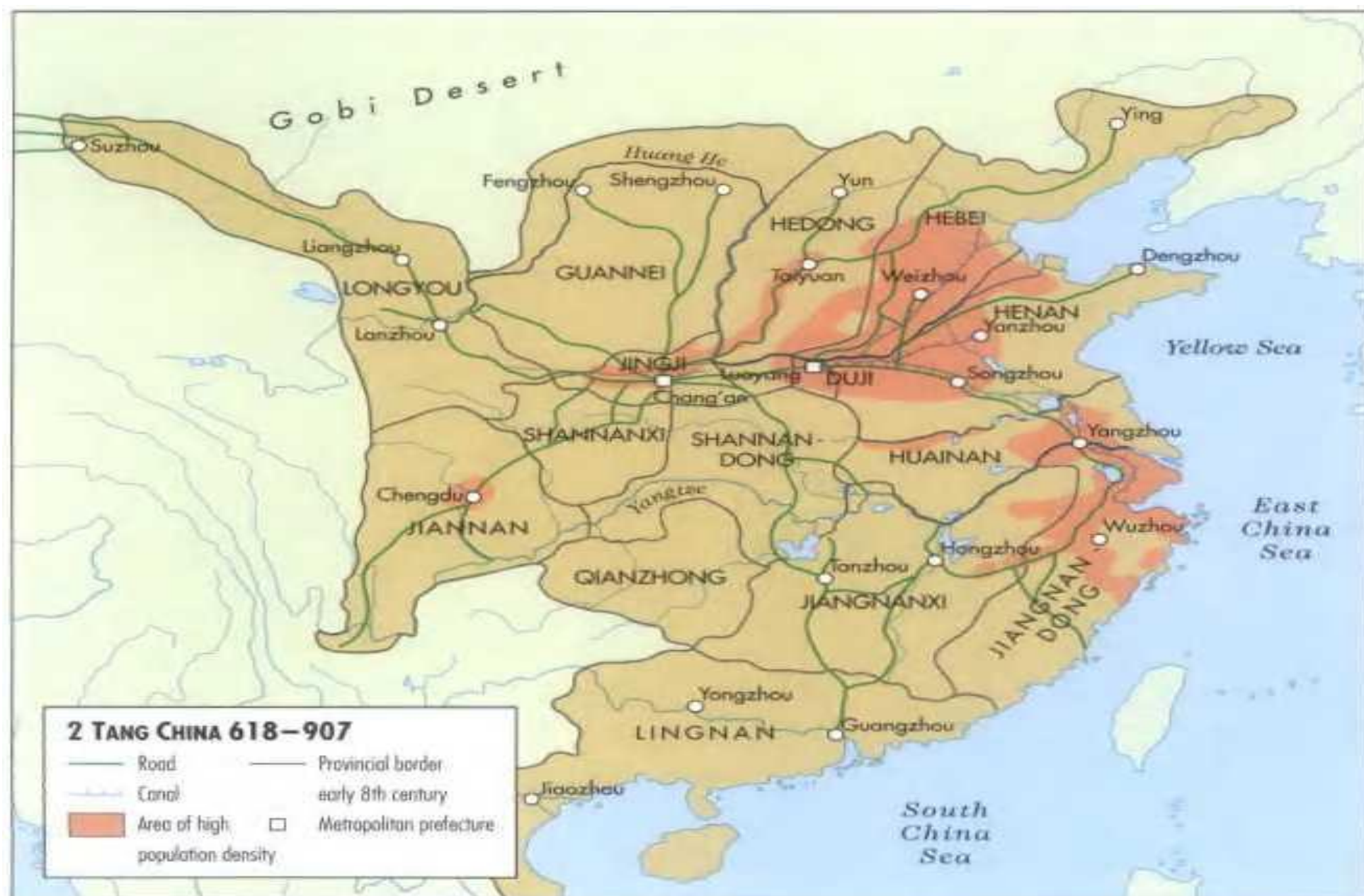


**China**

# CHINA – Far East Regional Power

- The longest global superpower on the planet
- Modern Global Superpower (2008 - ????)





