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Forgeries of 1924 (January) Single line Overprint

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Genuine overprint

The genuine overprint was used on the 1924 (January) issue which was subsequently overprinted to produce the King Hussein visit commemorative issue. The genuine overprint was printed in relief, probably using stereotypes.

This document covers forgeries of this single line overprint used either alone or with forgeries of the King Hussein overprint.

Forgery type 1

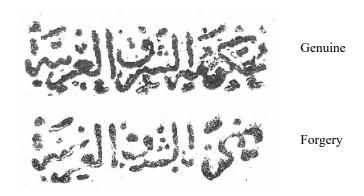


Plate size Not known

Plate construction Probably stereotype

Different settings Not known.

This forgery is a very crude and simple attempt to mimic the genuine overprint. As can be seen from the illustration above, there is a considerable lack of detail. This forgery is not difficult to identify using the illustration above.

Example of type 1 overprint

This forgery has only be seen on a King Hussein visit forgery and could even be part of a single overprint plate used on that issue.



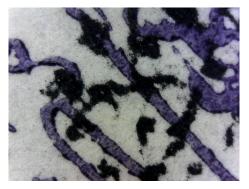
Forgery in pair with overprint omitted

Forgery type 2



Plate size Not applicable
Plate construction Not applicable
Different settings Not known.

This overprint is a modern xerography forgery and as such is likely to match exactly one of the genuine overprint positions.



The black laser overprint shows the lack of sharp lines and very even black ink without ink 'squash'. Compare it with the typical appearance of genuine relief printing shown by the lilac ink of the 1½p.

Examples of type 2 overprint



Left: An inverted overprint, but on a ½p in the rose shade not used for genuine stamps of this 1924 issue.

Below: Upright overprint in pair with stamp without overprint. On the back, each stamp had a forged 'ela' mark. On Hejaz examples of 'overprint in pair with one without', Angeloglou usually applies his mark only to the stamp with the overprint, but there may be exceptions.







It is interesting that this pair is from positions 9 and 10; the genuine plate had a defective cliché in position 5 and I would have thought that genuine copies of these pairs would be positions 5 and 6 - if you can find them!