

Mubarak Shah and Alexander Shah
A Historical Study of Some of their Archaeological Coins

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ABSTRACT

The Islamic Numismatics Institute in Tubingen, Germany includes a unique collection of Islamic coins, among which the researcher selected five coins for historical study, these coins are made out of billon that had not been published before, After the previously reading of the coins inscriptions it becomes clear that their inscriptions include the names of two sultans of India, Mubārak Shāh I and Alexander shāh II, and their titles, as well as the name of the ‘Abbāsīd Caliph Al-‘Aḍīd. Hence, the study includes the history of Mubārak Shāh I, who belongs to the Khaljīs dynasty in India, The history of Alexander shāh II, who belongs to the Khaljīs dynasty in India and the most important historical events that took place during their reign. Additionally, the paper includes an explanation of the purpose of the ‘Abbāsīd Caliph’s name on such coins. The definition the mint city of Delhi. Furthermore, Analytical study of the *Nasta‘īq* Persian script, the type of script in which these coins were inscribed and the titles of the Sultan Mubārak Shāh I and Alexander shāh II such as; *Quṭb Al-Dunīā wa Al-Dīn* (the Axis of the World and Religion), *‘Ulā al-Dunīā wa Al-Dīn* (The Sublimity of World and Religion), *Yamīn Al-Khilāfa* (the Covenant of Caliphate, *Nāsir Amīr Al-Muminin* (the Defender of Commander of the Faithful).

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