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ABBASID CALIPH 5.  
HARUN AL-RASHID

170-193H = 786-809C

No. 51, 58-75



Harun al-Rashid, the most famous of all the Abbasid caliphs, was also the first one whose name appears on the gold coins with the title Commander of the Believers. Son of the caliph al-Mahdi and the Yemeni slave al-Khayzarun, he was born in al-Rayy in 149H/766C. He acceded to the throne in 170H/786C and immediately appointed the Barmakid Yahya bin Khalid as vizier, giving him unlimited authority. According to historians, during the following seventeen years al-Barmaki, with the help of his sons al-Fadl and Ja'far, became the absolute master of the Empire. In the second month of 187H, Harun, on his return from a pilgrimage to Makka, decisively seized back control of the government, and executed those who had held power up to that time. The dinars of the year 187H (n°69, 70, 71, 75) testify to this. In that year a dinar was struck bearing the name of *KHALID*, the forebear of the Barmakides, probably to placate the Barmakid party. It was also in this year the series of dinars bearing the letter **ح** (= H for Harun) begins. Two years later the dedication **لِلْخَلِيفَةِ** *LIL KHALIFA* = *for the Caliph* appears on the coins.



(more informations: see *EOI III* p. 232)



Harun al-Rashid's dinar types do not follow a logical pattern. They were struck in several different mints. I consider it necessary to summarize them in a table:

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Type	170	171	172	173	174	175	176	177	178	179	180	181	182	183	184	185	186	187	188	189	190	191	192	193
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ab5 **رون** **Harun (al-Rashid)** 170-193H = 786-809D

Dinar	Anonymous Type No. 51	ab5 Harun al-Rashid 170-193
بسم الله ضرب هذا الدين سنة ست وسبعين ومائة ٭		
محمد رسول الله		176H 51 4.19 g C0090
		لا اله الا الله وحده لا شريك له
٭ (Qr IX, 33) محمد رسول الله ارسله بالهدى ودين الحق ليظهره على الدين كله		
>51	continue	no mint (Iraq)
		170-179, 182-189, 193
		S

Dinar	Harun, Commander of the faithful	ab5 Harun al-Rashid 170-193
بسم الله ضرب هذا الدين سنة سبعين ومائة ٭		
مما امر به عبد الله هرون أمير المؤمنين		170H 58a 4.25 g Qatar Nr.1078
		لا اله الا الله وحده لا شريك له
٭ (Qr IX, 33) محمد رسول الله ارسله بالهدى ودين الحق ليظهره على الدين كله		
<b>مما امر به عبد الله هرون امير المؤمنين</b> <i>MIMMA AMIRA BIHI 'ABD ALLAH HARUN AMIR AL-MUMININ</i> By the command of 'Abd Allah, Harun amir al-mu'minin		
58a	no mint (Madinat al-Salam)	170
		RRR

Dinar	Harun, Commander of the faithful, variety	ab5 Harun al-Rashid 170-193
بسم الله ضرب هذا الدين سنة احدى وسبعين ومائة ٭		
محمد رسول الله مما امر به عبد الله هرون أمير المؤمنين		171H 58b 3.81 g C0087
		لا اله الا الله وحده لا شريك له
٭ (Qr IX, 33) محمد رسول الله ارسله بالهدى ودين الحق ليظهره على الدين كله		
<b>مما امر به عبد الله هرون امير المؤمنين</b> <i>MIMMA AMIRA BIHI 'ABD ALLAH HARUN AMIR AL-MUMININ</i> By the command of 'Abd Allah, Harun amir al-mu'minin		
58b	A.218.1	no mint (Madinat al-Salam)
		170-171
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51> 170H□: 25x\*\* 171H: 12x\*\* 172H□: 13x\*\* 173H: 13x\*\* 174H□: 15x\*\* 175H□: 11x\*\* 176H□: 16x\*\* 177H: 10x\*\* 178H□: 9x: P291 975\* S80O 70\* bm1 147 3,64\* im 0096c 4,06\* sead 85 3,90\* S93J 198 4,20} Ram 88 4,15\* C1325 4,16\* 182H: 10x: Q1096 4,08\* S81M 111\* S81O 64\* S81O 67\* S83F 52\* Sp31 240 4,14\* S93J 198 3,94\* jbj NG024 3,98\* Bw19 239\* Ram 91 4,00\* 183H: 5x: S83F 68\* S87O 959\* S87O 960\* S93J 198 4,15\* 184H: 7x: P291 986\* S79A 66\* S83O 155\* S84A 27 4,23\* S87O 959, 960\*\* S93J 199 4,09\* 185H: 12x\*\* 186H: 16x\*\* 187H: 8x: K101 4,18\* S81M113\* S87O 960\* Ties 1409, 2814\*\* F 1776 4,22\* S93J 199 4,16\* GM139 3020 4,21\* 188H□: 34x\*\* 189H: 7x:P291 997\*S78A 39\*SS79O 52\*S83O 143\*S93J 199 4,27\*S93J 200 3,98\* Ram95 4,20\*.190-192H □ see No. 72 193H□: 5x: P382 765 4,02\* Bw14 993 4,02\* IcaL13 122 4,02\* cRV 55 4,02\* C1459 4,22\* 197H□: 17x\*\*198H□: 18x\*\* 199H: 1x: Ties 1685\* 207H□: 1x: C1771 3,71\* 211H: 2x: cog 112 4.14\* ME9 469\*

