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United Arab Republic

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On 1 February 1958, President Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt and President Shukri al-Kuwatli of Syria signed a treaty creating the United Arab Republic with Cairo as its capital and Nasser as president. Iraq and Yemen both expressed interest in joining in an even larger Pan-Arab state, but the UAR never grew beyond the Egyptian and Syrian provinces represented by two stars on the UAR flag.

Issuer Starting Number

Central Bank of the United Arab Republic (CBR).....B101
 Egyptian/UAR Government (GOV)B201

Monetary System

1 Arab dinar = 100 piastres

Arabic Numbers

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
٠	١	٢	٣	٤	٥	٦	٧	٨	٩

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)

Series/Prefixes

The earliest and latest verified series/prefixes are shown in the following listings. Be advised that not all series/prefixes within the range have been verified; it's possible that the printer skipped some letters/numbers for unknown reasons. Also, there may be cross-overs (i.e. the same series/prefix appears on different types or varieties), therefore the series/prefixes shouldn't be used as the sole determining factor in identifying a note.

Central Bank of the United Arab Republic

Prior to the establishment of the Central Bank of Egypt in 1960, the intention was to create an institution called the Central Bank of the United Arab Republic (CBR), but this never materialized.

1958 Proofs

Based upon the handwriting in the margins, these proofs were submitted for approval on 13•2•59. Although never issued by the United Arab Republic, these general designs were repurposed by Egypt on notes dated 1961 (Egypt B301 - B307).



B101 (PNL): 25 piastres VG VF UNC
 Blue. Front: Arabic text; eagle of Salah El Din coat of arms. Back: English text; guilloches. No security thread. Watermark: None. Printer: (Bradbury, Wilkinson & Company). 130 x 70 mm. Paper.

p. ١٩٥٨ (1958). No sig. Unissued. — — —



B102 (P36): 50 piastres (US\$0.10) VG VF UNC
 Black, orange, and violet. Front: Arabic text; minaret; Eagle of Salah El Din coat of arms; minaret. Back: English text; Islamic designs. No security thread. Watermark: Eagle of Salah El Din coat of arms. Printer: (Bradbury, Wilkinson & Company). 145 x 77 mm. Paper.

p. 1958 (1958). No sig. Unissued. — — —



B104 (PNL): 5 arab dinars VG VF UNC
 Green and brown. Front: Arabic text; eagle of Salah El Din coat of arms. Back: English text; guilloches. No security thread. Watermark: Eagle of Salah El Din coat of arms. Printer: (Bradbury, Wilkinson & Company). 170 x 90 mm. Paper.

p. 1958 (1958). No sig. Unissued. — — —



B103 (PNL): 1 arab dinar VG VF UNC
 Blue, violet, and green. Front: Arabic text; minaret; Eagle of Salah El Din coat of arms; minaret. Back: English text; guilloches. No security thread. Watermark: Varieties. Printer: (Bradbury, Wilkinson & Company). 160 x 85 mm. Paper.

p1. 1958 (1958). No sig. Unissued. — — —
 Wmk: The Great Sphinx of Giza.
 p2. Wmk: Eagle of Salah El Din coat of arms. — — —



B104.5 (PNL): 5 arab dinars VG VF UNC
 Green and brown. Front: Arabic text; eagle of Salah El Din coat of arms. Back: English text; guilloches. No security thread. Watermark: None. Printer: (Bradbury, Wilkinson & Company). 170 x 90 mm. Paper.

p. 1958 (1958). No sig. Unissued. — — —
 Like B104, but with guilloches over watermark areas on front/back.



B105 (PNL): 10 arab dinars **VG VF UNC**
 Green and brown. Front: Arabic text; eagle of Salah El Din coat of arms. Back: English text; guilloches. No security thread. Watermark: Eagle of Salah El Din coat of arms. Printer: (Bradbury, Wilkinson & Company). 170 x 90 mm. Paper.
 p. ١٩٥٨ (1958). No sig. Unissued. — — —

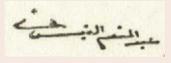
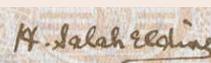
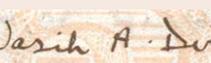
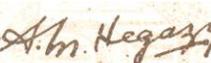
Egyptian/UAR Government

While these notes were issued by the United Arab Republic government, the institution remained largely under Egyptian control with continuity in the authorities.

