

Saudi Potpourri



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WAK – Preliminary Work on Overprint Forgeries 2003 - 2005

During this period Willie King made a start on a new forgery manual for overprints. The overprints studied were mainly the Hejaz 'unframed Hashemite' and the 'framed Hashemite' overprints. The work produced could be described as the gold standard for such a work, but is totally impractical considering the resources available today.

The source files for these documents were found on Willie's computer and are now in safe hands.

It is important that this legacy is not lost as it is still relevant and a possible location for it is as a series of appendices in the new forgery manual.

1921 UNFRAMED OVERPRINT

Forgery Type : FB-02



A scarce and rather crude forgery which is listed second since it should be eliminated easily having the same key 'fault' as FB-01.

Key Points for Identification.

1. Small dot under "taa marbutah" of hukumah". This never exists in genuine overprints.
2. The "alif" in "hashemiyah" slants to the left.
3. Unusually shaped Arabic "3" in left date.
4. Only one or two lines at top instead of more normal 3.

Note : If only latter two points then compare with genuine position 34 shown above the forgery.

Dealers Marks : Three of the four mint stamps in the APAI collection have the tiny A.P. mark.



Observation : Previously listed as APA Forgery Type 2 so number unchanged.

- A quite scarce unframed forgery but easy to identify if looking for a dot under "taa marbutah" of hukumah".
- Please check the back – we would be interested if more 'A.P' marks are found.
- Appears to be mainly targeted at the surcharge varieties
- Found on used stamps – see one on piece overleaf.
- No multiples recorded. .

Forgeries available for cross reference at October 2003

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|------|----------|--------|--------|
| Mint | APAI - 4 | WK - 0 | ML - 3 |
| Used | APAI - 1 | WK - 1 | ML - 0 |

Forgery Manual
Overprint forgeries

Work by WAK - 2003

1921 UNFRAMED OVERPRINT

FB-02 Forgeries in Reference Collections

| Variety | Postage | | | | | | Dues | |
|--------------------------------|---------|-----|-----|-----|---|---|-------|-----|
| | 1 pa | 1/8 | 1/4 | 1/2 | 1 | 2 | 20 pa | 1 2 |
| Roul 13 : basic stamp | | mu | m | | | m | | |
| Perf 10 | | | | | | | | |
| Perf 10 Opt inverted | | | | | | | | |
| Roul 20 | | | | | | | | |
| Roul 20 Opt Inverted | | | | | | | | |
| Overprint Inverted | | | | | | | | |
| Overprint Double | | | | | | | | |
| Overprint Double One Inverted | | | | | | | | |
| Overprint Double Both Inverted | | | | | | | | |
| Date Omitted at Right | | | | | | | | |
| Date Omitted at Left | | | | | | | | |
| Brown Overprint (shades) | | | | | | | | |
| Red Overprint | | | | | | | | |
| Red Overprint Inverted | | | | | | | | |
| Gold Overprint | | | | | | | | |
| Gold Overprint Inverted | | | | | | | | |
| Overprint + 1/2 pi Surcharge | | Mu | | | | | | |
| Overprint + 1 pi Surcharge | | M | | | | | | |
| Unframed + Two Line | | | | | | | | |

Legend
m or u : 1 available
M or U >1 available

Scans of any of the stamps listed above or shown below available on request.



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Which conference?



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170 Posthorn Dhow

171 5g. Stamp of 1930

(Des al-Muharraqi)

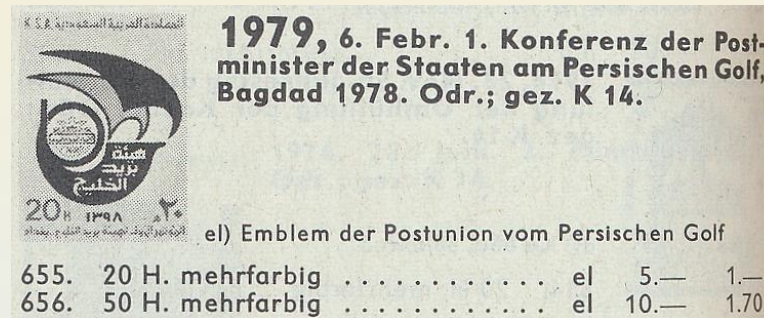
1979 (6 Feb). Second Gulf Postal Organization Conference, Dubai.
P 14.

