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A Selection of Islamic Coins from the Excavations of Udegram, Swat

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Introduction

The Italian excavations conducted between 1956 and 1960 by Giorgio Gullini on the north-west spur of Mt Raja Gira, near Udegram (Swat, Pakistan), brought to light the remains of a structure then dubbed the 'Castle' (see general plan in Gullini 1962), whose ruins had been identified by A. Stein (1930: fig. 23). From the stratum III ⁽¹⁾, the excavation revealed a phase of Islamic occupation dating back to a period spanning from the early 11th century – the time of the conquest by the Ghaznavid ruler Maḥmūd b. Sebūktigīn (d. 421/1030) – to the end of the 13th century, when the arrival of the Mongolian hordes resulted in the destruction of Udegram and the abandonment of a great part of the inhabited area (Gullini 1962: 230-31, 326-27). Situated on the North side of the mountain, *c.* 100 metres lower than the castle, and dating back to the same period, there is a mosque ⁽²⁾ that started to be excavated in 1985, during the first campaign conducted by Umberto Scerrato (1985b). The activities, that continued up to 1999 (Scerrato 1986a, 1997; Hussain & Saeed 2001), allowed the discovery, in the area surrounding the mosque, of a built-up area and a necropolis constituted by 55 tombs, the latest among which have been attributed to the first quarter of the 13th century (Scerrato 1986a: 504; Bagnera 2004, 2005; see Bagnera, this issue; Manna, this issue).

The excavations revealed a good number of coins dating back to the Islamic period (87 pieces bear an inventory number) which, up to the present, have never been the object of publications. The recent resumption of cataloguing activities and study of the materials (under the responsibility of F. Noci) has allowed a first inspection of the lot of coins that, awaiting a final study, we present here in a

⁽¹⁾ The excavations revealed twenty structural phases distributed on eleven levels (strata I-XI).

⁽²⁾ The cursive inscription containing the foundation text of a *masjid* for the year 440/1048-49, engraved on a marble block recovered in the immediate neighbourhood of the mosque (Nazir Khan 1985), belonged very likely to this building. Information about the emir Anūštigīn, probably a Ghaznavid general who wanted the mosque and whose name is mentioned in the epigraph, can be found in Bosworth 1977 and Abdur Rahman 1988.

preliminary catalogue consisting of a fairly substantial nucleus (37 specimens), sufficiently representative and susceptible of contributing to the dating of the two archaeological areas.

With the exception of a small number of pieces in debased silver, all the coins are in billon or copper and are known as *jitals* ⁽³⁾. No piece bears the date of issue, but all of them are attributed to the period between the 11th-13th century and the end of the 13th century and derive from the silver 'bull-and-horseman' coins with marginal legends in *śārāda* script struck by the Shahi dynasty from around 750 A.D. ⁽⁴⁾. The most significant cluster belongs to 'Alā' al-dīn Muḥammad b. Takaš (596-617/1200-1220), principal ruler of the Khwarizm Shah, to whom, however, the 20% of all the currently known *jitals* are ascribed ⁽⁵⁾. Many of the coins presented here belong to the category called 'Kuraman type' (Tye 1995: 46, 69; see also Longworth Dames 1908: 390-91) and bear on the obverse a bungled Sanskrit legend (Śrī Samanta) rendered in *śārāda* script ⁽⁶⁾ above a bull facing left. In some cases the name of the mint is specified on the body of the animal ⁽⁷⁾.

The two latest coins included in this catalogue are ascribed to the issues under Qutluğ Hwāja, governor of Ghazni in 699/1299 and son of Duwa (c. 681-706/c. 1282-1306), the Chaghatay ruler who resided in the Eastern territories of the Khanate and invaded India.

⁽³⁾ Name of a small denomination widely issued by both Hindu and Muslim rulers over 500 years in Afghanistan and much of India. The denominational name seems to be currently visible only on two pieces dating from the 13th century (Tye 1995: nos. 351, 358). For an exhaustive reconstruction of the monetary system in the North of India in the medieval period and an analysis of both the nature and the causes of the disappearance of the fine silver coinage see Deyell 1990. The most comprehensive catalogue of Islamic and Hindu *jitals* is the one published by Tye 1995. Important information on this type of coins is also in Album 1998.

⁽⁴⁾ The disintegration of the Shahi kingdom in Gandhara and the Punjab was caused by the military campaign conducted by the Ghaznavid ruler Maḥmūd b. Sebükriḡin between 1000 and 1021 A.D.

⁽⁵⁾ The *jitals* struck by 'Alā' al-dīn Muḥammad b. Takaš constitute only one type of the innumerable currencies of his reign. Actually, this ruler never established an imperial coinage, but retained the local coinage he found in the regions he conquered, only substituting the name of the former ruler with his own. See Hornle 1889: 7-23; Album 1998: 87; Tye 1995: 67.

⁽⁶⁾ 'Śrī Samanta Deva' is one of the anonymous titles of Hindu Shahi kings also used on some Ghaznavid coins struck by the sole mint of Lahore beginning with the reign of Mas'ūd I b. Maḥmūd (Tye 1995: no. 89). On some of the Lahore coins of the last Ghaznavid ruler, Husraw Malik, and of the Ghurid Mu'izz al-dīn Muḥammad, struck in Kuraman, this title is reported in the contracted form 'Śrī Sama' (*ibid.*: nos. 118-119, 122, 177), which is again changed in 'Śrī manta' on some coins struck in Kuraman by the Ghurid Yildiz (*ibid.*: no. 200) and on a great number of coins by 'Alā' al-dīn Muḥammad b. Takaš (*ibid.*: nos. 292-297). I take the chance to thank here my friend and colleague Francesco Sferra for the correct reading of the Sanskrit *akṣara* of the coins we present (Cat. nos. 6-8, 13-16, 18-23).