In the interest of simplicity, the UAR issues are numbered in sequence with the preceding and subsequent Egyptian issues, and reference the same signature numbers.

Each signature appears twice; once in English, and once in Arabic.

GOV Signature Varieties

	English	Arabic
21	 Abdel Moneim El Kaissouny (31.08.1954 - 25.06.1956, 16.08.1961 - 10.10.1961, 29.09.1962 - 25.03.1964)	
22	 Hassan Abbas Zaky (06.03.1958 - 07.10.1958)	
23	 Hassan Salah Eldin (07.10.1958 - 16.08.1961)	
24	 Abdel Latif El Boghdady (26.08.1960 - 16.08.1961)	
25	 Nazih A. Deif (19.06.1967 - 20.03.1968)	
26	 Abdel Aziz Hegazy (20.03.1968 - 25.04.1974)	

Law 50/1940 (1958) Issues

These notes are like the preceding issues from the constituent country of Egypt, but the panels at top center front/back read "United Arab Republic" in Arabic. Below the panel is a footnote in Arabic stating the banknote was issued by the "Province of Egypt." However, the country name changeover isn't complete because *EGYPTIAN / CURRENCY NOTE* still appears in English at lower center back, below which is the printer imprint *SURVEY OF EGYPT*.



B222 (P176c): 5 piastres (demonetized July 1991) **VG VF UNC**
Violet, green, brown, and orange. Front: Arabic text; panel inscribed "United Arab Republic" and "Province of Egypt," ancient bust of Nefertiti. Back: Arabic and English text; guilloches. No security thread. Watermark: Varieties. Printer: *SURVEY OF EGYPT*. 96 x 58 mm. Paper.

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|-----------------------------|--|------|---|----|
| <input type="checkbox"/> a. | 1940. Sig. 23.
Wmk: Eagle coat of arms. Prefix E/13 - O/13.
Intro: 1958. | 1.50 | 6 | 25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> b. | Wmk: UAR and ح ح م pattern. Prefix O/13 - R/14. | 1.50 | 6 | 25 |



B221 (P176a/b): 5 piastres (demonetized July 1991) **VG VF UNC**
Lilac, green, brown, and orange. Front: Arabic text; panel inscribed "United Arab Republic" and "Province of Egypt," ancient bust of Nefertiti. Back: Arabic and English text; guilloches. No security thread. Watermark: Varieties. Printer: *SURVEY OF EGYPT*. 96 x 58 mm. Paper.

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|-----------------------------|---|------|---|----|
| <input type="checkbox"/> a. | 1940. Intro: 1958. Sig. 22.
Wmk: Three pyramids. Prefix W/12 - D/13. | 1.50 | 6 | 25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> b. | Wmk: Eagle coat of arms. Prefix D/13 - E/13. | 1.50 | 6 | 25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> c. | Sig. 23. Prefix J/14 - L/15. | 1.50 | 6 | 25 |



B223 (P177 & P178): 10 piastres (demonetized July 1991) **VG VF UNC**
Gray-blue, brown, green, and pink. Front: Arabic text; panel inscribed "United Arab Republic" and "Province of Egypt," man holding hoe on shoulder, soldier carrying rifle, man with arm raised holding wrench, and two women wearing robes; flag with two stars. Back: Arabic and English text; guilloches. No security thread. Watermark: Varieties. Printer: *SURVEY OF EGYPT*. 118 x 62 mm. Paper.

