

AFGHANISTAN

1965 Sept. 11th..

NEW CONSTITUTION

King Zahir Shah's Promulgation of Afghanistan's new experiment in Democracy. National Assembly elections were held for a new assembly, part of which was appointed by the King. It commenced vigorously debating the National Policies with the Government's Cabinet of 11 Ministers. The Debate over time deteriorated until the Parliament was becoming ineffectual.

By 17 July 1973, the Nation's government was experiencing a drought and all the problems this brought, and the King's cousin, former Prime Minister Prince Moh'd Daud, clearly saw there was a need to act and so he rebelled and the King was overthrown and Daud created a Republic with himself as President, a situation lasting until 1978. The King abdicated and did not return to Afghanistan for thirty years.

When President Khazi was elected President, Zahir Shah elected to support him and returned and was recognised as a National figurehead. He was buried in his country. Zahir Shah, as former monarch was leading his nation peaceably into the modern world, and nearly succeeded after his 40 years (1934-1973) as King.

VALUES: 1.50 Af

DESIGN/COLOUR: *Photographic reproduction of the Constitution's signing ceremony King by Zahir Shah and his 11 Ministers.* - **Green and Black**

PRINTING: 25 (5x5) Photogravure by ASPO on white wove paper - 100,000

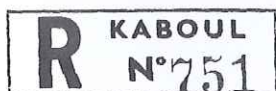
PERF: 12¾ x 13¼



1968 1st Class Registered Airmail Cover to Australia with 1965 - 1.50 Afs Constitutional issue and 1965 King Zahir Shah Birthday issue. Mail charge = 22 Afs Cancelled with Type PM36-1 "1968 30-11 KABOUL (5)".

Registration Label Type RM33A

Registration red "R" in a circle.



AFGHANISTAN

1965 Aug. 31st.

PASHTUNISTAN DAY

VALUES: 1 Af

DESIGNS / COLOURS: Pashtu Flag - Multicoloured

PRINTING: 50 (10 x 5) Photogravure by ASPO on white wove paper - 100,000

PERF: 13¼ x 14



1965 Oct. 16th.

RED CRESCENT DAY

VALUES: 1.50 Af + 50 Poul

Surtax Issue

DESIGNS / COLOURS: First aid Post - Red brown, Green & Red

PRINTING: 50 (10 x 5) Photogravure by ASPO on white wove paper - 100,000

PERF: 13¼ x 14



AFGHANISTAN

1965 Nov. 3rd.

UNITED NATIONS DAY

VALUES: 5 Af

DESIGNS / COLOURS: U.N. & Afghan Flags - Multicoloured

PRINTING: 50 (10 x 5) Photogravure by ASPO on white wove paper - 250,000

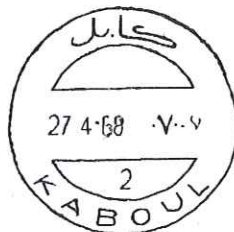
PERF: 13½ x 14

1968 Registered 1st Class Airmail cover KABUL to Melbourne, "GPO Sydney 4-P2-MY68 22 NSW-AUST" circular cancel on the back. - 19.25 Afs for postage & registration.

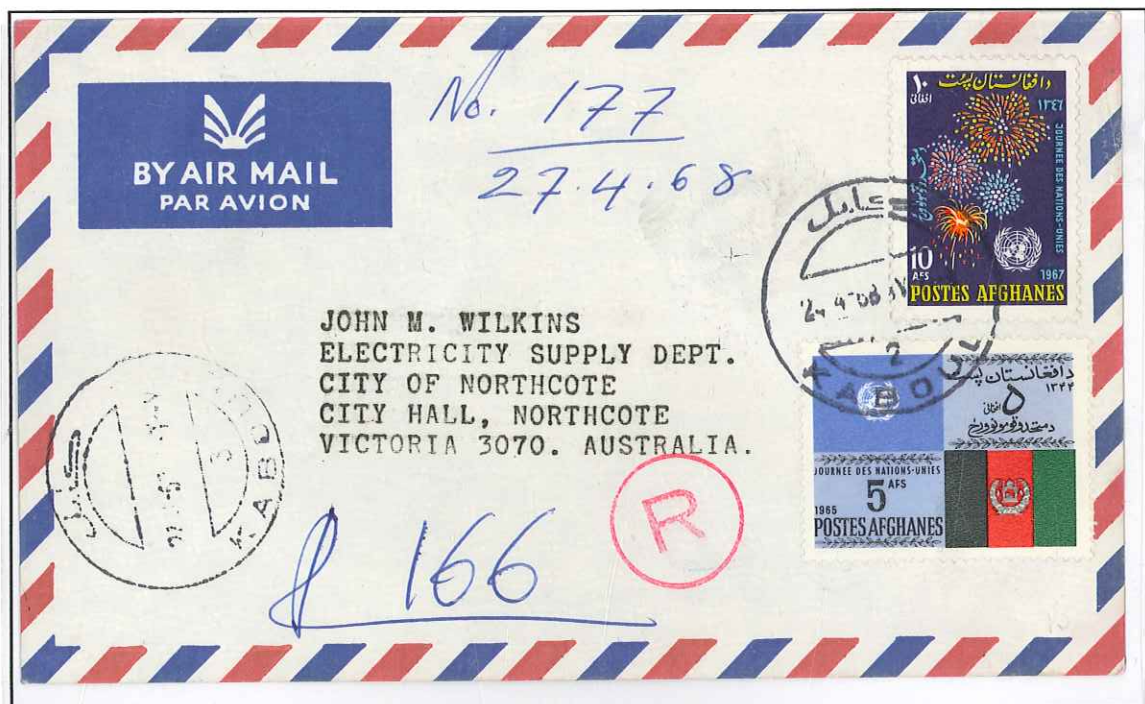
Cover has red registered "R", in a circle, and MS : "P166", plus two Types of PM33 cancel - No."2" and No."3". No."3" cancel is applied to the cover only. No."2" to the stamps.

NOTE: The No."3" was previously used for stamp cancelling in July 1964. The current use (April 1968) indicates a possibility that these Post Office cancels are now separately applied for -

(a) stamps (2)



(b) registration (3).



AFGHANISTAN

1966 May 17th.

REPTILES

VALUES: 3 Af, 4 Af, 8 Af

DESIGNS-COLOURS: *Gheko, Lizard, Tortoise - Multicoloured*

PRINTING: 50 (5x10) Photogravure by ASPO on white wove paper - 200,000, 200,000, 150,000

PERF: 13¼ x 14

1966 May 17th. Airmail FDCover to Melbourne with the new FDC cancel Type PM-FDC66

NOTE:

1. From July 1964 (*the end of the New York Agency contract period*) First Day Cancels were introduced, but the date section of this canceller was missing. The required date was applied separately in either black or purple. There seemed to be a problem as the hand cancel year date was 1964 instead of 1966. Post Office staff after manually applying the cancel to the FDC corrected the 1964 - "4" to a "6", with a pen.
2. Several issues of FD Covers with this cancel had the year date "4" changed to a "6" between May - Nov. 1966.
3. The hand cancel was then changed to show "196-", the last numeral as a dash indicating the cancel may have had a fault as it was unable to register a "6".
4. At the beginning of 1967 this FDC cancel was modified by adding a date stamp to the centre of the canceller.
5. This FDC cancel type may have been in use prior to May 1966, but from July 1968, it was replaced with individually designed FDC cancels for every separate issue up until 1989, except when the first Republic was declared by Daud in 1973, and five years later, when the Communists took over in a sea of blood and, a year later, Soviet Russia invaded. Not a time for smooth application of postal policies.



Type PM-FDC66



AFGHANISTAN

1966 Jun 29th.

AGRICULTURE DAY

VALUES: 1 Af, 5 Af, 7 Af

DESIGNS-COLOURS: Cotton, silkworm Moth, Oxen - Multicoloured

PRINTING: 50 (5x10) Photogravure by ASPO on white wove paper - 150,000, 100,000, 100,000

PERF: 13¼ x 14

1966 Jun. 29th. FDC to
Melbourne with the FDC
corrected date cancel
Type PM-FDC66



1966 Jul. 31st. **WORLD CUP FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP - ENGLAND**

VALUES: 2 Af, 6 Af, 12 Af

DESIGNS-COLOURS: Backgrounds Carmine-red, Ultramarine, Yellow-brown: Footballer in black.

PRINTING:

50 (5x10) Photogravure by ASPO
on white wove paper - 100,000 of
each value.

PERF: 14 x 13¼

1966 July 31st. FDC to
Melbourne with the FDC
corrected date cancel
Type PM-FDC66



AFGHANISTAN

1966 Aug 31st.

PASHTUNISTAN DAY

VALUE: 1 Af

DESIGNS / COLOURS: Pashtunistan emblem. Colour: Bright Blue

PRINTING: 25 (5x5) Lithographed in Kabul on white wove paper - 50,000

PERF: 11 x 11 rough

FIRST DAY CANCELS

From July 1964 the new philatelic policy following the 1961-64 Agency issues period, saw the introduction of specially designed First Day Cancels.



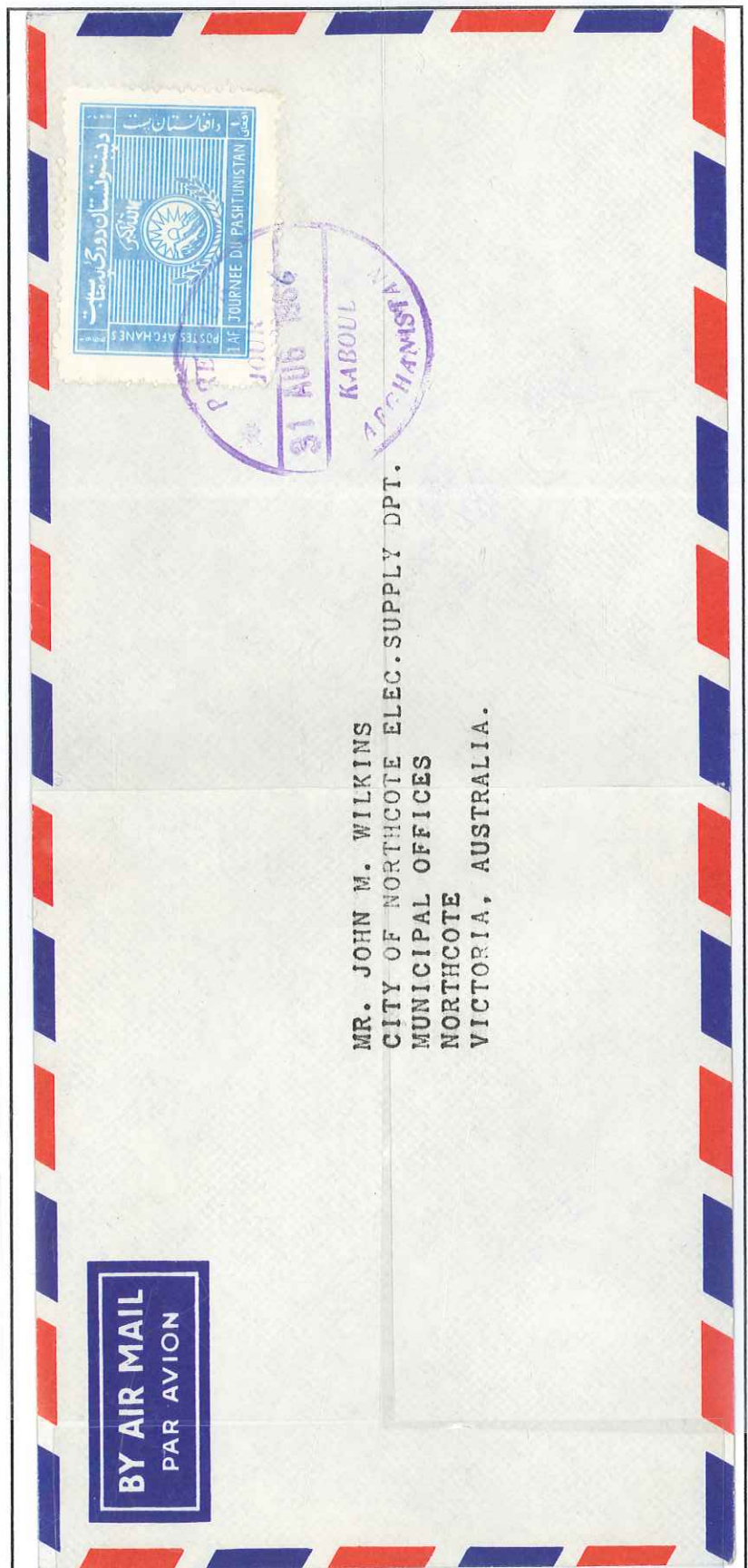
This 1966 First Day Cover with its special violet Kaboul cancel is applied without a date, the date then being applied with a date stamp.