⁽⁷⁾ According to an approximately chronological order, the mints reported on the body of the bull are: Kuraman (whose name can also appear below the animal's body), Peshawar and Ghazni (Tye 1995:

CATALOGUE: ⁽⁸⁾

*Anonymous 'Late or Post-Shabi'
'Samanta' (c. A.D. 1000-1200)*

No mint

1 - Inv. no. 193 (Fig. 1)

Archaeological provenance: Udegram Mosque area (US 28).

Date of finding: unknown.

No mint; no date; AR (*jital*); mm. 18.

Obv. centre: recumbent bull facing left, wearing *jbūla* (saddlecloth); above:

Śrī samanta deva (*śārāda* script)

Rev. centre: horseman bearing lance, facing right; symbol to right of horseman; top left:

bhī (*śārāda akṣara*)

Ref.: Tye 1995: no. 32.

Ghaznavids

Ḥusraw Malik (555-582/1160-1186)

No mint

2 - Inv. no. 265 (Fig. 2)

Archaeological provenance: Udegram 'Castle' (N.C. collapsed wall below room no. 8).

Date of finding: 3 November 1958.

No mint (Lahore); no date; copper (*jital*); mm. 14,5.

Obv. margin: two-lined circles enclosing circle of dots; centre, below crescent-shaped moon:

خسرو / ملك

Ḥusraw / Malik

Rev. centre:

[ال-]سلطان / [ا]لاعظم / سراج / [الدولة]

[al-]Sulṭān / [a]-a'ẓam / Sirāj / [al-dawla]

Ref.: BM II: no. 581; Deyell 1990: no. 115; Tye 1995: no. 120.3.

135, 138, 172), all of which are attested on the coins we present (Cat. nos. 13-14, 16-23). On piece no. 15 the word on the body of the bull is very similar to that appearing on the coins published by Deyell (1990: no. 294) and Tye (1995: no. 295.1) who both propose, although with considerable uncertainty, the reading 'nighdeh', or 'Naghara', or even 'Nagahda'. We propound the hypothesis that it could actually read 'bi-Gazna' ('in Ghazni'), although on this type of coins the name of the mint is never introduced by the Arab preposition 'bi'.

⁽⁸⁾ The coins are clustered according to dynasty and classified according to the issuing authorities and to the mint towns. The name of the mint is often omitted on the coins. Where it can be inferred from the style of the coin, it is reported within round brackets. For the weight of the coins we refer the reader to the final catalogue. The coins are shown to scale 1:1.

Ghurids

Mu‘izz al-dīn Muḥammad b. Sām (569-602/1173-1206)

No mint

3 - Inv. no. 119 (Fig. 3)

Archaeological provenance: Udegram ‘Castle’ (stratum IV; room no. 2).

Date of finding: 16 September 1957.

No mint (Kuramān); no date; billon (*jital*); mm. 16.

Obv. margin: dotted circle; centre: standing bull facing left.

Rev. margin: lined circle; centre:

السلطان / [ا]لاعظم / معز الدين / محمد بن [سام]

al-Sulṭān / [a]l-a‘ẓam / Mu‘izz al-dīn / Muḥammad b. [Sām]

Ref.: Tye 1995: no. 178.

Tāj al-dīn Yildiz (602-612/1206-1215)

No mint

4 - Inv. no. 278 (Fig. 4)

Archaeological provenance: Udegram ‘Castle’ (unknown).

Date of finding: 10 September 1958.

No mint (Ġazna); no date; white appearance billon ⁽⁹⁾ (*jital*); mm. 16.

Obv. margin: lined circle; centre:

السلطان / الاعظم معز / [ا]لدنيا و الد / [ين]

al-Sulṭān / al-a‘ẓam Mu‘izz / [a]l-dunyā wa al-d / [īn]

Rev. margin: lined circle; centre:

[عبده] / [الملـك المعظم] / [تا]ج الدنيا و الد / ين يلدز

[‘abdu-hu] / [al-Malik] al-mu‘azzam / [Tāj] al-dunyā wa al-d / īn Yildiz

Ref.: Deyell 1990: no. 263; Tye 1995: no. 199.1.

5 - Inv. no. 117 (Fig. 5)

Archaeological provenance: Udegram ‘Castle’ (strata II?-III?; corridor no. 1a, under the first floor under the collapsed debris).

Date of finding: 10 September 1957.

No mint (Ġazna); no date; white appearance billon (*jital*); mm. 15,5.

Obv. margin: dotted circle; centre:

[السـلطان] / [ا]لاعظم معز / [السـدنيا و الد / [ين]

[al-Su]lṭān / [a]l-a‘ẓam Mu‘izz / [al-]dunyā wa al-d / [īn]

⁽⁹⁾ This type of billon probably contains between 30% and 8% silver, while the (black) billon probably contains 8% to 2% silver.

Rev. margin: dotted circle; centre:

عبدہ / [الـ]ملك المعظم / [تاج الدنيا و] الد / [ین یلدز]
‘abdu-hu / [al-]Malik al-mu‘azzam / [Tāj al-dunyā wa] al-d / [īn Yildiz]

Ref.: as above but without dotted circle on obv. and rev.

6 - Inv. no. 123 (Fig. 6)

Archaeological provenance: Udegram ‘Castle’ (stratum III; room no. 5).

Date of finding: 28 November 1957.

No mint (Kuramān); no date; billon (*jital*); mm. 14.

Obv. margin: dotted circle; centre: standing bull facing left; three pellets on bull’s body; above:

Śrī (Sa)manta (*śārāda* script)

Rev. margin: dotted circle; centre:

[معـ]ز الد[نیا] / و الدين / عبده / یلدز
[Mu‘i]zz al-du[nyā] / wa al-dīn / ‘abdu-hu / Yildiz

Four-leaved clover on *nūn* of *al-dīn*.

