

1951 December 23rd.

AFGHANISTAN

Surtax Issue

76th Anniversary of U.P.U

Surtax issue, belatedly commemorating the 76th Anniversary of the Universal Postal Union

VALUE: 2 x 35 Poul - 2 x 1.25 Afs

DESIGNS: 35 Poul & Af 1.25 - Emir Sher Ali Khan on two. The second set with King Zahir Shah, other design features the same. The 1949 - 75th. Anniversary year issue was delayed due to designing until 1950 and they were issues as 76th Anniversary. Further delays saw them released in 1951, the UPU's 77th Anniversary year. Full marks for persistence.

PRINTING: Typographed in KABUL on bluish white handmade wove paper Sheet of 16 (4 x4) 5,000

PERF: 11³/₄ x 11³/₄ rough & Imperf

COLOURS: 35 Poul - Brown & Pale Lilac (Pale Aquamarine - error of colour); Afs 1.25 Ultramarine & Aquamarine

35 Poul ERROR: #8 - The main KABUL post office noticed #8 - on the 16 (4x4) sheet of 125 poul was actually the 35 Poul cliché. All error sheets were immediately withdrawn after two hours on sale (*Baudet 11:52 Afghan Philately*). A week later 125 Poul sheets were re-issued with a substituted 125 Poul cliché replacing the 25 poul error. This delay saw the normal sale time of SURTAX issues exceeded, and *Patterson* comments that these re-issues he considers as official reprints. However the re-issued 125 Poul corrected sheets were placed on sale in the post offices and are valid issues. *Patterson* comments that sales in other major cities and standing "new issue" shipments, would indicate that not more than 250 errors (*perforate and imperforate - JMW*) were released. New York stamp dealer, Frank Warner, states the first printing of c5,000 copies would indicate that the total error copies that can possibly exist is 312 [(*Stamps*, 79:8(5/24/52):263)]. Wilkins comments that first printing of imperf sheets, usually a fraction of any issue released, are therefore very rare.

DESIGN: by Jalal Ludin Khan



#3

#4



This block from the re-issued sheet)

#3

#4

#7

#8 (substituted cliché)



#11

#12

#15

#16

#11 has a faint colourless line flaw through "PO" of POSTES

#16 has a prominent colourless line flaw through "G" of AFGHANES. Possibly printing flaws



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IMPERF ISSUES:

VALUES: 2 x 35 Poul - 2 x 1.25 Afs

PRINTING: Sheet of 16 (4 x 4) c2,000 imperf. Typographed (*letter press*) in KABUL on bluish white handmade wove paper. This printing is with a substituted cliché replacing the 35 Poul error of colour cliché. The same comment applies for the first printing in that there can only be c312 "substituted" 125 Poul #8 clichés.

New York stamp dealer, Frank Warner, states the first printing was c5,000 PERF. copies and it is assumed the corrected printing plate re-issue was the same quantity.

The IMPERF sheet re-issue c2,000 provides c125 substituted clichés.

COLOURS: 35 Poul - Brown, Pale Lilac (& Pale Aquamarine - *error of colour*); Afs 1.25 Ultramarine & Aquamarine

PERF: 11³/₄ x 11³/₄ rough & IMPERF. Note: IMPERF sheets issued are a fraction of the total printing and are scarcer.



#1
#5

#2
#6



#7

#8

*This pair from the re-issued sheet
with the substituted cliché #8)*



#1

#2

1951 - 52

AFGHANISTAN

POSTAL STATIONERY

Value: 50 Poul scarlet

Printing: Lithographed by Waterlow and Sons on lightweight hard translucent white paper
150 x 90 mm. Numbers unknown.

Design: Same as 50 Poul Greenish Black issue from Waterlow's 1951 definitive series but in a scarlet printing.

Use: Current "In-Town" post rate - 25 Poul, "out-of-Town" rate - 35 Poul and "domestic" rate - 70 Poul.

The 50 Poul stamped envelope seems like an attempt at increasing the domestic rate but met with public opposition.

The envelope's postage rate doesn't match any current rate so it was probably used for domestic consumption with an added 20 Poul.



1951 - 52

AIR LETTER

Value: 250 Poul scarlet

Printing: Lithographed in Red by Waterlow and Sons on grayish blue paper with a multiple lined recurring colourless "POSTES AERIENNES AFGHANES" across the sheet. 150 x 90 mm.

Numbers released unknown.

Design: 2 5 0 Poul Red falcon carrying letters. Envelope border of red & blue lozenges.

This is the second air letter issued by Afghan Post but the first as a proper Afghan issue.

The first Air Letter was an English language Air letter introduced in 1948 with a Provisional Overprint in Farsi "Airborne Correspondence"



AFGHANISTAN

1952 May 29th.

SURTAX ISSUE

CHILD WELFARE FUND

Pashtunistan, an unrecognised country comprises a large part of the former British Indian North West Frontier Province and part of Baluchistan. It is now part of the British Dominion of Pakistan since 1947. This is the 3rd. Anniversary of the Proclamation of a "*Free Pashtunistan Government*" on 2nd September 1948. Pakistan was not sympathetic even though much of the "Pashtun" Afghan tribal area was now located in Pakistan. This created an ongoing problem for Pakistan from that date.

PRINTING: **25 5x 5** Typographed on tone surfaced wove paper. A coarse screen was used in preparation of the printing plates resulting in a heavy printing texture. Issued for one day only

VALUE: **35 Poul** - Dull chocolate **1.25 Afs** - Pale Blue

DESIGN: by **Jalal Ludin Khan**- **35 Poul** - Postman distributing books & gifts to children: Afs1.25 - Two boys in customary dress dancing the National dance, the "attan".

