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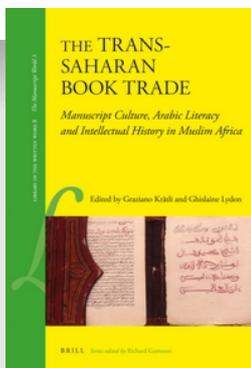
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Book famines, it seems, are still a feature of northern Nigerian intellectual life. For the last 50 years, "Book Aid International" has made up the shortfall, yet in 2008 it has removed Nigeria from its list of recipients as if Nigerian university libraries were no longer in need of books from abroad. Two foreign governments - the Americans and the British - maintain embassies in cities, but they are not general libraries, and in recent years an educational institution like the British Council has closed. One might argue that the mere presence of a Holy Qur'ān in such a respected context implied that the palace or the mosque was exempt from being attacked and sacked as part of a *jihād*.

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