Ref.: Deyell 1990: no. 264; Tye 1995: no. 200.2.

7 - Inv. no. 304 (Fig. 7)

Archaeological provenance: Udegram ‘Castle’ (N.C. removed wall of stratum III; corridor no. 2).

Date of finding: 13 November 1959.

No mint (Kuramān); no date; billon (*jital*); mm. 13.

Obv. margin: dotted circle; centre: standing bull facing left; three pellets on bull’s body; above:

Śrī (Sa)manta (*śārāda* script)

Rev. margin: dotted circle; centre:

[مـ]عز الد[نیا] / و الدين / عبده / یلدز
[Mu‘i]zz al-du[nyā] / wa al-dīn / ‘abdu-hu / Yildiz

Four-leaved clover on *nūn* of *al-dīn*.

Ref.: as above.

8 - Inv. no. 271 (Fig. 8)

Archaeological provenance: Udegram ‘Castel’ (N.C. stratum III; room no. 23).

Date of finding: 26 October 1958.

No mint (Kuramān); no date; billon (*jital*); mm. 13,5.

Obv. margin: dotted circle; centre: standing bull facing left; three pellets on bull’s body; above:

Śrī (Sa)manta (*śārāda* script)

Rev. margin: dotted circle; centre:

معز الدنيا / [و الدين] / [عبد] / يلدز
[Mu‘izz al-dunyā] / [wa al-dīn] / ‘abdu-[hu] / Yildiz

Ref.: as above.

Khwarizm Shabs

‘Alā’ al-dīn Muḥammad b. Takaš (596-617/1200-1220)

Balḥ (Balkh)

9 - Inv. no. 290 (Fig. 9)

Archaeological provenance: Udegram ‘Castle’ (N.C. stratum V; room no. 12).

Date of finding: 23 September 1959.

Balḥ; no date; AR billon dirham; mm. 33.

Obv. margin: lined circle; centre: lined circle set in lined square; rings in the angles; around the square, in the four segments:

[...] / الناصر [بالله] / [أ]مير [المو] / منين
[...] / al-Nāṣir [bi-llāh] / [A]mīr [al-mu’] / minīn

within square:

محمد بن / السلطان / تكش
Muḥammad b. / al-sulṭān / Takaš

Rev. margin: double lined circle; centre: double lined square; around the outer square, in the four segments:

ضرب / هذا / الدرهم / يبلغ
ḍuriba / haḍā / al-dīrham / bi-Balḥ

within inner square:

السلطان الا / عظم علا الد / نيا و الدين ابو الفتح
al-Sulṭān al-a / ‘zam ‘Alā’ al-du / nyā wa al-dīn Abū al-Faṭḥ

10 - Inv. no. 314 (Fig. 10)

Archaeological provenance: Udegram ‘Castle’ (N.C. stratum VI; room no. 12).

Date of finding: 22 September 1957.

Balḥ; no date; AR billon dirham; mm. 34,5.

Obv. margin: lined circle; centre: lined circle set in lined square; rings in the angles; around the square, in the four segments:

[...] / الناصر [بالله] / امير المو / منين
[...] / al-Nāṣir [bi-llāh] / Amīr al-mu’ / minīn

within square:

محمد بن / السلطان
Muḥammad b. / al-sulṭān

Rev. margin: double lined circle; centre: double lined square; around the outer square, in the four segments:

ضرب / هذا / الدرهم / [بيلـ]ـخ
ḍuriba / haḍā / al-dirham / [bi-Bal]ḥ

within inner square:

السلطان الا / عظم علا الد / نيا و الدين ابو الفتح
al-Sulṭān al-a / ‘zam ‘Alā’ al-du / nyā wa al-dīn Abū al-Faṭḥ

Ref.: Mitchiner 1977: no. 909 (but rev. margin ‘basmala’).

11 - Inv. no. 294 (Fig. 11)

Archaeological provenance: Udegram ‘Castle’ (N.C. stratum V; room no. 12).

Date of finding: 21 September 1959.

Balḥ; no date; AR billon dirham; mm. 33,5.

Obv. margin: lined circle; centre: lined circle set in lined square; rings in the angles; around the square, in the four segments:

[...] / الناصر بالله / امير المو / منين
[...] / al-Nāṣir bi-llāh / Amīr al-mu’ / minīn

within square:

محمد بن / السلطان
Muḥammad b. / al-sulṭān

Rev. margin: double lined circle; centre: double lined square; around the outer square, in the four segments:

ضرب / [هذا] / [الدرهم] / بيلخ
ḍuriba / [haḍā] / [al-dirham] / bi-Balḥ

within inner square:

السلطان الا / اعظم علا / الدنيا و الد / ين
al-Sulṭān al-a / ‘zam ‘Alā’ al-du / nyā wa al-dīn Abū al-Faṭḥ

Ref.: as above.

Farwān (Farwan; modern Parwan Province)

12 - Inv. no. 55 (Fig. 12)

Archaeological provenance: Udegram ‘Castle’ (unknown).

Date of finding: 15 November 1956.

Farwān; no date; billon (*jital*); mm. 14.

Obv. margin: double six-lobed frame; centre:

[فر]وان / السلطان / الاعظم علا / الدنيا و الد / ين
[Far]wān / al-Sulṭān / al-a‘zam ‘Alā’ / al-dunyā wa al-d / īn

Rev. margin: double six-lobed frame; centre:

[فـ]ـروان] / ابو الفـ[ـتـح] / محمد [ين] / [السلطان]
Fa[rwān] / Abū al-Fa[tḥ] / Muḥammad [b.] / [al-Sulṭān]

Ref.: BM IX: no. 600f; Tye 1995: no. 278.1.