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|------|-----|--------------------------|------|----|
| 1218 | 170 | 20h. multicoloured | 2-30 | 25 |
| 1219 | | 50h. multicoloured | 4-50 | 55 |

Stanley Gibbons 2016:
Second Gulf Postal Organization Conference, Dubai

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Michel 1999:

First Gulf Postal Organization Conference, Baghdad

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Gulf Postal Organization Emblem — A117

| | | |
|---------------------------|--------|----------|
| 1979, Feb. 6 | Litho. | Perf. 14 |
| 773 A117 20h multicolored | | 1.50 .25 |
| 774 A117 50h multicolored | | 3.00 .35 |

1st Conf. of Gulf Postal Organization, Baghdad.

Scott 2024:

First Gulf Postal Organization Conference, Baghdad

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Which conference?



1979 1^{re} conférence des ministres des postes du Golfe persique. Dentelés 14.



| | | | |
|-----|-------------------------------------|------|------|
| 482 | 20 h. outremer, noir, rouge et vert | 2 25 | 0 60 |
| 483 | 50 h. lilas, noir, rouge et vert | 3 75 | 0 90 |

Yvert 2015:
First Gulf Postal Organization Conference

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Check the brochure!

A STAMP ISSUE
COMMEMORATING THE FIRST CONFERENCE
OF THE GULF POSTAL ORGANIZATION

At the initiative of the State of Qatar, members from the postal administrations of the Arab Gulf States gathered in Doha for discussing the establishment of a Gulf Postal Organization. Subsequently, a meeting was held in Riyadh on the month of Shawwal, 1397 AH (October, 1977), and the foundation of the Gulf Postal Organization was declared, with the city of Riyadh as the permanent headquarters of this organization.

The organization then held its first conference in Baghdad, Iraq, on 1398 AH (1978).

Celebrating the occasion, the Directorate-General of Posts in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia issued a commemorative stamp of 20 and 50 Halalas denominations.



الملاح المميزة لطابع هيئة بريد الخليج

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| ١ - النوع | : تذكاري |
| ٢ - ابعاد الطابع | : ٣٠ × ٤٠ مم |
| ٣ - الرسم | : شعار هيئة بريد الخليج |
| ٤ - الالوان | : طابع فئة ٢٠ هللة : اخضر - احمر - بنفسجي - اسود طابع فئة ٥٠ هللة : اخضر - احمر - ازرق - اسود |
| ٥ - الفئات | : ٢٠ ، ٥٠ هللة |
| ٦ - عدد الطوابع في الصحيفة الواحدة | : ٥٠ طابع |
| ٧ - الكمية المطبوعة | : ٨٠٠.٠٠٠ (ثمانمائة الف) مجموعة |
| ٨ - نوع الطباعة | : الفست |
| ٩ - المصمم | : ابراهيم التركي (وضع التصميم حسب شعار الوارد من هيئة بريد الخليج) |
| ١٠ - المنفذ | : سليم غوري |
| ١١ - طبع في | : مطبعة الطوابع والاوراق ذات القيمة بالرياض . |

Outstanding features of the Gulf Postal Organization Stamp

- Type : Commemorative.
- Dimensions of stamp : 30 × 40 mm.
- Content of inscription : Emblem of Gulf Postal Organization.
- Colours: 20 H. Stamp : Green, red, violet, black.
50 H. Stamp : Green, red, blue, black.
- Denominations : 20 & 50 H.
- Number of stamps in each sheet : 50 stamps.
- Quantity Printed : 800,000 sets.
- Process of Printing : Offset.
- Designer : Ibrahim Al-Turki
(The design is made according to the emblem received from Gulf Postal Organization).
- Executor : Saleem Ghori.
- Printing Agency : Govt. Security Printing Press, Riyadh.

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23 Posthorn Dhaw

24 Koran on Map of World

(Des al-Muharraqi. Photo Courvoisier)

1979 (14 Apr). Second Gulf Postal Organization Conference. Dubai.
P 11½.

