

The Muslim West | Defence

Castles: defending the land.

Land was defended by castles and ribats, fortresses manned by warrior monks, and which were fortified enclosures surrounding a tower with strong walls. They were placed at strategic locations to provide a good lookout point over the surrounding area. They were used both to garrison the troops who patrolled and protected borders, paths, valleys, ports and mountain passes, and as a place of refuge for the population in times of peril.



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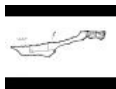


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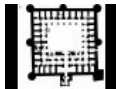
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