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|-----------------------------|--|---|---|----|
| <input type="checkbox"/> a. | 1940. Sig. 22.
Wmk: Three pyramids. Prefix I/13 - T/13.
Intro: 1958. | 1 | 4 | 15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> b. | Sig. 23. Prefix T/13 - C/14. | 1 | 4 | 15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> c. | Wmk: Eagle coat of arms. Prefix C/14 - O/14. | 1 | 4 | 15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> d. | Wmk: UAR and ح ح م pattern. Prefix O/14 - B/16. | — | — | — |
| <input type="checkbox"/> e. | Sig. 21 as Minister of Treasury in Arabic and Minister of Economy and Finance in English (this is known as a "mule" error). Prefix B/16. | — | — | — |

Law 50/1940 (1961) Issues

In 1961, Syria seceded from the United Arab Republic (Egypt would continue to be known as the UAR until 2 September 1971), resulting in further changes to the inscriptions on the banknotes. For this series, the phrase "Province of Egypt" in Arabic was removed from the front of the banknote, and the back now reads *UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC / CURRENCY NOTE* in English at lower center back, below which is the new printer imprint *SURVEY DEPT.*



B225 (P181): 10 piastres (demonetized July 1991) **VG VF UNC**
 Gray-blue, brown, green, and pink. Front: Arabic text; panel inscribed "United Arab Republic;" man holding hoe on shoulder, soldier carrying rifle, man with arm raised holding wrench, and two women wearing robes; flag with two stars. Back: Arabic and English text; guilloches; *UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC* in English. No security thread. Watermark: UAR and *حجج* pattern. Printer: *SURVEY DEPT.* 118 x 62 mm. Paper.

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|-----------------------------|--|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> a. | 1940. Sig. 24. Prefix B/16 - R/16; T/16.
Intro: 1961. | — | 1 | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> b. | Sig. 21. Title: <i>MINISTER OF TREASURY & PLANNING</i> . Prefix R/16 - X/17. | — | 1 | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> c. | Title: <i>MINISTER OF TREASURY</i> . | — | 1 | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> d. | Sig. 25. Prefix L/18 - G/24. | — | 1 | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> e. | Sig. 26. Prefix G/24 - L/29; P/29. | — | 1 | 3 |



B224 (P180 & P180A): 5 piastres (demonetized July 1991) **VG VF UNC**
 Lilac and brown. Front: Arabic text; panel inscribed "United Arab Republic;" ancient bust of Nefertiti. Back: Arabic and English text; guilloches; *UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC* in English. No security thread. Watermark: Varieties. Printer: *SURVEY DEPT.* 96 x 58 mm. Paper.

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|-----------------------------|--|---|---|------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> a. | 1940. Sig. 24.
Wmk: 3-mm tall UAR and <i>حجج</i> pattern.
Prefix L/15 - C/16. Intro: 1961. | — | — | 2.50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> b. | Sig. 21. Title: <i>MINISTER OF TREASURY</i> (error).
Prefix C/16 - D/16. | — | — | 2.50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> c. | Title: <i>MINISTER OF TREASURY & PLANNING</i> (correct). Prefix D/16 - B/18. | — | — | 2.50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> d. | Lilac. Sig. 25. Prefix B/18 - C/20. | — | — | 2.50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> e. | Blue. Wmk: 3-mm tall UAR and <i>حجج</i> pattern.
Prefix C/20 - Z/25. | — | — | 2.50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> f. | Lilac. Prefix Z/25 - K/26; P/26. | — | — | 2.50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> g. | Blue. Wmk: 5-mm tall UAR and <i>حجج</i> pattern.
Prefix A/26; - E/26- P/26. | — | — | 2.50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> h. | Lilac. Sig. 26. Prefix P/26 - P/33. | — | — | 2.50 |

Looking Forward

On 28 September 1961, Syrian officers staged a coup d'état and declared independence. Reluctant to give up on the idea of a larger Pan-Arab union, it wasn't until 2 September 1971 that the United Arab Republic officially changed its name to The Arab Republic of Egypt. For later issues, see Egypt.

