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Issuer

Palestine Currency Board (PCB)B100

Starting Number

Monetary System

27.02.1927: 1 Palestine pound = 1,000 mils

Arabic Numbers

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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Arabic Months of the Year

يناير (January)	فبراير (February)	مارس (March)
أبريل / أبريل (April)	مايو (May)	يونيو / يونيو (June)
يوليو / يوليو (July)	أغسطس (August)	سبتمبر (September)
أكتوبر (October)	نوفمبر (November)	ديسمبر (December)

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Palestine Currency Board

The Palestine Currency Board (PCB) was formed in London on 15 June 1926. The passage of the Palestine Currency Order of His Majesty in council on 7 February 1927 declared as legal tender the Palestine pound, equal in value to the British pound sterling and divided into 1,000 mils.

PCB Signature Varieties

MEMBERS OF THE PALESTINE CURRENCY BOARD

1				
	Percy Hubbart Ezechiel	Leslie Couper	Alfred John Harding	
2				
	Percy Hubbart Ezechiel	John Caulcutt	Roland Venables Vernon	
3				
	Percy Hubbart Ezechiel	John Caulcutt	Harold Frederick Downie	
4				
	Percy Hubbart Ezechiel	John Caulcutt	Edmund Blaikie Boyd	
5				
	Percy Hubbart Ezechiel	John Caulcutt	Sydney Caine	Edmund Blaikie Boyd
6				
	Percy Hubbart Ezechiel	Sydney Caine	Edmund Blaikie Boyd	Raymond Newton Kershaw
7				
	Percy Hubbart Ezechiel	Sydney Caine	Christopher Gilbert Eastwood	Raymond Newton Kershaw

1927 - 1945 Issues

On 1 November 1927 the banknotes of the Palestine Currency Board were placed into circulation. These notes carry text in the three official languages of Palestine: Arabic, English, and Hebrew. Prior to this release, Egyptian notes were legal tender in Palestine and remained so until 31 March 1928. British Treasury 1-pound notes and Bank of England 5-pound notes were also legal tender in those areas of Palestine occupied by the British in 1918.



B100 (PNL): 100 mils VG VF UNC
 Purple and green. Front: Arabic, English, and Hebrew text; guilloche patterns. Back: Arabic, English, and Hebrew text; guilloche patterns. No security thread. Watermark: Unknown. Printer: (Thomas De La Rue). 115 x 69 mm. Paper.
 p. 26th March 1943. Sig. 5. — — XF
 Horizontal purple *SPECIMEN* ovpt lower right; no 30,000
 s/n. Unissued.

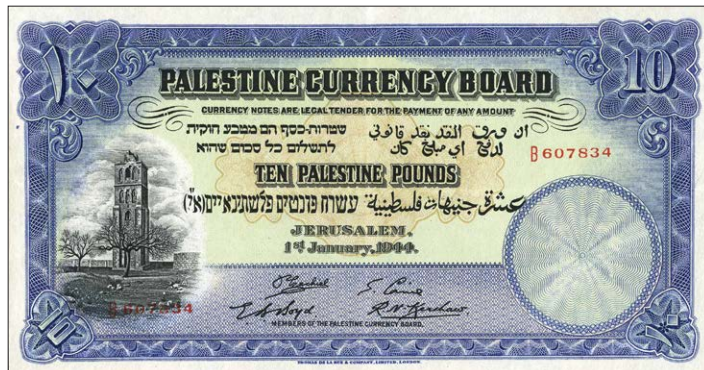
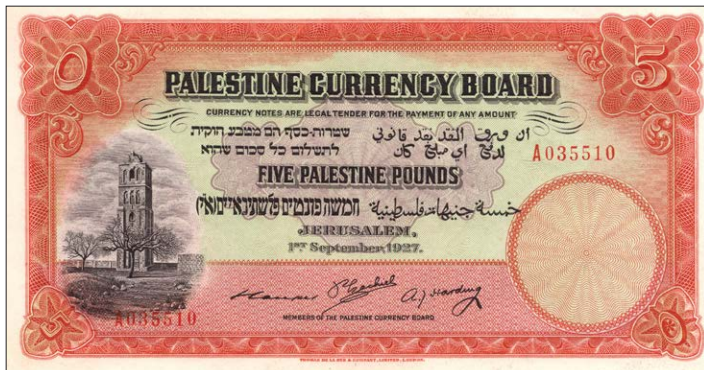


