

1932 National Council Issue

Typographed • Perforated 11¾

Proofs on Chalky Paper • Without Gum



40p Brown Olive



60p Violet



80p Dark Red



1afg Black



2afg Ultramarine



3afg Dull Green

Issued Set • Gummed Wove Paper



40p Brown Olive



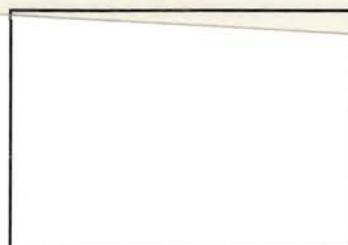
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4 • National Council Issue • Universal Postal Union Specimen

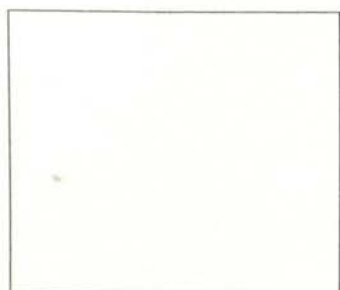
Handstamped "SPECIMEN" on National Council Set
by Portuguese Post Office on Receipt from UPU (Berne, Switzerland)

Signed by "A R Costa," Portuguese Postal Official

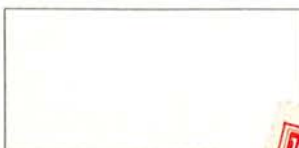


4 • National Council Issue • Proofs

On Ungummed Chalky Paper • Perforated 12½



40pl Brown Olive



Dark Red



60pl Violet • Vertical Perforations Shifted

1	2
5	6



60pl Violet • Vertical Perforations Shifted

4 • National Council Issue • Proofs: Imperforate



40pl Olive



80pl Dark Red



1afg Black



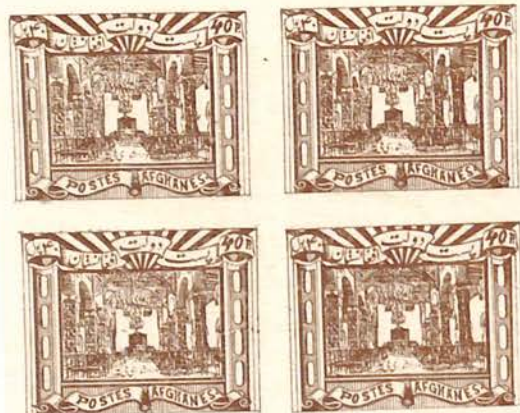
60pl Deep Violet • Positions 1, 2, 4 and 5



