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Fatimid Coins in the National Museum of Damascus – An Overview

by Arianna D’Ottone Rambach*

Abstract: The Fatimid coins in the National Museum of Damascus were only partially published so far. This contribution presents one hundred and one pieces from the Syrian museum, of which fifty were previously unpublished and only two of which had been illustrated before. Through this new material, and its detailed catalogue, it is now possible to add new data to Fatimid numismatic history and to document the holdings of an important museum collection.

Keywords: Fatimid – Islamic coins – Damascus, National Museum

Résumé: Les monnaies fatimides de la collection du Musée national de Damas n’étaient que partiellement connues. Dans cette contribution sont présentés cent-un exemplaires du musée syrien, dont seulement deux avaient été illustrés auparavant et dont cinquante-cinq sont tout à fait inédits. À travers ces nouveaux matériaux on connaît mieux l’histoire numismatique des Fatimides et la collection de cette importante institution muséale.

Mots-clés : Fatimides – monnaies islamiques – Musée national de Damas

Publishing and illustrating numismatic collections

In 2002 a publishing house in Damascus re-edited the catalogue of the Omayyad and ‘Abbasid dinars in the National Museum of Iraq¹. The catalogue, first published in the series of the Iraqi Academy of Science (Maṭbū‘āt al-maǧma‘ al-‘ilmi al-‘Irāqī) in 1372 AH/AD 1953, was the work of Nāṣir b. Maḥmūd b. Nāṣir al-Naqṣabandī (Baṣra 1306-Baǧdād 1382 AH/AD 1889-1962), an Iraqi archaeologist, head of the Numismatic Bureau (Idārat al-maskūkāt) in the Directorate General of Antiquities (Mudiriyya al-āṭār al-‘amma)². Looking back, the timing of the release of such a volume – richly illustrated with more than four hundred and fifty pictures of coins on several plates – appears to have been very lucky considering the number of items looted from the Iraqi National Museum after the invasion of Iraq in March 2003³. From this perspective it seems not surprising that in what appears to be one of the earliest published numismatic book illustrated with photographs⁴, the author wrote: « c’est le premier travail de ce genre qui ait été encore entrepris. Le moyen est maintenant trouvé de reconnaître l’identité d’une pièce qui aurait été dérobée dans une collection. Il suffira de la confronter avec son image photographique » (VERGUET 1864). During one of my stays in Damascus in the early 2000s I had the occasion to carry on research in the Syrian National Museum collections, concentrating particularly on coins and manuscripts⁵. My interest in the numismatic material focused, at that time, on Fatimid coins and, with the permission of Dr. Mouna al-Mouazzaen – Head of the Islamic Department, I photographed all the specimens made available to me.

It seems interesting to note that already during the second half of the 19th century scholars and collectors were interested in Fatimid coins and felt the need of a comprehensive publication listing all the specimens in the various museums. The importance of such a project was clear to Henry Sauvaire (1831-1896) who tried to carry out this task. In a letter to Stanley Lane-Poole, Sauvaire wrote (Fig. 1): « Monsieur, j’ai l’honneur de vous transmettre sous ce pli la lettre d’introduction auprès de vous que notre ami commun, M. Rogers, a eu l’amabilité de me communiquer la liste de monnaies fathémities conservées au Musée Britannique. Je vous serais bien reconnaissant si vous pouviez me donner le poids en gramme français et en grain anglais de chacune de ces pièces. Ce tableau figurerait à la fin de mon travail. Je compte adresser la même demande à M. Lavoix pour les Fathémities du Cabinet du Louvre. Je pourrais donner alors une monographie à peu près complète de monnaies de ces khalifes, dont ma description comprend, seulement pour les collections Marsden, Roger, Arti Bey et la mienne, 380 exemplaires environ [...] »⁶.

Fatimid coins in Damascus: a fragmentary knowledge

When Norman D. Nicol published in 2006 his important corpus of Fatimid coins⁷, because several specimens from the Syrian National Museum of Damascus (henceforth abbreviated as NMD) were listed, I believed that the entire collection of Fatimid coins kept in this institution was known and that there was no need of further research. However, I only recently realized that in Nicol’s Corpus the descriptions of the Damascus specimens often lacked data (diameter and weight)⁸ and sometimes their type was only

tentatively attributed⁹. I also noticed that almost none of the specimens of which I had photographic documentation was included in the Corpus and, conversely, that of the coins listed by Nicol, with few exceptions, I had no record at all. Moreover, I was able to add a further bibliographical reference documenting the Fatimid coins in the NMD: in the guide to the museum¹⁰ are actually listed a few more specimens that were exhibited in the showcases and therefore were not included in my photographic record and were only partially known, or referenced through other publications, to Nicol¹¹.

This haphazard succession of observations and remarks gives one an idea of the scattered information available for such an important coin collection. Moreover, in the uncertain times faced by Syria and its cultural heritage¹² I was convinced it was time to put together all the relevant evidence and the references known to document, as much as possible, the collection of Fatimid coins in the NMD¹³. When all the available information was collated, the Fatimid coins in the NMD totaled one hundred and one pieces, of which fifty were previously unpublished and only two of which had been illustrated before. Twenty-seven were known – but not described – through the Guide of the Museum¹⁴ and the remainder were recorded in Nicol’s Corpus although with incomplete descriptions¹⁵. Through the new evidence presented in this summary, which resulted in a detailed catalogue, it is now possible to enlarge the knowledge of the Fatimid coinage and to add new data to the numismatic history of this dynasty.

Among the unpublished coins presented here there are some rare exemplars (cat. nrs. 20, 43 and 97) and exemplars recording new dates for a specific type (cat. nr. 35). Noteworthy too is a Mirdasid¹⁶ specimen, struck in Aleppo in 432 AH – mentioning al-Mustanṣir billāh (427-487 AH/AD 1036-1094) and al-Muzaḥfar Anūṣṭiǧin al-Dizbarī, the Turkish governor of Aleppo between 429 and 433 AH (1038-1042)¹⁷ (cat. nr. 60)¹⁸.