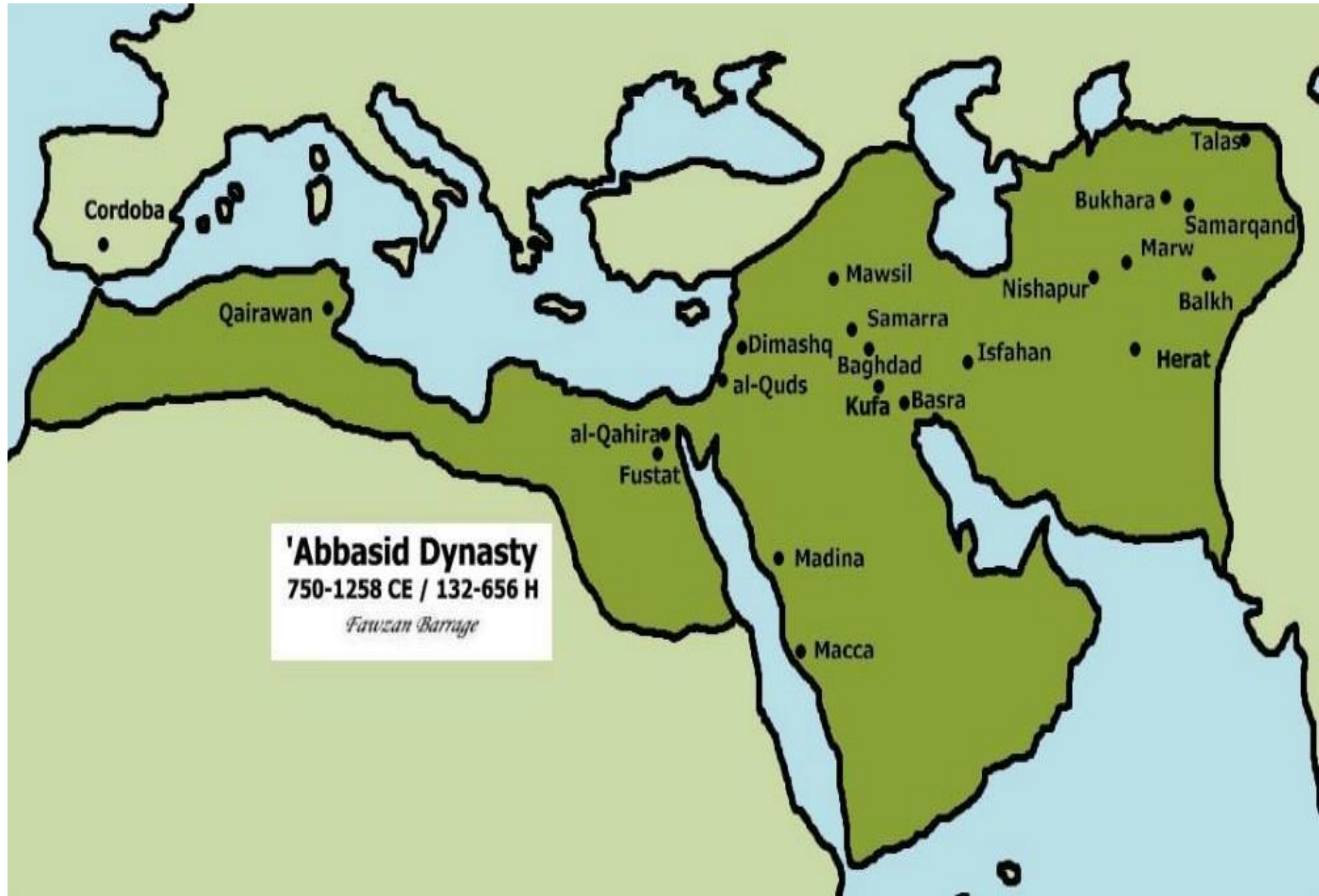
# China - History — *Longest ... Superpower on Earth*

- **Warring City States (1500 BCE)**
- **First Consolidation – Chinese State (Han people) – Shang Dynasty**
- **Han People (*Mandarin & Cantonese... Language*)**
- **Heartland (1 bn people – ½ of the USA 350 ml)**
- **Building Long (Great) Wall (221-207 BCE – Qin Dynasty)**
- **Building Grand Canal (605-609 CE)**
- **Battling Islam – Battle of Talas (10/7/751) *maps from my book p.272***
- **Mongol treat (1279 Kublai Khan)**
- **1<sup>st</sup> foreign occupation (Mongols 1279-1369)-(Ming Dynasty)**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> foreign occupation (Europeans 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> Century)**
- **Struggle against Japan, Europeans, etc.**
- **Communist governance**
- **Mixed system**
- **2019: Second largest economy on earth**

