

North Yemen 1926-1948

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The exhibit displays stamps issued during the Imamate under the reign of **Yahya Muhammad Hamid ed-Din** till his violent death during coup-d'état on 17th March 1948. Firstly, the stamps were printed locally and later were ordered in other states (Germany, France, Great Britain and USA). There were also several provisional issues due to shortage of 4 bogashes denomination. For this reason, handstamps of several types were adopted on several issues. Stamps and covers are shown chronologically with the focus on unusual and rare items. The exhibit is completed with scarcer cancellations from small post offices in many issues. Some issues were not officially approved and the reasons for that are mentioned for every such issue.

Exhibit plan:

- First issue - 1926 - dagger design of local provenience - papers, plate varieties, retouch, cancellations
- Berlin issues - 1930-1931 - specimens, issued stamps, cancellations
- Waterlow and Sons issues - Arab Alliance - plate flaws and lithographic varieties, imperforate, 1940 issue - plate flaws, cancellations, Mutawakili hospital - imperforate, Postage due
- Handstamped overprints of 4B - types and subtypes, cancellations
- Paris issues - normal, airmail and not issued - proof, sheet borders
- Airmail commemorative issues - overprint colours, varieties of overprint (double, inverted)
- Philadelphia issues - normal, airmail and postage-due - imperforates, missing overprints, specimens

Areas of personal research and discoveries (marked in text in italics):

- First issue - 2 ½ b printed both sides
- Transfer varieties of Arab Alliance issue
- Plate flaws for several issues
- Unreported cancellations - 1940 issue
- Unfinished die proof without the inscription at top and value at right, signed by author

Rare items are marked with * and the reason for rarity is explained:

- * - rare items - e.g. cover with the first issue
- ** - very rare items - missing overprints - 16-25 printed
- U - unique items (only one example known):
 - Sheet of 2b without overprint TAXE A PERCEVOIR
 - 2 ½ b printed both sides - first issue

References:

- Carlson R. Chambliss - Standard catalogue of the postage stamps of Yemen and South Arabia 2007
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- Articles in journals