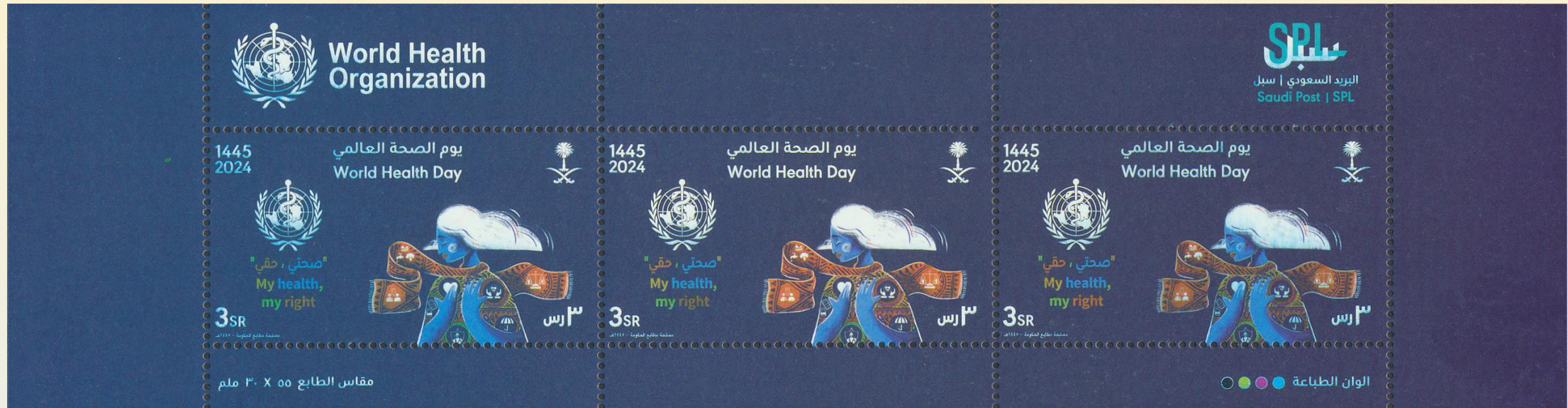
| | | | | |
|-----|----|--------------------------|-------|------|
| 99 | 23 | 50f. multicoloured | 2-50 | 1-20 |
| 100 | | 5d. multicoloured | 10-50 | 8-00 |

Gibbons copied the information from a similar design issued by the UAE which was for the second conference in Dubai. They even copied the designer's name! The Saudi stamp was designed by Ibrahim Al-Turki.



Gibbons even missed the obvious clue – the stamp states **Baghdad**

2024 World Health Day



The 2024 issue for World Health Day was released as a sheetlet of three supposedly identical stamps but notice how the background colour changes from chalky blue at left to a deep slate-violet at right.

Notice also the variable contamination of white areas with blue. All three stamps differ. Was it designed this way or is the printing a mess?

1968 Jeddah to Dammam Highway

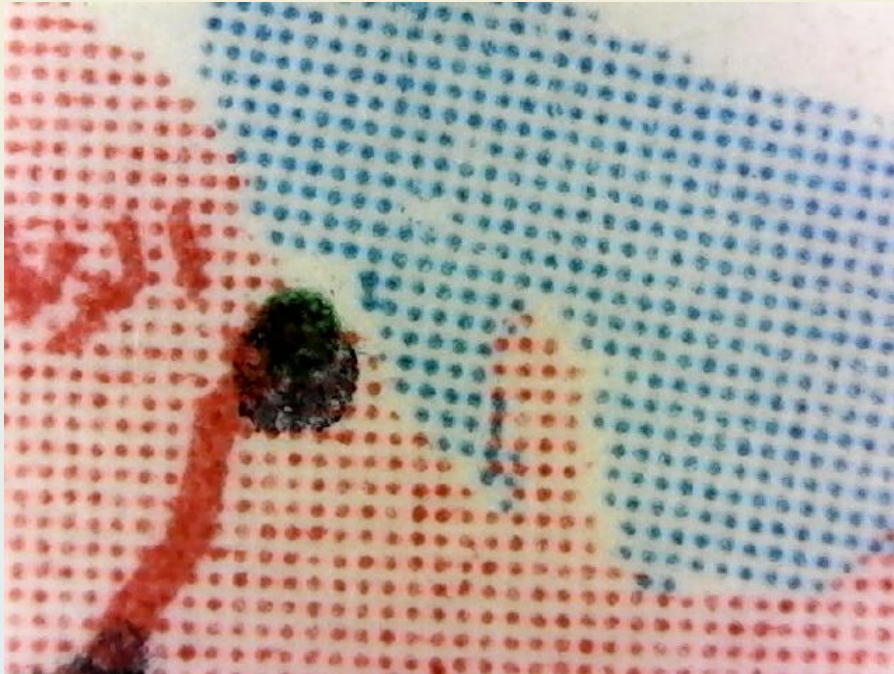


Cover sent by APA member Tom Righter. Three of the stamps have dots for Riyadh and Dammam added by hand.