B101 (P6): 500 mils (demonetized 16.09.1948) **VG VF UNC**
 Purple and green. Front: Arabic, English, and Hebrew text; Rachel's Tomb on the West Bank near Bethlehem. Back: Arabic, English, and Hebrew text; Tower of David (Migdal David) citadel in Jerusalem. No security thread. Watermark: Olive sprig. Printer: *THOMAS DE LA RUE & COMPANY, LIMITED, LONDON*. 127 x 76 mm. Paper.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> a. | 1 st September 1927. Sig. 1. Prefix A. | 1,300 | 4,000 | — |
| <input type="checkbox"/> b. | 30 th September, 1929. Sig. 2. Prefix A - D. | 500 | 750 | — |
| <input type="checkbox"/> c. | 20 th April, 1939. Sig. 3. Prefix D - J.
Different s/n font. | 275 | 750 | 3,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> d. | 15 th August, 1945. Sig. 7. Prefix J, K.
Prefix L unissued. | 325 | 1,100 | 2,100 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> at2. | Puple, pale green, and pink; horizontal red DLR oval ovpt front; no s/n. | — | — | — |
| <input type="checkbox"/> bs. | Horizontal <i>CANCELLED</i> perf; horizontal purple <i>SPECIMEN</i> ovpt lower right; s/n B 000000. | — | — | — |
| <input type="checkbox"/> cs. | Horizontal <i>CANCELLED</i> perf; horizontal purple <i>SPECIMEN</i> ovpt lower right; s/n F 000000. | — | — | — |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ct. | Blue; uniface front; no ovpt; no perf; no s/n. | — | — | — |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ds. | Horizontal <i>CANCELLED</i> perf; s/n L 000000. | — | — | — |

B102 (P7): 1 pound (demonetized 16.09.1948) **VG VF UNC**
 Green. Front: Arabic, English, and Hebrew text; Dome of the Rock on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. Back: Arabic, English, and Hebrew text; Tower of David (Migdal David) citadel in Jerusalem. No security thread. Watermark: Olive sprig. Printer: *THOMAS DE LA RUE & COMPANY, LIMITED, LONDON*. 165 x 89 mm. Paper.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> b. | 30 th September, 1929. Sig. 2. Prefix B - H. | 300 | 775 | 3,800 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> c. | 20 th April, 1939. Sig. 3. Prefix H - Z.
Different s/n font. | 350 | 700 | 4,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> d. | 1 st January, 1944. Sig. 6. Prefix A/1 - C/1.
Prefix D/1 unissued. | 500 | 1,000 | 1,800 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> as. | Horizontal <i>CANCELLED</i> perf. | — | — | — |
| <input type="checkbox"/> at. | Orange; horizontal black DLR oval ovpt front; no s/n. | — | — | — |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> bs2. | Horizontal <i>CANCELLED</i> perf; horizontal purple <i>SPECIMEN</i> ovpt lower right; s/n E 000000. | — | — | — |
| <input type="checkbox"/> bt1. | Orange; horizontal black <i>SPECIMEN OF NO VALUE</i> ovpt upper left front; horizontal black <i>SPECIMEN No. #</i> ovpt lower left front; s/n A 000000. | — | — | — |
| <input type="checkbox"/> bt2. | Blue; no ovpt; no perf; s/n G 000000. | — | — | — |
| <input type="checkbox"/> cs1. | Horizontal <i>CANCELLED</i> perf; horizontal purple <i>SPECIMEN</i> ovpt lower right; s/n J 000000 or U 000000. | — | — | — |
| <input type="checkbox"/> cs2. | No ovpt; no perf; s/n L 000000. | — | — | — |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ds. | Horizontal <i>CANCELLED</i> perf; horizontal purple <i>SPECIMEN</i> ovpt lower right; s/n D/1 000000. | — | — | — |



B103 (P8): 5 pounds (demonetized 16.09.1948) VG VF UNC

Red and green. Front: Arabic, English, and Hebrew text; Crusader's Tower in Ramleh. Back: Arabic, English, and Hebrew text; Tower of David (Migdal David) citadel in Jerusalem. No security thread. Watermark: Olive sprig. Printer: *THOMAS DE LA RUE & COMPANY, LIMITED, LONDON*. 192 x 101 mm. Paper.