When I had the opportunity to handle these coins in Damascus, I noted that they were accompanied by hand-written notes by M. al-Ush¹⁹ – I was told so – registering, among other data, the names of the collectors and merchants who donated, or sold, the pieces to the Museum, as well as the date of purchase (Ar. širā’) (Fig. 2, p. 35). Those names are an important part of the history of these coins. One specimen, for example, was acquired by purchase from George al-Daḥdāh and it is worth remembering that the al-Daḥdāh family is a Lebanese Maronite family to whom belonged, in the 19th century, a rich manuscript collection²⁰. A history of coin collecting in the Arab world is still missing²¹ and a more general study of the history of collecting in the Arab world is only in its infancy²².

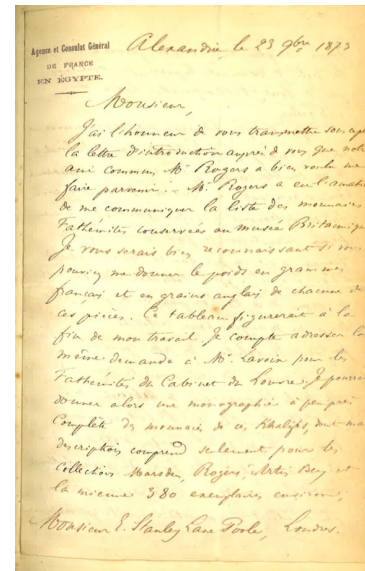


Fig. 1

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1. See AL-NAQṢABANDĪ 1423/2002¹.

2. On Nāṣir al-Naqṣabandī, see ‘AWĀD 1969, II, p. 378. N. al-Naqṣabandī was also the author, together with H. ‘A. ‘A. al-Hūrī, of the volume entitled: *Al-akḥtām al-Islāmiyya fi-l-maḥaf al-‘Irāqī* (The Islamic Seals in the Iraq Museum), see AL-NAQṢABANDĪ & AL-HÜRĪ 1975.

3. See POLK & Schuster 2005.

4. The first one was titled *Collection des Médailles anciennes recueillies au palais du Vatican et dans divers musées de Rome*, Paris, 1859, see HOLLARD 1991, p. 19-20.

5. About the Qur’anic fragments in the National Museum of Damascus linked to the Qubbat al-khazna find in the Umayyad Great Mosque, see RADICIOTTI & D’OTTONE 2008; D’OTTONE 2013.

6. The letter, dated Alexandria 23 November 1873, and written on headed paper of the Agence et Consulat Général de France en Egypte, is part of the correspondence of Stanley Lane-Poole I am currently editing; see A. D’OTTONE RAMBACH [forthcoming].

7. See NICOL 2006.

8. See for example, NICOL 2006, p. 50-51, n^{os} 350, 354 and 359.

9. See for example, NICOL 2006, p. 282-283, n^{os} 1973, 1978.

10. See AL-‘USH, JOUANDI & ZOUHDI 1999, p. 182-183.

11. See, for example, the specimen minted in Filastin by al-Mu‘izz in 359 AH (Cat. no 7) cited by AL-‘USH, JOUANDI & ZOUHDI 1999, p. 182, but without any detail as to the inventory number, the diameter, the weight and the type – and recorded by NICOL 2006, p. 48, no 336.

16. On Banū Mirdās, see BIANQUIS 1993 followed by a bibliography on Mirdasid coins by S. SHAMMA, to be completed and updated with the bibliographical references quoted in this contribution.

17. See ILISCH 1981, p. 49 sqq.

18. Until now only three such coins were known and, with the exception of one specimen on the market in 2003, two of them are in museum collections (New York, American Numismatic Society and Doha, National Museum of Qatar), see NICOL 2006, p. 258, no 1705.

19. A member of the Société royale Numismatique de Belgique since 1983, M. al-Ush (1916-1984), was a Syrian academic and also Director of the Historical Documents (Archives) (1965-67), Director of the Directorate General of Antiquities and Museums (1967) and Chief Curator of Islamic art and antiquities at the National Museum of Damascus (1955-65, 1968-74), see *The International* 1984², p. 539-540; VAN LAERE 1985, p. 264 (obituary). Among his numerous numismatic works were: AL-‘USH 1972; AL-‘USH 1972b; AL-‘USH 1982 and AL-‘USH & HENNEQUIN 1978.

12. An exhibition entitled *Syria: Living History*, devoted to the art of Syria (15 October 2016-26 February 2017) has recently been held at the Agha Khan Museum in Toronto (<https://www.agakhanmuseum.org/exhibitions/syria-living-history>). The project of the Islamic State to mint coins in precious metals using metal obtained from melted antiquities is worrying, cf. JAMBU 2015, p. 295.

13. For the risks which museum collections are facing during «years of social and political turbulence» it seems noteworthy to recall here the case of the ivory and bone plaques from the National Museum of Afghanistan, see PASSMORE *et al.* 2012, p. 33-46. See also the *lectio* by Paolo Matthiae at the first symposium of the Sapienza School for Advanced Studies (July 19th 2016) entitled: *Distruzioni e rinascite del patrimonio culturale. Il passato nella tempeste della storia in una prospettiva globale*.

14. See AL-‘USH, JOUANDI & ZOUHDI 1999, p. 182-183 (twenty-six exemplars) and fig. 61 (one illustrated exemplar not listed in p. 182-183).

15. The main source of Nicol’s data for the pieces in the Damascus Museum is SHAMMA 1400/1980. But in some cases, no source is given and the coins are not listed in SHAMMA’s 1980 work.

20. See RAUCH 2016, p. 26-27.

21. The Iraq Museum, for example, received in the 1960s the entire private collection of Islamic coins of ‘Abd Allah Shukr al-Sarrāf. See AL-HUSAYNĪ 1969. Also the collection of the National Museum of San’ā’ is made of different private collections acquired or donated to the Museum by private collectors among which: Khalīf Muḥammad Qāsim al-Dubā’ and ‘Alī ‘Abd Allah Šāliḥ – former President of the country, see AL-JANDARĪ & PELI 2016. On collecting in the modern Arab world, see the pioneering contribution by BISHARAT 1985, followed by the recent volume MEJCHER-ATASSI & SCHWARTZ 2012.

