

LEBANON



1929 - 10 PIASTRES - OBVERSE

LEBANON, REPUBLIC of
PARIS MINT

10 PIASTRES 17MM .680 FINE 2.5 GRAMS

1929 880,064

^OV: Cedar of Lebanon / Arabic inscription in box at base of the tree (AL-JUMHURIYAT AL-LIBANANYYA = Republic of Lebanon) 1929 left, ١٩٢٩ (arabic 1929) right, REPUBLIQUE / LIBANAISE (French for Republic of Lebanon) below.

∇RV: Value in arabic ١٠ (10) arabic inscription for denomination (ghurush ashra = qurush ten) / Crossed cornucopia / 10 / PIASTRES below.

EDGE: Reeded

MINT: (no mintmark) = PARIS

ENGRAVER: Louis Bazor

REFERENCE: Y-8, KM-6, GH-37

FOOTNOTE: Minted at the Paris mint in 1930 with the French and Arabic date of 1929, similar to a 1929 Essai. Lebanon issued only this one year type which falls within this series.

FOOTNOTE: Lebanon was formed on September 1, 1920 from five former Turkish Empire Sanjaks (Districts) of North Lebanon, Mount Lebanon, South Lebanon, Beirut and Bekaa as an independent State and administrated under French Mandate between 1920 and 1941.



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FOOTNOTE: This one year, one country, type is, in the opinion of the author, included with the very few other specimens, which in gem uncirculated condition are very rare. In nearly thirty years of collecting this dime size series, only one has been encountered, as pictured. The coin in the N.I. reprint on *Modern Lebanese Coinage* by Granvyl G. Hulse, Jr. , 1974, in all probability represents another, used for his illustration. Twenty five years ago there were quite a few in slightly lower grades available in the \$1 to \$2 range, but they are seldom seen today.



Lebanon today