<input type="checkbox"/> a.	1 st September, 1927. Sig. 1. Prefix A.	10,000	XF	—
<input type="checkbox"/> b.	30 th September, 1929. Sig. 2. Prefix A, B.	1,200	1,800	35,000
<input type="checkbox"/> c.	20 th April, 1939. Sig. 3. Prefix B - D. Different s/n font.	1,200	2,000	10,000
<input type="checkbox"/> d.	1 st January, 1944. Sig. 6. Prefix D - F.	1,500	2,600	14,000
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<input type="checkbox"/> at.	Blue; horizontal red DLR oval ovpt front; no s/n.	—	—	—
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<input type="checkbox"/> ds.	Horizontal <i>CANCELLED</i> perf; s/n F 000000.	—	—	—

B104 (P9): 10 pounds (demonetized 16.09.1948) VG VF UNC

Blue and green. Front: Arabic, English, and Hebrew text; Crusader's Tower in Ramleh. Back: Arabic, English, and Hebrew text; Tower of David (Migdal David) citadel in Jerusalem. No security thread. Watermark: Olive sprig. Printer: *THOMAS DE LA RUE & COMPANY, LIMITED, LONDON*. 192 x 101 mm. Paper.

<input type="checkbox"/> a.	1 st September, 1927. Sig. 1. Prefix A.	—	—	—
<input type="checkbox"/> b.	30 th September, 1929. Sig. 2.	1,300	2,700	XF 14,000
<input type="checkbox"/> c.	7 th September, 1939. Sig. 3. Prefix A, B. Different s/n font.	2,500	4,500	9,200
<input type="checkbox"/> d.	1 st January, 1944. Sig. 6. Prefix B, C.	1,900	3,800	—
<input type="checkbox"/> as.	Horizontal <i>CANCELLED</i> perf.	—	—	—
<input type="checkbox"/> at.	Green; horizontal red DLR oval ovpt front; no s/n.	—	—	—
<input type="checkbox"/> bs.	Horizontal <i>CANCELLED</i> perf; horizontal purple <i>SPECIMEN</i> ovpt lower right; s/n A 000000.	—	—	—
<input type="checkbox"/> bt.	Brown; horizontal red <i>SPECIMEN OF NO VALUE</i> ovpt upper left front; horizontal red <i>SPECIMEN</i> No. # ovpt lower left front; s/n A 000000.	—	—	—
<input type="checkbox"/> cs.	Horizontal <i>CANCELLED</i> perf; horizontal purple <i>SPECIMEN</i> ovpt lower right; s/n A 000000 or B 000000.	—	—	—
<input type="checkbox"/> ct.	Brown and green.	—	—	—
<input type="checkbox"/> ds.	Horizontal <i>CANCELLED</i> perf; horizontal purple <i>SPECIMEN</i> ovpt lower right; s/n B 000000 or C 000000.	—	—	—



B105 (P10): 50 pounds (demonetized 16.09.1948) **VG VF UNC**

Purple. Front: Arabic, English, and Hebrew text; Crusader's Tower in Ramleh. Back: Arabic, English, and Hebrew text; Tower of David (Migdal David) citadel in Jerusalem. No security thread. Watermark: Olive sprig. Printer: *THOMAS DE LA RUE & COMPANY, LIMITED, LONDON*. 192 x 101 mm. Paper.

- a. 1st September, 1927. Sig. 1. Prefix A. — — —
- b. 30th September, 1929. Sig. 2. 25,000 50,000 XF 95,000
- c. 7th September, 1939. Sig. 3. Different s/n font. — — —
- as. Horizontal *CANCELLED* perf. — — —
- bs1. No ovpt; no perf; horizontal purple *SPECIMEN* ovpt lower right; s/n A 000000. — — —
- bs2. Horizontal *CANCELLED* perf; s/n A 000000. — — —
- bt. Orange; horizontal black *SPECIMEN OF NO VALUE* ovpt upper left front; horizontal black *SPECIMEN* No. # ovpt lower left front; s/n A 000000. — — —
- cs. Horizontal *CANCELLED* perf; horizontal purple *SPECIMEN* ovpt lower right; s/n A 000000. — — —
- t. Green; no ovpt; no perf; no date; no sig.; no s/n. — — —

All but 82 of these notes were redeemed by the Bank of England.