22. Some research has been devoted to the history of manuscript collections and libraries in the Middle Ages, see TOUATI 2004.

Catalogue*

al-Mahdī billāh (297-322 AH/AD 910-934)

	Obverse	Reverse
	1. Al-Mahdiyya, 319 AH Supposedly type A2 AV dinār; ∅ and W: no data Inv. nr. unknown CGD, p. 182 Cfr. CFC, p. 12, nrs 63-64	Center عبد الله لا اله الا الله وحده لا شريك له امير المؤمنين
	Margin: Qur'an IX, 33	Margin
	محمد رسول الله ارسله بالهدى ودين الحق ليظهره على الدين كله وله كره المشركون	بسم الله ضرب هذا ...الدينار سنة

al-Mahdī billāh (297-322 AH/AD 910-934)



	Obverse	Reverse
	2. Al-Manṣūriyya, 347 AH Supposedly type A: four concentric rings containing three marginal inscriptions, with or without pellet in center. AV dinār; ∅ and W: no data Inv. nr. unknown CGD, p. 182 Cfr. CFC, p. 56, nr. 400	Outer
بسم الله ضرب هذا ... الدينار سنة		Qur'an IX, 33
Middle		Middle
دعا الامام معد لتوحيد الاله الصمد		وعلى افضل الوصيين خير المرسلين
	Inner	Inner
	المعز لدين الله امير المؤمنين	لا اله الا الله محمد رسول الله
3. Al-Manṣūriyya, 350 AH Type A (as above) AV dinār; ∅ 21 mm; W 4, 05 gr. Inv. nr. 16111/ع Unpublished Cfr. CFC, p. 56, nr. 403		
4. Al-Manṣūriyya, 359 AH Type A AV dinār; ∅ 20 mm; W 3, 95 gr. Inv. nr. 16108/ع Unpublished Cfr. CFC, p. 58, nr. 416; Adler 1795, p. 145, nr. XCIV		













	Obverse	Reverse
5. Miṣr, 359 AH Type A AV dinār; ∅ 22 mm; W 4, 09 gr. Inv. nr. 20094/ع Unpublished Cfr. CFC, p. 50, nr. 350		
6. Miṣr, 359 AH Type A AV dinār; ∅ and W: no data Inv. nr. 40081 CFC, p. 50, nr. 350		
7. Filastīn, 359 AH Type A AV dinār; ∅ 21, 5 mm; W 3,63/4.80 gr. (the lightest weight comes from al-'Ush 1979 and Shamma 1980, the heaviest weight comes from Arab Bank) Inv. nr. 2827/ع CGD, p. 182; CFC, p. 48, nr. 336(= Sham- ma 1980, p. 143, nr. 3; Arab Bank, p. 54- 55); al-'Ush 1979, p. 57, nr. 124 and pl. 4. Cfr. al-Fann 2015, p. 328, nr. 319		
8. Miṣr, Sha'bān 359 AH Type A AV dinār; ∅ and W: no data Inv. nr. 48874 CFC, p. 50, nr. 354		
9. Miṣr, Jumādā II 360 AH Type A AV dinār; ∅ and W: no data Inv. nr. 4373 CFC, p. 51, nr. 359		
10. Miṣr, 361 AH Type A AV dinār; ∅ 22 mm; W 2, 98 gr. Inv. nr. 16109/ع Unpublished Cfr. CFC, p. 51, nr. 361 Notes: pierced		
11. Miṣr, 362 AH Supposedly Type A AV dinār; ∅ and W: no data Inv. nr. unknown CGD, p. 182 Cfr. CFC, p. 51-52, nrs 364-367		
12. Miṣr, 363 AH Supposedly Type A AV dinār; ∅ and W: no data Inv. nr. unknown CGD, p. 182 Cfr. CFC, p. 52, nr. 368; al-Mutairi 2016, p. 88		

* All the types in this Catalogue refer to the typology by Nicol in his CFC. I illustrate and describe in full (diameter in millimeters; weight in grams; inventory number) all the specimens for which I have photographic material. Those exemplars I do not illustrate are only known through literature and sometime their description is insufficient to determine their precise type with certainty, therefore they are attributed to a type following Nicol's suppositions.

	Obverse	Reverse
13. Miṣr, 364 AH Type A AV dinār, ∅ 20,5 mm; W 4, 03 gr. Inv. nr. 17173/£ Unpublished Cfr. CFC, p. 52, nr. 370; al-ṣarrāf Collection, p. 61, nr. 458		
14. Filasṭīn, 364 AH Type A AV dinār; ∅ 22 mm; W 4, 24 gr. Inv. nr. 3057/£ CFC, p. 48, nr. 338 (= Shamma 1980, p. 143, nr. 8); al-'Ush 1979, p. 57, nr. 125. Notes: Shamma and following him Nicol gives the inventory number as: 3056/£ supposedly by mistake		
15. Miṣr, 365 AH Type A AV dinār, ∅ 22 mm; W 3, 93gr. Inv. nr. 20100/£ Unpublished Cfr. CFC, p. 53, nr. 371; al-ṣarrāf Collection, p. 61, nr. 463		

Al-'Aziz billāh (365-386 AH/AD 975-996)

	Obverse	Reverse
16. Miṣr, 366 AH Supposedly type A1: four concentric rings containing two marginal inscriptions, with pellet in center AV dinār; ∅ and W: no data Inv. nr. unknown CGD, p. 182 (mistakenly dated 336) Cfr. CFC, p. 90, nr. 700	Outer	Outer
	بِسْمِ اللَّهِ صَرَب هَذَا الدِينَار بِ... سَنَةِ ...	Qur'an IX, 33
	Inner	Inner
	عَبْدُ اللَّهِ وَوَلِيهِ تَزَارُ الْإِمَامُ الْعَزِيزُ بِاللَّهِ أَمِيرُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ	لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مُحَمَّدٌ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ عَلَى خَيْرِ صَفْوَةٍ
17. Miṣr, 368 AH Supposedly type A1 AV dinār; ∅ and W: no data Inv. nr. unknown CGD, p. 182 Cfr. CFC, p. 90-91, nrs 702-703		
18. Miṣr, 369 AH Type A1 AV dinār; ∅ 22 mm; W 4, 0 gr. Inv. nr. 19375/£ Unpublished Cfr. CFC, p. 91, nr. 704		
19. Miṣr, 371 AH Supposedly type A1 AV dinār; ∅ and W: no data Inv. nr. unknown CGD, p. 182 Cfr. CFC, p. 91, nr. 706		