80pl Dark Red • Positions 1, 4

80pl Dark Red • Positions 1 and 11

4 • National Council Issue • Proofs: Imperforate



60pl Violet



80pl Dark Red

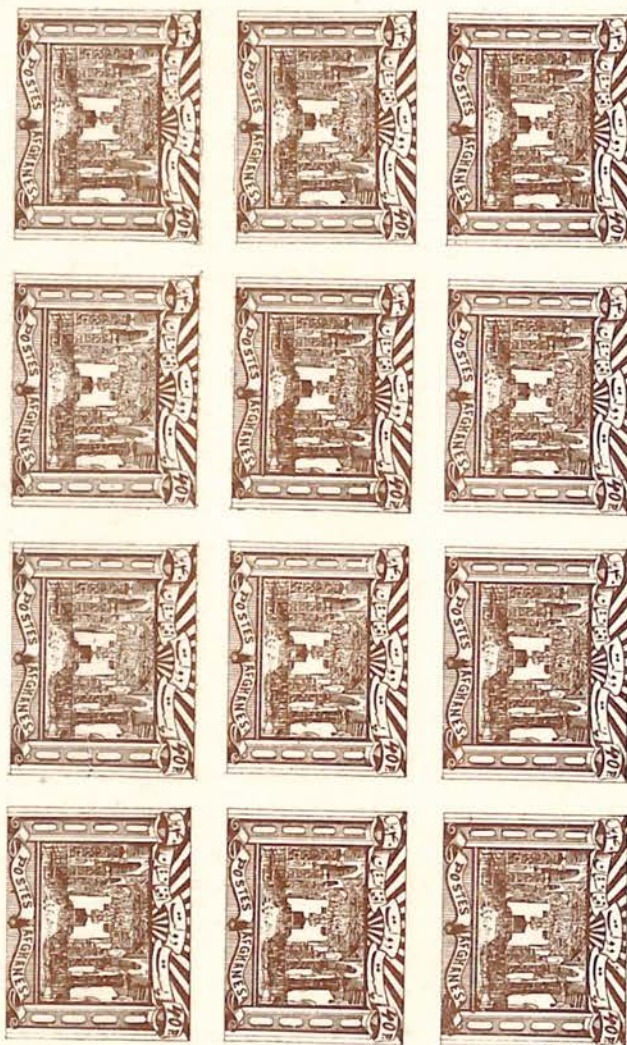
1afg Black

7	8
10	11

7	8
10	11

4 • National Council Issue • Proof Sheet of Twelve

40 Poul Brown-olive on Chalky Paper • Imperforate



4 • National Council Issue • Proof Sheet of Twelve

60 Poul Violet on Chalky Paper • Imperforate



4 • National Council Issue • Proof Sheet of Twelve

80 Poul Deep Red on Chalky Paper • Imperforate



4 • National Council Issue • Proof Sheet of Twelve

1 Afghani Black on Chalky Paper • Imperforate



4 • National Council Issue • Proof Sheet of Twelve

2 Afghanis Blue on Chalky Paper • Imperforate

Plate Scratches in Stamp 8 (Lower Right Number Tablet) and Stamp 10 (Top Frame)



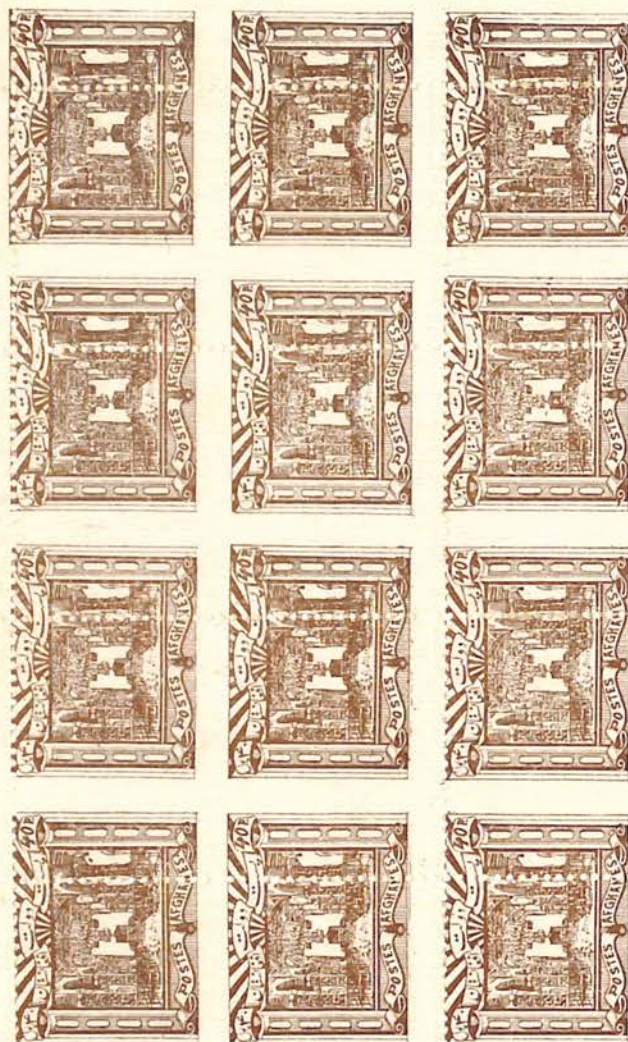
4 • National Council Issue • Proof Sheet of Twelve

3 Afghanis Green on Chalky Paper • Imperforate



4 • National Council Issue • Proof Sheet of Twelve

40 Poul Brown-olive on Chalky Paper • Perforated 12½ • Shifted, Double and Missing Perforations



Handwritten signature in Arabic script, likely belonging to the author or a collector.