58a> 170H: 4x: Gdc 105 3,8\* Q 1078 4,25\* toI 403 4,15\* icaL13 104 4,02\*

58b> 170H: 3x: a147 4 4,15\* YJ 3 4,19\* icaL16 238 3,70\* 171H□: 14x: Ar 221 4,15\* Lav1 767 4,04\* Sp27 262 4,14\* em2 231 4,12\* B 949 4,10\* KM 1684 4,10\* ANS 1971.49.76\* 1972. 165. 1\* Sp 154 578 3,70\* Sp158 197 = C0087 3,81\* YJ 1 4,15\* cGL 154\* ME37 547 4,00\* icaL16 239 3,81\*

Dinar	Double Marginal Inscription (Experimental Issue)		ab5 Harun al-Rashid 170-193	
بسم الله ضرب هذا الدين سنة سبعين و مئة ٥				
مما امر به عبد الله هرون أمير المؤمنين ٥				
محمد رسول الله		170H 58 4,17 g YJ 2		لا اله الا الله وحده لا شريك له
٥ (Qr IX, 33) محمد رسول الله ارسله بالهدى ودين الحق ليظهره على الدين كله				




58c JY 2 no mint (Madinat al-Salam?) 170 RRR

Dinar	Name of Harun and al-Gitrif, Governor in the Yemen		ab5 Harun al-Rashid 170-193	
بسم الله ضرب هذا الدين سنة احدى و سبعين و مئة ٥				
الخطر محمد رسول الخليفه هرون الله يف		171H 59 4,80 g drawing		لا اله الا الله وحده لا شريك له
٥ (Qr IX, 33) محمد رسول الله ارسله بالهدى ودين الحق ليظهره على الدين كله				

الخلطة هرون AL-KHALIFA HARUN

الخطر ايف AL-GITRIF

59 PELI 2.2. no mint (San'a) 171 RRR




Dinar	unread letters in the field		ab5 Harun al-Rashid 170-193	
	170H 60 4,22 g sead 68		170H 61 3,82 g Sotheby's July 1993 lot 201	

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60 no mint (Iraq) 170 RRR

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61 no mint (Iraq) 170 RR

Dinar	Initial Letter / Name of 'Ali bin Sulayman, Governor in Egypt		ab5 Harun al-Rashid 170-193	
	170H 62 4,07 g C0092			170H 63 4,23 g C0093

ع 'ayn 'Ali bin Sulayman? (ZG p. 26)

62 no mint (al-Muhammadiya?) 170 RR

عل 'ALI 'ALI bin Sulayman (ZG p. 26)

63 A.218.6  
EAC 3, 9 no mint (Misr) 170-171 C

58c>170H: 1x: YJ 2 4,17\*

59> 171H: 1x: eac 165 = PELI 2.2. (Muharram 2, Dirasat Yamaniya III 1979 27) 4,80\*