PERFORATION: $11\frac{3}{4} \times 11\frac{3}{4}$ & Imperf



1952 May 29th.

AFGHANISTAN

SURTAX ISSUE

CHILD WELFARE FUND

Imperforate Sheet

#14 Right bottom corner clipped



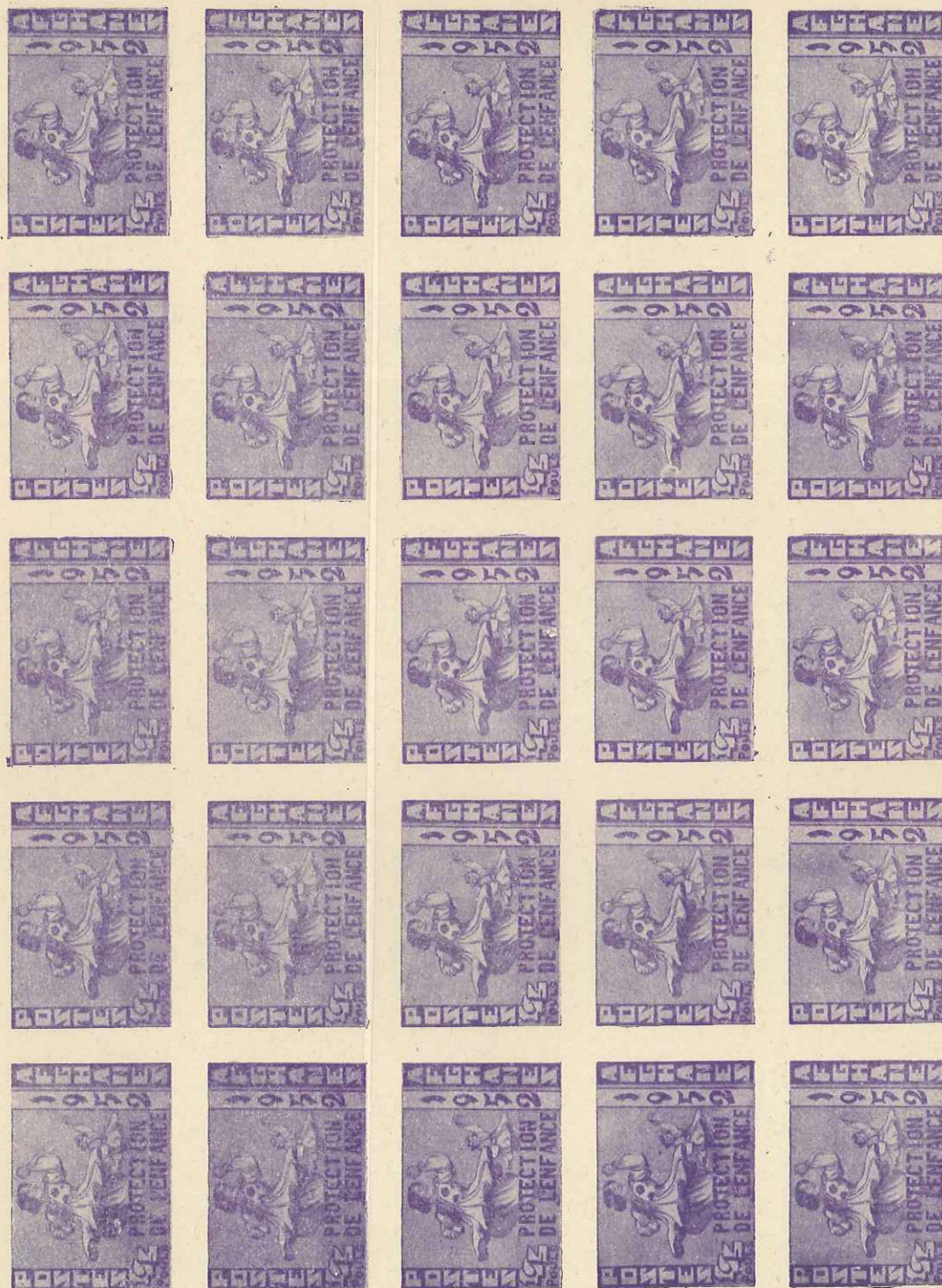
AFGHANISTAN

1952 May 29th.

SURTAX ISSUE

CHILD WELFARE FUND

Imperforate Sheet - Afs 1.25



1952 July 12th.

AFGHANISTAN

SURTAX ISSUE

AVICENNA Millenary Issue

In 980AD *Abu Ali Husayn Ibn Sine*, was born in the Ancient city of Balkh (Bactria).

In later life he was better known to the Western world as "**Avicenna**" a brilliant man with wide interests who wrote nearly 100 books on Geometry, Medicine, Philosophy, Theology and other humanities, prior to his death in 1037AD.

His greatest contributions are in the field of medicine, for which he produced *Kitab al-Shifa* (Book of Healing of the Soul) and *Al Qanun Fee 'l Tibb* (The Laws of Medicine).

The Laws of Medicine was a complete codification of Greco-Arabic medical thought and practice and was adopted as the guiding authority by Western medical practitioners from the 12th to 17th Centuries.



OVERPRINT:-

There being insufficient time to prepare a special stamp issue a surcharge overprint was prepared and applied using a two handstamps, one in Dari , the other French, and were applied in violet to a 1951 Definitive Issue , the Red, 30 Poul, *Balkh Parsa Shrine Mosque* definitive - Perf. 12.

Handstamps were produced locally - these overprinted Surtax issues only mandatory for one day.



40 Poul Violet Overprint

د بلخي بو علي سينا د زېږېدني زېرم تلين
Sina 'Alī zezhedane da zram tlin Bu Balkhi Da
1000th anniversary of the birth of Bu Ali Sina of Balkh

MILLIEME ANNIVERSAIRE
DE BOALI SINAI BALKI
125 POULS

125 Poul Violet Overprint



Several inverted overprints have been seen in the 200-2010 period and one from a UPU member copy.

The manual application of handstamps would have been a long process and it can be imagined at some point the attention of the Postal Clerk wavered and the handstamp was inverted or that a sheet was inverted as the clerk applied the overprints. The fact is that several inverted copies exist and more will undoubtedly surface, but care must be taken to ensure copies offered are not forgeries as modern technology makes production of overprints more easily achieved than it was in the 1950 - 1990 period.

1952 August 24th.

AFGHANISTAN

34th INDEPENDENCE DAY

VALUE: 35 Poul -Green & Black 1.25 Afs - Blue

ISSUES: The 1951 Definitive issues released on August 25th 1951 with a Violet Overprint to celebrate the 33rd Anniversary were again used with a 34th Anniversary violet overprint together with issues having no overprint. Apparently only **principal post offices** received the hand overprinted issues and **minor post offices** only received issues without overprint..

PERFORATION: 35P - 13½ x 13; Afs1.25 - 13 x 13

PRINTING:100 (10 x 10)



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Istiqlal 34
Independence 34



Without
Overprint



COVER: KABUL 26. 8. 52 (Pmk Type PM26) to PESHAWAR 31 Aug 52, in the British Dominion of PAKISTAN
Afs 1.25 with the 34th Independence Day violet overprint.



1952 September 1st.

AFGHANISTAN

SURTAX ISSUE

PASHTUNISTAN DAY

Pashtunistan, an unrecognised country comprises a large part of the former British Indian North West Frontier Province and part of Baluchistan. It is now part of the British Dominion of Pakistan since 1947. This is the 4th. Anniversary of the Proclamation of a "Free Pashtunistan Government" formed on 2nd September 1948.

VALUE: 35 Poul - Red 1.25 Afs - Deep Blue

DESIGN: 35 Poul - Soldier and Flag of Pashtunistan

Af 1.25 - same as 35 Poul

PRINTING: 20 (4 x 5) Typographed in half-tone at Kabul

PERFORATION: 35 Poul- 11 x 11 and Imperf



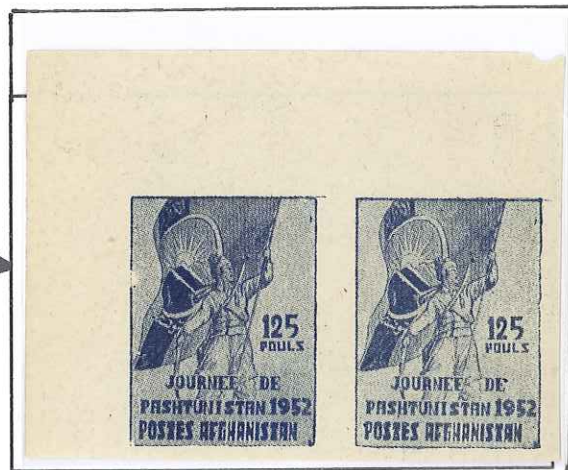
FLAW: #1
Break in
upper left
frame



IMPERFORATE



FLAW: #1
Break in upper
left frame



1952 October 19th.

AFGHANISTAN

SURTAX ISSUE

UNITED NATIONS DAY

The first appearance of triangular stamps ..

VALUE: 25 Pous - Rose Magenta; Inland Mail

125 Pous - Turquoise; Foreign Mail

DESIGN: by Jalal Ludin Khan - Globe flanked by "U - N"

PRINTING: 24 (3 Tête Bêche pairs x 4 pairs) c5,000 (Perf) c2000 (Imperf)

Lithographed in Kabul on medium machine made white wove paper.

PERFORATION: $11\frac{3}{4} \times 11\frac{3}{4}$ and Imperf



PERF



IMPERF



1952 October 19th.

AFGHANISTAN

SURTAX ISSUE

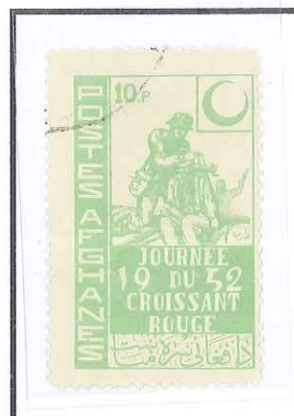
RED CRESCENT FUND

This set inaugurated the annual philatelic observance and support for the Red Crescent organisation activities, which parallels those of the Red Cross.

VALUE: 10 Poul - Green (shades)
DESIGN: 10 Poul - Soldier being given first aid.
PRINTING: 20 (5 x 5) Lithographed in Kabul on medium white wove paper.
PERFORATION: $11\frac{3}{4} \times 11\frac{3}{4}$



Green



Pale Dull Green

1952 November 2nd.

AFGHANISTAN

Surtax Issue

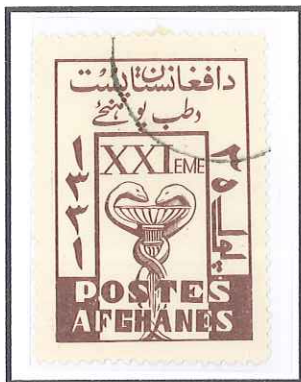
21st. ANNIVERSARY of FACULTY of MEDICINE

VALUE: 25 Pouls - Purple Brown; Inland Mail
125 Pouls - Ultramarine; Foreign Mail

DESIGN: by Jalal Ludin Khan - symbolic caduceus with "XXI eme" above
PRINTING: 20 - Two panes of (5 x 2) Vertically. Sheet gutter ½ inch wide.

