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1 | Ming's Economic Decline

Various infighting + change of leadership caused a slow but sure period of economic decline in China.

w.r.t. Zheng He's Missions

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w.r.t. Botched Reopening

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w.r.t Declining Currency

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China's Centralization

- Decentralized? => Ports had almost no central control
- Centralized? => Government structure centralized, but infighting and smuggling
- Centralized policy maneuvers lead to local chaos that could only be addressed to local control, but central control got too big