Ġazna (Ghazni)

13 - Inv. no. 253 (Fig. 13)

Archaeological provenance: Udegram 'Castle' (N.C. stratum IIb; room no. 5).

Date of finding: 13 October 1958.

Ġazna; no date; billon (*jital*); mm. 15,5.

Obv. margin: dotted circle; centre: standing bull facing left; on bull's body:

غزنة
Ġazna

above:

Śrī (Sa)manta (*śārāda* script)

Rev. margin: dotted circle; centre:

[الـ]سلـ[طان] / [الـ]سلـ[طان] / [الـ]سلـ[طان] / [الـ]سلـ[طان]
[al-Sulṭān] / al-a'zam Abū / al-Faṭḥ Muḥammad / (b.) [al-]Sul[ṭān]

Ref.: Tye 1995: no. 294.1.

14 - Inv. no. 254 (Fig. 14)

Archaeological provenance: Udegram 'Castle' (room no. 15).

Date of finding: 26 October 1958.

Ġazna; no date; billon (*jital*); mm. 13,5.

Obv. margin: dotted circle; centre: standing bull facing left; on bull's body:

غزنة
Ġazna

above:

Śrī (Sa)manta (*śārāda* script)

Rev. margin: dotted circle; centre:

[الـ]سلـ[طان] / [الـ]سلـ[طان] / [الـ]سلـ[طان] / [الـ]سلـ[طان]
[al-]Sulṭān / al-a'zam Abū / al-Faṭḥ Muḥammad / (b.) [al-]Sulṭān

Ref.: as above.

15 - Inv. no. 103 (Fig. 15)

Archaeological provenance: Udegram 'Castle' (strata IV-V; corridor no. 18).

Date of finding: 15 September 1959.

Ġazna?; no date; billon (*jital*); mm. 16.

Obv. margin: dotted circle; centre: standing bull facing left; on bull's body:

بغزنة (?)

bi-Ġazna (?)

above:

Śrī (Sa)manta (*śārāda* script)

Rev. margin: dotted circle; centre:

[السلطان] / الاعظم ابو / الفتح محمد / بن سلطان

[al-Sulṭān] / al-a'zam Abū / al-Faṭḥ Muḥammad / b. Sulṭān

Ref.: Deyell 1990: no. 294 (but *nighdeh* instead of bi-Ġazna); Tye 1995: no. 295.1 (but Naghara or Nagahda instead of bi-Ġazna).

Kuramān (Kuraman; modern Paktya Province)

16 - Inv. no. 269 (Fig. 16)

Archaeological provenance: Udegram 'Castle' (N.C. stratum III; room no. 16).

Date of finding: 14 October 1958.

Kuramān; no date; billon (*jital*); mm. 14.

Obv. margin: dotted circle; centre: standing bull facing left; three pellets on bull's body;

above:

Śrī (Sa)manta (*śārāda* script)

below:

كرمان

Kuramān

Rev. margin: dotted circle; centre:

[السلطان الا] / عظم ابوالـ[فتح] / محمد بن سلطان

[al-Sulṭān al-a] / 'zam Abū al-[Faṭḥ] / Muḥammad b. Sulṭā[n]

Ref.: Tye 1995: no. 292.1.

17 - Inv. no. 121 (Fig. 17)

Archaeological provenance: Udegram 'Castle' (strata III-IV; corridor no. 1a).

Date of finding: 3 October 1957.

Kuramān; no date; billon (*jital*); mm. 14.

Obv. margin: dotted circle; centre: standing bull facing left; on bull's body:

[كرمان]

[Kuram]ān

Rev. margin: dotted circle; centre:

السلطان الا] / عظم ابوالفتح] / محمد بن سلطان

al-Sulṭān] al-a] / 'zam [Abū al-Faṭḥ] / Muḥammad b. [Sulṭān]

Ref.: Tye 1995: no. 291.2.

Parswar (Peshawar)

18 - Inv. no. 120 (Fig. 18)

Archaeological provenance: Udegram 'Castle' (strata III-IV; room no. 9).

Date of finding: 13 October 1957.

Parswar; no date; billon (*jital*); mm. 14,5.

Obv. margin: dotted circle; centre: standing bull facing left; on bull's body:

پرسور

Parswar

above:

Śrī (Sa)manta (*śārāda* script)

Rev. margin: dotted circle; centre:

[السلطان] / الاعظم ابو / الفتح محمد / بن سلطان

[al-Sulṭān] / al-a'ẓam [Abū] / al-Faṭḥ Muḥammad / b. Sulṭā[n]

Ref.: Deyell 1990: no. 291; Tye 1995: no. 293.1.

19 - Inv. no. 257 (Fig. 19)

Archaeological provenance: Udegram 'Castle' (N.C. strata IV-V?; room no. 4).

Date of finding: 11 September 1958.

Parswar; no date; billon (*jital*); mm. 16.

Obv. margin: dotted circle; centre: standing bull facing left; on bull's body:

پرسور

Parswar

above:

Śrī (Sa)manta (*śārāda* script)

Rev. margin: dotted circle; centre:

[السلطان] / الاعظم ابو / الفتح محمد / بن سلطان

[al-Sulṭān] / al-a'ẓam Abū / al-Faṭḥ Muḥammad / b. Sulṭān

Ref.: as above.

20 - Inv. no. 569 (Fig. 20)

Archaeological provenance: Udegram 'Castle' (trench B, near the walls).

Date of finding: no date.

Parswar; no date; billon (*jital*); mm. 14.