Lithographed in Kabul on medium white machine made wove paper. c5,000

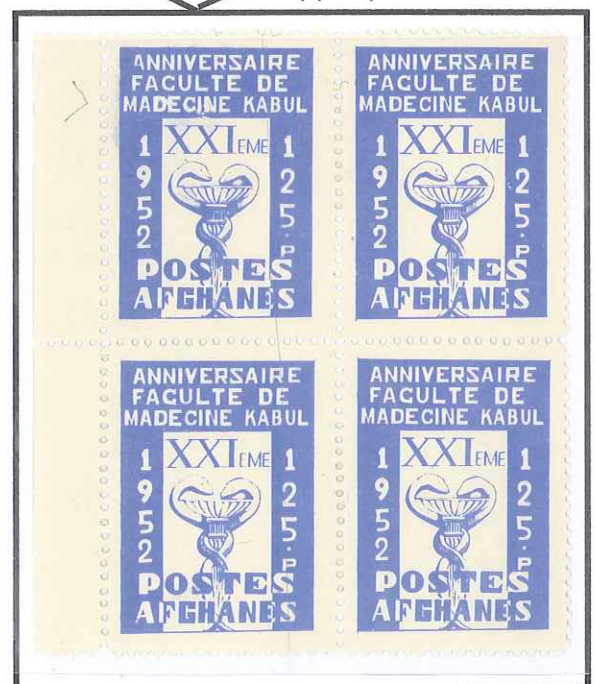
PERFORATION: 12 x 12



#9 - Blind "9" in 1952
in upper pane



#1 - "DECIN" in 'Madecine'
Upper pane.



(shade) Pale Ultramarine

1953 May 10th.

AFGHANISTAN

Surtax Issue

RED CRESCENT DAY

VALUE: 10 Poulis - Pale Emerald & Orange brown; Inland Mail
10 Poulis - Chocolate & Orange brown; Inland Mail

DESIGN: by Jalal Ludin Khan - Wounded Soldier, Orderly & Eagle / Stretcher Bearers and Wounded
PRINTING: 20 - (4 x 5) Lithographed in Kabul on medium white machine made wove paper.

c5,000 Mandatory for one week only.

PERFORATION: 11 x 11



This 10P Emerald green and Orange brown P11 x Imperf (vert) came from a former UPU collection. Another copy has been sighted and this also, was from a former UPU collection.



Pale Emerald Green

1953 July 2nd.

AFGHANISTAN

Surtax Issue

CHILDREN'S DAY

VALUE: 35 Poulis - Orange; Inland Mail
125 Poulis - Blue; Inland Mail

DESIGN: by Jalal Ludin Khan - Young Prince Moh'd Nadir

PRINTING: 36 - (6 x 6) Lithographed in Kabul on white handmade wove paper.
50,000 sets Mandatory for one day only.

PERFORATION: 11 x 11



AFGHANISTAN

1953 August 24th.

Surtax Issue

35th INDEPENDENCE DAY

VALUE: 35 Poulis - Emerald Green; Inland Mail

125 Poulis - Violet; Foreign Mail

DESIGN: by Jalal Ludin Khan - 35P - Mohammad Nadir Shah & Flag Bearer
125P - Independence Memorial & Nadir Shah

PRINTING: 36 - (6 x 6) Lithographed in Kabul on medium off-white wove paper.
50,000 sets Mandatory for one day only.

PERFORATION: 11 x 11
11³/₄ x 11³/₄
Imperf



Perf 11 x 11



Perf 11³/₄ x 11³/₄



Perf 11 x 11

IMPERFORATE



Colour variations

1953 August 24th.

AFGHANISTAN

Surtax Issue

PASHTUNISTAN DAY

VALUE: 35 Poulis - Red; Inland Mail

125 Poulis - Blue; Foreign Mail

DESIGN: by Jalal Ludin Khan - 35P - Flags of Afghanistan & Pashtunistan

125P - Badge of Pashtunistan

PRINTING: 36 - (6 x 6)

Lithographed in Kabul on medium off-white wove paper. the printing numbers are possibly 50,000 sets.

PERFORATION: 11 x 11 & Imperf



IMPERFORATE - Colour shades



1953 August 24th.

AFGHANISTAN

Surtax Issue

PASHTUNISTAN DAY

REGISTERED AIRMAIL COVER: From the United Nations Technical Assistance Commission

KABOUL 10.9.53 to Park Ridge USA Sept 12 1953 -

For this mail from Afghanistan to the USA to take two, say three days, allowing for crossing the International Date Line, the air delivery time for 1953 was not as speedy as in 21st century, so this very quick transit has not been maintained in the 21st century.

The possibility is that the western date in the Type PM26 cancel may be incorrect.

Let us give the Afghan and US postal systems and the International airlines the benefit for this quite remarkable transit time.

Postage - Afs 10.85

Registration Afs 2.00

Airmail Afs 8.85



Type PM26

231.

MS Registration Type RM22c



1953 October 24th.

AFGHANISTAN

Surtax Issue

UNITED NATIONS DAY

VALUE: 35 Pouis - Mauve - Inland Mail
125 Pouis - Ultramarine - Foreign Mail

DESIGN: 35P - U.N. Emblem
125P - U.N. Emblem

PRINTING: 36 - (6 x 6) Lithographed in Kabul on medium white wove paper.
Mandatory for one day only.

PERFORATION: 11 x 11



IMPERFORATE



1953 November 29th.

AFGHANISTAN

Surtax Issue

22nd ANNIVERSARY FACULTY of MEDICINE

(Wrongly inscribed 23rd and also incorrect spelling)

VALUE: 35 Pouls - Orange - Inland Mail

125 Pouls - Blue - Foreign Mail

DESIGN:

Type 1(a) 35P - Mohamed Nadir Shah & symbolic caduceus with incorrect Dari 23

Type 1(b) 125P - Mohamed Nadir Shah & symbolic caduceus with "XXIII" & "ANNIVERAIRE"

Reprint inscribed 22nd and spelling corrected -

Type 2(a) 35P - Mohamed Nadir Shah & symbolic caduceus with Dari 22

Type 2(b) 125P - Mohamed Nadir Shah & symbolic caduceus with corrected "XXII" & "ANNIVERSAIRE"

PRINTING: 36 - (6 x 6) Lithographed in Kabul on off white wove paper.

Mandatory for one day only.

PERFORATION: 11 x 11 & Imperf

TYPE 1 -



IMPERFORATE

incorrect Dari 23



"XXIII" & "ANNIVERAIRE"

TYPE 2 -

Redrawn and Reprinted - Corrected
Dari 22 & "XXII" & "ANNIVERSAIRE"



1954 May 28th.

AFGHANISTAN

Surtax Issue

CHILD WELFARE

VALUE: 35 Poulis - Violet; Inland Mail

125 Poulis - Bright Blue; Inland Mail

DESIGN: by Jalal Ludin Khan - *Children's Band & Map of Afghanistan*

PRINTING: 25 - (5 x 5) Typographed in Kabul on white handmade wove paper.
Mandatory for one day only.

PERFORATION: 11 x 11 & Imperf



IMPERFORATE



1954 August

AFGHANISTAN

Surtax Issue

36th INDEPENDENCE DAY

VALUE: 35 Pouls - Carmine; Inland Mail

125 Pouls - Ultramarine; Foreign Mail

DESIGN: - 35P - Mohammad Nadir Shah & Cannon

- 125P - Mohammad Nadir Shah & Cannon

PRINTING: 25 - (5 x 5) Typographed in Kabul on medium off-white wove paper.
Mandatory for one day only.

PERFORATION: 11 x 11 & Imperf



IMPERFORATE



COVER: KABOUL 4. 9. 54 to PESDHAWAR



1954 September 24th.

AFGHANISTAN

Surtax Issue

PASHTUNISTAN DAY

VALUE: 35 Poulis - Chocolate: Inland Mail
125 Poulis - Blue; Foreign Mail

DESIGN: 35P - Hoisting the Flag
125P - Hoisting the Flag

PRINTING: 25 - (5 x 5)

Lithographed in Kabul on medium off-white wove paper. the printing numbers may be as high as 50,000 sets.

PERFORATION: 11x11 & 11.5 x 11.5, 11³/₄ x 11³/₄, partial perf, Imperf



PERF: 11x11

Reconstructed part sheet with the #7 damage to the upper left border. This damage appears on the lower left stamp in the upper block of 4. Identification of the position of these stamps in the printing plate is now known.