	Obverse	Reverse
20. Al-Iskandariyya, 371 AH Type A1 (as above) AV dinār; ∅ 22 mm; W 3, 85 gr. Inv. nr. 16119/£ Unpublished Cfr. CFC, p. 76, nr. 547 Notes: this is the second specimen known		
21. Al-Mahdiyya, 371 AH Type A1 AV dinār, ∅ 22 mm; W 3, 93gr. Inv. nr. 16110/£ Unpublished Cfr. CFC, p. 101, nr. 803		
22. Al-Mahdiyya, 371 AH Type A1 AV dinār, ∅ 19, 5 mm; W 4, 01 gr. Inv. nr. 17174/£ Unpublished Cfr. CFC, p. 101, nr. 803		
23. Filasṭīn, 375 AH Type A1 AV dinār, ∅ 23, mm; W 3, 91 gr. Inv. nr. 3731/£ CFC, p. 87, nr. 677 (= Shamma 1980, p. 144, nr. 18); al-'Ush 1979, p. 58, nr. 143 and pl. 4		
24. Filasṭīn, 376 AH Type A1 (as above) AV dinār, ∅ 22 mm; W 3, 39 gr. Inv. nr. 3722/£ CFC, p. 87, nr. 678 (= Shamma 1980, p. 145, nr. 22); al-'Ush 1979, p. 59, nr. 144		
25. Miṣr, 376 AH Type A1 AV dinār; ∅ 22, 5 mm; W 4, 115 gr. Inv. nr. 16112/£ Unpublished Cfr. CFC, p. 92, nr. 712		
26. Al-Manṣūriyya, [37]8 AH Type A1 AV dinār; ∅ 21 mm; W 4, 09 gr. Inv. nr. 16113/£ Unpublished Cfr. CFC p. 97, nr. 759		
27. Al-Manṣūriyya, 378/9 AH Type A1 AV dinār; ∅ 21 mm; W 4, 02 gr. Inv. nr. 16114/£ Unpublished Cfr. CFC, p. 97, nrs 759-760		

	Obverse	Reverse
28. Al-Manṣūriyya, 379 AH Supposedly type A1 AV dinār; ∅ and W: no data Inv. nr. unknown CGD, p. 182 Cfr. CFC, p. 97, nr. 760		
29. Al-Manṣūriyya, 380 AH Type A1 AV dinār; ∅ 21 mm; W 4, 05 gr. Inv. nr. 16115/ع Unpublished Cfr. CFC, p. 97, nr. 761		
30. Miṣr, date missing 3[...] Type A1 AV dinār; ∅ 21 mm; W 3, 60 gr. Inv. nr. 19176/ع Unpublished Cfr. CFC, p. 71, Type A1		
31. Mint and date missing Type C1-C1a: three concentric rings containing two marginal inscriptions, with pellet in center [ṣiqilliyya, 370-71, 374-75, 377-378, 380-382, 385, 387] AV quarter of dinār; ∅ 11 mm; W 0, 97 gr. Inv. nr. 19582/ع Unpublished Cfr. CFC, p. 79-80, nrs 574-75, 582-583, 585, 588, 591-593, 597-598	C1 - Outer ضرب هذا الدينار ... سنة ...	C1 and C1a - Outer
	C1 - Inner لا اله الا الله محمد رسول الله	دعا الامام نزار لتوحيد الاله الغفار
	C1a - Outer بسم الله ضرب هذا الدينار ... سنة	C1 and C1a - Inner
	... C1a - Inner لا اله الا الله محمد رسول الله	العزير بالله امير المؤمنين
		

Al-Ḥākim bi-amr Allāh (386-411 AH/AD 996-1021)

	Obverse	Reverse
32. Al-Manṣūriyya, 387 AH Supposedly type A1 AV dinār; ∅ and W: no data Inv. nr. unknown CGD, p. 182 Cfr. CFC, p. 156, nr. 1128 and 1128a (type H1)	Center الحاكم بامر الله امير المؤمنين	Center محمد رسول الله علي ولي الله
	Outer بسم الله ضرب هذا الدينار ... سنة	Outer Qur'an IX, 33
	Inner عبد الله ووليه المنصور ابو علي الامام	Inner لا اله الا الله وحده لا شريك له
	Center المنصور ابو علي الامام الحاكم بامر الله امير المؤمنين	Center لا اله الا الله محمد رسول الله علي ولي الله
	Margin بسم الله ضرب هذا الدينار ... سنة	Margin Qur'an IX, 33
33. Mint missing, 395 AH Type H6 AV quarter of dinār; ∅ 7 mm; W 1, 11 gr. Inv. nr. 16767/ع Cfr. CFC, p. 172, nr. 1304		
	34. Miṣr, 399 AH Supposedly type A1 AV dinār; ∅ and W: no data Inv. nr. unknown CGD, p. 182 Cfr. CFC, p. 150, nr. 1085; al-ṣarrāf Collec- tion, p. 61, nr. 478	
35. Miṣr, 406 AH Type A1 AV dinār; ∅ 24 mm; W 4, 09 gr. Inv. nr. 16116/ع Unpublished Notes: this date, the latest attested for this type, was not known to Nicol (cfr. CFC, p. 110, Type A1)		