Obv. margin: dotted circle; centre: standing bull facing left; on bull's body:

پرسور

Parswar

above:

Śrī (Sa)manta (*śārāda* script)

Rev. margin: dotted circle; centre:

[السلطان] / الاعظم ابو / الفتح محمد / بن سلطان

[al-Sulṭān] / al-a'ẓam Abū / al-Faṭḥ Muḥammad / b. Sulṭān

Ref.: as above.

21 - Inv. no. 305 (Fig. 21)

Archaeological provenance: Udegram 'Castle' (N.C.; stratum V?; room no. 1bis).

Date of finding: 17 October 1959.

Parswar; no date; billon (*jital*); mm. 15.

Obv. margin: dotted circle; centre: standing bull facing left; on bull's body:

پرسور

Parswar

above:

Śrī (Sa)manta (*śārāda* script)

Rev. margin: dotted circle; centre:

[السلطان / الاعظم ابو / الفتح محمد / ابن سلطان]

[al-Sulṭān] / al-aʿẓam Abū / [al-]Fatḥ Muḥammad / [b.] Sulṭān

Ref.: as above.

22 - Inv. no. 97 (Fig. 22)

Archaeological provenance: Udegram 'Castle' (strata III-IV?; corridor no. 2).

Date of finding: October 1957.

Parswar; no date; billon (*jital*); mm. 14.

Obv. margin: dotted circle; centre: standing bull facing left; on bull's body:

پرسور

Parswar

above:

Śrī (Sa)manta (*śārāda* script)

Rev. margin: dotted circle; centre:

[السلطان] / الاعظم ابو / الفتح محمد / ابن سلطان

al-Sulṭān] / al-aʿẓam Abū / [a]-Fatḥ Muḥammad / [b. Sulṭān]

Ref.: as above.

23 - Inv. no. 195 (Fig. 23)

Archaeological provenance: Udegram Mosque area (US 28).

Date of finding: unknown.

Parswar; no date; billon (*jital*); mm. 11.

Obv. margin: dotted circle; centre: standing bull facing left; on bull's body:

پرسور

Parswar

above:

Śrī (Sa)manta (*śārāda* script)

Rev. margin: dotted circle; centre:

[السلطان] / الاعظم ابو / الفتح محمد / بن سلطان

[al-Sulṭān] / al-aʿẓam Abū / al-Fatḥ Muḥammad / b. Sulṭān

Ref.: as above.

No mint

24 - Inv. no. 310 (Figs. 47-48)

Archaeological provenance: Udegram 'Castle' (N.C. stratum II; corridor no. 2, near room no. 4).

Date of finding: 19 October 1958.

No mint (Bāmiyān); no date; billon (*jital*); mm. 17.

Obv. centre, horseman facing left; around, in segments:

[محمد بن سلطان] تكش

[Muḥammad b. sulṭān] Takaš

Rev. centre, within square:

السلطان الا / اعظم [علا] / [الدنيا و الدين]

al-[Sulṭān al-a] / 'zam [‘Alā’] / [al-dunyā wa al-dīn]

Ref.: Tye 1995: no. 237.

25 - Inv. no. 315 (Fig. 25)

Archaeological provenance: Udegram 'Castle' (N.C. stratum V; room no. 13).

Date of finding: 23 September 1959.

No mint (Ġazna); no date; billon (*jital*); mm. 16.

Obv. margin: lined circle with dots; centre:

السلطان / الاعظم علا / الدنيا و الد / [ين]

al-Sulṭān / al-a‘zam ‘Alā’ / al-dunyā wa al-d / [in]

Rev. margin: lined circle with dots; centre:

ابوالفتح / محمد بن / السلطان

Abū al-Faṭḥ / Muḥammad b. / al-Sulṭān

Ref.: Tye 1995: no. 283.1.

26 - Inv. no. 570 (Fig. 26)

Archaeological provenance: Udegram 'Castle' (surface; between the 'castle' and the gate).

Date of finding: 16 September 1957.

No mint (Ġazna); no date; billon (*jital*); mm. 15.

Obv. margin: lined circle with dots; centre:

السلطان / الاعظم علا / الدنيا و الد / [ين]

al-Sulṭān / al-a‘zam ‘Alā’ / al-dunyā wa al-d / [in]

Rev. margin: lined circle with dots; centre:

ابوالفتح / محمد بن / السلطان

Abū al-Faṭḥ / Muḥammad b. / al-Sulṭā[n]

Ref.: as above.

27 - Inv. no. 568 (Fig. 27)

Archaeological provenance: Udegram 'castle' (trench B, near the walls).

Date of finding: no date.

No mint (Ġazna); no date; billon (*jital*); mm. 14.

Obv. margin: lined circle with dots; centre:

السلطان / الاعظم [علا] / الدنيا [و الد] / [ين]
al-Sulṭā[n] / al-a‘ẓam [‘Alā’] / al-dunyā [wa al-d] / [īn]

Rev. margin: lined circle with dots; centre:

ابوالفتح / محمد بن / السلطان
Abū al-Faṭḥ / Muḥammad b. / al-Sulṭān

Ref.: as above.

28 - Inv. no. 133 (Fig. 28)

Archaeological provenance: Udegram 'Castle' (stratum II; corridor no. 4).

Date of finding: 1 October 1957.

No mint (Ġazna); no date; copper (*jital*); mm. 15.

Obv. within square:

علا / الدنيا
‘Alā’ al-dunyā

Rev. within square:

و الد / ين
wa al-d / īn

Four-leaved clover on *nūn* of *al-dīn*.

Ref.: BM IX, No 602r; Tye 1995, no. 303.2.

29 - Inv. no. 321 (Fig. 29)

Archaeological provenance: Udegram 'Castle' (N.C. collapsed debris below stratum III; room no. 13).

Date of finding: 1 October 1959.