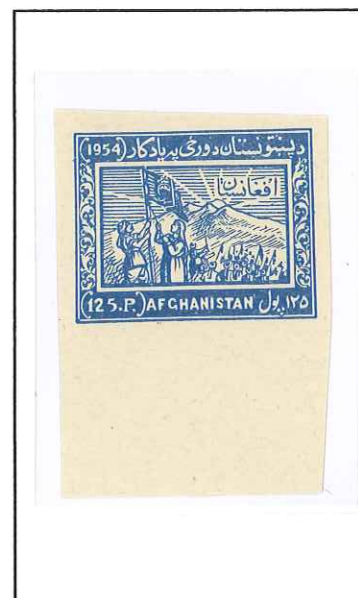


PERF: 11³/₄ x 11³/₄



PERF: 11³/₄ x 11³/₄

IMPERFORATE



1953 October 24th.

AFGHANISTAN

Surtax Issue

9th. ANNIVERSARY of UNITED NATIONS

VALUE: 35 Poulis - Mauve - Inland Mail

125 Poulis - Ultramarine - Foreign Mail

DESIGN: 35P - U.N. Flag & Map

125P - U.N. Flag & Map

PRINTING: 30 - (3 x 6) Typographed in Kabul on white wove paper.

Mandatory for one day only.

PERFORATION: 11 x 11; 11³/₄ x 11³/₄ rough; Imperf



PERF. 11 x 11



PERF. 11 x 11



PERF: 11³/₄ x 11³/₄

1954 October 18th

AFGHANISTAN

Surtax Issue

VALUE: 20 Poul - Red and Blue; Inland Mail

The payment of ordinary postal charges with Surtax Issues is forbidden so the the cover

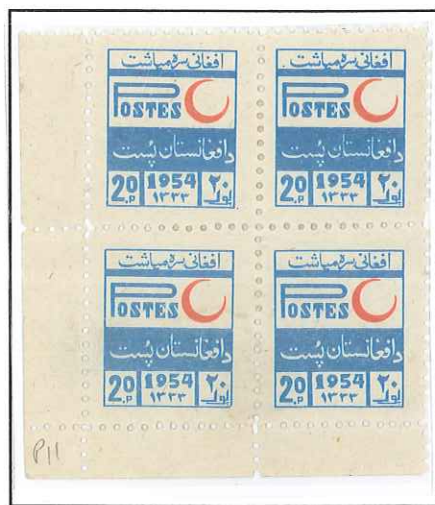
shows the 1.25 AF foreign postal rate with the 20 Poul Surtax issue added.

DESIGN:

PRINTING: 20 - (4 x 5) Lithographed in Kabul on poor quality white wove paper. Mandatory for one week only.

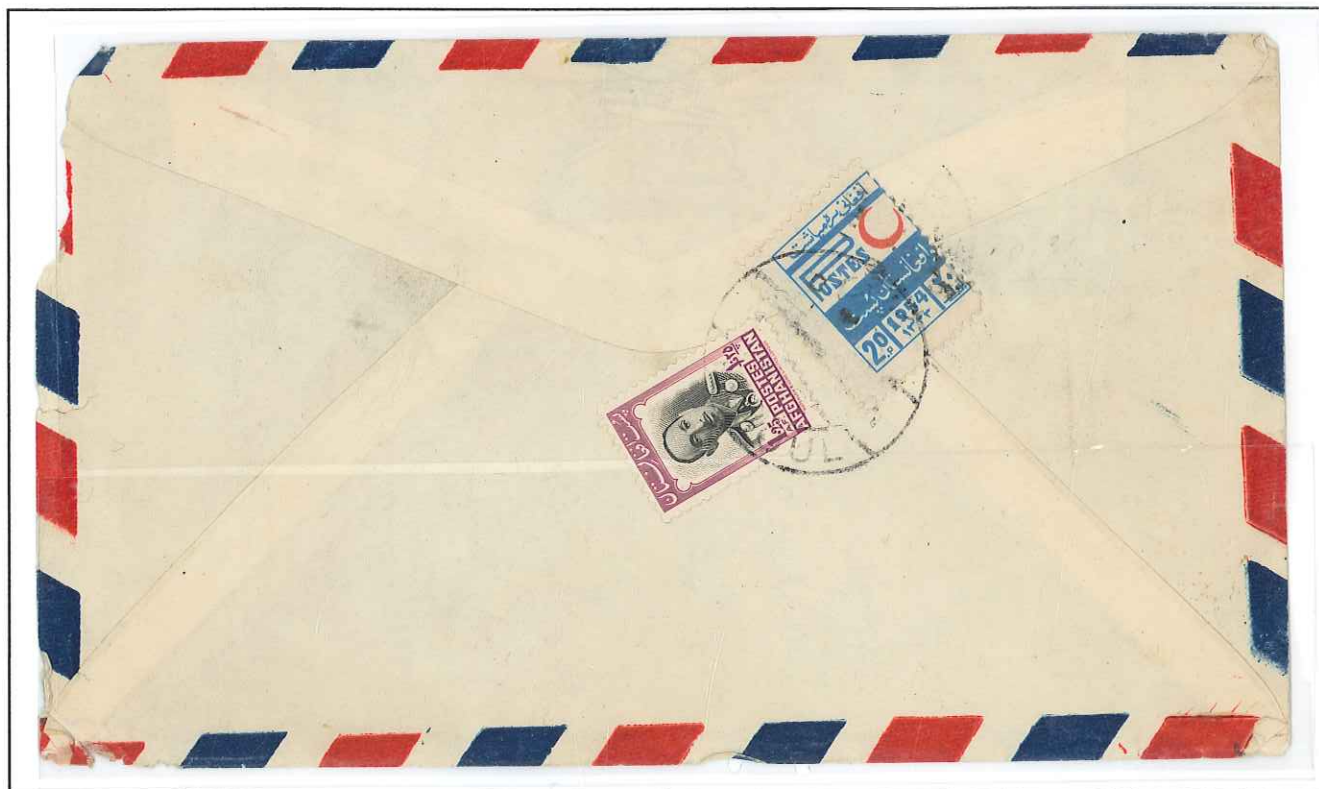
PERFORATION: 11 x 11, 11³/₄ x 11³/₄ and Imperf

PERF. 11 x 11



IMPERF

COVER: KABOUL to PESHAWAR with 10 Poul PERF: 11³/₄ x 11³/₄



1955 May 5th.

AFGHANISTAN

Dutch K.L.M. Airlines First Flight - Amsterdam to Kabul



14 April 1955



5 May 1955



11 May 1955



KLM first flight to Kabul started with the summer schedule of 1955.

Amsterdam - Karachi - Kandahar - Kabul.

The first flight was originally scheduled for **April 18th**, for which this mail item was posted 14th April. but due to a delay in obtaining necessary licenses it was delayed until **May 5th 1955**, the date of the violet cancel..

On arriving Karachi the first flight to Kabul was to be a technical flight, carrying mail only.

It left Karachi **May 7th**, but on reaching Kandahar the Afghan weather was so bad it returned to Karachi. A second attempt made the next day was also unsuccessful. Finally, at 5:19 am, Karachi local time, on **May 11th**, the **Dakota PH-DAU** with Captain *De Vries* left Karachi, arriving safely in Kabul. This is confirmed by the KABOUL 11 May 1955 back stamp.

AFGHANISTAN

KL891 Karachi – Kandahar – Kabul Day 36

KL892 Kabul – Kandahar – Karachi Day 14

Operated by DC3, **01 JUL - 13 SEP** only

Flightglobal archives, dated 7 Nov. 1958, records that "*Under the terms of a new air agreement between the Netherlands and Afghanistan, K.L.M. is enabled to serve Kabul*" indicating a renewed agreement for KLM extending its flights to Kabul. How long this service lasted is not known.

AFGHANISTAN

1955 June 26th.

10th. ANNIVERSARY of UNITED NATIONS

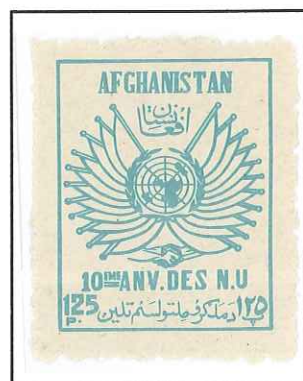
The 10th Anniversary of the signing of the original charter by the representatives of fifty (50) nations at San Francisco USA.