4 • National Council Issue • Proof Sheet of Twelve

60 Poul Violet on Chalky Paper • Perforated 12½ • Misperforation



4 • National Council Issue • Issued Set

Issued in Small Sheets of 12, Arranged 4x3 for the 40 Poul, 60 Poul and 3 Afghani and 3x4 for the 80 Poul, 1 Afghani and 2 Afghani • No Apparent Postal Need for the 2 and 3 Afghanis High Values

Typographed on Gummed, Thin to Medium Soft White Wove Paper • Perforated $11\frac{3}{4}$



Variety • Imperforate



2afg Ultramarine • Rough Impression • Margin Single from Position 10 showing "Diagonal Plate Scratch, Top Frame" and "Colorless Spot, Right Frame Panel"

4 • National Council Issue • 40 Poul Sheet

Perforated 11¾



40 Poul Value • Plate and Printing Flaws

Position 3	Progressive Flaw: Ink spot in bottom oval of left side frame.
Position 7	Break in top oval in left side frame.
Position 11	Small diagonal line at left side of throne (center of design).

In the central design, flaws can be seen but these are likely the result of variations when the plate was inked or from sloppy press work. More study is necessary to determine the validity and extent of print/plate flaws.

4 • National Council Issue • 60 Poul Sheet

Perforated 11¾ • Toned Brownish Paper



60 Poul Value • Plate and Printing Flaws

Position 1	Ink spot LR corner below value Panel.
Position 4	Ink spots right side of lower right value panel.
Position 9	Ink spots: UR frame; lower outside frame near center.
Position 11	Small white spot in lower inscription panel.
Position 12	White spot between "E" and "S" of "AFGHANES".

4 • National Council Issue • 2 Afghanis Complete Sheet

Perforated 11³/₄



2 Afghanis Value • Plate and Printing Flaws

Position 1	White spot/break in frame UR corner.
Position 4	Ink spot UL stamp margin outside design.
Position 8	Plate scratches in stamp 8 (lower right number tablet).
Position 10	White spot, right frame adjacent "GH" of "AFGHANES" and diagonal white line in top frame.

4 • National Council Issue • 3 Afghanis Complete Sheet

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

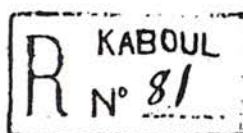


3 Afghanis Value • Plate and Printing Flaws	
Position 4	Line through "F" in "AFG" in LR corner.
Position 5	Ink spots in UR and UL corners (value tablets).
Position 7	Spot in "۳" in UR value tablet.
Position 8	Spot in bottom frame of upper right value tablet.
Positions 9, 10	Slightly out of alignment.
Position 12	Ink spots in "۳" of upper right value tablet.

4 • National Council Issue • Usage: Registered Cover



Kabul to Peshawar, 1932. Franked with 1 afghani value canceled "KABOUL," November 19, 1932. **Rate is 1 afghani: 75pl foreign letter plus 25pl registration.** In this case, the registration handstamp features a hand-written dates in Afghan and western numbers.



Foreign Mail Registration Handstamp

Single Franking • Cover Documents "Foreign Letter" Rate Change Occurred Earlier than 1933!

4 • National Council Issue • Usage: Unusual Cancellation Type



Kabul to Peshawar, ca. 1930–31. Forty Poul value — paying the first class letter rate for letter weighing 20g — canceled with undated, private commercial firm cancellation in violet, “Rustam Chee-Ardeshir Dobosh / Kabul”.

