

SAUDI ARABIA



1936 - AH 1354 - 1/4 RIYAL - OBV

SAUDI ARABIA, KINGDOM of
BIRMINGHAM MINT

1/4 RIYAL	19.5MM	.916 FINE	2.916 GRAMS
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(1936)	AH 1354	100,000	frozen date
(1937)	AH 1354	800,000	

▲OV: Arabic inscription in thuluth style (The King of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia) within inner circle of pearls, arabic inscription Abdul Aziz Son of Adul Rahman, Son of Al Sand/ Ali / palm trees divided by shield with crossed swards within.

▲RV: Arabic inscription (Struck In Makkah Al-Mu Kavma, ¼ of Saudi Arabia riyal) / ¼ (AH 1354) / Ali, within inner circle of pearls / palm trees divided by shield / ¼ (for denomination)

EDGE: Reeded

MINT: (no mintmark) = THE MINT, BIRMINGHAM, LTD.

ENGRAVER: ALI = Unknown

REFERENCE: Y-18, SA10, KM-16

FOOTNOTE: January 24, 1928 Saudi Arabia established a monetary system based on the Saudi riyal, crown size and valued at 1/10 of a British sovereign. A new riyal was issued in 1936 weighing 11.66 grams with subsidiary coins; 1/2 riyal and 1/4 riyal. Arabs of the desert had for many years only used the Austrian Maria Theresa Thaler or *Levant dollar* with its *frozen date* 1780. These crown size trade coins were the only true medium of exchange.



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FOOTNOTE: Ibn Saud, 'Abd al-'Aziz III, King of Saudi Arabia 1932-1953. Ibn Saud assumed the title of Sultan in 1921 and six years later gave up this title to become King of the Najd and the Hejaz. On September 22, 1932 the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia was formed. A historic meeting between President Franklin D. Roosevelt and King 'Abd al-'Aziz took place on an American cruiser anchored in Great Bitter Lake in the Suez Canal February, 1945. 'Abd al-'Aziz died November 9, 1953, his son Crown Prince Sa'ud became King.

FOOTNOTE: Bedouins, "dwellers in the deserts", are Arabs who lead a nomadic life. The desert of Arabia is their chief place of abode. They are found from the western boundary of Persia to the Atlantic, and from the mountains of Kurdistan to the Sudan. They are lean, sinewy, and active. Their senses, especially that of sight, are keen, the nose is commonly aquiline, and their complexions are of various shades of brown. With the exception of certain tribes in Syria, the Bedouins are professedly Mohammedans. Their diet is principally derived from their herds, but includes rice, a few vegetables, honey, locusts, and lizards. The Bedouins manufacture their own woolen clothing. Many tribes shave the head, but among all a beard is preferred. One or more families form a tribe. Out of their number the superior 'Sheik' is elected, who leads those of the tribe that choose to follow the life of a nomad. *New Standard Encyclopedia*, 1910.





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(1954) AH 1374 4,000,000

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▲RV: Arabic inscription (Struck In Makkah Al-Mu Kavma, ¼ of Saudi Arabia riyal) / ١٣٧٤ (AH 1374) / Ali, within inner circle of pearls / palm trees divided by shield / ¼ (for denomination)

EDGE: Reeded

MINT: (no mintmark) = Royal Mint, LONDON

ENGRAVER: ALI = Unknown

REFERENCE: Y-26, KM-37

FOOTNOTE: Saudi symbols; the sword, always unsheathed, symbolizes strength in faith, the date palm, which traditionally supplied the main agricultural crop of Saudi Arabia, is emblematic of vitality and growth.

FOOTNOTE: Ibn Saud I, 'Abd al-'aziz IV, King of Saudi Arabia succeeded his father upon his death in 1954. His brother Prince Faisal was named Crown Prince. In 1960 King Sa'ud's health began to deteriorate and in 1961 he made the first of several trips abroad for medical treatment with Faisal asked to take over the direction of the government. He was deposed by the Royal Family in 1964 and succeeded by his brother Faisal.



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Arabs before the oil