No mint (Ġazna); no date; copper (*jital*); mm. 17.

Obv. within square:

علا / الدنيا
‘Alā’ al-dunyā

Rev. within square:

و الد / ين
wa al-d / īn

Four-leaved clover on *nūn* of *al-dīn*.

Ref.: as above.

30 - Inv. no. 252 (Fig. 30)

Archaeological provenance: Udegram 'Castle' (N.C. stratum III; room no. 16).

Date of finding: 1 November 1958.

No mint (Kuramān); no date; billon (*jital*); mm. 13.

Obv. margin: dotted circle; centre: standing bull facing left; three pellets on bull's body; above:

Śrī (Sa)manta (*śārāda* script)

Rev. centre:

السلطان / الاعظم ابو / الفتح محمد / بن سلطان

al-Sulṭān / al-a'ẓam Abū / al-Faṭḥ Muḥammad / b. Sulṭān

Ref.: Deyell 1990: no. 288; Tye 1995: no. 297.1.

31 - Inv. no. 283 (Fig. 31)

Archaeological provenance: Udegram 'Castle' (N.C. stratum IV; room no. 2).

Date of finding: 11 September 1958.

No mint (Kuramān); no date; billon (*jital*); mm. 15.

Obv. margin: dotted circle; centre: standing bull facing left; three pellets on bull's body; above:

Śrī (Sa)manta (*śārāda* script)

Rev. centre:

السلطان / [ال] اعظم ابو / الفتح محمد / [بن] سلطان

al-Sulṭān / [al-a]ẓam Abū / al-Faṭḥ Muḥammad / [b. Sulṭān]

Ref.: as above.

32 - Inv. no. 284 (Fig. 32)

Archaeological provenance: Udegram 'Castle' (stratum VI; room no. 13).

Date of finding: 24 September 1959.

No mint (Kuramān); no date; billon (*jital*); mm. 14.

Obv. margin: dotted circle; centre: standing bull facing left; on bull's body: fleur-de-lis ornament between four-leaved clevers; above:

Śrī (Sa)manta (*śārāda* script)

Rev. margin: lined circle; centre:

السلطان / الاعظم ابو / الفتح محمد / [بن] سلطان

al-Sulṭān / al-a'ẓam Abū / al-Faṭḥ Muḥammad / [b.] Sulṭān

Ref.: Tye 1995: no. 297.5.

33 - Inv. no. 575 (Fig. 33)

Archaeological provenance: Udegram 'Castle' (N.C. stratum V; room no. 27).

Date of finding: 21 October 1959.

No mint (Kuramān); no date; billon (*jital*); mm. 15.

Obv. margin: dotted circle; centre: standing bull facing left; on bull's body: fleur-de-lis ornament between four-leaved clevers; above:

Śrī (Sa)manta (*śārāda* script)

Rev. margin: lined circle; centre:

السلطان / [ال]عظم ابو / الفتح محمد / [بن] سلطان

al-Sulṭān / [al-a]ʿzam Abū / al-Faṭḥ Muḥammad / [b.] Sulṭān

Ref.: as above.

34 - Inv. no. 282 (Fig. 34)

Archaeological provenance: Udegram Mosque area (wall no. 90).

Date of finding: unknown.

No mint (Kuramān); no date; billon (*jital*); mm. 14.

Obv. margin: dotted circle; centre: standing bull facing left; on bull's body: fleur-de-lis ornament between four-leaved clevers; above:

Śrī (Sa)manta (*śārāda* script)

Rev. margin: lined circle; centre:

السلطان / [ال]عظم ابو / [الف]فتح محمد / [بن] سلطان

al-Sulṭān / [al-a]ʿzam Abū / [al-Fa]ṭḥ Muḥammad / [b. Sulṭān]

Ref.: as above.

35 - Inv. no. 260 (Fig. 35)

Archaeological provenance: Udegram 'Castle' (N.C. stratum III; room no. 5).

Date of finding: 12 October 1958.

No mint (Qunduz); no date; billon (*jital*); mm. 21,5.

Obv. margin: two dotted circles; centre, horseman facing left.

Rev. margin: two dotted circles; centre:

السلطان الا / عظم علا / الدنيا و الدين

al-Sulṭān al-a / ʿzam ʿAlā / al-dunyā wa al-dīn

Ref.: Tye 1995: no. 240.4.

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Ġazna (Ghazni)

36 - Inv. no. 256 (Fig. 36)

Archaeological provenance: Udegram 'Castle' (N.C. strata IV-V?; room no. 4).

Date of finding: 11 September 1958.

Ġazna; no date; billon (*jital*); mm. 15.

Obv. margin:

ضرب بلد غزنة
ḍuriba balad Ġazna

centre: *tamgha* within lined circle.

Rev. centre:

قتلغ / خوجة / سكة
Qutluġ / Ḥwāja / sikka

Seven-pointed star on *tā' marbūta* of *sikka*.

Ref.: Oliver 1891: no. 34; Tye 1995: no. 341.2.

37 - Inv. no. 273 (Fig. 37)

Archaeological provenance: Udegram 'Castle' (N.C. stratum III; corridor no. 2).

Date of finding: 7 October 1958.

Ġazna; no date; billon (*jital*); mm. 15.

Obv. margin:

ضرب [بلد] غزنة
ḍuriba [balad] Ġazna

centre: *tamgha* within lined circle.

Rev. centre:

قتلغ / خوجة / سكة
Qutluġ / Ḥwāja / si[kka]

Ref.: Oliver 1891: no. 33; Tye 1995: no. 341.3.

