HMDC Presents...

Bloc Map: Mongol Empire, 1225 (Crisis Committee)

Topic: Death of Genghis Khan

This committee has characters, not countries, so blocs are groups of characters with shared goals. History tells us Chinggis (Genghis) Khan died in 1227, and his son Ögödei became the next Great Khan and ruled from 1229 to 1241. Your committee may change what happens, so think about who wants what.

THE MAIN GROUPS (BLOCS)

A bloc is a group of characters who want the same things. Rows that start with "Check:" mean our sources do not name the members, so research them yourself.

Group	Who is in it	What they want	Source
Supporters of Ögödei	Family members and generals who back the son who became the next Khan.	A smooth handover and more expansion; under Ögödei the empire grew greatly.	Asia for Educators, Columbia University
Other family branches	Other sons and grandsons and their followers.	Power and land for their own branch of the family.	Asia for Educators, Columbia University
Advisors and administrators	Officials who run taxes and records, such as advisors from conquered lands.	Order, fair taxes and a working government; Ögödei later built the first regular tax system.	Asia for Educators, Columbia University
Merchants and trade supporters	People who depend on the trade roads.	Safe roads and support for trade, merchants and crafts.	Asia for Educators, Columbia University

FINDING YOUR ALLIES

1.	If your character is family, decide which branch you support and find others in it.
2.	If your character is an advisor, team up with those who want order and fair taxes.
3.	Merchants and advisors often want the same thing: peace and safe roads.

THREE COMPROMISE IDEAS

A compromise gives each side something it wants. Try one of these in an unmoderated caucus.

1.	Choose the next Khan by a family council (a kurultai), so every branch has a voice.
2.	Give each family branch its own lands, but keep one Great Khan for the whole empire.
3.	Write down tax and trade rules so the empire runs well no matter who rules.

YOUR NOTES

My character's group: _____ My first ally: _____

SOURCES

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