In this case incorrectly as "31 AUG 1964" and Post Office staff changed the "4" to a "6" on the FDC cancel with a pen. This was seen on several issues during May - November 1966 with the 1964 error and then the 196"4" error was corrected to show only 196 - .

At the beginning of 1967 the cancel had a proper 1967 year date.



It is not known whether this cancel was introduced prior to May 1966 but it was replaced by July 1968 with individual designs for each issue which continued up until 1989..



1966 Aug. 23rd.

AFGHANISTAN

48th INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

VALUES: 1 Af, 3 Af

DESIGNS-COLOURS:

Ondependence Memorial Kabul -
Multicoloured

PRINTING: 50 (5x10) Photogravure by
ASPO on white wove paper - 50,000

PERF: 13¼ x 14

1966 August 23rd FDCover to
Melbourne with the FDC corrected
date cancel Type PM-FDC66



1966 Oct. 14th.

52nd BIRTHDAY of KING MOH'D ZAHIR SHAH

VALUES: 1 Af, 5 Af

DESIGNS-COLOURS: King Zahir Shah - Slate green, Red brown

PRINTING: 50 (5x10) Photogravure by ASPO on white wove paper - 50,000

PERF: 13¼ x 14

1966 Oct 14th FDCover to
Melbourne with the FDC cancel
Type PM-66 FDC.

The date cancel has now been
corrected for 14th October to show
the year as 1966 without the need
for correction.



1966 Oct. 3rd.

AFGHANISTAN

AFGHAN TOURISM

VALUES: 2 Af, 4 Af, 8 Af

DESIGNS-COLOURS: Map of Afghanistan; Bagh-i-Bala (High Garden) Palace of Amir Abdur Rahman (later a restaurant) in Kabul next to the Intercontinental Hotel; Tomb of Amir Abdur Rahman in Kabul - Green & Brown, Green Yellow and magenta

PRINTING: 50 (5x10) Photogravure by ASPO on white wove paper - 200,000; 200,000; 150,000

SS: 50,000

PERF: 13¼ x 14



1966 Oct 3rd.
FDCover to
Melbourne with
FDC cancel Type
PM-FDC66



AFGHANISTAN

1967 Feb. 15th.

RED CRESCENT DAY

Surtax Issue

VALUES: 2 Af + 1 Af, 5 Af + 1 Af

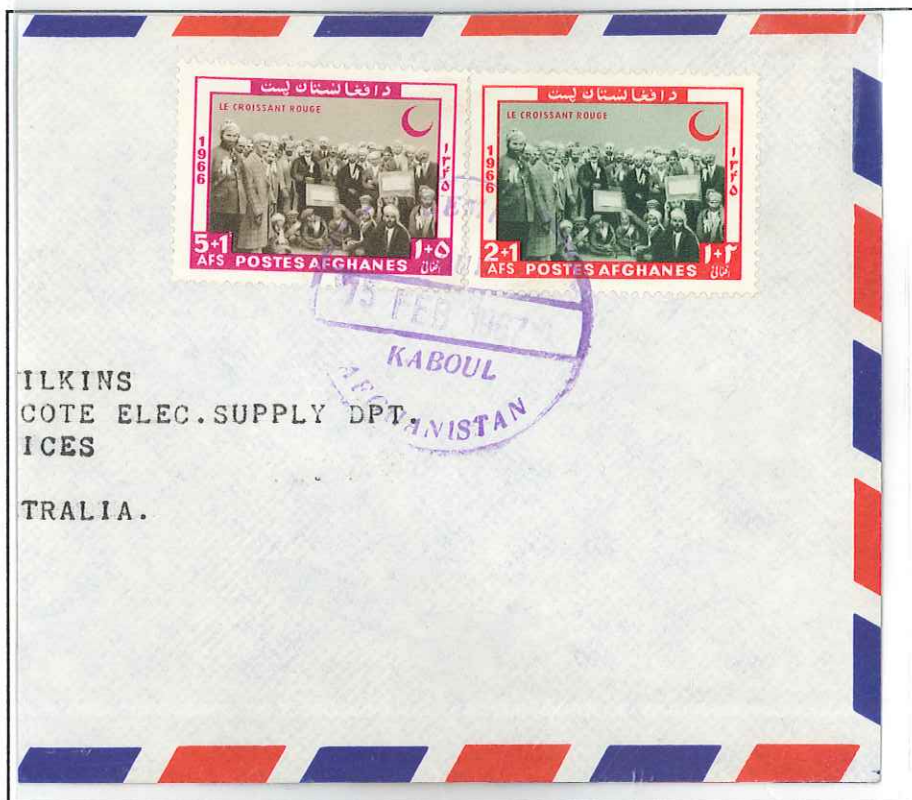
DESIGNS-COLOURS: Founding Red Crescent members are presented with a parchment in the presence of King Nadir Shah standing behind the centre placard, during the King's 1930-34 reign before being assassinated in 1934. His son Zahir Shah succeeded him.

Bronze green & scarlet, Bistre brown & magenta

PRINTING: 50 (5x10) Photogravure by ASPO on white wove paper - 100,000

PERF: 13¼ x 14

1967 Feb 15th. FDCover to Melbourne with FDC cancel Type PM-FDC67



1967 Feb. 22nd.

20th. Anniversary of U.N. International Organisation for Refugees

VALUES: 5 Af, 10 Af

DESIGNS-COLOURS: King Zahir Shah and UN emblem - Green & Brown, Green Yellow and magenta

PRINTING: 50 (5x10) Photogravure by ASPO on white wove paper - 100,000

PERF: 11¾ x 11¾

1967 Feb 22nd.
FDCover to Melbourne with FDC cancel Type PM-FDC67



AFGHANISTAN

1966 Dec. 14th.

CHILD WELFARE DAY

Surtax Issue

VALUES: 1 Af + 1 Af, 3 Af + 2 Af; 7 Af + 3 Af

DESIGNS-COLOURS: Children Dancing - Multicoloured

PRINTING: 50 (5x10) Photogravure by ASPO on white wove paper - 100,000; 100,000; 100,000

PERF: 13¼ x 14

1966 Dec. 14th.
FDCover to
Melbourne with FDC
cancel Type PM-
FDC66



1967 Jan. 7th.

AFGHAN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

VALUES: 2 Af, 5 Af; 8 Af

DESIGNS-COLOURS: Construction of Power Station, Handwoven Carpet, Cement Works - Multicoloured

PRINTING: 50 (5x10) Photogravure by ASPO on white wove paper - 100,000; 100,000; 100,000

PERF: 13¼ x 14; 14 x 13¼

1967 Jan. 7th.
FDCover to
Melbourne with
FDC cancel Type
PM-FDC67



AFGHANISTAN

1967 Mar. 6th.

20th ANNIVERSARY (1966) of UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL SCIENTIFIC & CULTURAL ORGANISATION (UNESCO)

VALUES: 2 Af, 5 Af; 12 Af

DESIGNS-COLOURS: U N E S C O
Emblem - Multicoloured

PRINTING: 50 (5x10) Lithograph by ASPO
on white wove paper - 100,000; 75,000; 75,000

PERF: 12¼ x 12¼

1967 Mar. 6th. FDCover to Melbourne with FDC cancel Type PM-FDC67



1967 Jun. 6th.

Anti Tuberculosis Campaign

Surtax Issue

VALUES: 2 Af + 1 Af, 5 Af + 2 Af

DESIGNS-COLOURS: Inoculation - Multicoloured

PRINTING: 50 (5x10) Photogravure by ASPO on white wove paper - 200,000; 150,000

PERF: 11¾ x 11¾

1968 Apr. 27th. Registered 1st Class Airmail cover KABUL to Melbourne, "GPO Sydney 2-MY68 22 NSW-AUST" circular cancel on the back. - 7 Afs postage & registration.

Cover has red registered "R", in a circle, and MS : "Rise", plus two Types of PM33 cancel - No."2" cancelling the stamps, No."3" applied to the cover only where previously it was used for stamp cancelling in July 1964.

Current use (April 1968) indicates Post Office cancels are now allocated to signify a step in the mail registration checking process.



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1967 May. 11th.

AFGHAN TOURISM INTERNATIONAL TOURIST YEAR (ITY)

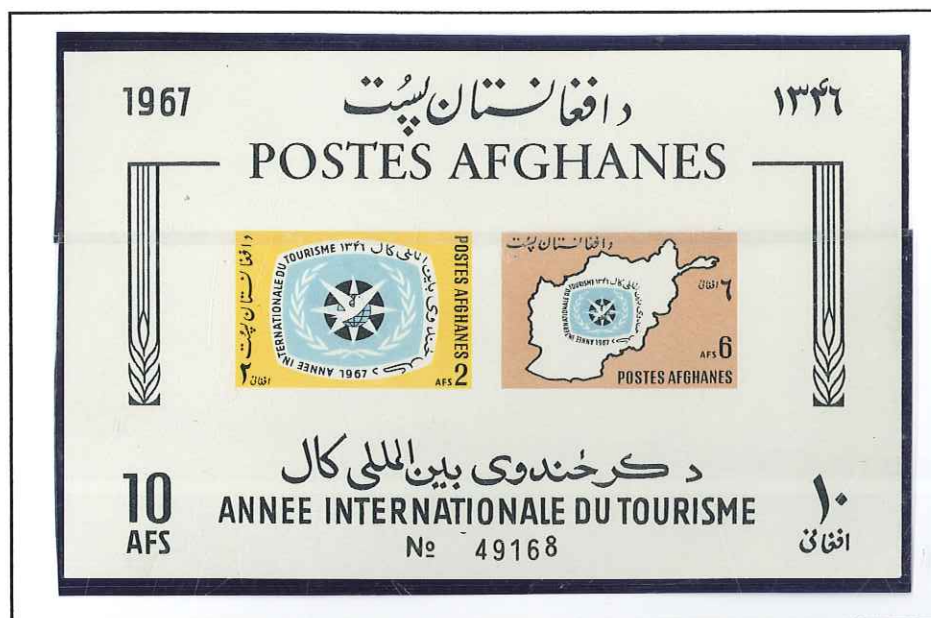
VALUES: 1 Af, 6 Af

DESIGNS-COLOURS: ITY Emblem, ITY Emblem on map of Afghanistan - Multicoloured

PRINTING: 50 (5x10) Lithograph by ASPO on white wove paper - 200,000; 150,000

SS: 50,000

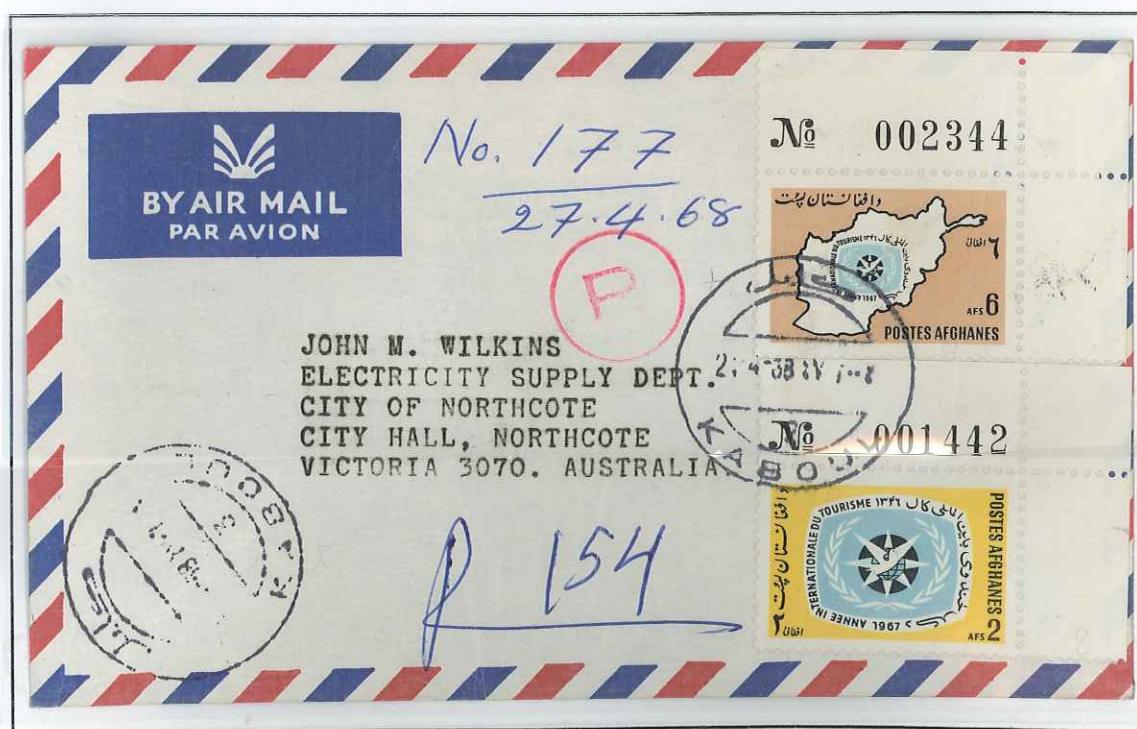
PERF: 11¼ x 11¼



1968 Apr. 27th. Registered 1st Class Airmail cover KABUL to Melbourne, "GPO Sydney 2-MY68 22 NSW-AUST" circular cancel on the back. - 8 Afs postage & registration.