	Obverse	Reverse
	Center	Center
36. Miṣr, 407 AH Type N4 AV dinār; ∅ 21,5 mm; W 3, 85 gr. Inv. Nr. 16768/ع Unpublished Cfr. CFC, p. 152, nr. 1099 Notes: diacritical dot above the letter ḡād in ḡuriba; under the letter bā' in bi-amr and above the letter nūn in sana	عبد الله ووليه الامام الحاكم بامر الله امير المؤمنين وعبد الرحيم ولي عهد المسلمين	لا اله الا الله وحده لا شريك له محمد رسول الله علي ولي الله
	Margin	Margin
	بسم الله ضرب هذا الدينر ب... سنة ...	Qur'an IX, 33
		
37. Miṣr, 409 AH Type N4 AV dinār; ∅ 22 mm; W 2, 89 gr. Inv. nr. 16117/ع Unpublished Cfr. CFC, p. 153, nr. 1102 Notes: Mainoni 1820, p. 99, nr. LXIII (and plate III, 1) mentions an "uncertain" specimen struck in Miṣr, 409 AH – but its type does not correspond to Nicol N4 that is the only type attested for this mint at that date		
38. Mint and date missing [al-Mahdiyya, 411 AH] Type N13b AV quarter of dinār; ∅ 12 mm; W 0, 98 gr. Inv. nr. 19581/ع Unpublished Cfr. CFC, p. 167, nr. 1252; SA 19 (2014), nr. 434 Notes: this is the third specimen known of this type	Center	Center
	عبد الله الا مام الحاكم بامر الله امير المؤمنين	لا اله الا الله محمد رسول الله علي ولي الله
	Margin	Margin
	بسم الله ضرب هذا الدينر ب... سنة ...	Qur'an IX, 33
		


	Obverse	Reverse
	Center	Center
39. [al-Mahdiyya], [412] Type F1 AV quarter of dinār; ∅ 13, 5 mm; W 1, 065 gr. Inv. nr. 17046/ع Unpublished Cfr. CFC, p. 167, nr. 1257; MNR, nr. 37 (Inv. nr. 35-2339)	الامام المنصور الحاكم بامر الله امير المؤمنين	لا اله الا الله محمد رسول الله علي ولي الله
	Margin	Margin
	بسم الله ضرب هذا الدينر ب... سنة ...	Qur'an IX, 33
		
40. Mint and date missing Type F1 AV quarter of dinār; ∅ 7, 5 mm; W 0, 98 gr. Inv. nr. 16769/ع Unpublished Cfr. CFC, p. 115, Type F1		
41. Mint and date missing [ṣiqilliyya], [399] ? Type H10 AV quarter of dinār; ∅ 13, 8 mm; W 1, 01 gr. Inv. nr. 17108/ع Unpublished Cfr. CFC, p. 136, nr. 940; p. 172, nr. 1310	Center	Center
	المنصور ابو علي الامام الحاكم بامر الله امير المؤمنين	لا اله الا الله محمد رسول الله علي ولي الله
	Margin	Margin
	عبد الله ووليه الامام المنصور ابو علي الحاكم بامر الله امير المؤمنين	بسم الله ضرب هذا الدينر ب... سنة ...
		

	Obverse	Reverse
42. Mint unreadable [šiqilliyya?], 406 ? Type J2 AV quarter of dinār; ∅ 14 mm; W 0, 94 gr. Inv. nr. 19586/ع Unpublished Notes: legends in the Obverse field look abbreviated	<p>الامام المنصور ابو علي الحاكم بامر الله امير المؤمنين</p> 	<p>لا اله الا الله محمد رسول الله علي ولي الله</p> 
	Center	Center
43. šiqilli[yya], date missing Type E3 AV quarter of dinār; ∅ 12 mm; W 1, 00 gr. Inv. nr. 19584/ع Unpublished Cfr. CFC, p. 139, nr. 976 Notes: this is the second specimen known	<p>الامام المنصور ابو علي الحاكم بامر الله امير المؤمنين</p> 	<p>لا اله الا الله محمد رسول الله علي ولي الله</p> 
	Center	Center
	Margin	Margin
	Qur'ān IX, 33	<p>بسم الله ضرب هذا الدينر ... سنة ...</p> 
44. Mint and date missing [šiqilliyya?] Type F2 AV quarter of dinār; ∅ 15 mm; W 0, 96 gr. Inv. nr. 20010/ع Unpublished Cfr. CFC, p. 115-116, Type F2 Notes: pellet below the legend in the Obverse field; pellet above the legend in the reverse field	<p>الامام المنصور ابو علي الحاكم امير المؤمنين</p> 	<p>لا اله الا الله محمد رسول الله علي ولي الله</p> 
	Center	Center
	Margin	Margin
	<p>عبد الله ووليه الامام المنصور ابو علي الحاكم بامر الله امير المؤمنين</p> 	<p>بسم الله ضرب هذا الدينر ... سنة ...</p> 

Al-Zāhir li-l'zāz Din Allāh (411-427 AH/AD 1021-1036)

	Obverse	Reverse
45. Miṣr, 413 AH Supposedly type A1 AV dinār; ∅ and W: no data Inv. nr. unknown CGD, p. 182 Cfr. CFC, p. 206, nr. 1513	Center	Center
	<p>الظاهر لاعزاز دين الله امير المؤمنين</p> 	<p>محمد رسول الله علي ولي الله</p> 
	Outer	Outer
	<p>بسم الله ضرب هذا الدينر ... سنة</p>	Qur'ān IX, 33
46. Miṣr, 413 AH Type A1 AV dinār; ∅ 22,5 mm; W 4, 14 gr. Inv. nr. 16770/ع Unpublished Cfr. CFC, p. 206, nr. 1513 Notes: unit ثلثة; diacritical dot above the nūn in سنة.	Center	Center
	<p>عبد الله ووليه علي ابو الحسن الامام</p> 	<p>لا اله الا الله وحده لا شريك له</p> 
47. Mint missing, 41[3?] AH Type A1 AV dinār; ∅ 20 mm; W 3, 87 gr. Inv. nr. 17244/ع Unpublished Cfr. CFC, p. 180, Type A1	Center	Center
		
48. Al-Mahdiyya, 414 AH Supposedly type A1 AV dinār; ∅ and W: no data Inv. nr. unknown CGD, p. 182 Cfr. CFC, p. 214, nr. 1589	Center	Center
		