Table 1. List of the coins recorded in the inventories of Udegram 'Castle' (1956-1960) (the inventory numbers of the coins presented in the preliminary catalogue are followed by an asterisk)

Inv. No.	Archaeological provenance
50	trench Fs
55*	unknown
93	stratum IV; room no. 7
94	stratum IV; room no. 4
95	strata IV-V; room no. 5
96	stratum IV; corridor no. 2b, under the threshold of room no. 7
97*	strata III-IV?; corridor no. 2
98	strata III-IV; corridor no. 1a
99	stratum IV; room no. 11
102	stratum IV; room no. 11
103*	strata IV-V; corridor no. 18
105	corridor no. 2
107	stratum V; corridor no. 4
108	strata IV-V; corridor no. 1b
111	stratum V; corridor no. 4, beyond the wall
117*	strata II?-III?; corridor No. 1a, under the first floor under the collapsed debris
119*	stratum IV; room no. 2, small
120*	strata III-IV; room no. 9
121*	strata III-IV; corridor no. 1a
123*	stratum III; room no. 5
124	unknown
128	strata III-IV-V; corridor no. 2
130	stratum IV; corridor no. 2
132	stratum II; room no. 4
133*	stratum II; corridor no. 4
134	unknown
252*	N.C. stratum III; room no. 16
253*	N.C. stratum IIb; room no. 5
254*	room no. 15
255	N.C. stratum IIb; room no. 5
256*	N.C. strata IV-V?; room no. 4
257*	N.C. strata IV-V?; room no. 4



258	N.C. surface room no. 5
259	N.C. stratum III; room no. 5
260*	N.C. stratum III; room no. 5
265*	N.C. collapsed wall below room no. 8
267	N.C. strata IIb-III; room no. 22
268	stratum V; room no. 18
269*	N.C. stratum III; room no. 16
271*	N.C. stratum III; room no. 23
273*	N.C. stratum III; corridor no. 2
277	N.C. stratum VII; room no. 1
278*	unknown
283*	N.C. stratum IV; room no. 2
284*	stratum VI; room no. 13
290*	N.C. stratum V; room no. 12
293	N.C. well under stratum V; room no. 12
294*	unknown
296	unknown
304*	N.C. removed wall of stratum III; corridor no. 2
305*	N.C.; stratum V?; room no. 1bis
307	N.C. stratum IV; room no. 12
308	N.C. room no. 31
310*	N.C. stratum II; corridor No. 2, near room no. 4
314*	N.C. stratum VI; room no. 12
315*	N.C. stratum V; room no. 13
316	N.C. stratum V; room no. 12
317	N.C. room no. 12
321*	N.C. collapsed debris below stratum III; room no. 13
568*	trench B, near the walls
569*	trench B, near the walls
570*	surface; between the "castle" and the gate
572	stratum X; corridor no. 1b
575*	N.C. stratum V; room no. 27
585	strata II-III; room no. 5

Table 2. List of the coins recorded in the inventories of Udegram Mosque (1985-1999) (the inventory numbers of the coins presented in the preliminary catalogue are followed by an asterisk)

Inv. No.	Archaeological provenance
1	US 10
2	Surface level outside the mosque
69	US 28
106	US 98; close to skeleton 138
107	US 98; close to skeleton 138
108	US 98; close to skeleton 138
109	US 98; close to skeleton 138
110	US 98; close to skeleton 138
111	US 98; close to skeleton 138
112	US 98; close to skeleton 138
113	US 98; close to skeleton 138
193*	US 28
194	US 175
195*	US 28
196	US 88
224	US 142
282*	wall no. 90
432	US 153
433	US 540
434	US 273
540	A21 S.

Table 3. List of the mints in alphabetical order, followed by the Islamic dynasties that struck coins through them and by those to which the coins in our catalogue are attributed (see Mitchiner 1977: 18-40)

Mint	Islamic dynasties	Islamic dynasties in the catalogue
Bāmiyān (Bamiyan)	Samanids, Ghaznavids, Ghurids, Khwarizm Shahs	Khwarizm Shahs (no. 24)
Balḥ (Balkh)	Omayyads, Abbasids, Tahirids, Saffarids, Samanids, Ghaznavids, Great Seljuqs, Khwarizm Shahs, Sallarids, Timurids, Sheybanids, Delhi Sultans, Mangits of Bukhara, Qajars	Khwarizm Shahs (nos. 9-11)
Parswar/Peshawar	Khwarizm Shahs, Yildiz (Ghurids), Delhi Sultans, Afsharids, Durranis, Mughal emperors, Barakzays, Punjab Sikhs	Khwarizm Shahs (nos. 18-23)
Ġazna (Ghazni)	Ghaznavids, Khwarizm Shahs, Yildiz (Ghurids), Delhi Sultans, Chaghatayids, Barakzays	Yildiz (nos. 4-5); Khwarizm Shahs (nos. 13-14, 15?, 25-29); Chaghatayids (nos. 36-37)
Farwān (Farwan)	Samanids, Ghaznavids, Khwarizm Shahs, Timurids	Khwarizm Shahs (no. 12)
Qunduz	Khwarizm Shahs, Sulayman Mirza, Shaybanids	Khwarizm Shahs (no. 35)
Kuramān (Kuraman)	Ghurids, Yildiz (Ghurids), Khwarizm Shahs, Mongols khans, Kuraman Shahs	Ghurids (no. 3); Yildiz (nos. 6-8); Khwarizm Shahs (nos. 16-17, 30-34)
Lāhūr (Lahore)	Ghaznavids, Delhi Sultans, Mughal emperors, Afsharids, Durranis, Punjab Sikhs	Ghaznavids (no. 2)



Fig. 1 - Coin no. 1, Inv. no. 193. IsIAO, Dep CS
Neg. L17122/14a (obv.) and L17122/15a (rev.).