Cover has red registered "R", in a circle, and MS: "R 1 5 4", plus two Types of PM33 cancel - No."2" cancelling stamps, No."3" applied to cover only. Previously it had been used for stamp cancelling in July 1964.

Current use (April 1968) indicates No.3 Post Office cancel has been allocated to signify a check step in the mail registration process.



AFGHANISTAN

1967 Jul. 2nd.

AGRICULTURE and ELECTRIC POWER

VALUES: 1 Af, 6 Af 8Af

DESIGNS-COLOURS: Three views of the Naghu Hydro Electric Power plant on the Kabul River completed in 1960s with Soviet Russian assistance - the Power Plant at Duranta, Dam at Sarobi, and the reservoir at Jalallabad - Multicoloured

PRINTING:

50 (5x10)

Photogravure by ASPO
on white wove paper -
200,000; 150,000,
100,000

PERF:

11 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 11 $\frac{3}{4}$



1967 Jul. 28th.

WILD LIFE

VALUES: 2 Af, 6 Af 12 Af

DESIGNS - COLOURS:

Wildlife, Rhesus
Macaque, Striped
Hyena, Goitered
Gazelle -
Multicoloured

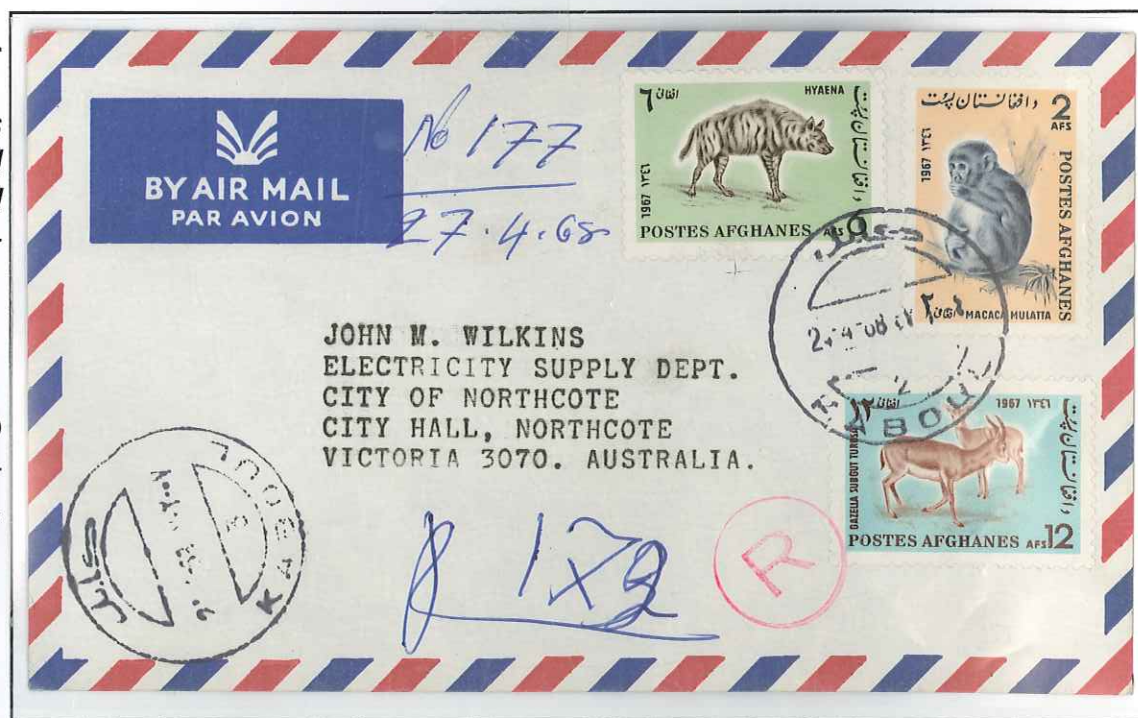
PRINTING:

50 (5x10)

Photogravure by ASPO
on white wove paper -
200,000; 150,000,
100,000

PERF:

11 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 11 $\frac{3}{4}$



Both covers are dated 1968 Apr. 27th. Registered 1st class airmail covers KABUL to Melbourne, "GPO Sydney 2-MY68 22 NSW-AUST" circular cancel on back. Covers red registered "R in a circle", and MS: "R 1 5 5", and "R 1 7 2" plus two Types of PM33 cancel - No."2" on stamps, No."3" on cover only. Previously No.3 had been used for stamps in July 1964. In April 1968 No.3 Post Office cancel is allocated as a check cancel in the mail registration process.

AFGHANISTAN

1967 Aug 24th.

49th. INDEPENDENCE DAY

VALUES: 1 Af, 2 Af

DESIGNS-COLOURS: Depicts British painting by R Caton Woodville "Saving the Guns at Maiwand". Herat's Governor, Ayub Khan, son of the Amir Sher Ali, wanted his father's throne at Kabul, now occupied by Amir Abdur Rahman Khan, with British Indian support, following Amir Sher Ali's forced departure following the second Anglo-Afghan war of 1880. Ayub Khan marched on Kandahar with a force of 25,000.

General George Burrows' force of 2746 was sent to stop him overthrowing the new Afghan Amir, Abdur Rahman Khan.

At Maiwand the British were overwhelmed and routed, Captain Slade, E Battery/B Brigade of Royal Horse Artillery in full retreat with his guns to Kandahar. Burrow's force lost 1,000 British soldiers and Ayub Khan's loses c2,700. Ayub Khan surrounded the British in Kandahar, until General Frederick Roberts's famous 314 mile relief march from Kabul to Kandahar in August 1880 resulting in the Battle of Kandahar on September 1st.

A decisive victory for the British who defeated Ayub Khan's force which had won the Battle of Maiwand over British Forces, a battle loss of this magnitude England had not experienced for many years.

Maiwand's Afghan battle Victory is celebrated with this Independence Day issue. A monument designed by Afghan architect Is-matulla Saraj erected in the 1950s is in Kabul's Maiwand Square. The UK memorial to the fallen was erected in 1886 in a park in Reading. Multicoloured issue.

PRINTING: 50 (5x10) Photogravure by ASPO on white wove paper - 100,000; 100,000

PERF: 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 11 $\frac{3}{4}$



Afghan commanders meet after the Maiwand Victory



1968 Apr. 27th. Registered 1st class airmail cover **KABUL to Melbourne, "GPO Sydney 2-MY68 22**

NSW-AUST" cancel on back. Cover's red registered "R" in a circle, and MS : "R 159", and two Types of PM33 cancel -

No."2" on stamps, No."3" on cover only.

This April 1968 No.3 Post Office cancel being used for the mail registration process.



AFGHANISTAN

1967 Sep 1st.

PASHTUNISTAN DAY

VALUES: 2 Af

DESIGNS-COLOURS: Local dancers. Multicoloured.

PRINTING: 50 (5x10) Photogravure by ASPO on white wove paper - 200,000

PERF: 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 11 $\frac{3}{4}$



1968 Apr. 27th. Registered 1st class airmail cover **KABUL to Melbourne**, "GPO Sydney 2-MY68 22 NSW-AUST" cancel on back. Cover's red registered "R" in a circle, and MS : "R 164",
Two Types of PM33 cancel - No."2" on stamps,
No."3" on cover only.
The April 1968 No.3 Post Office cancel is employed for the mail registration process.



AFGHANISTAN

1967 Oct 15th.

SHAH'S BIRTHDAY

VALUES: 2 Af, 8 Af

DESIGNS-COLOURS: King Moh'd Zahir Shah. Brown, Blue.

PRINTING: 50 (10x5) Photogravure by ASPO on white wove paper - 200,000

PERF: 14 x 13¼

1968 Apr. 27th. Registered 1st class airmail cover **KABUL to Melbourne**, "GPO Sydney 2-MY68 22 NSW-AUST" cancel on back. Cover's red registered "R" in a circle, and MS "R 177" corrected from 172. Two Types of PM33 cancel - No."2" on stamps,

No."3" on cover only.

The April 1968 No.3 Post Office cancel is employed for the mail registration process.



1967 Oct 18th.

AFGHAN RED CRESCENT SOCIETY

VALUES: 3 Af + 1 Af, 5 Af + 1 Af

DESIGNS-COLOURS: King Moh'd Zahir Shah. Brown, Blue.

Surtax issue

PRINTING: 50 (10x5) Photogravure by ASPO on white wove paper - 200,000

PERF: 14 x 13¼

1968 Apr. 27th.

Registered 1st class airmail cover

KABUL to Melbourne, "GPO Sydney 2-MY68 22 NSW-AUST" cancel on back.

Cover's red registered "R" in a circle, and MS "R 169"

Two Types of PM33 cancel - No."2" on stamps, No."3" on cover only.



AFGHANISTAN

1967 Oct 24th.

UNITED NATIONS DAY

VALUES: 10 Af

DESIGNS-COLOURS: Multicoloured fireworks.

PRINTING: 50 (10x5) Photogravure by ASPO on white wove paper - 150,000

PERF: 11¾ x 11¾

1968 Apr. 27th. Registered 1st class airmail cover **KABUL to Melbourne**, "GPO Sydney 2-MY68 22 NSW-AUST" cancel on back. Cover's red registered "R" in a circle, and MS "R 167"
Two Types of PM33 cancel - No."2" on stamps, No."3" cover only.



1967 Nov 27th.

FAMOUS MEN

VALUES: 10 Af

Said Jamalluddin Afghan 1838-1897

DESIGNS-COLOURS: Said Jamlluddin Afghan. Magenta, Brown

PRINTING: 50 (10x5) Photogravure by ASPO on white wove paper - 200,000, 150,000

PERF: 11¾ x 11¾

1968 Apr. 27th. Registered 1st class airmail cover **KABUL to Melbourne**, "GPO Sydney 2-MY68 22 NSW-AUST" cancel.

Red registered "R" in a circle, and MS "R 167" and Two Types of PM33 cancel - No."2" on stamps, No."3" cover only.



AFGHANISTAN

1967 Nov 20th.

OLYMPIC GAMES

VALUES: 4 Af, 6 Af

DESIGNS-COLOURS: Two poses of wrestling. Borders Olive green & deep carmine, centres Rose lilac & Brown

PRINTING: 50 (5x10) Photogravure by ASPO on white wove paper - 150,000, 150,000 SS: 30,000

PERF: 11¾ x 11¾



1968 Apr. 27th. Registered 1st class airmail cover **KABUL to Melbourne**, "GPO Sydney 2-MY68 22 NSW-AUST" cancel. Red registered "R" in a circle, and MS "R 158" and Two Types of PM33 cancel - No."2" on stamps, No."3" cover only.



