



The December 10 Human Rights set scheduled by Jordan arrived in installments, with the 15 fils value appearing on time and the other three six days later. Denominations are 5, 15, 35, and 45f. in two-color printing. Genuinely registered and flown first day covers are scarce.

Piecemeal Release Of Jordanian UN HR Set Brought FDC Problem

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Although the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan's Human Rights Declaration commemorative set is inscribed "10. XII . 1958" only the 15 fils value arrived in time for issue on December 10 in accordance with the Human Rights Day date. The other values came along on the 16th, thus causing havoc with the First Day Covers dealers' plans.

Baroody's of Beirut, had their representative stay the extra six days to get the whole set on FDC's with the Amman registry cancel, and, eventually, the Beirut backstamp. Most of the others made up covers with the 15f. on the 10th and with the others, separately, on the 16th. But few of these were genuinely flown, making authentic FDC's of the whole set scarce.

All four stamps of the issue have the identical design of the Human Rights torch of liberty in a circle inscribed "Human Rights" in English, French, Russian, and Spanish around the circle, with the date flanking the torch.

An additional circle inscription, farther out, gives the anniversary designation in English (right) and Arabic (left), as "10th Anniversary, Human Rights Declaration", with the word "Commemoration" above, in English only. There is no corresponding Arabic inscription to match this latter word, but a similar meaning is incorporated into the entire Arabic inscription around the circle.

The country name and postal and value inscription appear at the top of the stamp in Arabic and at the bottom in English. Colors are claret (center) and blue for the 5f.; black and bistre, 15f.; purple and green, 35f.; and olive and red, 45f. high value.

The craze for unaddressed FDC's has not hit the Middle East yet. Moreover, as FDC's of the area, and in many cases merely early use of commemoratives on cover, are not enough to meet the demand, even dealers' address on such cover have to be gratefully accepted by collectors. This condition will be found typical of most of Jordan's Human Rights Day FDC's.