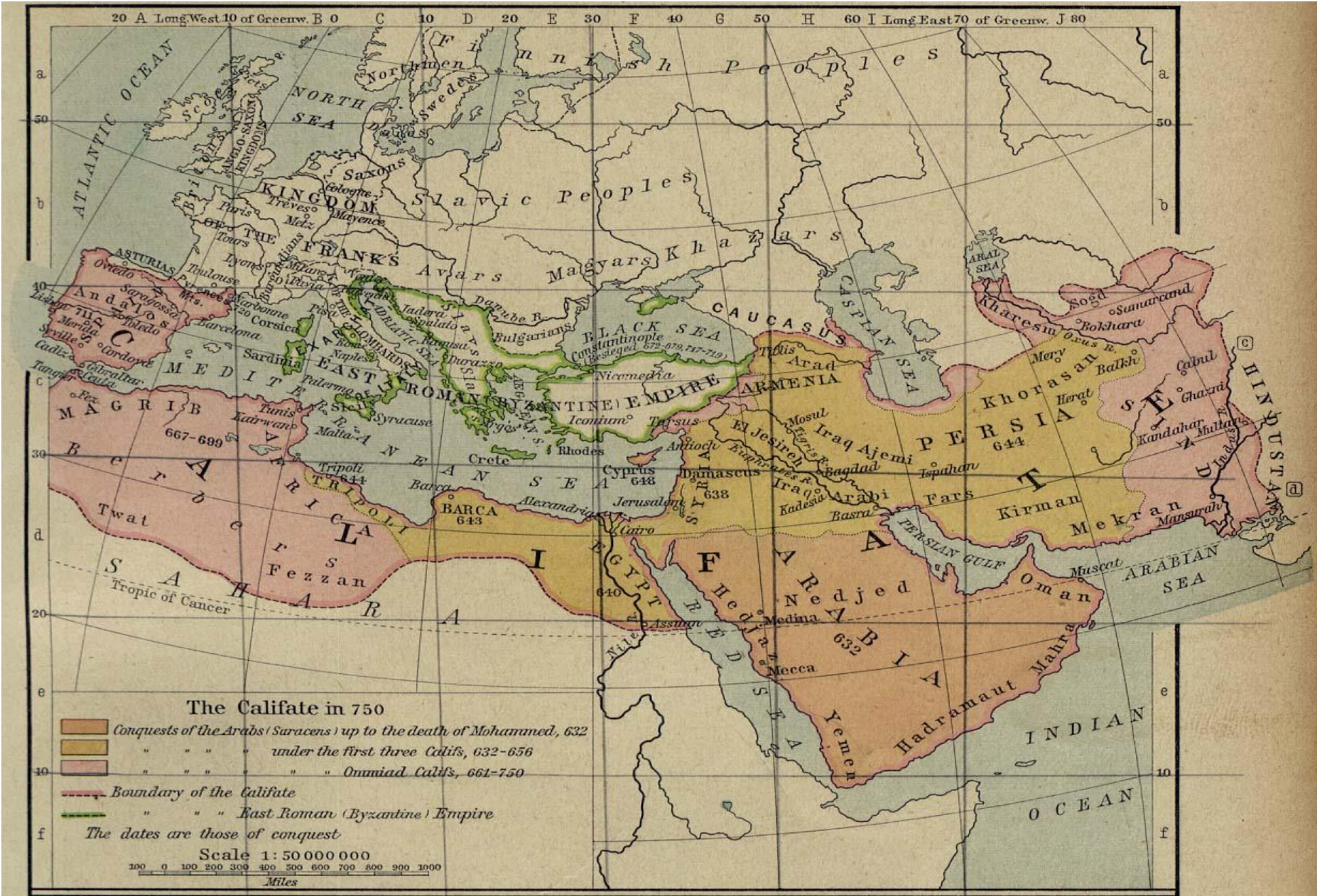


# Persia

# Islamic Persia – Abbasid Dynasty



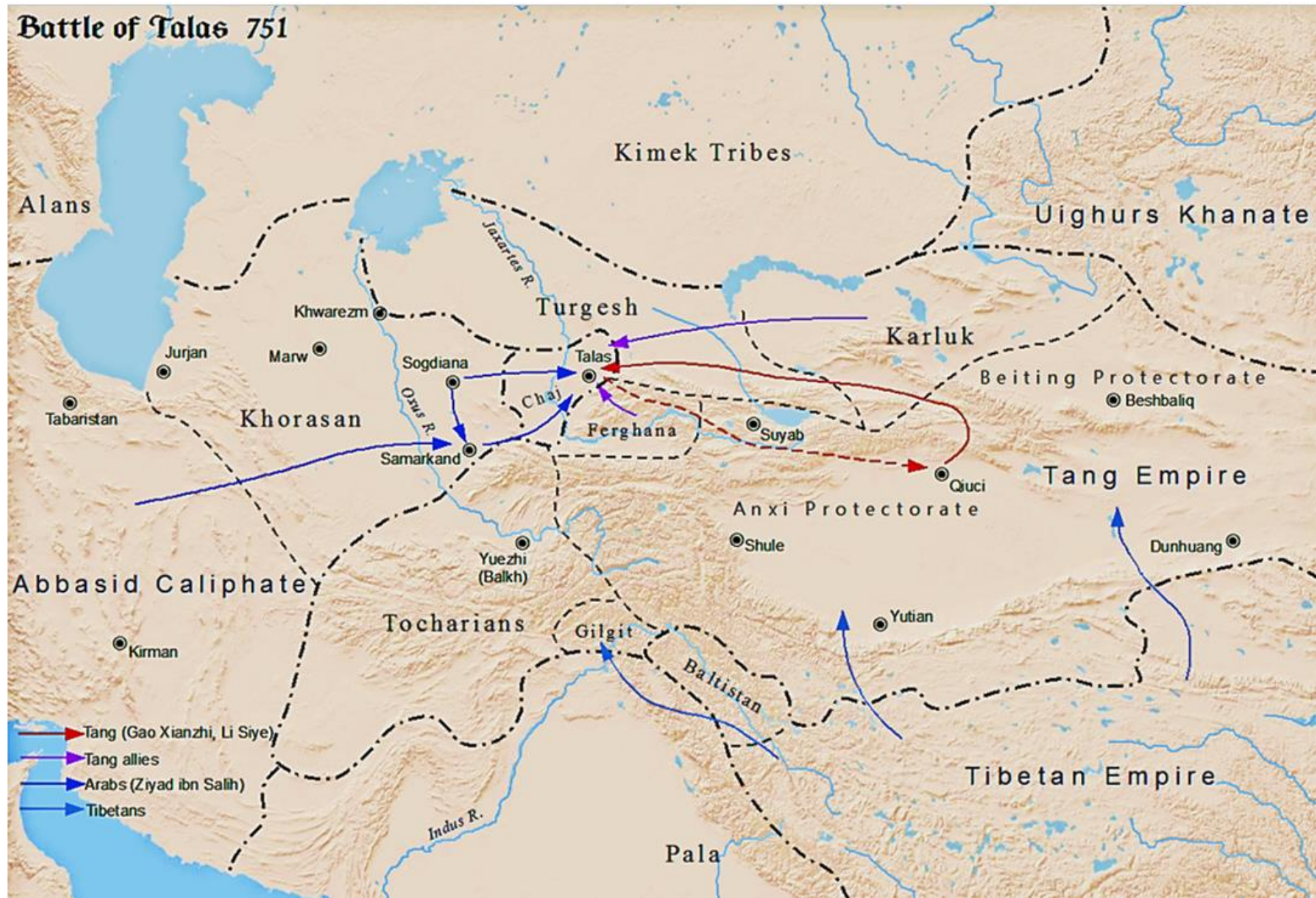
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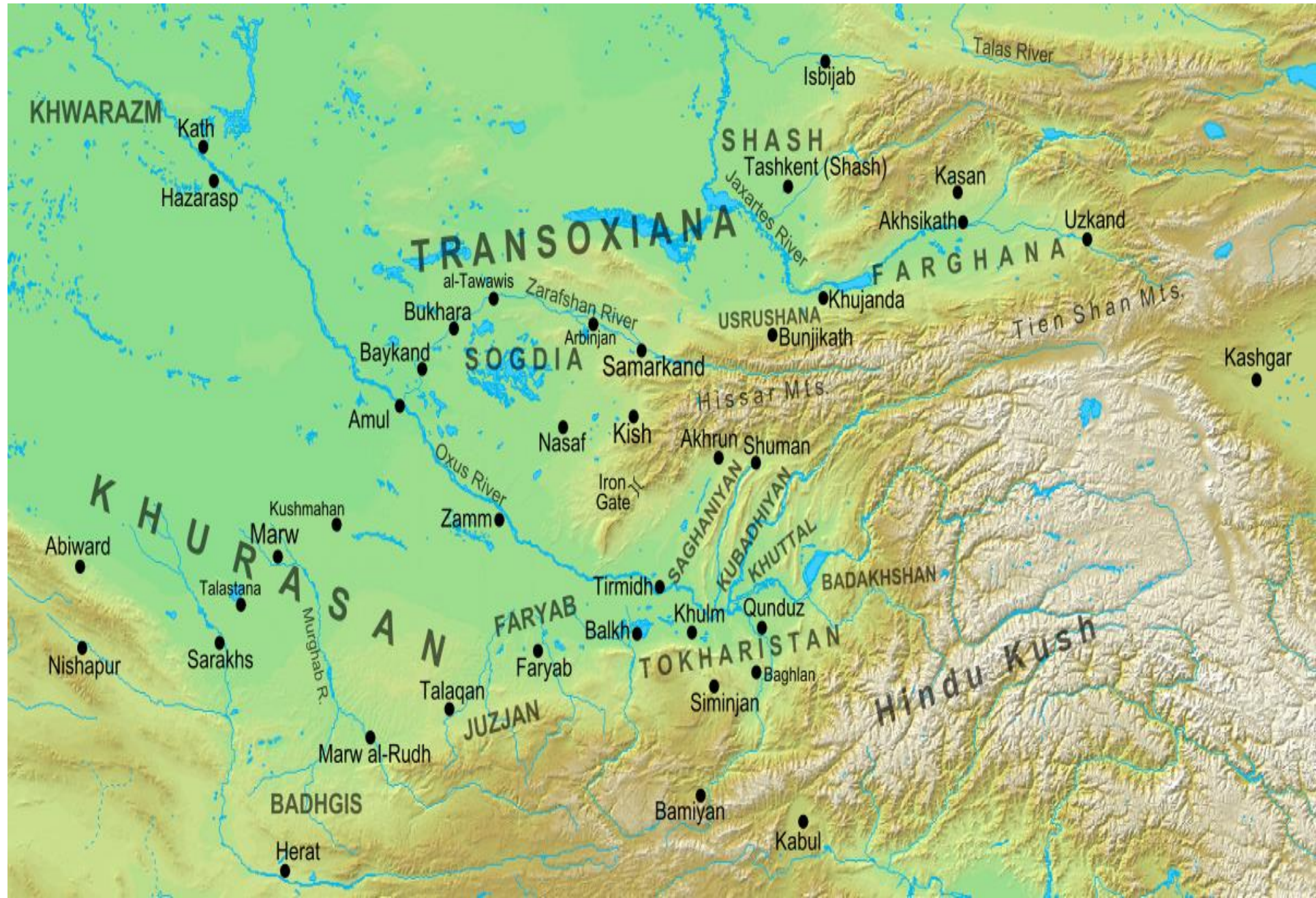
**Talas**

**The Battle (July 751)**

# Talas Battle – 751 (8<sup>th</sup> Century)



# Geomorphology



# The Generals



# The Armies



A picture of Battle of Talas, in modern day Kazakhstan, a great war in 751 CE. A war between the two superpowers during that period, Tang Dynasty and Arab Caliphate. The battle was fought between 200,000 Arab troops and 50,000 Tibetans against 10,000 Chinese troops and 20,000 Turkic mercenaries.

# **Talas -The Consequences**

# Major Consequences...

- *The Chinese expansion westwards was stopped*
- *The people of China did not convert to Islam*
- *China was isolated from the western markets*
- *The silk road was interrupted for many years*
- *Many Chinese inventions and technologies (black powder, print paper, compass use, silk knowhow, ceramic art, etc.) were transferred to Persia and then to Europe*
- *Turkic tribes one by one started converting to Islam*
- *Muslims Persians started to use Turkic people as soldiers and especially as slave soldiers*
- *Some Turkic tribes started moving westwards (Persia, Asia Minor, etc.) and southwards (India)*

# Turkic Tribes moving ...



# Talas Battle

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