Single Franking • “K. A. Gai” Correspondence
• A Similar Cover Illustrated and Described in Patterson

Postal Rates, 1931–1933

Approximate Change Date	1st Class		Registration		Postal Cards			
	Inland 5 grams	Foreign 20 grams	Inland	Foreign	Local	Inland	Foreign	
ca. 1931	15 poul	40 poul	10 poul	25 poul	4 poul	8 poul	25 poul	
ca. 1932		50 poul					30 poul	
November, 1932	25 poul	75 poul	15 poul		5 poul	10 poul	45 poul	
June, 1933								

4 • National Council Issue • Used Examples: Kabul Branch Postal Censorship Postmarks



Censorship Postmark

One postmark for each of the four Kabul branches. Bilingual with Islamic and Gregorian dates on two lines in center band. (33 mm diameter)

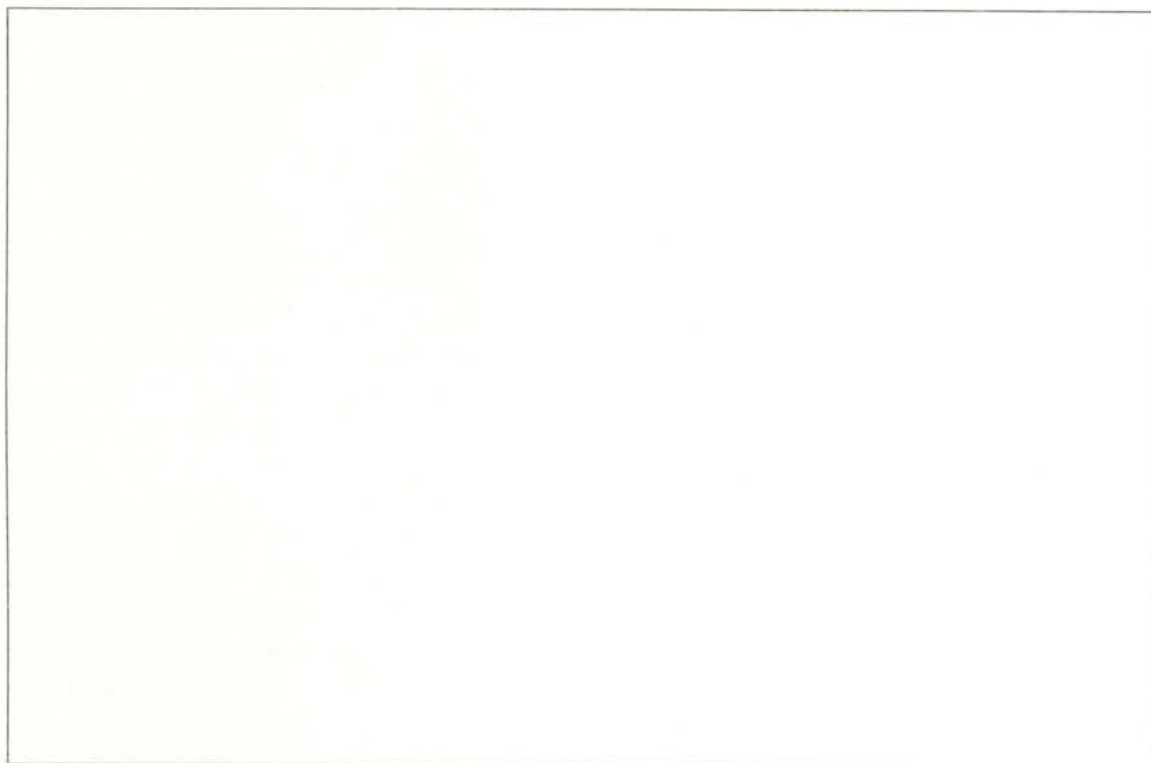


Branch 2 (In Violet)

Kabul to Peshawar, 1932. Franked with 40pl single franking paying the **single letter rate**. Posted September, 1932

4 • National Council Issue • Usage: Mixed Issues Frankings

No appropriate “**National Council**” low denomination to make up the 75pl foreign surface letter rate. Fifteen Poul “**First Monuments**” value used here to make up rate.



Kandahar to Bombay, India, 1933. “Mixed issue” franking: 60pl “National Council” and 15pl brown “First Monuments” pay the **75pl foreign surface letter rate**. Posted Kandahar, February 11, 1933.

Kandahar to Basel, Switzerland, 1934. Franked with 15pl “First Monuments” and 60pl “National Council” paying foreign **75pl surface letter rate** to Europe. Postmarked “KAND[A]HAR” June 5, 1934.

