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The British Role in the Arbitration to Settle the Jordanian-Najdi Border Incidents 1346AH/1928-1350AH/1931

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ABSTRACT

This article deals with the British role in the arbitration to settle the Jordanian-Najdi border incidents in 1928-1931, which was in Britain's own strategic interests in the Middle East and the Arabian peninsula. During the period covered by this study, that role took the form mainly of a process of arbitration that coincided with practical British steps to support it by pressure on the concerned parties to comply with arrangements, agreements and treaties signed between them, implementing them, abiding by them and respecting them.

But that role did not produce the needed security, peace and control of the border between Transjordan and the Najd due to the peculiarity of the situation along the border, represented by the accumulation of raiding incidents and the social structure of the inhabitants of the region connected with raiding as a social value and the inhabitants' lack of awareness of the concept of a central government and thus the connection of the inhabitants with their tribal sheikhs instead of their government.

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