B106 (P11): 100 pounds (demonetized 16.09.1948) **VG VF UNC**

Green. Front: Arabic, English, and Hebrew text; Crusader's Tower in Ramleh. Back: Arabic, English, and Hebrew text; Tower of David (Migdal David) citadel in Jerusalem. No security thread. Watermark: Olive sprig. Printer: *THOMAS DE LA RUE & COMPANY, LIMITED, LONDON*. 192 x 101 mm. Paper.

- a. 1st September, 1927. Sig. 1. Prefix A. — — —
- b. 30th September, 1929. Sig. 2. — — —
- c. 10th September, 1942. Sig. 4. Unconfirmed. — — —
- as1. Horizontal *CANCELLED* perf. — — —
- as2. No ovpt; no perf; s/n A 000000. — — —
- bs. Horizontal *CANCELLED* perf; horizontal purple *SPECIMEN* ovpt lower right; s/n A 000000. — — —
- cs. Horizontal *CANCELLED* perf; s/n A 000000. — — —

All but 8 of these notes were redeemed by the Bank of England.



B107 (PNL): 100 pounds **VG VF UNC**
 Green, orange, and purple. Uniface: Arabic, English, and Hebrew text; Al-Jazzar Mosque in Acre. No security thread. Watermark: Olive sprig. Printer: *THOMAS DE LA RUE & COMPANY, LIMITED, LONDON*. 192 x 101 mm. Paper.
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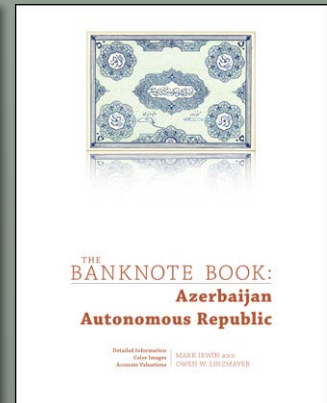
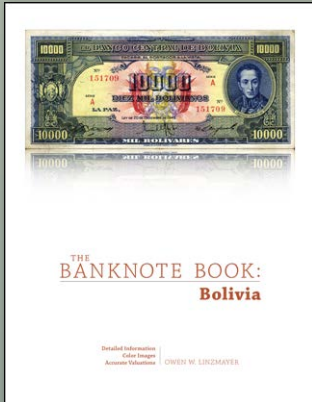
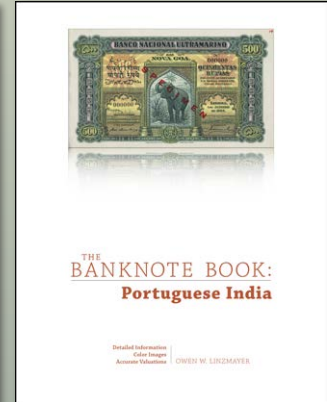
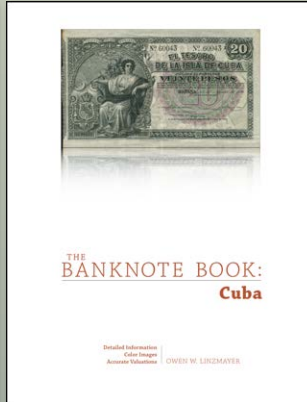
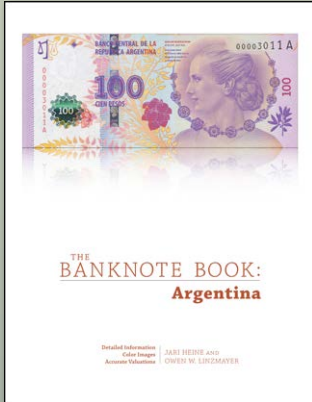
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