VALUE: 35 Pouls -Green - Inland Mail
125 Pouls - Turquoise Blue - Foreign Mail

DESIGN: 35P - Globe and clasped hands
125P - U.N. emblem and Flags

PRINTING: 30 - (3 x 6) Lithographed in Kabul on medium white wove paper.
Mandatory for one day only.

PERFORATION: 11 x 11;



1955 July 3rd.

85th POSTAL ANNIVERSARY

In conjunction with the opening of the Fourth KABUL Philatelic Exhibition on July 2nd. this set was released in recognition of the establishment of the national postal service.

Amir Sher Ali Khan initiated in 1870, a public messenger post and in his reign the first postage stamps were issued.

This 85th Anniversary series introduced the European custom of issuing adhesives with semi-postal validity, the surtax was for the Postal Museum.

VALUE: 35 + 15 Pouls -Carmine Red - Inland Mail
125 + 25 Pouls - Lavender Grey - Foreign Mail

DESIGN: 35P+15P - Amir Sher Ali Khan & King Mohammed Zahir Shah flanking an 1870 issue
125P+25P - Amir Sher Ali Khan & King Mohammed Zahir Shah flanking an 1870 issue

PRINTING: 25 - (5 x 5) Lithographed in Kabul on medium white wove paper.

PERFORATION: 11 3/4 x 11 3/4 & IMPERF



1955 June 26th.

AFGHANISTAN

CHILD WELFARE FUND Dual Purpose - Postage & Surtax Issue

NOTE: Previous Children's Day or Child Welfare issues for postal purposes represented a **one day 100% tax** on first class mail. The introduction of these dual purpose issues saw surtax greatly reduced.

VALUE: 35 + 25 Poulis - Grey - Inland Mail
125 + 35 Poulis - Violet - Foreign Mail

DESIGN: *Children on swing*

PRINTING: 25 - (5 x 5) Typographed in medium white wove paper.

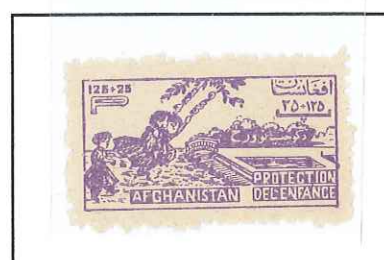
PERFORATION: 11 x 11; 11³/₄ x 11³/₄



Perf 11³/₄ x 11³/₄



Perf 11 x 11 ragged



1955 September 1st.

PASHTUNISTAN DAY

VALUE: 35 Poulis - Reddish Brown: - Inland Mail
125 Poulis - Green: - Foreign Mail

DESIGN: 35P - *Hoisting the Flag of Pashtunistan*

125P - *Hoisting the Flag of Pashtunistan*

PRINTING: 25 - (5 x 5) Lithographed in Kabul on medium off-white wove paper-printing may be 50,000 sets.

PERFORATION: 11x11 and imperf



Perf 11 x 11

Imperf

1955 August 30th.

VALUE:	35 Pouls - Violet Blue;	- Inland Mail
	35 Pouls - Magenta;	- Inland Mail
	125 Pouls - Violet	- Foreign Mail
	125 Pouls - Bright Purple	- Foreign Mail

125P - King Zahir Shah & 1929 battle scene against Usurper Bache Saqao

PERFORATION: 11 x 11



1955 October 18th.

AFGHANISTAN

Surtax Issue

RED CRESCENT DAY

VALUE: 20 Poul - Red and Blue; Inland Mail

DESIGN: Red Crescent

PRINTING: 30 - (6 x 5) Lithographed in Kabul on poor quality grey pulp paper.
Mandatory for one week only.

PERFORATION: 11 x 11



Frame
flaw



"S"
flaw

1956 June 20th. CHILD WELFARE FUND Postage & Surtax Issue

NOTE: An increase in the Foreign letter rate from 125 Poul to 140 Poul on 21st March 1956 saw, the Surtax reduced from 25 Poul to 15 Poul. On sale for one day only.

VALUE: 35 + 25 Poul - Violet Blue - Inland Mail
125 + 35 Poul - Brown - Foreign Mail

DESIGN: Children on slide

PRINTING: 30 - (6x 5) Typographed in medium white wove paper. - 20,000 with 1000 left imperforate

PERFORATION: 11 x 11; Imperf



IMPERF



Perf 11 x 11



IMPERF

1955 June 26th.

AFGHANISTAN

10th. ANNIVERSARY of UNITED NATIONS

The 11th Anniversary of the signing of the original charter by the representatives of fifty (50) nations at San Francisco USA.

The last UN stamp issue for mandatory surtax purposes.

VALUE: 35 Poulis -Red Brown - Inland Mail Rate 25P per 5gms.
125 Poulis - Ultramarine - Foreign Mail Rate 125P per 20 gms

DESIGN: 35P - UN Flag
125P - UN Flag

PRINTING: 30 - (6x5) Lithographed in Kabul -toned dense white wove paper. Mandatory one day only.
PERFORATION: 11 x 11;



1956 August 25th & September 8th.

38th Year of INDEPENDENCE

VALUE: 35 Poulis - Green; - Inland Mail
125 Poulis -Violet - Foreign Mail

DESIGN: 35P - Independence Monument, captured British cannon & Moh'd Nadir Shah
125P - Independence Monument, captured British cannon & Mohammad Nadir Shah

PRINTING: 30 - (6 x 5) Lithographed in Kabul on -white wove paper. 40,000; 2,000 Imperf
The 35P was released 25 August the 125 P released two weeks later on 8 September,
This seems to indicate a local printing delay.

PERFORATION: 11 x 11 & Imperf



1956 August 30th & September 25th.

Kabul International Exhibition

VALUE: 50 Poulis - Chocolate
50 Poulis - Ultramarine

DESIGN: 35P - Kabul International Exhibition Building
125P - Kabul International Exhibition Building

PRINTING: 30 - (6 x 5) Lithographed in Kabul on -white wove paper. 15,000; 1,000 Imperf
The two values were released separately on two days August 30 the September 25.

Nearly a month apart, This seems to indicate another local printing delay.

PERFORATION: 11 x 11 & Imperf



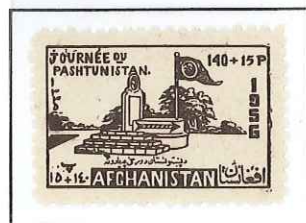
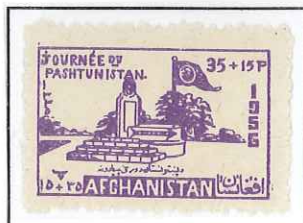
AFGHANISTAN

1956 September 1st.

PASHTUNISTAN DAY

Joint Postal - Surtax Issue

VALUE: 35 + 15 Pous - Reddish Violet: - Inland Mail
140 + 15 Pous - Sepia - Foreign Mail
DESIGN: 35P - Pashtunistan memorial in Kabul
125P - Pashtunistan memorial in Kabul
PRINTING: 25 - (5 x 5)? Lithographed Kabul - white wove paper- 20,000; Imperf 1,000
PERFORATION: 11x11 and imperf



Imperf.



Imperf.

1956 October 18th.

RED CRESCENT DAY

VALUE: 20 Pous - Red and Green; Inland Mail
DESIGN: King Moh'd Zahir Shah & Red Crescent
PRINTING: 30 - (6 x 5) Lithographed in Kabul on poor quality grey pulp paper.
Mandatory for one week only.
PERFORATION: 11 x 11 & Imperf



Imperf.

1956 October 2nd.

AFGHANISTAN

10th. Anniversary of Afghanistan's Admission into the UNITED NATIONS

The 12th Anniversary of the signing of the original charter by the representatives of fifty (50) nations at San Francisco USA.

Whilst the previous issue of a UN stamp issue was the last where a mandatory 100% surtax was applied this is the first Postal / Surtax issue celebrating Afghanistan's entry in the UN.

VALUE: 35 + 15Pouls - Ultramarine - Inland Mail Rate 25P per 5gms.
125 + 15 Pouls - Orange Brown - Foreign Mail Rate 125P per 20 gms

DESIGN: 35 + 15P - Globe and Sun
125 + 15P - Globe and Sun

PRINTING: 25 - (5x5)? Lithographed in Kabul -white wove paper. Mandatory one day only.

