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The Music of Vai Islam

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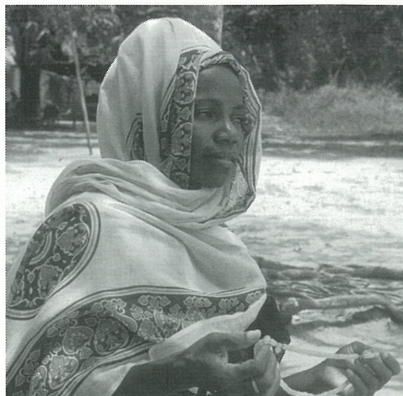
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For the Vai people of Liberia, the word sùkú encompasses a large repertoire of "songs" related to the practice of Islam. Their day begins with the call-to-prayer (photo on front) and ends with the evening prayers and songs. Ethnomusicologist Lester Monts has gathered, in these field recordings, a wide range of the musical expressions of the Vai people's Islamic faith, and has written comprehensive notes about these



recordings and the Vai people and are included on a PDF file on this enhanced CD. These notes, along with maps, graphs, and many color photographs may be printed out or read directly on a computer.



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THE SELECTIONS

MOSQUE Sùkú-nù

1. Adhan (Call to Prayer) 5:14
Recorded at Tse (Gawula) in 1988
Occasion: Celebration of the Prophet's Ascension
Milājī (Vai) - al-mī'raj (Arabic)
2. Adhan 2:16
Recorded at Misila (Gawula) in 1987
Occasion: Friday Prayer (jāmī)
3. Adhan 1:40
Recorded at Misila (Gawula) in 1987
Occasion: Friday Prayer (jāmī)
4. Jāmī: The Friday Prayer 9:23
Recorded at Bulumi (Tombe) in 1988
Occasion: Friday Prayer Service

QUR'ĀNIC RECITATION

5. kálaké Qur'anic Recitation 2:05
Recorded at Bulumi (Tombe) in 1988
Occasion: Evening Qur'an Reading
6. kálaké Qur'anic Recitation 1:28
Recorded at Bulumi (Tombe) in 1988
Occasion: Evening Qur'an Reading
7. kálaké Qur'anic Recitation 2:35
Recorded at Misila (Gawula) in 1988
Occasion: Evening Qur'an Reading

Sùkú AND SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS

8. Sùkú English/Arabic School 0:52
Recorded at Misila (Gawula) in 1987
Occasion: School Assembly
9. Sùkú English/Arabic School 2:07
Recorded at Misila (Gawula) in 1987
Occasion: School Assembly
10. Mšlī sàndè Song 3:02
Recorded at Sinje (Gawula) in 1988
Occasion: Graduation Rehearsal
11. Mšlī sàndè sùkú 2:22
Recorded at Gōn (Gawula) in 1988
Occasion: Public Singing Ceremony

Sùkú AND RITUAL

12. Tijaniyya Ritual 2:05
Recorded at Misila (Gawula) in 1988
Occasion: Dhikr
13. Birthing Sùkú 1:26
Recorded at Toso (Tombe) in 1978
Occasion: Recording Session
14. Birthing Sùkú 1:33
Recorded at Toso (Tombe) in 1978
Occasion: Recording Session
15. Sacrificial Rice-Pounding Sùkú 1:23
Recorded at Bulumi (Tombe) in 1988
Occasion: Sacrifice for Burial Rite
16. Sùkú for Interment 1:07
Recorded at Bulumi (Tombe) in 1988
Occasion: Burial Rite
17. Fidāō Group Recitation of the Qur'an for the Dead 1:47
Recorded at Bulumi (Tombe) in 1988
Occasion: fidāā - The Fortieth-day Feast for the Dead

Sùkú FOR HOLY DAY CELEBRATIONS

18. Māhōdī Sùkú 2:19
Recorded at Misila (Gawula) in 1988
Occasion: Recording Session
19. Māhōdī: Celebration of the Prophet's Birth 2:29
Recorded at Bulumi in 1987
Occasion: Annual Celebration of māhōdī (al-maulid)
20. Milājī: Celebration of the Prophet's Ascension 16:47
Recorded at Tse in 1988
Occasion: Annual Celebration of milājī (mī'raj)
21. Bštšndš Tšmbš Sùkú 1:36
Recorded at Bulumi in 1988
Occasion: bštšndš (jd al fitr)
22. Bštšndš Processional Sùkú 1:55
Recorded at Bulumi in 1988
Occasion: bštšndš (jd al fitr)
23. Islamic Topical Song 8:59
Recorded at Jōni (Gawula) in 1988
Occasion: Song Recording Session