Jeddah to Dammam Highway

Dots inserted by hand

When viewed under the microscope we see another picture.
The dots have been added by hand on top of the genuine printed dots.



Neat forgery with printed green dot clearly visible.



Irregular forgery with printed green dot obliterated.

Revenue Stamps – Different Ways to Pay a Tax

REVISED STAMP DUES REGULATIONS: Fixed and proportional stamps are to be consolidated, and their face values are to be considered as a basis for accepting documents whether these documents were originally subject to fixed, proportional, or road stamps so long as the object is the affixture of stamps and the collection of their value without differentiation among them.

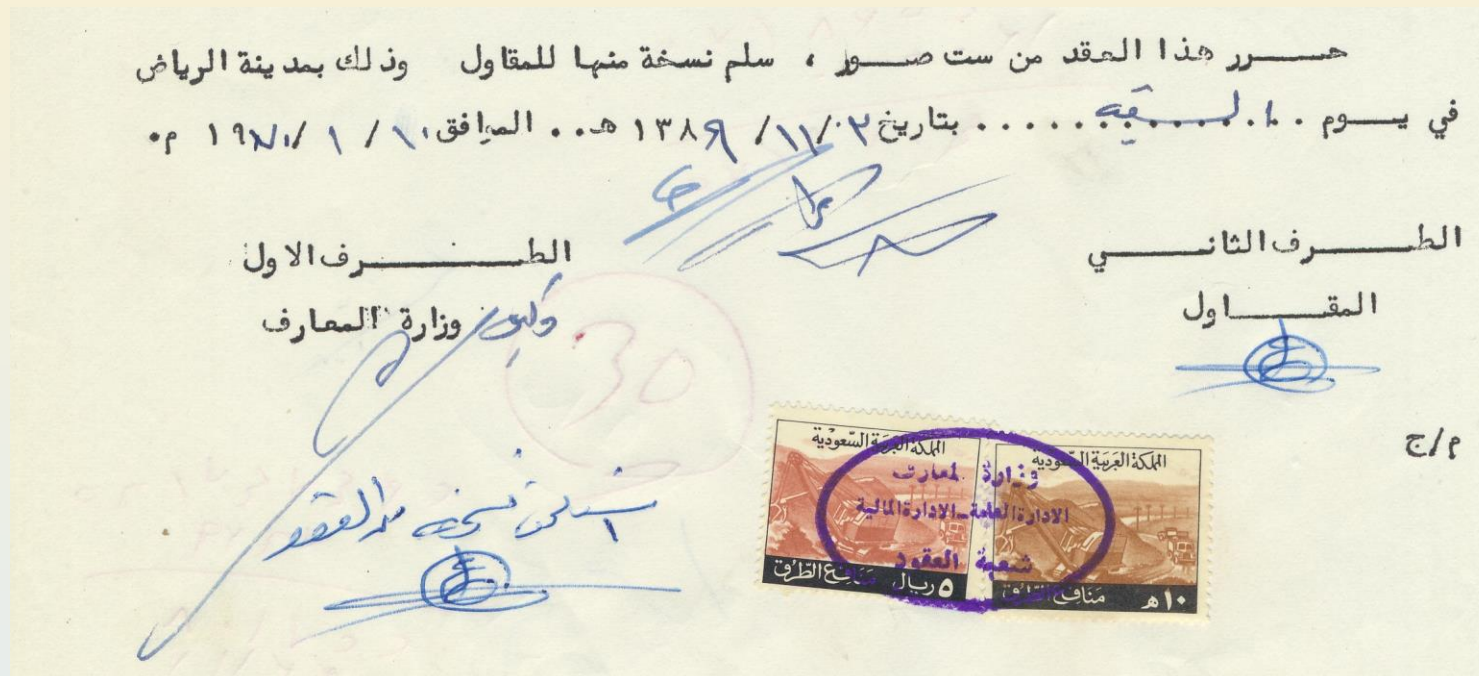
Three fragments of contracts follow, the tax required being 5 riyals general documentary fee and 10 halalahs road tax.

Revenue Stamps – Different Ways to Pay a Tax



Tax paid using one 5 riyals road tax stamp and one 10 halalahs road tax.

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