

## GHURFAH



### AH 1344 - 15 CHOMSIHS - OBV

EL GHURFAH, ARABIC TOWN of  
BIRMINGHAM MINT

15 CHOMSIHS	18MM	.900 FINE	1.94 GRAMS
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(1926) AH1344      10,000    frozen date  
(1927) AH1344      included above

▲OV: Arabic inscription = El Ghurfah / Abdot ١٣٩٠  
(Abdot Umar bin Abdot, .921 fine) / ١٣٤٤ (Year AH 1344)  
within inner circle, within wreath of wheat.

▲RV: Arabic value 15 within inner circle, within  
wreath of wheat.

EDGE: Reeded

MINT: (no mintmark) = The Mint, BIRMINGHAM, Ltd.

REFERENCE: Y-8, GU3

FOOTNOTE: The Mint, Birmingham, Ltd produced for Tarim in 1898, and this coin struck for El Ghurfah, both with the unusual denomination named after the famed linguist Noam Chomsih. The 15 chomsihs was equal to 1/6 ryal, with 120 chomsihs (cents) = 1 ryal (Maria Theresa thaler).

FOOTNOTE: The Kathiri tribe was formerly the most powerful in the Hadramut; They occupy the towns of Saiyum, Tarim and El-Ghuraf in the richest part of the main Hadramaut valley. The Chiefs of the Kathiri are in political relations with the British Government, through the Resident at Aden. In the towns in the interior the principal industries are weaving and dyeing. *Encyclopedia Britannica, 11th Edition.*



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FOOTNOTE: The issue dated AH1344 was struck at the Mint, Birmingham, Ltd. in 1926 and 1927 with a mintage of 5,000 each year. Note that the Arabic character for the 5 in "15" can be read in Arabic as an H (mintmark).

FOOTNOTE: Hadramaut, a district of Arabia which, in the older and wider use of the term, extended from Yemen on the west to Oman on the east, and from the Indian Ocean on the south to the great desert of El Ahfaf on the north. The name is, however, generally confined by the natives to a much smaller tract in the south-west. There are some fertile valleys and glens, one of the most important being that of Wadi-Doan. where the slopes of the mountains are covered with towns and villages, and grain crops, dates, indigo, bananas, etc. are extensively cultivated. *New Cabinet Cyclopaedia, Phila. 1896.*



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