49. Miṣr, 415 AH Supposedly type A1 AV dinār; ∅ and W: no data Inv. nr. unknown CGD, p. 182 Cfr. CFC, p. 206, nr. 1517; al-šarrāf Collec- tion, p. 62, nr. 472	Center	Center
		
50. Miṣr, 416 AH Type A1 AV dinār; ∅ 21,5 mm; W 3, 80 gr. Inv. nr. 16118/ع Unpublished Cfr. CFC, p. 206, nr. 1518; Riyadh, p. 101, nr. 8. Notes: pierced	Center	Center
		
51. Miṣr, 416 AH Supposedly type A1 AV dinār; ∅ and W: no data Inv. nr. unknown CGD, p. 182 Cfr. CFC, p. 206, nr. 1518	Center	Center
		









	Obverse	Reverse
52. Mişr, 4[12-20] Type A1 AV dinār; ∅ 22 mm; W 3, 91 gr. Inv. nr. 19377/ع Unpublished Cfr. CFC, p. 205-207, nrs 1511, 1513, 1514, 1517, 1518-1521		
53. [Al-Mah]diyya, 4[1]6 AH Type A1 AV dinār; ∅ 23 mm; W 4, 20 gr. Inv. nr. 16937/ع Unpublished Cfr. CFC, p. 214, nr. 1591 Notes: pierced		
54. ūiqilliyya, 423 AH Supposedly type C1 AV quarter of dinār; ∅ and W: no data Inv. nr. unknown CGD, p. 182 Cfr. CFC, p. 197, nr. 1426	Center	Center
	الطاهر لاعزاز دين الله امير المؤمنين	لا اله الا الله محمد رسول الله علي ولي الله
	Margin بسم الله ضرب هذا ... الدينير ب... سنة	Margin Qur'an IX, 33
55. ūiqilliyya, [4]34 Type C1 AV quarter of dinār; ∅ 12 mm; W 0, 93 gr. Inv. nr. 17107/ع Unpublished Cfr. CFC, p. 197, nr. 1427		
56. Mint and date missing [ūiqilliyya, 420 AH] Possibly Type A5 AV quarter of dinār; ∅ 12 mm; W 0, 96 gr. Inv. nr. 20011/ع Unpublished Cfr. CFC, pp. 180-181, Type A1-A5 (except A1a and A2a) Notes: pierced	Center	Center
	الطاهر لاعزاز دين الله امير المؤمنين	محمد رسول الله علي ولي الله
	Margin بسم الله ضرب هذا ... الدينير ب... سنة	Margin Qur'an IX, 33
57. ūiqilliyya?, 422 AH Type C1 AV quarter of dinār; ∅ 14 mm; W 0, 96 gr. Inv. nr. 20090/ع Unpublished Cfr. CFC, p. 196, nr. 1423		
		
58. Mint missing, 41(?) Type A1 AV dinār; ∅ 20 mm; W 3, 87 gr. Inv. nr. 17244/ع Unpublished Cfr. CFC, p. 180, Type A1		

	Obverse	Reverse
59. Mint and date missing Type A1? AV quarter of dinār; ∅ 13 mm; W 3, 95 gr. Inv. nr. 20089/ع Unpublished Cfr. CFC, p. 180-181, Type A1-A5 (except A1a and A2a)		

Al-Mustanşir billāh (427-487 AH/AD 1036-1049)

	Center	Center
60. Ḥalab, 432 (with the Mirdāsīd al-Muẓaffar Anūshṭigin al-Dizbarī) Type E4 AV dinār; ∅ 23 mm; W 4, 175 gr. Inv. nr. 17104/ع Unpublished Cfr. CFC, p. 258, nr. 1705; M&E 63 (2013), nr. 85; St. Ja. 37 (2016), nr. 292 Notes: in the marginal legend of the Obverse: بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم ضرب هذا الدرهم (sic) Pierced	الامام معد ابو تميم المستنصر بالله امير المؤمنين المظفر	لا اله الا الله وحده لا شريك له محمد رسول الله علي ولي الله
	Margin	Margin
	بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم ضرب هذا ... الدرهم ب... سنة	Margin Qur'an IX, 33
61. Filastīn, 434 AH Type A2 AV dinār, ∅ 23 mm; W 3, 65 gr. Inv. nr. 3736/ع CFC, p. 292, nr. 2063 (= Shamma 1980, p. 148, nr. 7); al-'Ush 1979, p. 61, nr. 157	Center	Center
	الامام معد ابو تميم المستنصر بالله امير المؤمنين	لا اله الا الله وحده لا شريك له محمد رسول الله علي ولي الله
	Margin بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم ضرب هذا ... الدينير ب... سنة	Margin Qur'an IX, 33
62. Filastīn, 434 AH Type A2 AV dinār, ∅ 24, 5 mm; W 4, 06 gr. Inv. nr. 11287/ع CFC, p. 292, nr. 2063 (= Shamma 1980, p. 148, nr. 6); al-'Ush 1979, p. 61, nr. 157		
		

63. Miṣr, 434 AH Supposedly type B1 AV dinār; ♂ and W: no data Inv. nr. unknown CGD, p. 183 Cfr. CFC, p. 297, nr. 2111	Center	Center
	معد الامام ابو تميم المستنصر بالله امير المؤمنين	علي لا اله الا الله وحده لا شريك له محمد رسول الله علي ولي الله
	Margin	Margin
	بسم الله الرحمن الحيم ضرب هذا ... الدينير سنة	Qur'an IX, 33
64. Miṣr, 435 AH Supposedly type B1 AV dinār; ♂ and W: no data Inv. nr. unknown CGD, p. 183 Cfr. CFC, p. 297, nr. 2112; YKC, p. 231		
65. Filasṭīn, 435 AH Type B1 AV dinār; ♂ 22, 5 mm; W 4, 19 gr. Inv. nr. 16938/ع CFC, p. 292, nr. 2064 described as: «type uncertain» (= Shamma 1980, p. 148, nr. 12); al-'Ush 1979, p. 61, nr. 158		
66. Dimashq, 435 AH Type H1 but legends of the reverse as in Type J8 AV dinār; ♂ 23 mm; W 3, 74 gr. Inv. nr. 16771/ع Unpublished	Center	Center
	معد عبد الله ووليه الامام ابو تميم المستنصر بالله امير المؤمنين	علي لا اله الا الله وحده لا شريك له محمد رسول الله علي ولي الله
	Margin	Margin
	بسم الله الرحمن الحيم ضرب هذا ... الدينير سنة	Qur'an IX, 33
		