60> 170H: 2x: enl 825 3,93\* sead 68 4,22\*

61> 170H: 4x: B 930 4,21\* S85N 274 4,04\* S92A 315 3,87\* S93J 201 3,82\*

62> 170H: 3x: enl 824 4,20\* C0092 4,07\* C1181 4,22\*

63> 170H: 50x\*\* 171H: 12x\*\*

**Dinar** Initial Letter / Name of Musa, Governor in Egypt ab5 Harun al-Rashid 170-193



<b>م</b>	M	Musa bin 'Isa? (ZG p. 26)		
<b>64</b>		no mint	<b>170-171</b>	<b>S</b>
<b>هوس</b>	MUSA	MUSA bin 'Isa (ZG p. 26)		
<b>65</b>	A.218.7	no mint (Misr)	<b>170-172, 175, 178</b>	<b>C</b>

**Dinar** Name (of non identified person) in the field ab5 Harun al-Rashid 170-193



<b>عمر</b>	'UMAR			
<b>66</b>	A.218.8	no mint (Misr)	<b>172-175, 186</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>داود</b>	DA'UD			
<b>67</b>	A.218.9	no mint (Misr)	<b>170, 174</b>	<b>C</b>

**Dinar** Ibrahim, Governor in Africa ab5 Harun al-Rashid 170-193



<b>ابراهيم</b>	IBRAHIM	Governor in Africa		
<b>68</b>	A.218.10	no mint (Misr)	<b>176</b>	<b>RR</b>

64> 170H□: 6x: Gdc 106 3,93\* 107 3,99\* Q 1077 4,30\* S86M 308\* cGL 150\* C0095 4,19\* 171H□: 20x\*\*  
 65> 170H: 2x: eac 4 = Blau 15\* Rogers p 267\* 171H□: 31x\*\* 172H□: 27x\*\* 175H□: 27x\*\* 176H: 1x: ANS  
 1951 147.4 "contemporary or modern counterfeit" \* 178H: 1x: Lav 749 4,18\*  
 66> 172H: 2x: Gdc 117 3,6\* enl 844 4,08\* 173H□: 49x\*\* 174H: 15x\*\* 175H: 3x: eac 33 = Rogers, NC 1883  
 p 224\* im 95a 3,70\* ANS 1002.1.224\* 186H: 1x: Sp154 581 3,62\*  
 67> 170H: 1x: BM 1981.11.28.1 = eac 80 = L29/1981 24\* 174H□: 26x\*\*  
 68> 176H□: 5x: enl 868 3,72\* S93L 204 4,17\* YKB 13181 4,20\* icaL15 150 3,99\* C1455 3,73\*

**Dinar** Barmakid Dynasty ab5 Harun al-Rashid 170-193

بسم الله ضرب هذا الدين سنة خمس وثمانين و مائة ٧

<p>محمد رسول الله جعفر</p>		<p>185H 69 4,21 g C0108</p>		<p>لا اله الا الله وحده لا شريك له</p>
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٧ (Qr IX, 33) محمد رسول الله ارسله بالهدى ودين الحق ليظهره على الدين كله

**جعفر** *JA'FAR* Son of the Vizier Yahya bin Khalid al-Barmaki and husband of the caliph's Sister 'Abbasa. He was all-powerful until he was executed by order of the Caliph on the latter's return from Makka (in the second month of 187H). Ja'far's remains were left exposed in Baghdad for a year.

<b>69</b>	A.218.11	no mint (Misr)	<b>170, 172, 174-187</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>69De</b>		<b>مصر</b> Misr	<b>173</b>	<b>RRR</b>

بسم الله ضرب هذا الدين سنة سبع وثمانين و مائة ٧

<p>محمد رسول الله خالد</p>		<p>187H 70 4,25 g C0110</p>		<p>لا اله الا الله وحده لا شريك له</p>
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٧ (Qr IX, 33) محمد رسول الله ارسله بالهدى ودين الحق ليظهره على الدين كله

**خالد** *KHALID* Forebear of the Barmakids (86H-165H), vizier and governor of Mosul and Tabaristan. His name appears on the coins posthumously, after his hundredth birthday, in the same year when his son was imprisoned and killed.