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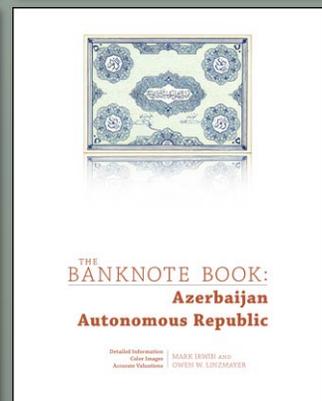
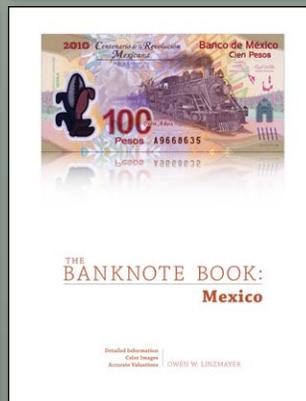
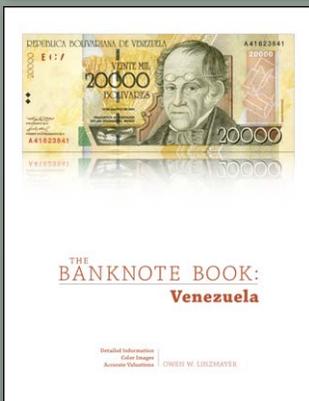
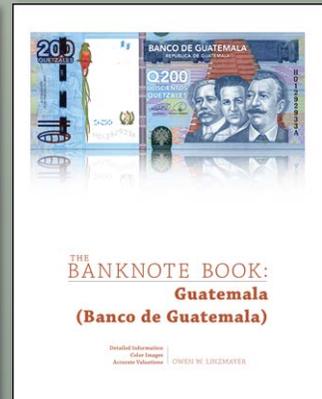
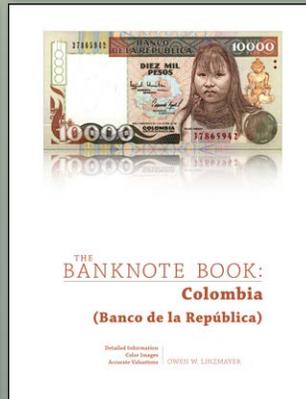
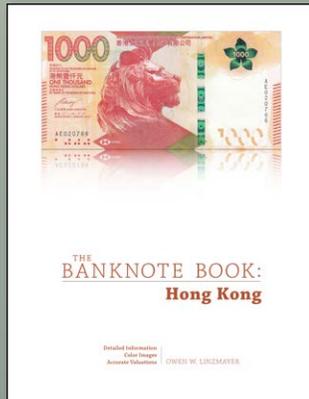
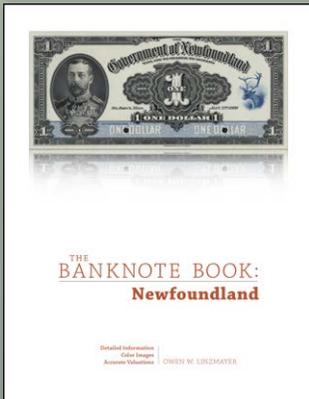
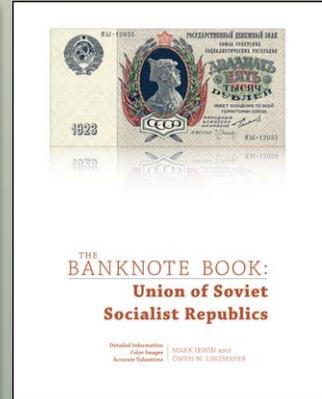
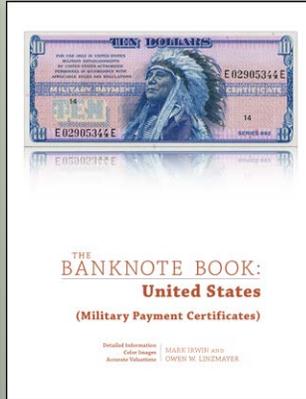
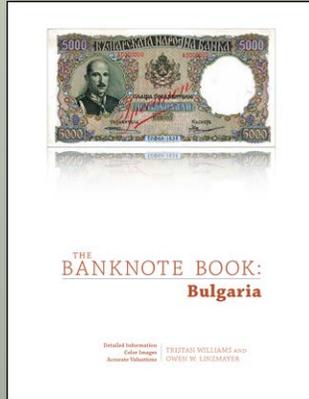
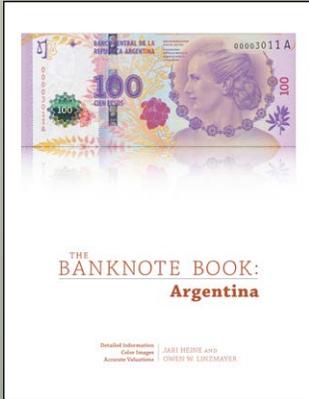
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