

MYANMAR - THAI RELATIONS IN TAUNGOO PERIOD

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ABSTRACT

This is an analytical study of Thai-Myanmar relation in the Toungoo Period objectively studying point of view of both countries. The Thai-Myanmar relations in Toungoo Period was mainly composed of wars between the two countries. Myanmar and Thai War is one of the most fascinating and haunting historical episodes in the minds of Myanmar and Thai peoples. As they are neighbouring countries, Thailand and Myanmar not only Share a long border but also have had a profoundly interrelated history dating back centuries. During monarchical period wars against each other were fought often. This warfare was very important to the growth and development of both kingdoms. The Toungoo Period (1485-1599) was composed of four kings (1) Mingyinyo (2) Tabinshwehti (3) Bayinnaung (4) Nandabayin. At that time, Ayuthia period (1350-1605) was composed of four kings (1) King Utong (2) King Chakarapat (3) King Mahin and (4) King Dhamaraja. The Thai Kingdom of Ayuthia and Myanmar Kingdoms of Hanthawady were often war with each other. The wars between the tow kingdoms were significant because of extraordinary military operations. Thai and Myanmar people possessed intense nationalist ideology and concepts. Battles between Thai and Myanmar armies were fought, Thai to save their freedom and Myanmar to promote their military prowess. Distinctive features such as new military methods, employment of mercenaries, composing immense multi-ethnic armies and using different invasion routes. Myanmar up to the present, took pride in the fact their kings subdued the neighbouring country with stronger force. Thais also took pride that they could repulse Myanmar troops and sometimes even able to take control of Dawei, Mottama and Myeik.

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