<b>70</b>	A.218.12	no mint (Misr)	<b>187</b>	<b>C</b>
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**69**> **170H**: 2x: *bm1 141 3,98\* Markov 544 (misread 190H)\* 172H: 2x: *eac 372 = ANS 1971.49.77-78\* 174H:  
*Ix: eac 25\* 175H*: 2x: *enl 867 4,14\* cMB ABB-33-175-A\* 176H□: 12x\*\* **177H**□: 39x\*\* **178H**: 40x\*\*  
**179H**: 15x\*\* **180H**□: 44x\*\* **181H**□: 44x\*\* **182H**□: 58x\*\* **183H**□: 41x\*\* **184H**□: 58x\*\* **185H**□: 60x\*\*  
**186H**□: 48x\*\* **187H**: 2x: *nbU 2001 43\* Bw19 240\**  
**69De**> **173H**□: *Ix: C1701 3,60\**  
**70**>**187H**□: 46x\*\****

**Dinar** Letters in the field, referring to the Caliph ab5 Harun al-Rashid 170-193



**د** *H* initial of *Harun*, name of the Caliph  
**71** A.218.4 no mint (Madinat al-Salam) **187-193** S

**د** *R* unexplained initial (*Rashid* or *Rafiq*?)  
**72** A.218.5 no mint **190-192** S



**ل** *L'* *L'*-*KHALIFA* for the Caliph ab5 Harun al-Rashid 170-193  
ab6 al-Amin 193-198  
**73** A.218.13 no mint (Misr) **172?, 189-194** C

**ل** *H L'* *L'*-*KHALIFA* for the Caliph *H* (*Harun*) ab5 Harun al-Rashid 170-193  
**74** no mint **192** RRR

**Dinar** Double Marginal Inscription, Al-Amin son of the Caliph ab5 Harun al-Rashid 170-193

بسم الله ضرب هذا الدين سنة احدى وثمانين و مئة ٧  
 مما امر به الامير الامين محمد بن امير المؤمنين ٧

محمد  
رسول  
الله

لا اله الا  
الله وحده  
لا شريك له

٧ (Qr IX, 33) محمد رسول الله ارسله بالهدى ودين الحق ليظهره على الدين كله

**مما امرها الامير الامير محمد بن امير المؤمنين ٧**  
**MIMMA AMIRA BIHI AL-AMIR AL-MUHAMMAD BIN AMIR AL-MU'MININ**  
 By order of the Amir al-Amin Muhammad son of the Commander of the Faithfuls  
**75** A.218.3 no mint (Madinat al-Salam) **177, 179-187** C

71> 187H: 5x: sead 104\* Q 1106\* ME17 737 4,25\* icaL16 242 4,24\* cGL 189\* 188□: 18x\*\* 189H□: 5x: K 104 3,96\* Q 1108 3,85\* im 106 4,19\* Sp37 197 4,26\* C0119 4,25\* 190H□: 18x\*\* 191H□: 13x\*\* 192H: 11x\*\* 193H□: 4x: enl986 4,20\* sp37 199 4,26\* cGL 205\* C0122 4,22\*  
 72> 190H□: 23x\*\* 191H□: 15x\*\* 192H: 1x: eac 173 = Q 1115\*  
 73> 172H? probably misread 192H: Bw18 494 3,83\* 189H: 40x\*\* 190H□: 46x\*\* 191H: 28x\*\* 192H□: 82x\*\* 193H□: 24x\*\* 194H□: 21x\*\*  
 74> 192H□: 1x: C1484 4,08\*  
 75> 177H: 1x: K 87 4,03\* 179H: 4x: Lav1 750 4,10\* im 99 3,85\* cGL 175\* 180H□: 3x: K 89 3,69\* S86M 309 4,11\* ical12 3103 4,22 = C1639\* 181H□: 7x: Ar 228 4,30\* K91 4,07\* Km2 1699 4,20\* Q 1093 4,05\* Rh 6 4,23\* 7 3,62\* C0114 4,17\* 182H: 9x: Lav1 754 4,10\* Q1095 4,10\* bml0 84911865 4,16\* enl 904 3,75\* sead 92 4,13\* S93J 207 3,73\* ME6 170\* JE69 810\* cGL 178\* 183H: 14x\*\* 184H□: 36x\*\* 185H□: 37x\*\* 186H□: 66x\*\* 187H□: 11x\*\*