

KABI KINGDOM AND HER NEIGHBORS' A HISTORY OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

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Abstract

The history of the Kabi kingdom featured an organized society with international connections. It reflects an African state with diplomatic ties with its neighbouring states. These diplomatic relations are occasionally cordial and sometimes the opposite, in the form of socio-political, economic and religious connections. The paper examined such diplomatic relations within the context of current global relations. It further confirmed the existence of a well-structured and organized political system in the African context before contact with the western world. Moreover, that relationship with the outside world (Western Europe) was established through such a structure before the gradual occupation of the kingdom and the caliphate. In essence, the paper argued that a careful study of African diplomatic relations will further complement existing political relations among the West African communities, notwithstanding their colonial historical background.

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