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International Bureau Circular

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Morocco – Illegal postage stamp issues

Dear Sir/Madam

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

"Our administration has been informed of the existence of postage stamps bearing the inscription 'République Arabe Sahraoui Démocratique' and various designs.

"We would like to point out that this so-called republic does not exist, that all these stamps are illegal and that their circulation does harm to the international postal service and to collectors.

"In accordance with the relevant provisions of the Acts of the Universal Postal Union, these stamps may not be accepted as a means of prepayment of postage for mail."

Yours faithfully,

M S RAMAN
Assistant Director-General

Saharai Republic

MINERALES

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- 28p.-Platinum:** It has a metallic luster, it's opaque with a silver white color. It is used for making laboratory and electricity industry's instruments.
- 29p.-Orpiment:** Yellow to orange color of pearly luster, fatty, translucent. It can be found in hydrothermal deposits.
- 40p.-Amethyst:** It is the most important precious stone of the quartz group. Its color is violet, of vitreous luster, from transparent to translucent.
- 68p.-Staurolite:** It has vitreous and dull luster of brownreddish color, from translucent to opaque. Its rhombic crystals form a cross-shaped macle.
- 105p.-Diopside:** Of green, white, yellow color or colorless, it presents vitreous luster from transparent to opaque. It can be found in cracks and druses.
- 136p.-Disthene:** It is of bluish or whitish color or colorless, of pearly to vitreous luster, it is translucent. It's also known as kyanite or cyanite.
- 200p.-Anhydrite:** Its name means in greek "waterless". It is a calcium sulfate of pearly to vitreous luster, transparent to opaque. Its color is white, gray, bluish, red or colorless.



SPECIFICATIONS:
Size: 33 x 44
Deformation: 12.5

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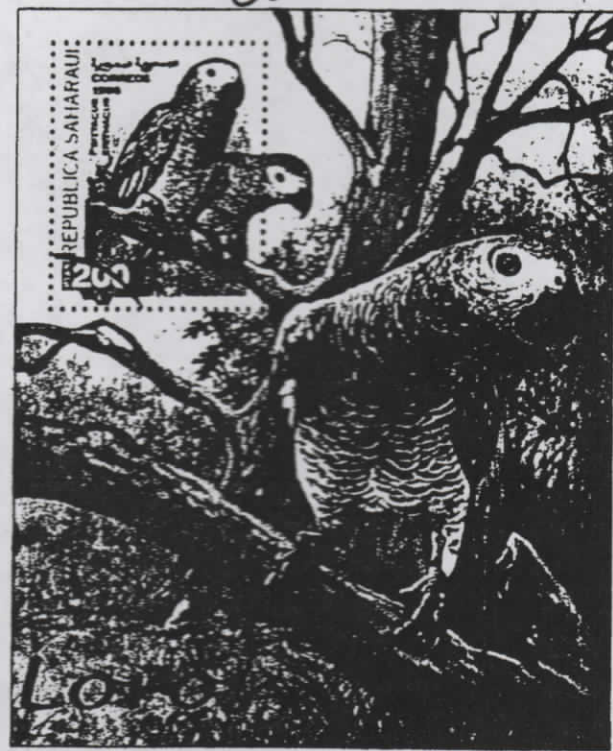
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PARROT
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28p.- *Psittacara erythrogenys*: It is native to the western part of Ecuador and Peru, commonly known as "red mask conuro".
 29p.- *Trichoglossus ornatus*: A parrot with a wedge-shaped tail inhabiting the Celebes islands and other adjacent regions. Its multicolored plumage is identical for both male and female animals, though the female is smaller.

40p.- *Platycercus eximius*: It is called "western Rosella". It is native to South New Wallees, Victoria and regions located in the southeastern part of Australia. Pure breed specimens are very scarce due to the uncontrolled crossing of the mixed litter.
 68p.- *Aprosmictus erythropterus*: This breed lives in the northern part of Australia and in the southern regions of New Guinea. It is called "red wing Parrot" and is of peacefull nature, except for the breeding season.
 105p.- *Loriculus galgulus*: The blue crown parrot is the best known of the "hanging parrots", thus called because of its peculiar way of hanging off in the same manner bats do it.
 136p.- *Psittacula derbiana*: The male has a beak which is dark red in the top part and black in the lower part. It is native to the southeastern region of Tibet and southwestern China.

