

### Safavid Empire, 1524-1533 Positions List:

Ustadjlu Clan: The Ustadjlu clan is renowned for its skilled mounted archers who patrol the steppe. They are led by their military technician general whose skill with a blade in hand to hand combat is unparalleled.

Persian nobles and families: The wealthy nobles and families of the Persians dominate many economic industries. These groups of families are currently led by a young and ambitious ruler, an economic advisor to the Shah, looking to enrich the empire and his family particularly.

Rumlu Clan: The Rumlu Clan is one of the 7 tribes which provided troops for the guard of the Safavid Empire. The leader of the Rumlu Clan is a high ranking representative and a maritime trader who works directly with the Shah.

Dulkadir Clan: The Dulkadir Clan is a frontier tribe with large hoards of gold and wealthy representatives. The leader of the Dulkadir Clan is a counselor to the Shah and loyal to the royal family, and also commands a strong army.

Turkman Clan: The Turkman clan is located in the Caucasus mountains and is known for their experienced doctors, extensive medical knowledge, and various natural remedies.

Qaramanlu Clan: The Qaramanlu clan is located in the northwestern part of the empire and specializes in silk production and carpet making.

Warsak Clan: The leader of the Warsak is a widely respected and valiant leader known throughout the land for his martial and tactical prowess. He is deeply loyal to the royal family and his ambition is to expand the Safavid realm for himself, his sons, and his Shah.

Siah-Kuh Clan: The leader of the Siah-Kuh is an extravagantly wealthy and powerful man in the Empire, but much of this hangs in a precarious balance because of his heretical views on Islam and rivalry with the Safavid Imam (clergy). He has dreams of convincing the Empire and the Islamic world of the truth of his unique faith and of unifying all Muslims with his sect.

Talish Clan: The Talish Clan are known for the peaceful ways of living and their strong ability in forming peace treaties. They live on the Caspian Sea and are excellent fishermen and sea traders.

Afshar Clan: The Afshar Clan lies close to the border of the Ottoman Empire and frequently comes into contact with Ottoman troops. However, they are known for having high numbers of religious leaders and their region contains some of the most beautiful mosques.

Kurdish Clan: The leader of the Kurdish has the challenge of attempting to heal the troubled relations between their clan and the Shah's royal line and other Qizilbash tribes. However, they have the advantage of being known as skilled athletes and climbers after years of dwelling in the most mountainous region of the Safavid Empire.

**Baharlu Clan:** The Baharlu's have the unique benefit of living at the center of the Safavid Empire's cultural hub, with many wealthy patrons to subsidize the work of the considerable numbers of skilled artisans, dancers, artists, and actors.

**The Lurs:** The Lurs are currently very disunified people that rely on their nomadic abilities to survive. Due to their heritage, they are in very good standing with the Shah and Qizilbash. The representative of the Lurs is a leader one of the factions.

**The Bayat Clan:** The Bayats have a long history of living in what is present-day Northeastern Iran. They are hardened veterans of war from fighting off Genghis-Khan, however, in the time of the Safavid empire they are divided and lacking a large military power. The representative of the Bayats is the son of one of the high ranking Bayat military leaders.

**Qajar Clan:** The representative of the Qajar Clan is a master of education and as Tahmasp's childhood tutor, he holds heavy influence over him. He cares only for the well being of the Safavid State but believes it to be found in Qajar rule.

**Takkalu Clan:** The Takkalu lie in the central part of the Empire, and thus are experts at transportation and navigation.

**Shamlu Clan:** The Shamlu Clan has a strong history of military dominance athletic prowess within the Safavid Empire. Hence, its representative has a strong influence within the State, especially relating to military decisions. Additionally, he was recently named Head Chef of the Court.