AFGHANISTAN

1967 Dec 23rd.

AFGHAN ARCHAEOLOGY

VALUES: 4 Af, 6 Af

DESIGNS-COLOURS: 11th & 12th century Ghaznavide Era bronze treasures.-

Green and Brown; Yellow and Gray

PRINTING: 50 (5x10) Photogravure by ASPO on white wove paper - 200,000, 150,000

SS: 30,000

PERF: 12 x 12



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loshay peray miladi 12 - 11 da dowre da Ghaznawiyano Da
(The genius of the 11 - 12th century AD period of the Ghaznavids)

د افغانستان پست ۱۳۴۶
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1968 Apr. 27th. Registered 1st class airmail cover **KABUL to Melbourne**, "GPO Sydney 2-MY68 22

NSW-AUST" cancel.

Red registration
"R" in a circle.

MS "R 152"

Two Types of
PM33 cancel -

No."2" on stamps,

No."3" on cover
only.



AFGHANISTAN

1968 Apr 23rd.

20th ANNIVERSARY of the WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION

VALUES: 2 Af, 7 Af

DESIGNS-COLOURS: W.H.O. Emblem .- Blue WHO Emblem, Yellow Bistre and Claret

PRINTING: 50 (5x10) Photogravure by ASPO on white wove paper - 200,000, 150,000

PERF: $11\frac{3}{4} \times 11\frac{3}{4}$

1968 Nov. 30th. registered 1st class airmail cover KABUL to Melbourne with "GPO NSW" "Registered Melbourne" and "Northcote" cancels.

Red registration "R" in a circle still applied.



This cover has the Registration Label Type RM36.



The early use of the new modernised postmark PM36-1, introduced 1968 is on this cover.

The application of two of these, separately numbered PM36-1 cancels, is used for registered mail which continues the policy of two **Types**, **No."1"** on stamps, **No."5"** on cover only.



AFGHANISTAN

1968 May 20th.

AGRICULTURE DAY

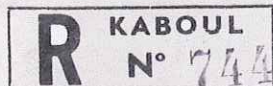
VALUES: 2 Af, 7 Af

DESIGNS-COLOURS: Karakul sheep-Yellow, Blue & Cobalt, sheep in black

PRINTING: 50 (5x10) Photogravure by ASPO on white wove paper - 200,000, 150,000, 100,000

PERF: 11¾ x 11¾

1968 Nov. 30th. registered 1st class airmail cover **KABUL to Melbourne** with "GPO NSW" "Registered Melbourne" and "Northcote" cancels. Red registration "R" in a circle still applied. Cover has Registration Label Type RM36 No.746. Covers of this date display an early use of the new modernised postmark PM36-1, introduced in 1968. Two of these new cancels Type PM36-1, are used for registered mail continuing the policy of Type No."1" on stamps, No."5" on cover only.



PM36-1



1968 Jun 3rd.

AFGHAN TOURISM

VALUES: 2 Af, 3 Af, 16 Af.

PRINTING: 50 (5x10) Photogravure ASPO on white wove paper - 200,000, 150,000, 100,000. PERF: 11¾ x 11¾

DESIGNS - COLOURS:

2 Af, Map of Afghanistan

3 Af, Victory Tower at Ghazni erected by Sultan Masud III, 1099-1114

16 Af. Mausoleum of Shah Mahmud a great ruler in Afghanistan.

Multicoloured.

1968 cover details above.



AFGHANISTAN

1968 Jun 14th.

MOTHER'S DAY

Surtax Issue

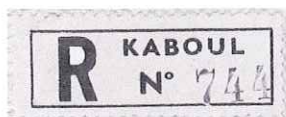
VALUES: 2 Af + 2 Af, 7 Af + 2 Af

DESIGNS-COLOURS: H.M. Queen Humeira - Red brown, Slate green

PRINTING: 50 (10x5) Photogravure by ASPO on white wove paper - 150,000, 100,000

PERF: 11¾ x 11¾

1968 Nov. 30th. registered 1st class airmail cover **KABUL to Melbourne** with "GPO NSW" "Registered Melbourne" and "Northcote" cancels. Red registration "R" in a circle still applied. Cover has Registration Label Type RM36 No.746. Covers of this date display an early use of the new modernised postmark PM36-1, introduced in 1968. Two of these new cancels Type PM36-1, are used for registered mail continuing the policy of Type No."1" on stamps, No."5" on cover only.



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1968 Jul 3rd.

WILD LIFE

VALUES: 1 Af, 6 Af, 7 Af.

PRINTING: 50 (10c5) Photogravure ASPO on white wove paper - 200,000, 150,000, 150,000. PERF: 11¾ x 11¾

DESIGNS -
COLOURS:

1 Af, Black vulture

6 Af, Eagle owl

7Af. Greater Flamingo.

Multicoloured.

1968 cover details
above.



1968 Jul 29th.

AFGHANISTAN

OLYMPIC GAMES

VALUES: 2 Af, 8 Af, 12 Af

DESIGNS-COLOURS: Symbolic flame of the Games, Afghan horse & lance Games, Buzkashi Horse game - Multicoloured

PRINTING: 50 (10x5) Photogravure by ASPO on white wove paper - 200,000, 150,000, 100,000

PERF: 11¼ x 11¼

Local First Day cover with a specially designed cancel for this issue. The provision of First Day cancels had had a hesitant start during 1964 - 1967, several basic attempts produced until special designs now seemed to be a regular policy by June 1968.



1968 Nov. 30th. registered 1st class airmail piece **KABUL to Melbourne** with "GPO NSW" "Registered Melbourne" and "Northcote" cancels. Red registration "R" in a circle still applied. Cover has Registration Label Type RM36 No. 749.

Covers of this date display an early use of the new modernised postmark PM36-1, introduced in 1968. Two Type PM36-1 cancels are used for register mail continuing the policy of Type No. "1" on stamps, No. "5" on cover only.



AFGHANISTAN

1968 Aug. 23rd. 50th INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION

VALUES: 6 Af

DESIGNS-COLOURS: Armoured personnel carrier in annual Kabul military parade - Multicoloured

PRINTING: 50 (5x10) Photogravure by ASPO on white wove paper - 100,000

PERF: 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 11 $\frac{3}{4}$

1968 Nov. 30th. registered 1st class airmail pieces **KABUL to Melbourne** with "GPO NSW" "Registered Melbourne" and "Northcote" cancels. **Red** registration "R" in a circle still applied. Cover has **Registration Label** Type RM36 No.748 and 740. An early use of new modernised postmark PM36-1, introduced in 1968. The two Type PM36-1 cancels used for register mail **Type No."1"** on stamps, **No."5"** on cover only.



1968 Oct 14th. HM King Zahir Shah's Birthday

VALUES: 2 Af, 8 Af

DESIGNS-COLOURS: HM King Zahir Shah - Blue, Brown

PRINTING: 50 (10x5) Photogravure by ASPO on white wove paper - 200,000, 100,000

PERF: 12 x 12



1964 KABUL AIRPORT AFGHANISTAN INAUGURATION (Re-issue)
1968 (REISSUE): - 20 Af., 50 Af.

RE-ISSUE of DESIGN: Kabul International Airport. The design is slightly smaller indicating this re-issue may be from a new printing plate.

DESIGN SIZE: 36.2mm x 21mm. (original 1964 issue 35.5mm x 21mm.)

VALUES / COLOURS: 20 Afs, 50 Afs, Dark green & red lilac, Dark blue & green blue

PRINTING & PERFORATION: 50 (5x10) 500,000 Photogravure (ASPO) on white wove paper.

PERF.: 12.0 x 12.0 (original 1964 issue 12.0 x 11¼)



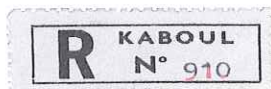
1970 April 7th. - First Day of issue - 2 Afs Cancer issue on a Registered 1st Class Airmail letter from Turkish Embassy to U.S.A.

Postage: 22 Afs with additional 10 Afs Kabul Airport 1968 reprint issue P

Cover postmarks: a: First Day cancel on 2Afs issue

b: Type PM36-3C "Kaboul" on the 10 Afs Airport issue,

Reg. Label: Type RM3A - typed black & red "910"



USPO Registry Division: purple cancel



AFGHANISTAN

1969 Jan. 2nd.

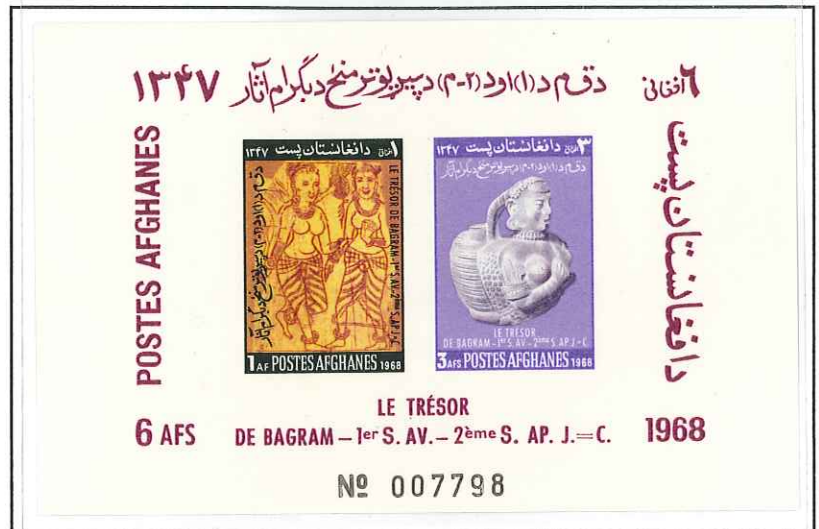
ARCHAEOLOGY

VALUES: 1 Af, 3 Af

DESIGNS-COLOURS: Bagram finds 1st Century BC - 1st Century AD; Orange & black, Lt & dk purple

PRINTING: 50 (10x5) Photogravure by ASPO on white wove paper - 150,000, 100,000 SS: 30,000

PERF: 11¾ x 11¾



1969 Mar. 23rd.

50th ANNIVERSARY of INTERNATIONAL LABOR OFFICE (ILO)

VALUES: 5 Af, 8 Af

DESIGNS-COLOURS: Two arms hold spanners encircled by U.N. wreath; Lt & dk Ochre, Lt & dk Blue

PRINTING: 50 (5x10) Photogravure by ASPO on white wove paper - 150,000, 100,000 SS: 30,000

PERF: 11¾ x 11¾



1969 May 5th.

50th ANNIVERSARY of LEAGUE of RED CROSS SOCIETIES

VALUES: 3 Af + 1 Af, 5 Af + 1 Af

DESIGNS-COLOURS: League founded in 1919 headquartered in Geneva. White cross red border, Red Crescent in top arm Lion and sun in bottom arm representing Afghan and Iranian Red Crescent Societies; Multicoloured. The Pushto language notes refer to Red Crescent instead of Red Cross, the French language reference being correct but both were obliterated with gold bars.

PRINTING: 50 (10x5) Lithography by ASPO on white wove paper - 150,000, 100,000

PERF: 14 x 13¼



AFGHANISTAN

1969 May 26

NEWSPAPER DEFINITIVE NEW COLOUR ISSUES

VALUE: 100 Poul

COLOUR: Green (100 Poul) & Brown (150 Poul) - shades exist

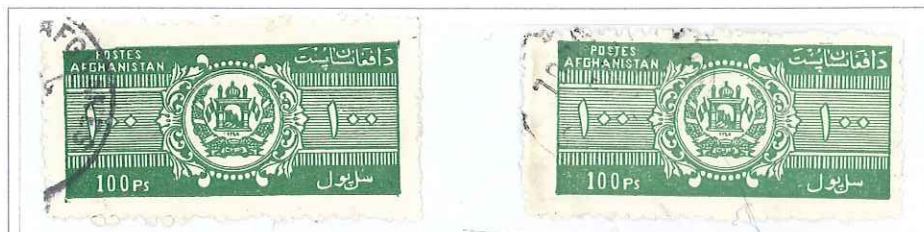
PERF: Line - clean cut & ragged 11 x 11; 10.5 x 10.5

PRINTING: 25 (5 x 5) Typographed in KABUL

PAPER: Dense white wove with grid mesh .

DESIGN: 43 x 20 mm. larger than the previous issue which was 40 x 18.5 mm.

GUM: Gummed issue



Ragged Perf: 11 x 11 Deep Green

Ragged Perf: 10.75 x 10.75 Green



Ragged Perf: 11 x 10.75 Dark Green

Clean Cut Perf: 10.5 x 10.5 Dark Green

1970 - Inland Mail from "Da Afghanistan Bank (2) GHAZNI " to KABOUL:

Postage paid: 100 Poul - the inland 1st Class letter rate using a 1969 Newspaper stamp indicating there was a shortage of appropriate 100 Poul regular stamp issues for inland postage.