67. Ṭabariyya, 436 AH Type H1 ? AV dinār; ♂ 22 mm; W 3, 91 gr. Inv. nr. 1357/ع CFC, p. 282, nr. 1973 (= Shamma 1980, p. 150, nr. 56); al-'Ush 1979, p. 61, nr. 159 Cfr. SC, vol. I: p. 75, nr. 70 and vol. II: pl. 70, nr. 70		

68. Miṣr, 438 AH Supposedly type H1 AV dinār; ♂ and W: no data Inv. nr. unknown CGD, p. 182 Cfr. CFC, p. 298, nr. 2117; al-Mutairi 2016, p. 91	Center	Center
	معد عبد الله ووليه الامام ابو تميم المستنصر بالله امير المؤمنين	علي لا اله الا الله وحده لا شريك له محمد رسول الله علي ولي الله
	Margin	Margin
	بسم الله الرحمن الحيم ضرب هذا ... الدينير سنة	Qur'an IX, 33
		
69. Miṣr, 439 Type I1 AV dinār; ♂ 22, 5 mm; W 4, 175 gr. Inv. nr. 17047/ع Unpublished Cfr. CFC, p. 298, nr. 2119; Adler 1795, p. 147, nr. XCVI. B	Center	Center
	معد عبد الله ووليه الامام ابو تميم المستنصر بالله امير المؤمنين	علي لا اله الا الله وحده لا شريك له محمد رسول الله علي ولي الله
	Margin	Margin
	بسم الله الرحمن الحيم ضرب هذا ... الدينير سنة	Qur'an IX, 33
		
70. Miṣr, 439 AH Type I1 AV dinār; ♂ 22 mm; W 3, 78 gr. Inv. nr. 19580/ع Unpublished Cfr. CFC, p. 298, nr. 2119		
71. Filasṭīn, 439 AH Type I1 AV dinār; ♂ 22 mm; W 3, 50 gr. Inv. nr. 1574/ع CFC, p. 292, nr. 2067 described as: «type uncertain» (= Shamma 1980, p. 148, nr. 22); al-'Ush 1979, p. 62, nr. 163		
72. Filasṭīn, 439 AH Type I1 AV dinār; ♂ 22, 5 mm; W 3, 91 gr. Inv. nr. 9750/ع CFC, p. 292, nr. 2067 described as: «type uncertain» (= Shamma 1980, p. 149, nr. 23); al-'Ush 1979, p. 62, nr. 163		
73. Ṭabariyya, 439 AH Type I1 AV dinār; ♂ 21 mm; W 4, 00 gr. Inv. nr. 4531/ع CFC, p. 283, nr. 1978 described without certainty as Ṭabariyya, 442 AH. (= Shamma 1980, p. 151, nr. 69, and pl. IV, nr. 14); al-'Ush 1979, p. 62, nr. 165 Cfr. CFC, p. 285, nr. 1994 (attributed to Ṭabariyya, 442)		

74. Miṣr, 440 AH Type I1 AV dinār; ∅ 22, 5 mm; W 4, 65 gr. Inv. nr. 17048/ع Unpublished Cfr. CFC, p. 299, nr. 2121		
75. Sūr, 440 AH Supposedly type I1 AV dinār; ∅ and W: no data Inv. nr. unknown CGD, p. 183 Cfr. CFC, p. 277, nr. 1920		
76. Tabariyya, 442 AH Type W1: four concentric rings containing three marginal inscriptions, with pellet in center AV dinār, ∅ 22 mm; W 3, 60 gr. Inv. nr. 11285/ع CFC, p. 293, nr. 2070 (= Shamma 1980, p. 149, nr. 30); al-'Ush 1979, p. 62, nr. 166 (attributed to Filasṭin)	Outer	Outer
	بسم الله ضرب هذا الدينر سنة ...	Qur'an IX, 33
	Middle	Middle
	دعا الامام معد لتوحيد الاله الصمد	وعلي افضل الوصيين وزبير خير المرسلين
	Inner	Inner
	المستنصر بالله امير المؤمنين	لا اله الا الله محمد رسول الله
77. Filasṭin, 444 AH Type W1 AV dinār, ∅ 22 mm; W 3, 60 gr. Inv. nr. 11285 [B]/ع (sic) Al-'Ush 1979, p. 63, nr. 168 Cfr. CFC, p. 293, nr. 2072 Notes: al-'Ush 1979 gives the same data (diameter and weight) and inventory number for this exemplar and another one (Filasṭin 442)		
78. Miṣr, 445 AH Type W1 AV dinār; ∅ 21 mm; W 4, 06 gr. Inv. nr. 19378/ع Unpublished Cfr. CFC, p. 300, nr. 2128; PNM, p. 106, nr. 387		
79. Filasṭin, 447 AH Type W1 AV dinār, ∅ 22, 8 mm; W 4, 85 gr. Inv. nr. 9763/ع CFC, p. 293, nr. 2074 (= Shamma 1980, p. 150, nr. 44) Cfr. SC, vol. I: p. 133, nr. 37 and vol. II: pl. 121, nr. 37		
80. Miṣr, 448 AH Type W1 (as above) AV dinār; ∅ 22 mm; W 4, 17 gr. Inv. nr. 16772/ع Unpublished Cfr. CFC, p. 301, nr. 2131		

