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Djibouti – Illegal postage stamp issues

Dear Sir/Madam

The postal administration of **DJIBOUTI** asks me to inform you of the following:

"Djibouti Post wishes to inform stamp collectors and the postal administrations of Universal Postal Union member countries that forgery networks, operating via the Internet, are fraudently selling illegal postage stamps in the name of the Republic of Djibouti. A list of the illegal issues discovered to date is annexed.

"The issue of these postage stamps violates the Universal Postal Convention and the legislation of the Republic of Djibouti, where the issue of official postage stamps and their marketing are the exclusive prerogative of Djibouti Post. There is no authorization for electronic trading in Djibouti postage stamps.

"Consequently, any Djibouti postage stamps which are published for sale on a website other than the official WNS site of the Universal Postal Union (www.wnsstamps.ch) and that of Djibouti Post (www.poste.dj, under construction) are fakes.

"We strongly condemn such acts of piracy, which are prejudicial to the sovereignty and good name of the Republic of Djibouti and to the moral credibility of the whole philatelic community. We also request the active support of the police services of all countries to allow these criminal associations to be dismantled within national borders.

"For information, Djibouti Post stamps and philatelic products are available only at the following address:

Philatelic Centre
DJIBOUTI POST, P.O. Box 557
REPUBLIC OF DJIBOUTI

Tel: (+253) 35 06 69
Fax: (+253) 35 78 78
E-mail: postdir@intnet.dj "

Yours faithfully,

M S RAMAN
Special Adviser to the Director General

Illegal postage stamps issued in the name of the Republic of Djibouti

Fauna and flora

Two sheetlets, each containing 25 stamps. Each stamp on one sheetlet depicts a different dinosaur species, and each stamp on the other a different panda species. Each stamp has a value of 200 F.

*One sheetlet containing six stamps, each of which is inscribed with a value of 90 F, the year 2004 and "République de Djibouti". The sheetlet features a panda in the background and each of the six stamps features a different panda image.

Two sheetlets, each containing 25 stamps. Each stamp on one sheetlet depicts a different bird of prey, and each stamp on the other a different penguin species. Each stamp has a value of 200 F.

*One sheetlet containing 25 stamps. Each stamp depicts a different butterfly species. Each stamp has a value of 150 F.

Famous people

*One horizontal sheetlet containing ten stamps, each with a value of 200 F and featuring different pictures of Elvis Presley and Walt Disney in turn. There are other images of these two famous figures in the background.

*One miniature sheet containing four stamps, each inscribed with a value of 90 F, the year 2004 and "République de Djibouti". The miniature sheet features Marilyn Monroe in the background, with her name underneath. Each of the four stamps features a different image of the actress.

*One horizontal sheetlet containing ten stamps, each with a value of 200 F and featuring different pictures of Pope John Paul II and Princess Diana in turn. There are other images of these two famous people in the background.

*One horizontal sheetlet containing ten stamps, each inscribed with a value of 200 F and an image of a different famous person. There are other images of various famous people in the background.

*One miniature sheet containing two stamps, each of which is inscribed with a value of 90 F, the year 2004 and "République de Djibouti". The miniature sheet features an image of the Scouts' founder in the background, together with several Scout logos. Both stamps feature images of Scouts in action.

Vehicles

*One sheetlet containing 25 stamps. Each stamp has a value of 200 F and depicts a different shot of a Concorde.

*One miniature sheet containing two stamps, each of which is inscribed with a value of 90 F, the year 2004 and "République de Djibouti". The miniature sheet features a Concorde in the background, which is also reproduced on both stamps.

*One sheetlet containing 25 stamps. Each stamp has a value of 100 F and depicts a different type of locomotive or train.

Two sheetlets, each containing 25 stamps. Each stamp depicts a different type of fire engine and has a value of 150 F.

* All the stamps are inscribed "République de Djibouti" in French and Arabic, either vertically or horizontally. Each sheetlet bears an Arabic inscription centred at the top on the relevant theme.