

IRAQ



1955 - 20 FILS - OBVERSE

IRAQ, KINGDOM OF
LONDON MINT

20 FILS 19MM .500 FINE 2.8 GRAMS

1955 AH 1375 4,000,000 frozen date

^OV: Head of Faisal II, facing right, arabic inscription (MALIK AL-IRAQ = KING OF IRAQ) left, arabic inscription (FAYSALATH-THANI = FAISAL THE SECOND) right.

^RV: Value in arabic ٢٠ (20) / arabic denomination (FILS) in circle, arabic inscription (AL-MANLAKAT AL IRAQTYA = THE KINGDOM OF IRAQI) above, DATES in arabic ١٩٥٥ - ١٣٧٥ (AD1955 - AH1375)

EDGE: Reeded

MINT: (no mintmark) = Royal Mint, LONDON

DESIGNER: Thomas Hugh Paget

REFERENCE: Y-22, KM-116

Currency of Iraq by John Humphris, Montreal, 1968.

FOOTNOTE: This issue was minted at the Royal Mint, London in 1956 with a mintage of 2,000,000 and in 1958 with a mintage of 2,000,000 all dated with the frozen dates of the AD 1955 and AH 1375 in Arabic.

FOOTNOTE: Currency of Iraq - 1,000 fils = 1 Iraqi dinar



1955 - 20 FILS - REVERSE

FOOTNOTE: Iraq was a Kingdom in northern Arabia between Syria, Jordan and Persia, formerly known as Mesopotamia, a Province of the Ottoman Empire. After the First World War Iraq was mandated to Great Britain and gained independence under a British Mandate, in 1921 when Emir Faisal son of Husein Ibn-Ali of Hejaz, Grand Sheriff of Mecca was elected King Faisal I of Iraq in a decisive plebiscite. He was succeeded by his son Ghazi Ibn Faisal on September 9, 1937. King Ghazi I became a motor enthusiast while attending school at Harrow, England. He loved to speed and one of his favorite pastimes was to drive recklessly through the streets of Baghdad at night. On the ride that caused his death, he lost control of his car and crashed into an electric-light pole, fracturing his skull. Ghazi I was 27 years old when he died. He had married his cousin Princess Aliyah of Hejaz a week after his Coronation in 1933. His son King Faisal II was born on May 2, 1935 and succeeded to the throne of Iraq after his father was killed in an automobile accident April 4, 1939. Until he becomes 18 the boy King will rule through a Regency headed by his uncle, Emir Abdullah. He was assassinated in a bloody liquidation of the King, the Crown Prince and almost the whole Royal Family during a military revolution. Iraq was under British protection under terms of a twenty year treaty signed in 1948. With the murder of the King a Republic was established July 14, 1958.



KING FAISAL II