

# Al-Franj: the Crusaders in the Levant | Two Mamluk Sultans against the Franks

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Despite the increasingly successful efforts of the Ayyubid dynasty (564–658 / 1169–1260) to expel the Frankish Crusaders from the Levant, they did not fully achieve this aim. After another 50 years of struggle, it was the Mamluks from Egypt who succeeded, finally, in driving the Franks from the Holy Land and the Syrian coast.



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**Details:**  
Aleppo, Syria

**Justification:**  
View of Aleppo Citadel showing the Throne Room which was constructed during the reign of the Ayyubid Sultan al-Zahir Ghazi (d. 613 / 1216)



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View of the Throne Room, Aleppo Citadel.



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Entrance to Aleppo Citadel.



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Homs region, Syria

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Having captured Crac des Chevaliers in 669 / 1271, Sultan Baybars added a square tower and restored part of the wall on the southwest corner.



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Crac des Chevaliers, the tower.

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