PERFORATION: 11 x 11; Imperf



1957 August 24th

39th INDEPENDENCE DAY

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39 em Anv

1957 Overprint on 1951
Waterlow issues

1957 Overprint on 1951
Waterlow issues

VALUE: 35 Pouls - Green and black; - Inland Mail
125 Pouls -Blue - Foreign Mail

DESIGN: 35P - Reminders of Recess Waterlow issues were re-issued with violet overprints
125P - Reminders of Recess Waterlow issues were re-issued with violet overprints

PRINTING: 100 - (10 x 10) Reminders of the 1951 Recess issues by Waterlow on white wove paper were pressed into service and overprinted for Independence Day.

PERFORATION: 35P - 13 x 14 , 125 P - 13 x 13½



The overprint reads "39 em Anv." instead of "38 eme Anv." as the celebration is for the 39th Independence Day which is only the 38th. Anniversary.

AFGHANISTAN

1957 June 20th. CHILD WELFARE FUND Postage & Surtax Issue

NOTE: The Foreign letter rate had been increased from 125 Poul to 140 Poul on 21st March 1956 with the Surtax reduced from 25 Poul to 15 Poul. On sale for one day only.

VALUE: 35 + 25 Poul - Violet Blue - Inland Mail
125 + 35 Poul - Brown - Foreign Mail

DESIGN: *Children on see-saw*

PRINTING: 24 - (4x 6) Lithographed on white wave paper. - 20,000; 2000 imperforate



Perf 11 x 11



P 11 x 11 Cliche #4 has broken left frame flaw 5mm from top LH corner

IMPERFORATE Only 2,000 sets issued



Imperforate



Left side of "O" in POSTES obliterated



Imperforate



Imperforate

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1957 September 1st.

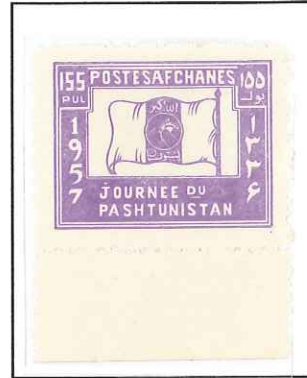
PASHTUNISTAN DAY Semi-Postal Surtax Issue

VALUE: 35 +15 Pouls - Reddish Purple: - Inland Mail
140 + 15Pouls - Bright Violet - Foreign Mail

DESIGN: 35P - Pashtunistan Flag
125P - Pashtunistan Flag

PRINTING: 25 - (5 x 5) Lithographed Kabul - thinnish white wove paper-

PERFORATION: 11x11 and imperf



Imperforate - 2,000 ? printed



AFGHANISTAN

1957 October 17th.

RED CRESCENT FUND

VALUE: 20 Poulis - Red and Blue; Inland Mail
DESIGN: Red Crescent Headquarters - Kabul
PRINTING: 30 - (5 x 6) Lithographed in Kabul on white wove paper.
 Mandatory for one week only.
PERFORATION: 11 x 11; 11³/₄ x 11³/₄ ; Partial Perf. & Imperf



1957 October 24th.

UNITED NATIONS DAY

Anniversary of the signing of the original charter by the representatives of fifty (50) nations at San Francisco USA.

VALUE: 35 + 15Poulis - Red Brown - Inland Mail Rate 35P per 5gms.
 140 +15 Poulis - Ultramarine - Foreign Mail Rate 140P per 20 gms
DESIGN: UN Headquarters - New York
PRINTING: 40 (5x8) Lithographed in Kabul -white wove paper. Mandatory one day only.
PERFORATION: 11 x 11 & Imperf



AFGHANISTAN

1957 November 23rd,

Replacement Definitive Issues

30 Poul - Brown - 40 Poul Rose Red - 50 Poul Yellow

DESIGN: Photogravure design by Waterlow & Sons Ltd London

PRINTING: 8 new issues 100 (10x10) 30 P. - 120,000 40P.- 300,000 50P. - ?

Waterlow & Sons subcontracted the printing of the 8 new issues to Harrison & Son.

PERF: 30P. - 12.75 40P. - 12 50P. - 13¼ x 12¾

VALUE: On this date, Nov. 23rd. Foreign rate was increased to 140 Poul requiring a new issue

COLOUR: 8 values of the 1951 Definitive Series were reprinted by Photogravure and Recess but in changed colours together with the new 140 poul value.

PAPER: medium white wove



Parsa Shrine at Balkh Mosque



Qalai Bust Arch



View - Kandahar City



COVER: From KABOUL 17.5.58 Pmk Type PM26 - to PESHAWAR
Foreign First Class mail rate - 140 Poull



1957 November 23rd,

AFGHANISTAN

Replacement Definitive Issues

60 Poul - Blue

DESIGN: Photogravure design of *Victory Towers of Ghazni* by Waterlow & Sons Ltd London

PRINTING: 100 (10 x 10)

Waterlow & Sons subcontracted the printing of these 8 new issues to Harrison & Son.

PERF: 60P. - $12\frac{3}{4} \times 13\frac{1}{4}$

VALUE: On this date, Nov. 23rd. the foreign rate was increased to 140 Poul

COLOUR: 8 values of the 1951 Definitive Series were reprinted by Photogravure and Recess but in changed colours together with a new 140 poul value.

PAPER: medium white wove



Pmk: Violet
rectangular
Maiwand sub-
Office in Kabul.



REGISTERED CCOVER: KABOUL 14. 6. 58 (Type PM26) to Peshawar 17. 6. 58 medium white wove

Postal Rates:

New Foreign 1st Class mail: 140 Poul / 20 gms.

Foreign registered mail: 200 Poul (cover shows remainder of yellow label)

Surtax ?: 20 Poul



1957 November 23rd,

AFGHANISTAN

Replacement Definitive Issues

75 Poul - Violet

DESIGN: Photogravure design of *Victory Towers of Ghazni* by Waterlow & Sons Ltd London

PRINTING: 100 (10 x10)

Waterlow & Sons subcontracted the printing of these 8 new issues to Harrison & Son.

PERF: 75P. - 12½ x 12½

VALUE: On this date, Nov. 23rd. the foreign rate was increased to 140 Poul

COLOUR: These reprinted 8 values of 1951 Definitive Series printed by Photogravure and Recess but in changed colours with a new 140 poul value.

PAPER: medium white wove



REGISTERED AIR LETTER:

From KABOUL Sub-Office of "DEH-AFGHANAN" 7. 5. 58 (Type PM26) to PESHAWAR

Postage paid - 370 Pouls

Postal Rates:

Foreign 1st Class mail: 140 Poul / 20 gms (as from March 1956).

Foreign Registered mail: 200 Poul (cover shows remainder of yellow registration label)

Air Surtax ?: 30 Poul



1957 November 23rd,

AFGHANISTAN

Replacement Definitive Issues

80 Poul - Sepia & Violet AF 1 - Bright Blue & Bright Carmine Red .

DESIGN: Recess Print of V.H.M King Zahir Shah by Waterlow & Sons Ltd London

PRINTING: 100 (10 x 10)

Waterlow & Sons subcontracted the printing of these 8 new issues to Harrison & Son.

PERF: 80P. - 13 x 12; AF 1 - 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$

VALUE: On this date, Nov. 23rd. the foreign rate was increased to 140 Poul

COLOUR: The reprinted 8 values of 1951 Definitive Series printed by Recess, Photogravure and Litho but in changed colours with a new 140 poul value.

PAPER: medium white wove

upper outer
margin flaw



REGISTERED LETTER:

From KABOUL Sub-Office of "MAIWAND" (Type PM26-3) to PESHAWAR 27 May 58

Postage paid - 380 Poul

Postal Rates:

Foreign 1st Class mail: 140 Poul / 20 gms (as from March 1956).

Foreign Registered mail: 200 Poul (cover shows remainder of yellow registration label)

Surtax ?: 20 Poul



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1957 November 23rd,

AFGHANISTAN

Definitive Issue

140 Poul - Reflects the new 1st Class Foreign Mail charge introduced in March 1956

DESIGN: Photogravure of *The National Horse Game of Buzkashi (Goat Snatching)* by Waterlow & Sons Ltd London. **Waterlow & Sons** subcontracted the printing of the 8 new issues to **Harrison & Son**.



The design shows an action shot of the national game Royal Buzkashi played during the cooler months all over the country, but particularly in the Province of Badakshan.

Two sides, numbering from 10-60 players, are lined up on horseback at either end of a large rectangular field bigger than an average football pitch. A goat is slain, its blood drained and carcase thrown into a slight depression in the middle of the field.