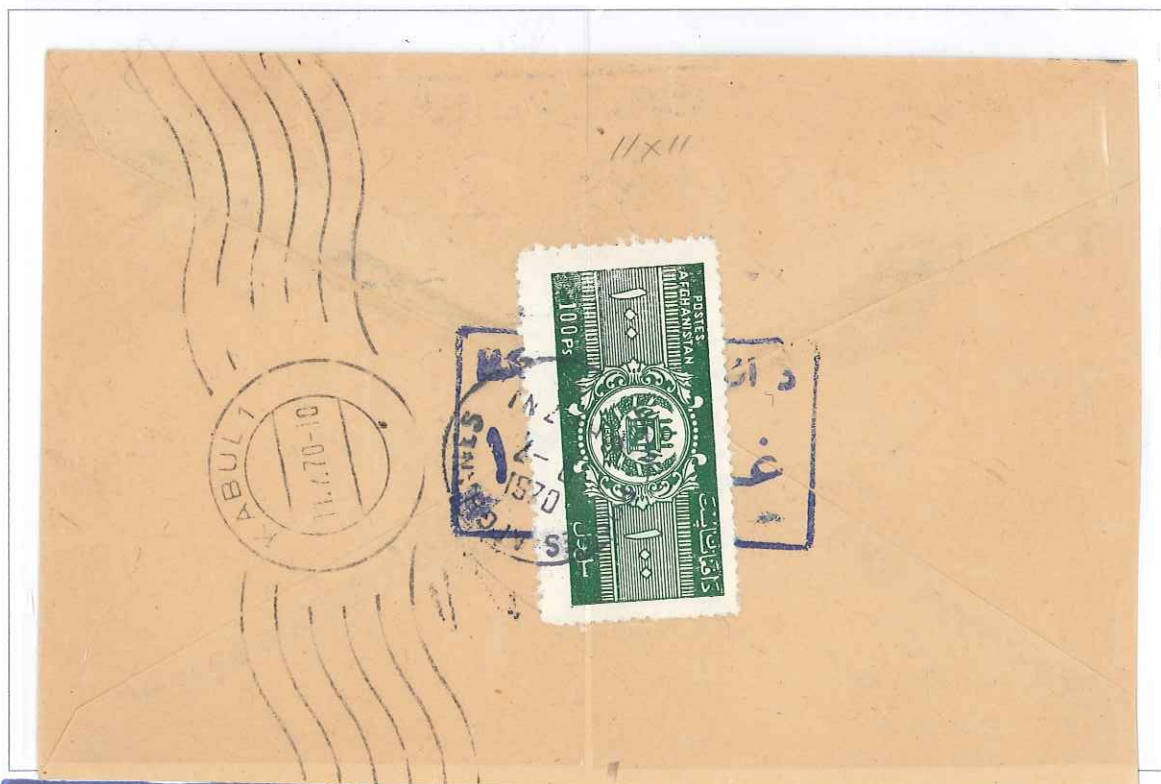
GHAZNI Pmk. Type
PM36-1, dated: "1970
9 - 7 (3)" "['1970'
Inverted].



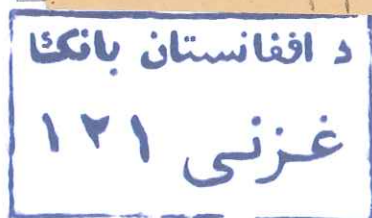
The violet handstamp indicates the letter was from Da Afghanistan Bank, Ghazni.

On 11th July 1970, at KABOUL, it received the machine cancel Type PM27A, dated "11 - 7 - 70".

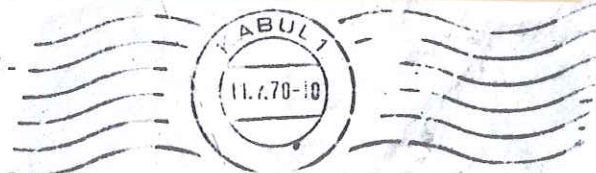
This Machine cancel first introduced by Afghan Post, in Kaboul, in 1966.



Da Afghanistan
Bank - Ghazni (2).



Machine cancel -
KABOUL



AFGHANISTAN

1969 May 26

NEWSPAPER DEFINITIVE NEW COLOUR ISSUE

Values: 150 Poul

Colour: Brown - shades exist

Perforations: Line 11 x 11 ragged

Printing: Typographed - in sheets of 25 (5 x 5)

Paper: Dense white wove with grid mesh.

Design: 43 x 20 mm. larger than the previous issue which was 40 x 18.5 mm.

Gum: Gummed issue

150 Poul - Brown



*Perf: 11 x 11 - 150 Poul value,
possibly Foreign rate mail charge to
Peshawar*



Cover "KABOUL 14-8-1969" to Peshawar - with Perf: 11 x 11 - 150 Poul value as possibly a local foreign rate.

**Pmk Type PM36-1
Introduced in
1968**



1969 May 5th.

AFGHANISTAN

MOTHER'S DAY

VALUES: 1 Af + 1 Af, 4 Af + 1 Af

DESIGNS-COLOURS: Stylised drawing of mother and child

PRINTING: 50 (10x5) Lithography by ASPO on white wove paper - 150,000, 100,000 SS: 20,000

PERF: 11¾ x 11¾



1969 Jul. 6th.

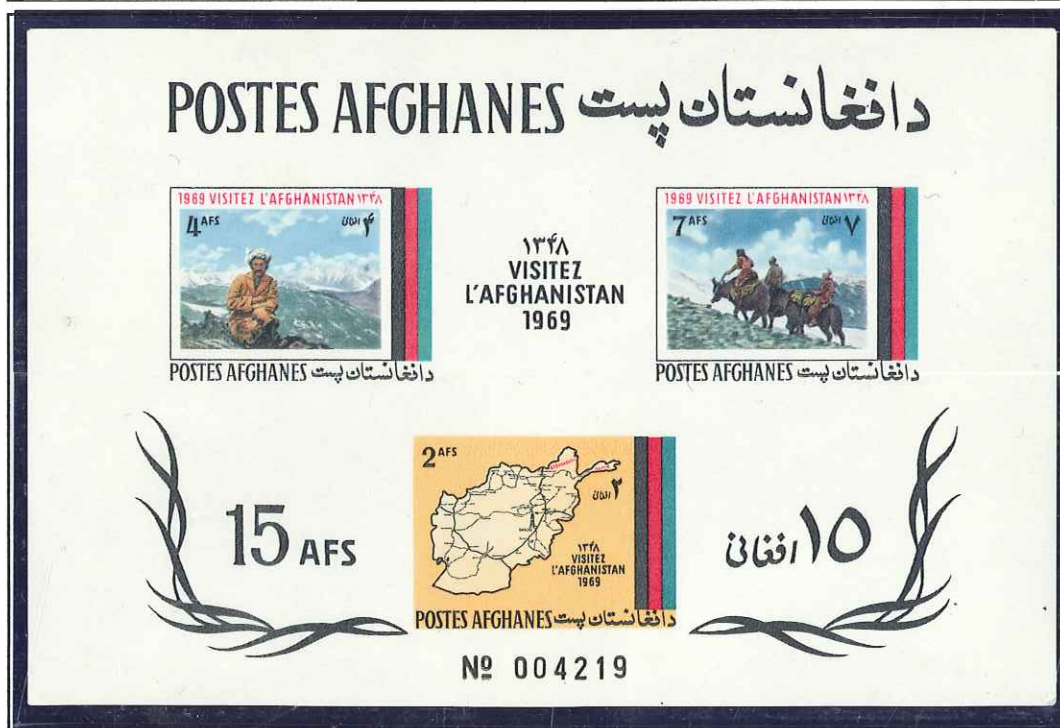
AFGHAN TOURISM

VALUES: 2 Af, 4 Af, 7 Af

DESIGN / COLOUR: Colours of Afghan flag in RHS, Afghan map, Man in native dress, three men on mules - Multicoloured

PRINTING: 50 (10x5) Lithograph by ASPO on white wove paper - 200,000, 150,000, 100,000 SS: 20,000

PERF: 13¼ x 14



AFGHANISTAN

1969 Aug 3rd.

ARCHAEOLOGY

VALUES: 1 Af, 5 Af, 10 Af

DESIGNS-COLOURS: *Bust from Hadda Treasure 3-5th C., 1st-2nd C. AD Vase and Jug from Bagram treasure, 1st & 2nd C. crowned statue of woman from Bagram treasure.* - Multicoloured

PRINTING: 50 (10x5) Photogravure by ASPO on white wove paper - 150,000, 100,000

PERF: 14 x 13¼



1969 Aug 23rd.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

VALUES: 5 Af, 10 Af

DESIGNS-COLOURS: *H.M. King Moh'd Zahir Shah & H.M. Queen Humaira.* - Multicoloured

PRINTING: 50 (10x5) Photogravure by ASPO on white wove paper - 150,000, 100,000

PERF: 12 x 12



1969 Oct. 14th.

KING'S BIRTHDAY

VALUES: 2 Af, 6 Af

DESIGNS-COLOURS: *H.M. King Moh'd Zahir Shah* - Multicoloured

PRINTING: 50 (10x5) Photogravure by ASPO on white wove paper - 150,000, 100,000

PERF: 12¼ x 11¾



AFGHANISTAN

1969 Oct. 16th.

RED CRESCENT SOCIETY

VALUES: 2 Af, 6 Af

DESIGNS-COLOURS: Red Crescent

PRINTING: 50 (10x5) Photogravure by ASPO on white wove paper - 150,000

PERF: 12 x 11¾



1969 Oct. 24th.

U.N. DAY

VALUES: 5 Af

DESIGNS-COLOURS: UN emblem & Afghan Flag - Multicoloured

PRINTING: 50 (5x10) Photogravure by ASPO on white wove paper - 150,000

PERF: 13½ x 13½



1969 Nov 12th.

WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION DAY

VALUES: 6 Af, 12 Af

DESIGNS-COLOURS: Stylised radio waves with globe - Multicoloured

PRINTING: 50 (10x5) Photogravure by ASPO on white wove paper - 150,000, 100,000

PERF: 13¼ x 13¼



1969 Dec. 7th.

WILD LIFE

VALUES: 1 Af, 3 Af, 8 Af

DESIGNS-COLOURS: Porcupine, European wild boar, Bactrian deer - Multicoloured

PRINTING: 50 (10x5) Photogravure by ASPO on white wove paper - 200,000, 150,000, 100,000

PERF: 11¾ x 12



1970 Jan. 6th.

U.S. ASTRONAUTS' LANDING on the MOON

VALUES: 1 Af, 3 Af, 6 Af, 10 Af

DESIGNS-COLOURS: Astronaut's footprint with half of Planet Earth in background - Multicoloured

PRINTING: 50 (10x5) Photogravure by ASPO on white wove paper - 200,000, 150,000, 100,000, 50,000

PERF: 13½ x 13½

Release of issue deferred to January 6th - day Vice President Agnew visited Kabul, Afghanistan.



AFGHANISTAN

1970 Apr. 7th.

ANTI - CANCER STRUGGLE

VALUES: 2 Af, 6 Af

DESIGNS-COLOURS: Zodiacal Crab representing Cancer, being attacked by needle entwined with snake, the medical symbol - Multicoloured

PRINTING: 50 (10x5) Photogravure by ASPO on white wove paper - 150,000, 100,000

PERF: 13¾ x 13¾



1970 May 6th.

FAMOUS MEN - 250th ANNIVERSARY of Death of BIDIL 1644 - 1721

VALUES: 5 Af

DESIGNS-COLOURS: Mirza Abdul Quader Bidil, born Patna, India, Poet-Philosopher - Multicoloured

PRINTING: 50 (10x5) Photogravure by ASPO on white wove paper - 150,000

PERF: 14 x 13½



1970 Jun. 7th.

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION YEAR

VALUES: 1 Af, 6 Af, 12 Af

DESIGNS-COLOURS: Modern abstract human head - Multicoloured

PRINTING: 50 (10x5) Photogravure by ASPO on white wove paper - 150,000

PERF: 11¾ x 11¾



1970 Jun. 7th.

25th ANNIVERSARY of U.N.