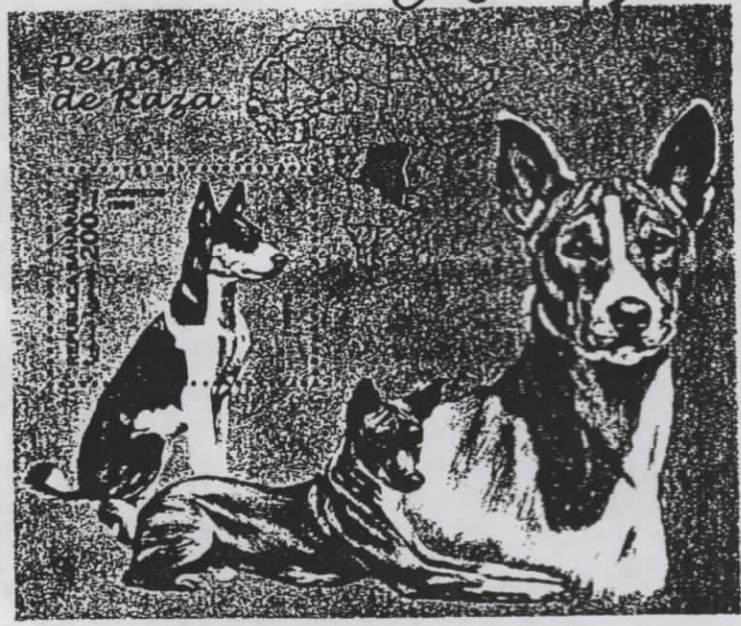
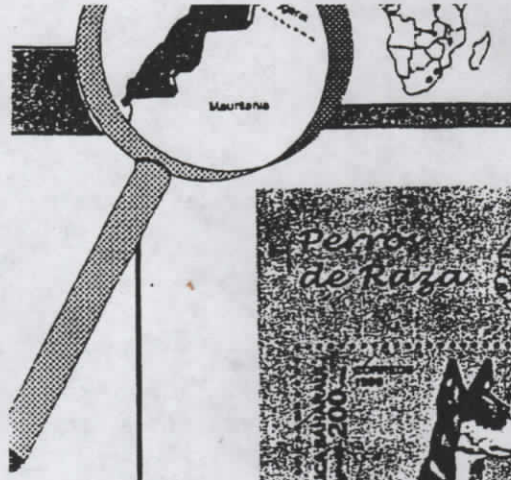
200p.- *Psittacus erithacus*: Called "gray parrot", it is well known due to its ability to speak and outstanding memory.



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28p.- RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK (African hound): The upward-turned hair stripe situated in the middle of the back provided the name to this native to Zimbabwe. It is also called "lion dog" due to its skills to corner the king of animals by constant strategic attacks and lead it to the hunter's rifle.

29p.- AZAWAKH (Sloughi Azawakh, Sloughi Tuareg): Subsaharan Tuareg tribes raised their Sloughi to work as a hunter and guardian. Placed on the horse saddle together with the rider, the Azawakh is released when a gazelle is seen. The Azawakh is able to run for more than five hours, reaching speeds higher than 60 Km/h.

40p.- SLOUGHI (Arab hound): Swift and elegant, with well defined muscles and slim. The mountain kind has a skeleton which is stronger than the desert kind's. It appeared for the first time in Europe when this breed was introduced in the Netherlands. The Sloughi, Arab of remote times, has proven to have great skills to the hare hunting.

68p.- AIDI (Chien de l'Atlas): The Aidi was originally raised to protect the North African nomads and their belongings. Later it was used as a shepherd and guardian of sheep and goat flocks in Morocco.

105p.- EGYPTIAN SHEPHERD (Armant): Native to Egypt, the Armant got his name from its original town in the northern part of Egypt. During Napoleon's invasion to Egypt, the French army brought dogs, which were crossed with local dogs, those giving rise to this new breed.

136p.- TULEAR COTON: The Coton is a kind of bichon that was developed in Madagascar and adjacent islands and got its name from the Malagasy city of Tulear. The Coton enjoyed a great popularity among the Malagasy nobility years ago.

200p.- BASENJI (Congo dog): The Basenjis produce a soft and low sound resembling a growl, which is an exclusive peculiarity of this breed, though other dogs native to Africa produce a similar sound. In Congo the Basenjis could be found hunting in packs and leading the prey to the hunting nets. It is believed that some of them were used as mousers. Perhaps for this reason this dog received the name of "Congo terrier"



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