



INDIGENOUS TRIBES (NOMADS)

The current conflict originates from a mix of reasons. The nomads provided in their own livelihood for ages with livestock and trade. These tribes are proud people who believe they can resolve every problem, so they don't see the need of foreign interference. The ancient trade routes decreased in importance due to the rise of shipping and the construction of the Suez Canal. Eventually the trade routes got a new destinations: the international smuggling of goods and people. Both the indigenous tribes as the religious fundamentalists are involved in smuggling. For the smugglers the conflict is an ideal cover for their work. Besides smuggling the indigenous tribes use opium as a source for finance.

From the mountains many poor nomads were drawn to work in the army of neighbouring conflicts. After discharge these ex-soldiers returned to Bambilia. They are grouped in several armed tribes. Their main goal is independence and better living conditions for the nomads. They want to create a State without ethnic or religious background and without foreign influence. Nowadays the nomads are associated with robberies, kidnappings, rapes and murders. They sometimes work along with the religious fundamentalists, but there are also regular armed conflicts between the two groups.

There is a lot of divisions between the various tribes. The struggle for independence does not seem important for everyone. Some of the nomad tribes are really against using violence. There is regular infighting between the various tribes. The indigenous tribes want:

- Independence, with own laws and rules;
- Democracy (but they do not trust elections organized by Government);
- Freedom of faith;
- Recognition of women's rights. Women have an important role in the community (they are responsible for all things concerning the house, food and children);
- No foreign interference. The tribes are proud and believe they have the capability to reach a treaty without the help of others;
- Government offers, not freedom, just want to make money from our resources, like oil and diamonds. The nomads want the income from the natural resources.