VALUES: 4Af, 6 Af

DESIGNS-COLOURS: U.N. Emblem, Scales, Satellite - Multicoloured

PRINTING: 50 (5x10) Photogravure by ASPO on white wove paper - 150,000; 100,000

PERF: 13¾ x 13¾



1970 Jun. 14th. WOMENS DAY

VALUES: 4Af, 6 Af

DESIGNS-COLOURS: Mother and Child - face of mother unveiled. One month before this issue the Islamic Mullahs (Clergy) protested at the Afghan society's modernisation and unveiling of women, which the Royal Family had begun in 1959. The child is dressed in costume not generally seen in Afghanistan. The use of stylised Pushtu printing in the design makes this an innovative issue - Multicoloured

PRINTING: 50 (10 x 5) Photogravure by ASPO on white wove paper - 100,000

PERF: 13¾ x 13¾



AFGHANISTAN

PASHTUNISTAN DAY

"Free Pashtunistan Government" was founded on 1st September 1948 in the year following British India's partition in 1947 and the formation of the Republic of Pakistan. The first "Pashtunistan Day" stamp appeared in 1951 and then annually up to 1974. President Moh'd Daud stopped this issue between 1974 and 1978. The issue recommenced in 1978 and was continued by successive Communist revolutionary Republican Governments to 1989, and when Russian troops left, civil war commenced and the Pashtunistan series stopped.

VALUE 2 Afs

DESIGN: Map of portion of Pakistan (red) claimed by Afghans as their historic tribal lands. Divided in 1893 when the Durand Line outlined the new border between Afghanistan and British India. This was negotiated by Britain and Imperial Russia without any significant input from the Emir. The border divided Afghan tribal lands the eastern part becoming British India, and then Pakistan after petition in 1947..

COLOUR: Red and Blue

PRINTING: 25 (5 x 5) Typographed in KABUL on white wove paper. 200,000

PERF: 10¼ x 10¼



1969

1970 Aug 31st. PASHTUNISTAN DAY

1970 August 31st First Day Cover wit the 2 Af issue cancelled with the FD Cancel.



VALUE: 2 Afs

DESIGN: Line drawing of armed Tribal warriors in their mountain homeland and a Dari inscription in red stating Pashtuns' attack"

VALUE 2 Afs

DESIGN: Line drawing of armed Tribal warriors in their mountain homeland and a Dari inscription in red stating Pashtuns' attack"

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AFGHANISTAN

1970 Jul. 6th.

AFGHAN TOURISM

VALUES: 2Af, 3 Af, 7 Af

DESIGNS-COLOURS: Three designs.

1. Map of Afghanistan.

2. Lakeside Shah-do-Shamshira (King of Two Swords) Mosque at Kabul -originally dedicated in 1544 and commissioned by King Amanullah's mother, marking the place where Hindu Forces defended their Holiest Hindu temple against attacks by the King of two Swords who was killed in the battle. He is buried at the site of the former temple.

3. Arch of Paghman erected by King amanullah to commemorate the of those who fell in the War of Independence in 1919 and the two pillars next to the Arch mark the birthplace of Amanullah.-

All Multicoloured

PRINTING: 50 (10 x 5) Photogravure by ASPO on white wove paper - 150,000; 150,000; 100,000

PERF: 11¾ x 11¾



1970 Aug. 1st.

WILD LIFE

VALUES: 3Af, 4 Af, 6 Af

DESIGNS-COLOURS: Afghan Quail, Golden Eagle, Ringed neck Pheasant. All Multicoloured

PRINTING: 50 (10 x 5) Photogravure by ASPO on white wove paper - 150,000; 150,000; 50,000

PERF: 12 x 12



1970 - August 1st First Day Cover

"KABOUL to Melbourne:

Postage paid: 10 Af.

FDC Pmk continues the policy of separate commemorative cancels for each issue, not including definitives.



AFGHANISTAN

1970 Aug. 23rd.

INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION

VALUES: 8Af

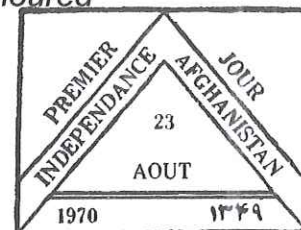
DESIGNS-COLOURS: King Zahir Shah reviewing troops from a jeep - Multicoloured

PRINTING: 50 (5x10) Photogravure by ASPO on white wove paper - 100,000

PERF: 13¼ x 13¼

1970 - August 23rd - First Day Cover " KABOUL to Melbourne:

FDC Pmk continues policy of separate commemorative cancels.



1970 Aug. 23rd.

KING ZAHIR SHAH'S 56th BIRTHDAY

VALUES: 3Af, 7 Af

DESIGNS-COLOURS: King Zahir Shah - Multicoloured

PRINTING: 50 (10x5) Photogravure by ASPO on white wove paper - 150,000; 100,000

PERF: 14 x 13¼



AFGHANISTAN

1970 Oct. 16 th. AFGHAN RED CRESCENT SOCIETY

VALUE: 2 Afs

DESIGN: Two or three triangles with a red crescent above and an armed hand being restrained.

COLOUR:

Black, Gold and Red

PRINTING: 30 (6 x 5)

Typographed in KABUL on white wove paper

PERF: 10¼ x 10¼

1970 October 16th
First Day Cover with the 2 Af issue cancelled with the FD Cancel.



1971 Aug. 31 st.

PASHTUNISTAN DAY

VALUE: 5 Afs

DESIGN: Pashtunistan Square in the centre of Kaboul.

COLOUR: Deep rose lilac

PRINTING: 30 (6x5)

Typographed in KABUL on white wove paper

PERF: 10¼ x 10¼

1971 August 31st.
First Day Cover with 5 Af issue cancelled with the FD Cancel.



AFGHANISTAN

1970 Oct. 24 th.

25th ANNIVERSARY of UNITED NATIONS

VALUES: 1Af, 5 Af

DESIGNS-COLOURS: U.N. Emblem and Plaque. Multicoloured

PRINTING: 50 (5x10) Photogravure by ASPO on white wove paper - 150,000



PERF:

13¾ x 13¾

1970 - Oct. 24
th First Day
Cover KABOUL
to Melbourne:



1970 Nov. 10th. CENTENARY of FIRST AFGHAN STAMPS

VALUES: 1Af, 4 Af, 12 aF

DESIGNS-COLOURS: Stylised first Afghan Stamps - Multicoloured

PRINTING: 50 (10x5) Photogravure by ASPO on white wove paper - 150,000

PERF: 12 x 12

1970 Nov 10th. - First Day Cover " KABOUL to Melbourne:



AFGHANISTAN

1971 May 17th. THIRD WORLD TELECOMMUNICATIONS DAY

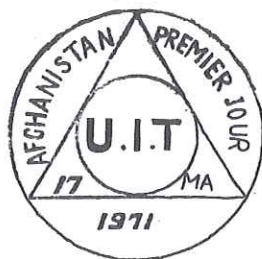
VALUES: 12 Af

DESIGNS-COLOURS: Global Telecommunications Emblem - Multicoloured

PRINTING: 50 (5X10) Photogravure by ASPO on white wove paper - 150,000

PERF: 13¼ x 13¼

1971 May 17th. - First Day Cover " KABOUL to Melbourne:



1971 May 30th.

WILD LIFE - BUTTERFLIES & MOTHS

VALUES: 1 Af, 3 Af, 5 Af

DESIGNS-COLOURS: 1 Af. *Callimorpha Principalis*, 3 Af. *Epizygaenella Afghana*, 5 Af. *Parnassius autocrator* - all Multicoloured

PRINTING: 50 (5X10) Photogravure by ASPO on white wove paper - 150,000

PERF: 13¼ x 13¼

1971 May 30th. - First Day Cover " KABOUL to Melbourne:



AFGHANISTAN

1971 Jun 26th. UNESCO - Kushan Culture Seminar - Kabul

VALUES: 6 Af, 10 Af

1971 June 26th. - First Day
Cover "KABOUL to Melbourne:



DESIGNS-
COLOURS: Stone
fragment of
Kushan statue
found at Surkh
Kotal (Red Pass) in
Afghanistan
- Multicoloured

PRINTING:
50 (5X10)
Photogravure by
ASPO on white wove
paper - 150,000

PERF: 13¼ x 13½



1971 Aug 23rd.

53rd INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

VALUES: 7 Af, 9 Af

DESIGNS-COLOURS: National Independence Monument, lights and lone military guard. On the left is King Zahir Shah's **Toughra (monogram)** in Arabic - "Mohammed Zahir". A basic standard monogram used throughout the Moslem world by rulers since the days of the Ottoman Empire. - Multicoloured



King Zahir Shah's
(monogram) in Arabic -
"Mohammed Zahir".
Beneath the monogram
"Padshah Afghanistan"
King of Afghanistan.

Small script
to right of
monogram
basically
states -

المتموكل علي الله
Allah 'ala' Al-mutawakkil
Trusting in God



PRINTING: 50
(5X10) Photogravure
by ASPO on white
wove paper - 100,000

PERF: 13½ x 13¼

1971 Aug 23rd. -
First Day Cover "
KABOUL to
Melbourne:



1971 May 26

AFGHANISTAN

REGULAR AIRMAIL DEFINITIVES

Values / Colour: 50 Afs Green, Red, Black & Blue, 100 Afs Green, Red, Black
Printing: 25 (5 x 5) Photogravure ASPO on white wove paper.
Design: 50 Afs - King Zahir Shah & Kabul International Airport.
100 Afs - King Zahir Shah, Ariana jetliner & Airline symbol.
Perforations: 12½ x 13¼ ; 12½ x 13¼ x 12½ x Imperf (bisect tear on LHS).



Note: In 1978 a violent and murderous civil war by Pro-Soviet Afghan Communists overthrew President Moh'd Daud, killing him, all the members of his family and many of his Government. The instability created a shortage of postage stamps and the new Government raided Postal Archives and, among other issues, selected the 50 Af Airmail issue of 1971, and the 25 Af 1972 Independence Celebration issue, found to be suitable when the image of King Zahir Shah is torn off. The remainder being used as a political bisect stamp.



These political bisects are only collectable in used condition on cover or singly but with a period postmark verifying the date of use - Type PM36C. These two copies show an April 1979 cancel which confirms the bisects are genuinely used.

Mint bisects cannot be accepted.

1972 Aug. 31st.

INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS

Values / Colour: 25 Afs Green, Red, Black & Blue
Printing: 50 (5 x 10) Photogravure ASPO on white wove paper.
Design: King Zahir Shah & Queen Kabul International Airport.
Perforations: 13½ x 13¼



Registered Airmail -
F.D.Cover to Australia.
with 25 Afs Independence
Day issue,
also receiving a
Pashtunistan Day FD
Cancel - 31 August 1972,
an error by the postal clerk



NOTE: In 1978 Pashtunistan Day remainders stored in Postal Archives were bisected by the revolutionary Communist Government. They tore the image of the King and Queen off, using the remainder for postage.