81. Filasṭin, 449 AH Type W1 AV dinār; ∅ 23 mm; W 4, 05 gr. Inv. nr. 9752/ع CFC, p. 293, nr. 2075 (= Shamma 1980, p. 150, nr. 48), al-'Ush 1979, p. 63, nr. 171		
82. Tarāblus, 456 AH Type W1 AV dinār; ∅ 21, 5 mm; W 3, 80 gr. Inv. nr. 17175/ع Unpublished Cfr. CFC, p. 287, nr. 2011		
83. Miṣr, 461 AH Type W1 AV dinār; ∅ 22 mm; W 4, 16 gr. Inv. nr. 16773/ع Unpublished Cfr. CFC, p. 303, nr. 2146; Adler 1795, p. 148, nr. XCVII. B Notes: pierced		
84. Akkā, 486 AH Type E1? AV quarter of dinār, ∅ 15, 5 mm; W 0, 94 gr. Inv. nr. 15260/ع CFC, p. 290, nr. 2042 (= Shamma 1980, p. 152, nr. 98); al-'Ush 1979, p. 65, nr. 187	Center	Center
	الامام معد المستنصر بالله امير المؤمنين	لا اله الا الله محمد رسول الله علي ولي الله
	Margin	Margin
	بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم ضرب هذا الدينر سنة	Qur'an IX, 33
85. Al-Manṣūriyya (?), date missing Type E1 AV quarter of dinār, ∅ 12 mm; W 1, 00 gr. Inv. nr. 20012/ع Cfr. CFC, p. 310, nr. 2213		
86. Mint missing; date missing Type E1 AV quarter of dinār; ∅ 15 mm; W 0, 738 gr. Inv. nr. 17245/ع Unpublished Cfr. CFC, p. 225, Type E1		

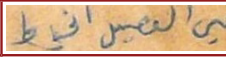
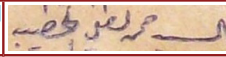
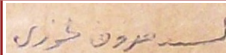
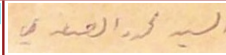
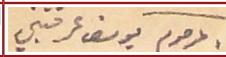
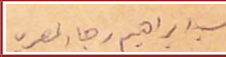
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Fig. 2



Al-Musta'li billāh (487-495 AH/AD 1094-1101)

87. Akkā, 488 AH Type C AV Quarter of dinār, ∅ 15 mm; W 0, 93 gr. Inv. nr. 201012/ع CFC, p. 331, nr. 2409 (= Shamma 1980, p. 153, nr. 2); al-'Ush 1979, p. 66, nr. 189	Center	Center
	الامام احمد المستعلي بالله امير المؤمنين	لا اله الا الله محمد رسول الله علي ولي الله
	Margin	Margin
	بسم الله ضرب هذا ... الدينير ... سنة	Qur'an IX, 33
88. Akkā, 488 AH Type C AV Quarter of dinār; ∅ and W no data Inv. nr. 18984/ع CFC, p. 331, nr. 2409 (= Shamma 1980, p. 153, nr. 3); al-'Ush 1979, p. 66, nr. 189		
89. Šūr, 488 AH Supposedly type A1 AV dinār; ∅ and W: no data Inv. nr. unknown CGD, p. 183 Cfr. CFC, p. 331, nr. 2402	Center	Center
	احمد عبد الله ووليه الامام ابو القاسم المستعلي بالله امير المؤمنين عال	علي لا اله الا الله وحده لا شريك له محمد رسول الله علي ولي الله
	Margin	Margin
	بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم ضرب هذا ... الدينير ... سنة	Qur'an IX, 33
90. Al-Iskandariyya, 494 Type B1 AV dinār, ∅ 21, 5 mm; W 3, 92 gr. Inv. nr. 17246/ع Unpublished Cfr. CFC, p. 330, nr. 2401	Center	Center
	الامام احمد	عال غاية
	Outer	Outer
	بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم ضرب هذا ... الدينير ... سنة	Qur'an IX, 33
	Inner	Inner
	ابو القاسم المستعلي بالله امير المؤمنين	لا اله الا الله محمد رسول الله علي ولي الله
		
91. Mišr, 494 AH Supposedly type B1 AV dinār; ∅ and W: no data Inv. nr. unknown CGD, p. 183 Cfr. CFC, p. 333, nr. 2422		

92. Akkā, 495 AH Type C AV quarter of dinār, ∅ 14 mm; W 1, 075 gr. Inv. nr. 15261/ع CFC, p. 332, nr. 2414 (= Shamma 1980, p. 153, nr. 19)		

Al-Āmir bi-aḥkām Allāh (495-524 AH/AD 1101-1130)

93. Mišr, 500 AH Supposedly type A AV dinār; ∅ and W: no data Inv. nr. unknown CGD, p. 183 Cfr. CFC, p. 344, nr. 2518	Center	Center
	الامام المنصور	عال غاية
	Outer	Outer
	بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم ضرب هذا ... الدينير ... سنة	Qur'an IX, 33
	Inner	Inner
	ابو علي الامر باحكام الله امير المؤمنين	لا اله الا الله محمد رسول الله علي ولي الله
94. Al-Iskandariyya, 502 AH Supposedly type A AV dinār; ∅ and W: no data Inv. nr. unknown CGD, p. 183 Cfr. CFC, p. 337, nr. 2446		
95. Mišr, 506 AH Type A AV dinār, ∅ 22, 5 mm; W 4, 00 gr. Inv. nr. 16981/ع Unpublished Cfr. CFC, p. 345, nr. 2525; YKC, p. 232		
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101. Miṣr (?), 518 AH Type A AV dinār; © and W: no data Inv. nr. unknown CGD, fig. 61 Cfr. CFC, p. 348, nr. 2541		

1. It seems that no mint is attested in Taymā in Fatimid times, see CFC, p. 379. Moreover Taymā is not listed among the Islamic mints known to DILER 2009, in particular vol. 1, p. 365-422 (letter Tā). However Taymā is recorded by AL-HUSAYNI, 1974 p. 109. In the absence of an image of the specimen it is not possible to verify the reading of the name.

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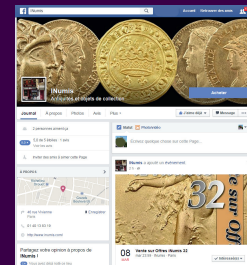
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