At a given signal, the two sides gallop their horses and charge one another, the object to retrieve the carcase - without dismounting - and carry it back to their end of the field. No holds barred, And time the goat's corpse becomes pulped from being snatched away and fought over repeatedly. The best way way is to hide it - no easy feat - and then gallop away as fast as possible as up to 120 horses and players mill around.

Injuries are common in this rowdy game requiring a very high standard of horsemanship, but "not many actually get killed". The side which gets the goat is considered to have won, and in exceptional cases an outstanding horseman is presented with a wife by his own side.

The game in a somewhat modified form takes place in Kabul in the Autumn, when the two champion teams are matched in front of the King, and the prize is money.

PRINTING: 100 (10 x10)

PERF: 140P. - $13\frac{3}{4}$ x 14

COLOUR: Brown Purple & Deep Olive Green.

PAPER: medium white wove

FIRST CLASS MAIL:

From KABOUL 18.1.58 (Type PM26) to PESHAWAR 21.1.58

Postage paid - 140 Poul



1957 November 23rd,

AFGHANISTAN

Replacement Definitive Issues

1957 REGISTERED LETTER:

From KABOUL 31. 12. 57 (Type PM26) to **Afghan National Bank in PESHAWAR**

Postage paid - 380 Pouls

Postal Rates:

Foreign 1st Class mail: 140 Poul / 20 gms (*operational from March 1956 - a date that was coincident with events in Pakistan where in March 1956 it had just cast off its British Dominion status and declared itself the Islamic Republic of Pakistan*).

Foreign Registered mail: 200 Poul

Surtax ?: 20 Poul

The Official Government cover was addressed 29. 3. 1336 AH (i.e. 1. 12. 1957) and posted at KABOUL on 31.12.57, a one month gap from the time the letter was addressed to the time it was postmarked. It is possible that the new Government in Pakistan was still in turmoil and the letter was deliberately withheld from being posted until events ensured its safe delivery to the Afghan National Bank in Pakistan.



1957 November 23rd,

AFGHANISTAN

Replacement Definitive Issues

First Class Foreign REGISTERED LETTER (CENSORED)

From - KABOUL (bearing a CENSORSHIP Type SPM25A Postmark) to PESHAWAR

The Islamic Republic of Pakistan having just replaced the British Dominion of Pakistan, this may have created a need for this foreign censorship.

Postage paid - 4.25 AFS

Postal Rates: Foreign 1st Class mail: 140 Poul / 20 gms (applied as from March 1956).

Foreign Registered mail: 200 Poul

Surtax: 85 Poul

CENSORSHIP: Special Postmark SPM25A

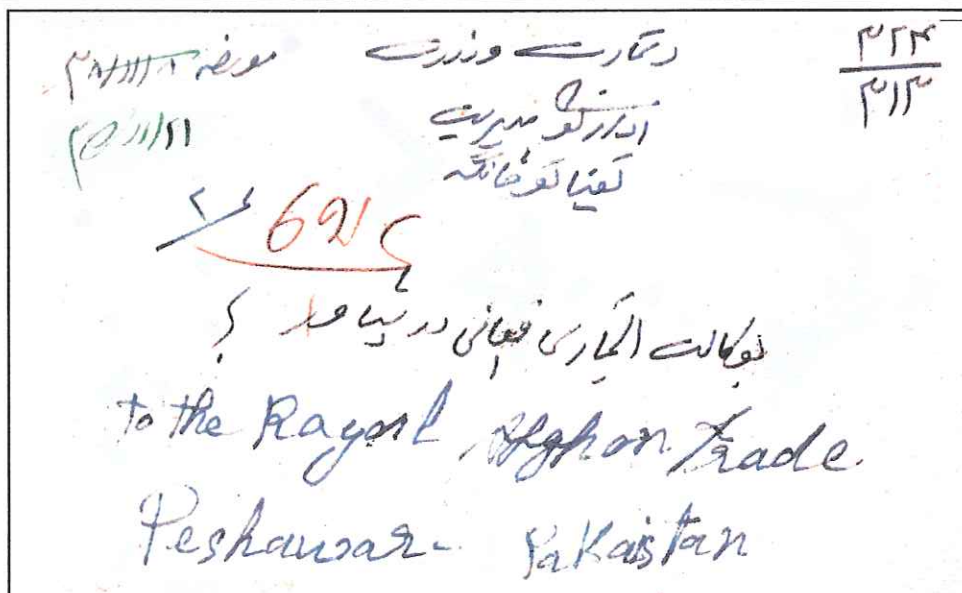
"1 ERE BRANCHE KABOUL" -(Kaboul Censorship Branch No.1)
is applied without the date. The date or official No. is applied by the
CENSOR with a separate handstamp, as follows -

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Note: Censorship date/number added carelessly to 3 of the 4 Censorship Cancels.



Front of
Cover-
Registration Ms
"621" in red



AFGHANISTAN

1958 June 22nd. CHILD WELFARE FUND

Postage / Surtax Issue

NOTE: The Foreign letter rate had been increased from 125 Poul to 140 Poul on 21st March 1956 with the Surtax reduced from 25 Poul to 15 Poul. On sale for one day only.

VALUE: 35 + 15 Poul - Red - Inland Mail
140 + 15 Poul - Chocolate - Foreign Mail

DESIGN: Children bathing in public open air pool

PRINTING: 35 - (5x7) Lithographed on thin hard white wove paper. - 20,000; 2000 imperforate

PERFORATION: 11 x 11 & Imperf



IMPERFORATE



AFGHANISTAN

1958 August 23rd.

40th INDEPENDENCE DAY

VALUE: 35 Poulis - Deep Green - Inland Mail
140 Poulis - Brown - Foreign Mail

DESIGN: Mohamed Nadir Shah awarding Battle Honours to one of his soldiers bearing the Royal Flag

PRINTING: 50 - (5 x 10) Photolithography by Austrian State Printing Works, Vienna on Medium White wove paper - 40,000 sets

PERFORATION: 13½ x 14



COVER: First Class Foreign mail - **KABOUL** to **PESHAWAR 9 SEPT 58**

Type PM26



Standard Pakistan
cancel 1958



AFGHANISTAN

1958 August 23rd.

INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION - KABUL

VALUE: 35 Poulis - Blue Green - Inland Mail
140 Poulis - Rose red - Foreign Mail
DESIGN: Exhibition buildings
PRINTING: 30 - (5 x 6) Lithography in Kabul on hard White wove paper - On sale for 6 days.
2000 Imperf issues.
PERFORATION: 11 x 11 & Imperf

Top Inscription

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International Exposition of Afghanistan



Perf 11 x 11



Perf 11 x 11



IMPERF

1958 August 31st.

PASHTUNISTAN DAY

VALUE: 35 + 15 Poulis - Light Blue - Inland Mail
140 + 15 Poulis - Red Brown - Foreign Mail
DESIGN: Pashtunistan Flag
PRINTING: 30 - (5 x 6) Lithography in Kabul on hard White wove paper - On sale for 2 days
August 31st and September 1st. - 20,000 sets,
PERFORATION: 11 x 11 & Imperf



AFGHANISTAN

1958 September 13th. VISIT of the TURKISH PRESIDENT to AFGHANISTAN

Issued on September 13th, it remained on issue until 22nd September.

VALUE: 50 Poul - Deep Green (35P + 15P surtax)

100 Poul - Chocolate (70P + 30P surtax)

DESIGN: President Bayar of Turkey with Turkish script reading "Remembrance of Visit"

PRINTING: 30 - (6 x 5) Lithographed in Kabul on thin hard white paper. 2000 Imperf sets.