AFGHANISTAN

1971 Oct 14th. KING ZAHIR SHAH'S 57th BIRTHDAY

VALUES: 9 Af, 17 Af

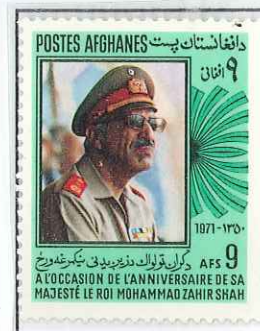
DESIGNS-COLOURS: New photo of King Zahir shah - Multicoloured

PRINTING: 50 (5X10) Photogravure by ASPO on white wove paper - 150,000

PERF: 12 x 12



Cover: 1971 Oct. 14th. - First Day Cover " KABOUL to Melbourne:



1971 Oct 14th.

RED CRESCENT DAY

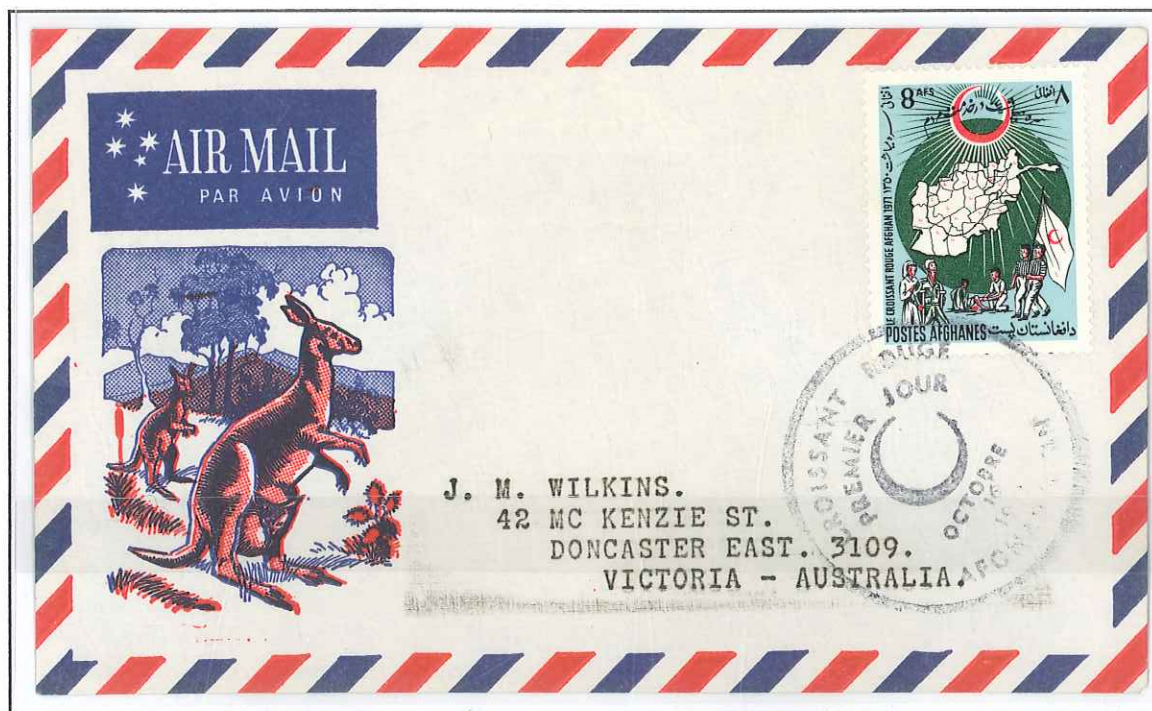
VALUES: 8 Af. Normally a Surtax Issue but now a plain commemorative issue.

DESIGNS-COLOURS: Map of Afghanistan, Nurse and Patients - Multicoloured

PRINTING: 50 (5X10) Photogravure by ASPO on white wove paper - 150,000

PERF: 14 x 13½

Cover: 1971 Oct. 14th. - First Day Cover " KABOUL to Melbourne:



AFGHANISTAN

1971 Oct 24th.

UNITED NATIONS DAY

VALUES: 24 Af.

DESIGNS-COLOURS: Dedicated to the International Year Against Racial Discrimination, but the only sign of this is in the central design which is the equality year emblem. - Multicoloured

PRINTING: 50 (5X10) Photogravure by ASPO on white wove paper - 100,000

PERF: 11¾ x 11¾

Cover: 1971 Oct. 24th. - First Day Cover " KABOUL to Melbourne:



1972 Apr. 7th.

WORLD HEALTH DAY

VALUES: 9 Af, 12 Af

DESIGNS-COLOURS: Human heart - Multicoloured

PRINTING: 50 (5X10) Photogravure by ASPO on white wove paper - 100,000

PERF: 14 x 13¼

Cover: 1972 Apr. 7th. - First Day Cover " KABOUL to Melbourne:



AFGHANISTAN

1972 Jun. 19th.

WILD LIFE

VALUES: 7 Af, 10 Af, 12 af, 18 Af

DESIGNS-COLOURS: 7 Af. *Tulipa lanata*; 10 Af. *Alectoris Chukar* (Partridge), 12 Af. *Lynx Lynx*, 18 Af. *Allium Stipitatum* - Multicoloured

PRINTING: 50

(5X10) Photogravure by ASPO on white wove paper - 50,000 each value

PERF: 13¾ x 13¾

Cover: 1972 Jun. 19th. - First Day Cover "KABOUL to Melbourne:



1972 Jul. 16th.

AFGHAN TOURISM

VALUES: 3 Af, 7 Af, 9 Af

DESIGNS-COLOURS: 3 Af. Buddhist Shrine at *Hadda* near Jallalabad, 7 Af. *Greco-Bactrian* animal seal, 9 Af. Northern Afghan Greco-Oriental city of *Ai-Khanum*. From 2nd - 7th centuries Hadda was the holiest Buddhist shrine. *Ai-Khanum* is the eastern most Greco-Bactrian city founded c4th Century BC. at the confluence of the Kokcha and Oxus Rivers. The excavation of its mile

long mound commenced c1960. Stamp design shows a temple of 3rd-2nd C BC - Multicoloured

PRINTING: 50

(5X10) Photogravure by ASPO on white wove paper - 70,000 each value

PERF: 12 x 12

Cover: 1972 Jul. 16th. - First Day Cover "KABOUL to Melbourne:



AFGHANISTAN

1972 Aug. 26th.

1972 OLYMPIC GAMES

VALUES: 4 Af, 8 Af, 10 Af, 19 Af, 21 Af

SS: 4,8,10,19,24 Afs Imperf

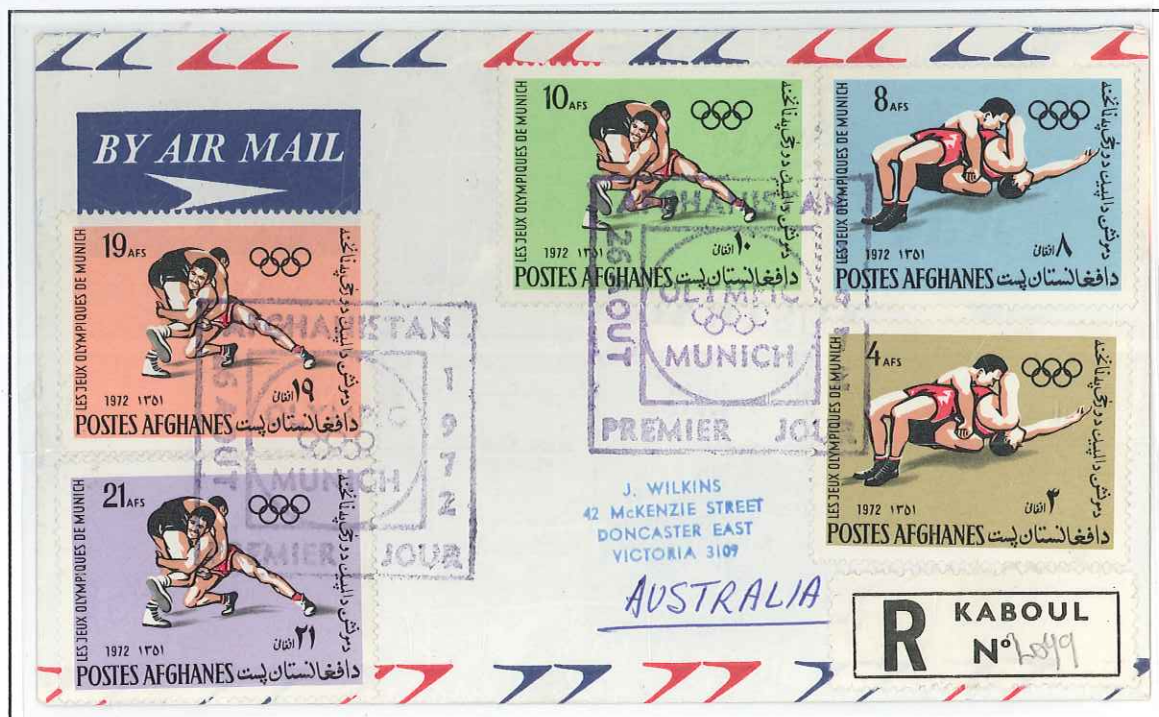
DESIGNS-COLOURS: Series of 5 wrestling holds - Multicoloured

PRINTING: 50 (5X10) Photogravure by ASPO on white wove paper - 50,000 each value

PERF: 13½ x 13½ & Imperf

FD Cover: Registered first class airmail 1972 Aug. 26th. KABOUL to Melbourne:

The SS also has First Day cancels and it sold for 60 Afs but the total value of stamps was 62 Afs. Olympic discount?



AFGHANISTAN

1972 Aug. 31st.

PASHTUNISTAN DAY

VALUES: 5 Af

DESIGNS-COLOURS: *Pashtun and mountain view - Multicoloured*

PRINTING: 50 (5X10) Photogravure by ASPO on white wove paper - 50,000

PERF: 12 x 12

Cover: 1972 Aug. 31st. - Registered Airmail First Day Cover " KABOUL to Melbourne:



AFGHANISTAN

1972 March 11
POSTAL STATIONERY

King Zahir Shah

AEROGRAMME - REVALUED

Value / Colour: 1964 - 8 Af Aerogramme has an additional 1968 UN Human Rights 2 Af issue making the airmail postal charge 10 Afs.



1973 July 17th.

AFGHAN REPUBLIC
President Moh'd Daud

POSTAL STATIONERY

AEROGRAMME

Design: Daud's Republic replaced the 1964 aerogramme format with the globe and plane design.

Printing: A new aerogramme displaying a distinctive Lozenge flaw on the LHS, third from the top.
A flaw corrected by March 1975.

Note: President Daud (cousin of the former King) has restored the 8 Af foreign airmail rate.



POSTAL STATIONERY

AEROGRAMME - 150 x 102 mm

A new Foreign Rate issue with a series of interesting corrections.

Value / Colour: 14 Afs - Green & Red

Printing: Lithographed on white wove paper with a pale grayish blue surface on the outside, white inside for writing.

There two types -

- a. Red bar 39 mm wide - "POSTES AFGHANES" with serifs
- b. Red bar 38.2 mm wide - "POSTES AFGHANES" with blunted serifs

Design: Initially it was a Jet airliner over mountains with "POSTES AFGANES" across the base. The misspelling of "AFGANES" resulted in a "Red bar" - 5.5 x 39 mm, & "POSTES AFGHANES" applied to correct the error before issue.



Types "a" & "b"



1972

AFGHANISTAN

King Zahir Shah

POSTAL STATIONERY

AEROGRAMME - 150 x 102 mm - REVALUED

Value / Colour: Revalued 8 Afs in black (also in violet and red). Type "c" - Aerogramme

Printing: Black obliterator cancels possibly applied using a felt tipped permanent pen, blotting out the vertical 14 Afs English and Farsi red values.

A black hand stamp applied the new 8 Afs value across the top of the aerogramme's stamp image in English and Farsi.

Many variations of the error corrections and the new 8 Af reduced value overprint, give the impression that very little control seemed to have been exercised over the way this operation was handled.

The used Type "a" Aerogramme from Frank Patterson III is cancelled with a PM36-A "12 Oct 1972 KABOUL AIRPORT [No].2" cancel.



PRESIDENT DAUD'S **AFGHANISTAN** REPUBLIC 1973 - 1978

1975 Jan. 4th.
President DAUD Issues



1975 Jan. 4th.
President DAUD Issues

1973 Aug. 23 rd. **INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION**

Values / Colour: 12 Afs Multicoloured

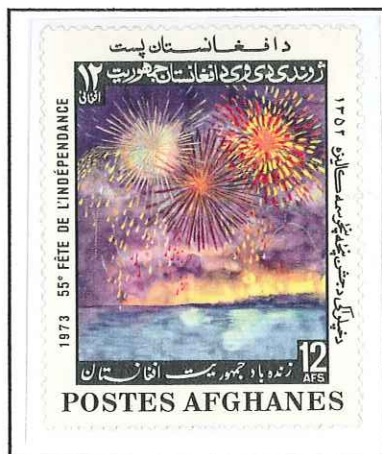
Printing: 50 (5 x 10) Photogravure ASPO on white wove paper.

Design: Fireworks display and inscription at top of

ژوندی دی وی د افغانستان جمهوریت
Jumhuriyat Afghanistan da wi de Zhwanday
Long live the Republic of Afghanistan

NOTE: The leftist support was seen in a 1974 May Day issue (not repeated in Daud's term), and new issues were restricted to four a year - Independence - Republic Day - Pashtunistan Day and a special annual fourth topic. All but eight locally lithographed in Kaboul during 1973-1978, others continued to be printed by ASPO.

Perforation: 11¼ x 12



1973 Aug. 23 rd. **INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION**

Values / Colour: 1 Af; 7 Af Blue and Reddish Brown

Printing: 25 (5 x 5) Lithographed Kaboul on white wove paper.