Fig. 2 - Coin no. 2, Inv. no. 265. IsIAO, Dep CS
Neg. L15762/13 (obv.) and L15762/11 (rev.).§



Fig. 3 - Coin no. 3, Inv. no. 119. IsIAO, Dep CS
Neg. L15760/3 (obv.) and L15759/37 (rev.).



Fig. 4 - Coin no. 4, Inv. no. 278. IsIAO, Dep CS
Neg. L15761/2a (obv.) and L15761/5a (rev.).



Fig. 5 - Coin no. 5, Inv. no. 117. IsIAO, Dep CS
Neg. L15759/35 (obv.) and L15759/32 (rev.).



Fig. 6 - Coin no. 6, Inv. no. 123. IsIAO, Dep CS
Neg. L15760/15 (obv.) and L15760/13 (rev.).



Fig. 7 - Coin no. 7, Inv. no. 304. IsIAO, Dep CS
Neg. L15761/25a (obv.) and L15761/23a (rev.).



Fig. 8 - Coin no. 8, Inv. no. 271. IsIAO, Dep CS
Neg. L15762/31 (obv.) and L15762/29 (rev.).



Fig. 9 - Coin no. 9, Inv. no. 290. IsIAO, Dep CS Neg. L15761/17a (obv.) and L15761/15a (rev.).



Fig. 10 - Coin no. 10, Inv. no. 314. IsIAO, Dep CS Neg. L15763/5 (obv.) and L15763/3 (rev.).



Fig. 11 - Coin no. 11, Inv. no. 294. IsIAO, Dep CS Neg. L15761/21a (obv.) and L15761/20a (rev.).



Fig. 12 - Coin no. 12, Inv. no. 55. IsIAO, Dep CS Neg. L15759/6 (obv.) and L15759/4 (rev.).



Fig. 13 - Coin no. 13, Inv. no. 253. IsIAO, Dep CS Neg. L15760/27 (obv.) and L15760/26 (rev.).



Fig. 14 - Coin no. 14, Inv. no. 254. IsIAO, Dep CS Neg. L15760/31 (obv.) and L15760/29 (rev.).



Fig. 15 - Coin no. 15, Inv. no. 103. IsIAO, Dep CS Neg. L15759/21 (obv.) and L15759/18 (rev.).



Fig. 16 - Coin no. 16, Inv. no. 269. IsIAO, Dep CS Neg. L15762/27 (obv.) and L15762/25 (rev.).



Fig. 17 - Coin no. 17, Inv. no. 121. IsIAO, Dep CS Neg. L15760/12 (obv.) and L15760/10 (rev.).



Fig. 18 - Coin no. 18, Inv. no. 120. IsIAO, Dep CS Neg. L15760/5 (obv.) and L15760/7 (rev.).



Fig. 19 - Coin no. 19, Inv. no. 257. IsIAO, Dep CS Neg. L15762/6 (obv.) and L15762/4 (rev.).



Fig. 20 - Coin no. 20, Inv. no. 569. IsIAO, Dep CS Neg. L15763/24 (obv.) and L15763/21 (rev.).



Fig. 21 - Coin no. 21, Inv. no. 305. IsIAO, Dep CS Neg. L15761/29a (obv.) and L15761/28a (rev.).



Fig. 22 - Coin no. 22, Inv. no. 97. IsIAO, Dep CS Neg. L15759/13 (obv.) and L15759/15 (rev.).



Fig. 23 - Coin no. 23, Inv. no. 195. IsIAO, Dep CS Neg. L17122/19a (obv.) and L15759/15 (rev.).



Fig. 24 - Coin no. 24, Inv. no. 310. IsIAO, Dep CS Neg. L15761/33a (obv.) and L15761/32a (rev.).



Fig. 25 - Coin no. 25, Inv. no. 315. IsIAO, Dep CS Neg. L15763/10 (obv.) and L15763/8 (rev.).



Fig. 26 - Coin no. 26, Inv. no. 570. IsIAO, Dep CS Neg. L15763/25 (obv.) and L15763/28 (rev.).



Fig. 27 - Coin no. 27, Inv. no. 568. IsIAO, Dep CS Neg. L15763/20 (obv.) and L15763/17 (rev.).



Fig. 28 - Coin no. 28, Inv. no. 133. IsIAO, Dep CS Neg. L15760/18 (obv.) and L15760/20 (rev.).



Fig. 29 - Coin no. 29, Inv. no. 321. IsIAO, Dep CS Neg. L15763/13 (obv.) and L15763/15 (rev.).



Fig. 30 - Coin no. 30, Inv. no. 252. IsIAO, Dep CS Neg. L15760/24 (obv.) and L15760/22 (rev.).



Fig. 31 - Coin no. 31, Inv. no. 283. IsIAO, Dep CS Neg. L15761/9a (obv.) and L15761/7a (rev.).



Fig. 32 - Coin no. 32, Inv. no. 284. IsIAO, Dep CS Neg. L15761/13a (obv.) and L15761/10a (rev.).



Fig. 33 - Coin no. 33, Inv. no. 575. IsIAO, Dep CS Neg. L15763/32 (obv.) and L15763/30 (rev.).



Fig. 34 - Coin no. 34, Inv. no. 282. IsIAO, Dep CS Neg. L17122/24a (obv.) and L17122/25a (rev.).



Fig. 35 - Coin no. 35, Inv. no. 260. IsIAO, Dep CS Neg. L15762/9 (obv.) and L15762/7 (rev.).



Fig. 36 - Coin no. 36, Inv. no. 256. IsIAO, Dep CS Neg. L15760/35 (obv.) and L15760/34 (rev.).



Fig. 37 - Coin no. 37, Inv. no. 273. IsIAO, Dep CS Neg. L15762/33 (obv.) and L15762/35 (rev.).

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