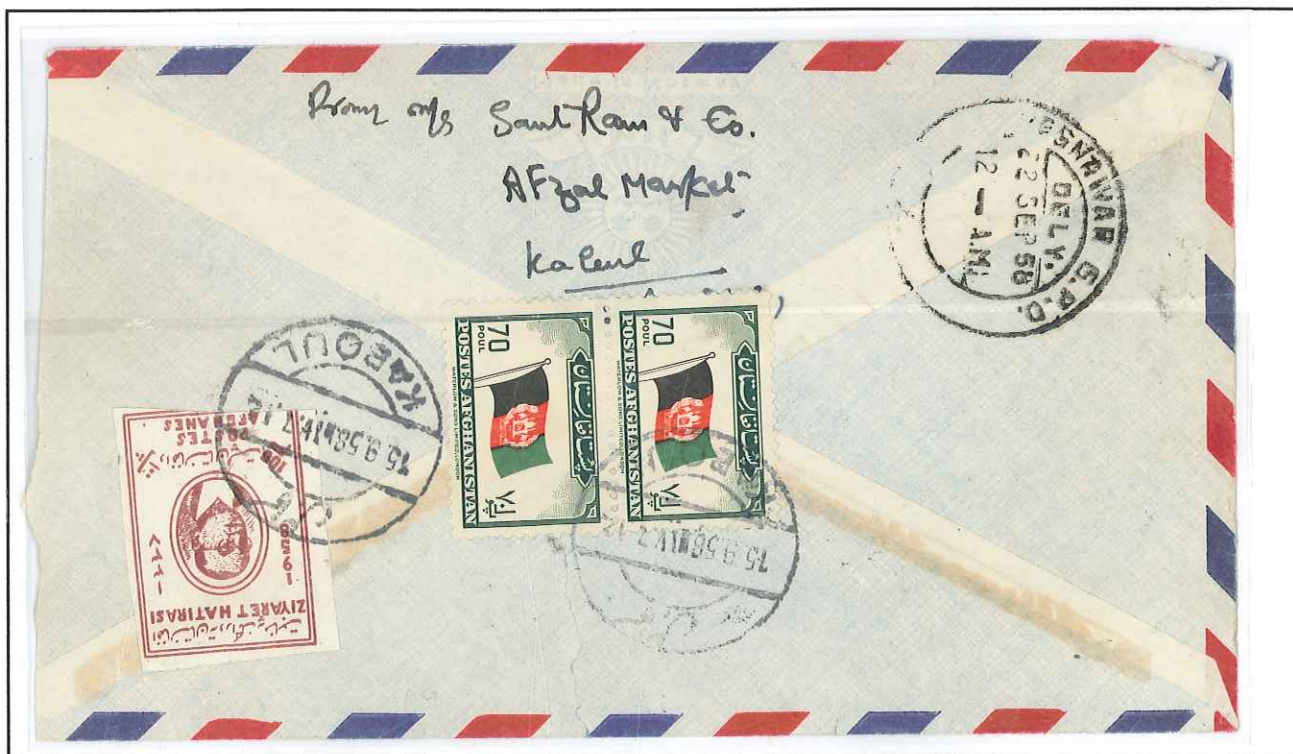
PERFORATION: 11 x 11½ and Imperf



IMPERF.



COVER: First Class mail **KABOUL 15.9.58** to **PESHAWAR 22.9.58** with postage of **240 Poul** which should have been **170 Poul**. The foreign first class rate was **140 Poul** so as the 100 Poul issue represented a **70-30 post/surtax** combination, the postal clerk mistakenly applied a **70 Poul overcharge**.



1958 October 23 - 26th.

AFGHANISTAN

UNITED NATIONS DAY

Anniversary of signing of original charter by representatives of fifty (50) nations at San Francisco USA.

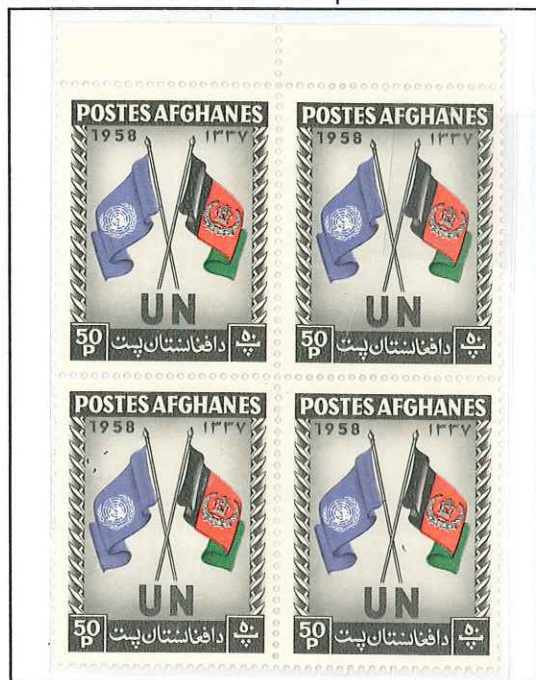
VALUE: 50 Poul - Blue Red Green & Black (35P + 15P surtax)

100 Poul -Blue Red Black & Green (70P + 30P surtax)

DESIGN: UN & Afghan Flags

PRINTING: 50 (10x5) Photogravure by Austrian State Printing Works, Vienna. Imperf 2000 sets

PERFORATION: 13½ x 13½ & Imperf



COVER: 1st Class Foreign Mail - "KABOUL 25.10.58" (Type PM 26) to "PESHAWAR G.P.O. 1 NOV 58" - 300 Poul postage.



IMPERF
2000 sets



1958 October 20th.

AFGHANISTAN

ATOMS for PEACE

Issued to Honour the 2nd General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Commission

VALUE: 50 Poulis - Blue (35P + 15P surtax)

100 Poulis -Purple (70P + 30P surtax)

DESIGN: Based on US "Atoms for Peace" stamp of 1955.

PRINTING: 50 (5x10) Photogravure by Austrian State Printing Works, Vienna on medium white wove paper.
Imperf 2000 sets. Valid for four days only.

PERFORATION: 13½ x 13½ & Imperf



Imperforate



FIRST DAY COVER: 300 Poulis postage for 1st Class Foreign Postage/Surtax mail.
KABOUL 20.10.58 to PESHAWAR 25 OCT 58



1958 November 13th.

AFGHANISTAN

*Inauguration of UNESCO Headquarters Building in Paris
November 3rd. 1958*

VALUE: 50 Poulis - Green (35P + 15P surtax)

100 Poulis -Olive Brown (70P + 30P surtax)

DESIGN: UNESCO Headquarters - Paris.

PRINTING: 50 (5x10) Photogravure by Austrian State Printing Works, Vienna on medium white wove paper.
Imperf 2000 sets. Valid for four days only.

PERFORATION: 13½ x 13½ & Imperf

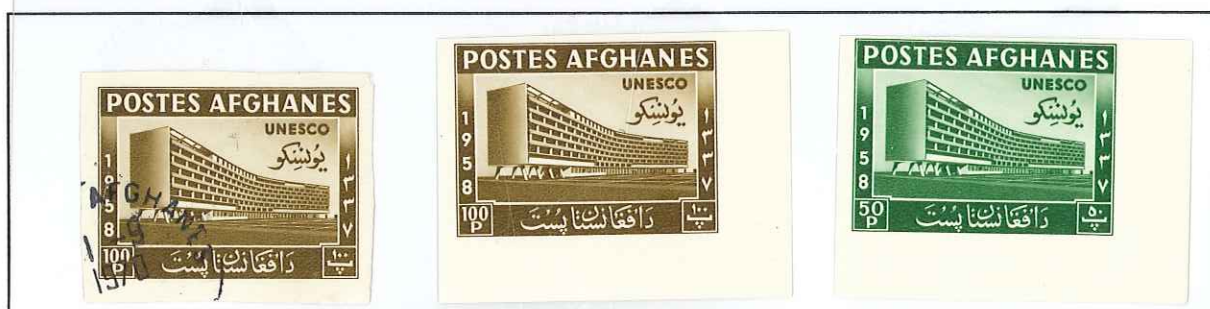


COVER: 300 Poulis postage for 1st Class Foreign Postage/Surtax mail.

"KABOUL 3.11.58" (type PM26) to "PESHAWAR G.P.O. 8 NOV 58"



IMPERF



1958 December 10th.

AFGHANISTAN

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY - 10th Anniversary

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights was validated on 10th December 1958

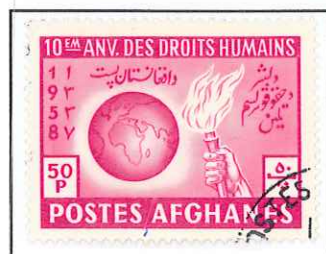
VALUE: 50 Poulis - Magenta (35P + 15P surtax)

100 Poulis - Brown Purple (70P + 30P surtax)

DESIGN: Globe & Torch

PRINTING: 50 (5x10) Photogravure by Austrian State Printing Works, Vienna on medium white wove paper.
50P-10,000; 100P-50,000; Imperf-2,000?

PERFORATION: 13½ x 14 & Imperf



IMPERF