Design: Kemal Atatürk, Founder of the Post-Ottoman Turkish Empire.
The Treaty of friendship between Turkey and Afghanistan began in 1921 by King Amnauallah Khan.

Perforation: 10.4 x 10.4



AFGHANISTAN

1973 July 17th.

AFGHAN REPUBLIC
President Moh'd Daud

POSTAL STATIONERY

AEROGRAMME

The new Republic replaced the 1964 aerogramme format. This is pale shade displaying the distinctive left hand border lozenge flaw, corrected by March 1975.



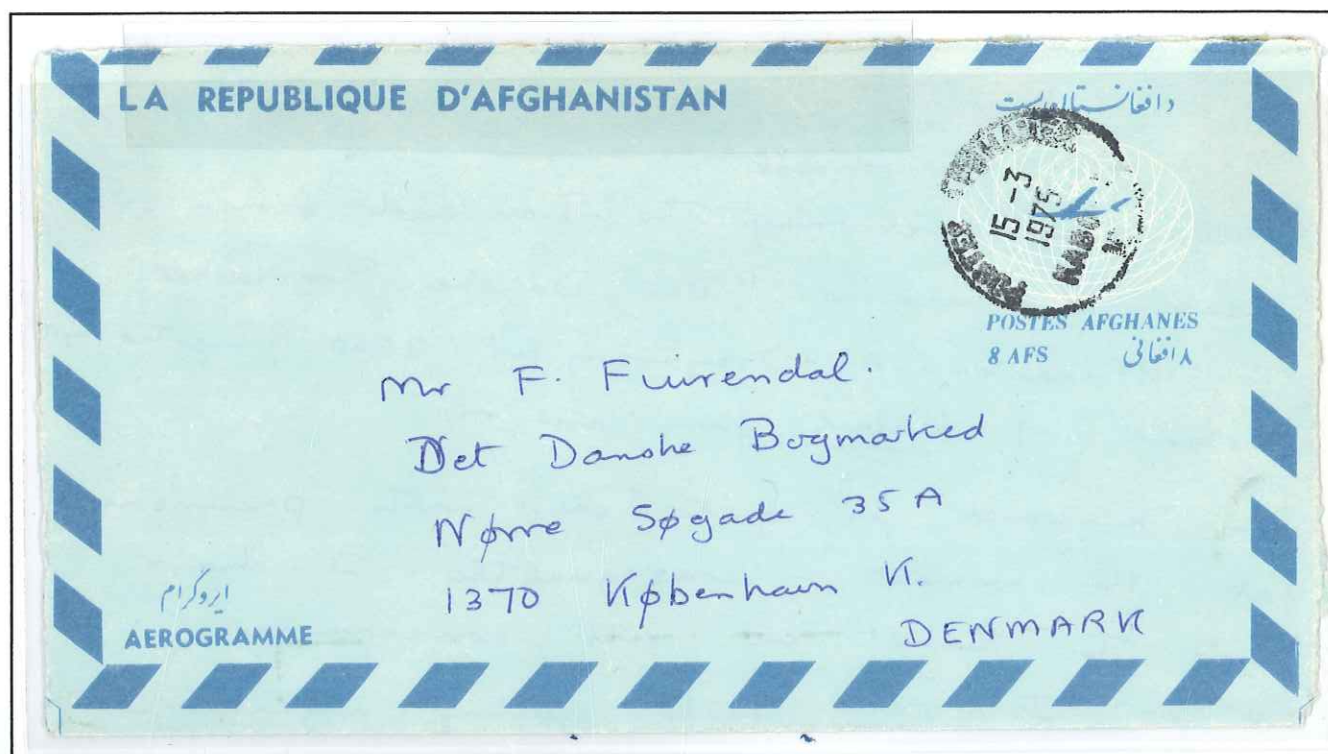
1975 Mar 15 - Aerogramme to Denmark
border lozenge flaw.

Aerogramme cancelled with Type PM36-3c



no longer displays prominent left hand

with the day and month figures slightly larger.



AFGHANISTAN

1973 July/August

AFGHAN REPUBLIC President Moh'd Daud

POSTAL STATIONERY

1973 - A Provisional Pre-cancelled AEROGRAMME

Design: Existing stocks of the 8 Af 1973 "Bust of King Moh'd Zahir Shah" aerogrammes were reissued after covering the image of deposed King Zahir Shah (Daud's uncle) with an almost valueless 25 Poul violet "Buzkashi horse sport" issue from 1960. This completely covered the former King's image, leaving the 8 Afs uncovered, and the 25 Poul stamp was pre-cancelled. The Post Office used this method in the events immediately following the Palace Coup, as the quickest and cheapest way of releasing stationery for the new Republic.

Postal cancel: Type PM36-3c "10 - 4 1974 KABOUL 63" was applied to the 25 Poul stamp as a pre-cancel, probably reasoning that aerogrammes cannot be reused. Whilst it is pre-cancelled it is considered unused or mint until posted.

Issue: Frank Patterson III supplied this sample stationery, probably released on a date soon after the declaration of the Republic, 17 July 1973.

It is considered that the provisional stationery was most likely authorised soon after the Palace coup on 17 July. It is therefore reasonable to speculate that the date of this provisional issue is likely to be late July, early August 1973 until replaced by new Republican aerogrammes released after April 1974, if this aerogramme is a guide.



PRESIDENT DAUD'S AFGHANISTAN REPUBLIC 1973 - 1978

1974 September

REGULAR DOMESTIC MAIL

Values / Colour: 25 Poul - Pale salmon, (issue questioned - only reported in "Afghan Philately")
50 Poul - Light Green,
1 Afghani - Blue. - Local Post rate = 1 Af
Printing: 36 (6 x 6) Lithographed in Kaboul on white wove paper.
Design: President Daud's Republican National emblem
Perf: 11 x 11 rough



1977 October 30th.

LOCAL POSTAGE

Values / Colour: 1 Af Black & Blue
Printing: 25 (5 x 5) Lithographed in Kaboul on white wove paper.
Design: Republican National emblem, stylised white dove with white envelope..
Perf: 11 x 11 rough

1977 December. - Local inland mail cover with 1 Af issue in payment of the inland mail rate.

Postmarked Type PM-36-4 (KABOUL - 2.5mm high) " - 12 1977 KABOUL "



Local Post rate = 1 Af

PRESIDENT DAUD'S AFGHANISTAN REPUBLIC 1973 - 1978

1974 September

REGULAR DOMESTIC MAIL

Values / Colour: 25 Poul - Pale salmon (issue questioned - only reported in Dietrich
Uyehara's "Afghan Philately" - otherwise not seen)

50 Poul - Light Green
1 Afghani - Blue.

Printing: 36 (6 x 6) Lithographed in Kaboul on white wove paper.

Design: Republican National emblem, stylised white dove with white envelope.

Perf: 11 x 11 rough

1977

Aug 1st. -
Local inland
mail cover

with 2 x 50
Poul issues
paying inland
rate of 1Af.

Postmarked
Type PM-36-4
(KABOUL -
2.5mm high)
"1 8 1977
KABOUL
95"



Local Post rate = 1 Af

1977

Aug 1st. - Local
inland mail cover

with 1Af issue
paying inland rate.

Postmarked Type
PM-36B
"22 12 1976
KABOUL 52"



AFGHANISTAN

PRESIDENT DAUD'S REPUBLIC 1973 - 1978

1977

AEROGRAMME

Values / Colour: 10 Af Violet Blue on light blue.

Design: Plane flying over ruined arch at Balkh.



Following the Afghan Communist revolution in 1978 this issue was again released but with an added 2 Af stamp to make the Aerogramme Airmail charge rise to = 12 Afs.

AFGHANISTAN 1978 - 2004

افغانستان

Eighteen Years of Communist Revolution - 9 Years Soviet Russian Invasion

Six years of Taliban Rule

then - from 2002

***Restoration of Human Rights by United Nations authorised ISAF Forces
permitting***

2004 Elections for a Restored Government.

A Postal History story of Afghanistan's Postal Trauma 1978 - 2004

1978-1989 REVOLUTION
- COMMUNIST DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC 1978 -
SOVIET INVASION 1979



Communist
Revolutionary "Khalq"
(People)
خلق



Communist President
Karmal

1990 - 1996 Communism - Civil War.



Communist President
Hajibullah 1987-1996

1996 - 2001 RABBANI



Northern Warlord Rabbani &
Masood's Mujahadin Force'

TALIBAN



Taliban Forces appear
supported by Saudi Arabia
& Pakistan

2000 - 2002 TALIBAN - Human Rights - New York 9/11
Osama Bin Laden - UNITED NATIONS.



2002 - 2004

U.N. -



ISAF Forces & the Interim Afghan Government

2004 Restored Afghan Government -
Hamid Karzai the first elected President.



ISAF Forces fight on.

PRESIDENT DAUD'S AFGHANISTAN REPUBLIC 1973 - 1978

and the formation of the

COMMUNIST DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC 1978 - 1989

1973-75: President Daud repressed dissident Moslem groups causing sympathetic Afghans leaders to flee to Pakistan. He then purged the Army of Marxists.

1977: The "Pashtunistan" policy claiming Afghanistan's right to the western part of Pakistan was softened. Daud's close associate was murdered in this year and student unrest and food shortages added to his problems. He proposed Cuba's expulsion from the "Non Aligned Nations" for interfering in Africa, an action that placed him on a collision course with the Soviet Russia and its KGB.

1978, 17th April: The Afghan Parcham political leader was murdered, the Soviet Russian team considered responsible. Daud arrested three senior Afghan opposition members *Taraki, Amin and Karmal*. Afghanistan's General Abdul Qadir organised a revolt by the Afghan Army and Airforce units and supported by Soviet Russian officers (KGB) attacked Daud in the Royal Palace with tanks and planes. They murdered him and all his family.

1978, April 30th: With Daud and his family dead and many Government Ministers dead or fleeing, the **Communist Democratic Republic** was declared on this date.

1978 - 1981 Local Afghan Stamp Printing

Most stamps issues for the 11 year (1978-1989) Communist rule were printed in Moscow.

A few local issues were produced by the Afghan Post Office from 1978 - 1981, but from late 1981, following the 1979 Russian invasion of Afghanistan, stamp production was only carried out by Moscow stamp printers.



ALL PRINTED IN KABUL.

1978

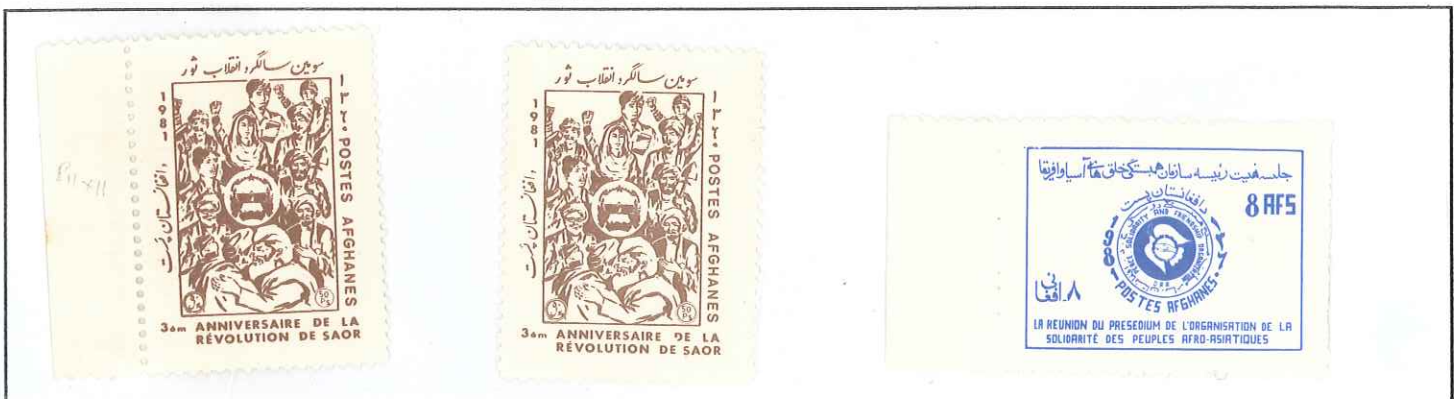


1978

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1978

1979 RUSSIAN INVASION



1981- Perf: 11 x 11

1981 - Perf: 11 x 10½

1981

THE LAST of the KABUL PRINTING.