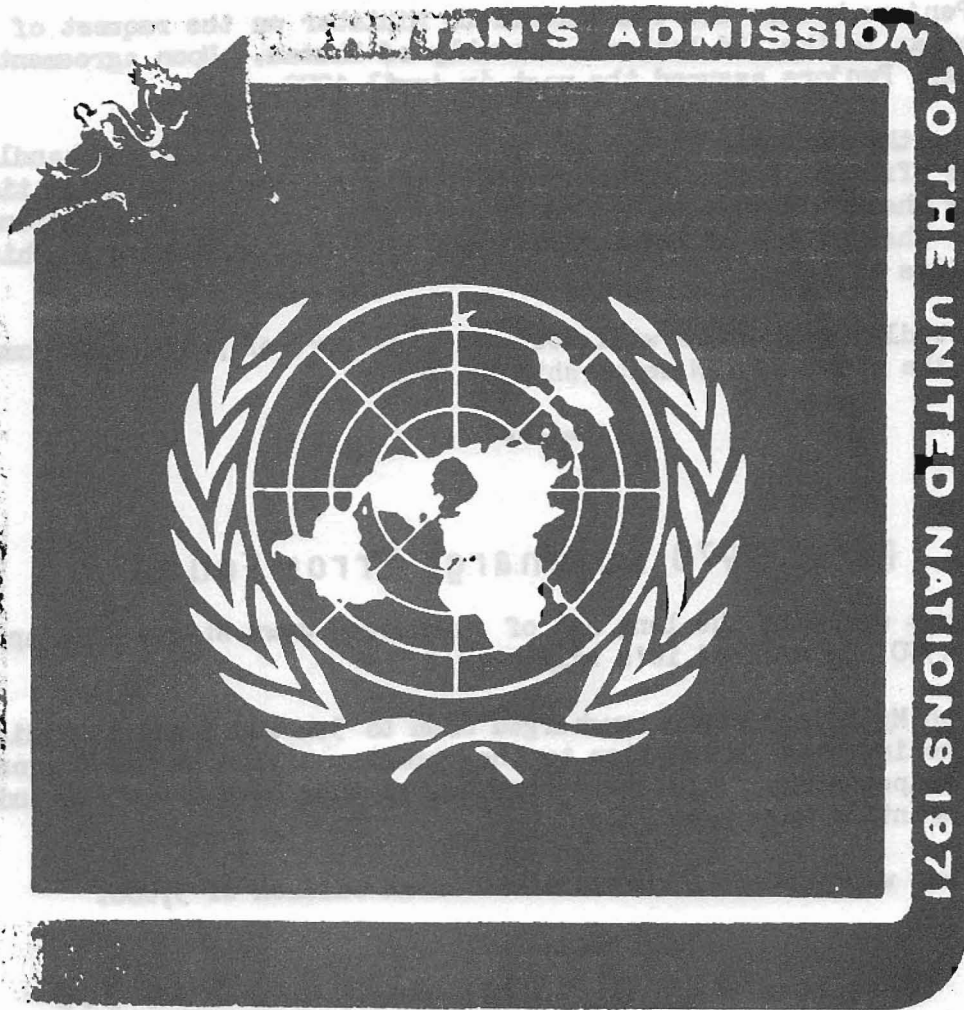


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# BHUTAN

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Part One

Former Minister of Communications

## Rep 1 to Delegation 1 takes Post 1 at UN

THIMPU: According to sources, the Minister of Communications, Lyospo Sangey Penjore became Bhutan's first permanent representative to the United Nations in New York City. He leaves Bhutan for New York August 4.

Mr. Penjore became the Communications Minister on the request of the King of Bhutan to the 32d National Assembly of Bhutan. Upon agreement by the assembly, Penjore assumed the post in April 1970.

To now, the business Bhutan had with the United Nations was handled through the offices of the Indian representatives. Bhutan is still tied by a treaty whereby Bhutan agreed to be guided by India in International relations. What effect an independent vote by Bhutan will have on this treaty remains to be seen.

Undoubtedly, collectors will soon see some sort of philatelic commemoration of the event of UN membership by Bhutan.

## First 1970 Surcharge Error Found

The first error in the long set of surcharged down stamps that appeared throughout 1970 has "reared it's ugly head."

The 30ch Mythology stamp surcharged down to 5ch was found in India with the surcharge inverted in relation to the normal position on the diagonal or diamond shaped stamp. The sheet found has already been broken up and many as of this printing have been sold.

The stamp was issued in sheets of 50 in an edition of 5,000.

## Bhutan P&T Director Assumes New Job

Dasho Lam Penjor, currently Director of Posts for the Government of Bhutan assumed a new job this month when he became Information Officer for the Government of Bhutan as well. He succeeds D. Wangchuk, former Director of Information, who retired last month.

Suggested Reading

"DON'T FALL OFF THE MOUNTAIN"

For the Bhutan buff (or the collector who would like to read of Bhutan merely to learn something of the country) Shirley MacLaine's book, published last year, which was a nationwide bestseller in the USA, certainly has much to offer. Philatically, of particular interest is her accounts of her meetings with Lhendup Dorji, who we mentioned in the last issue of the GF.

The book is available through W. W. Norton Co., 55 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y., 10003 if it's not available through your local bookstore. It sells for 95c.

Pen Pals?

If you would like to be put in contact with a Bhutanese who is willing to correspond in letters, or with an Indian working in Bhutan who also wishes to trade letters with others, drop a line to the GF, explain a little about your interest (both philatelic and otherwise) and a little about your preferences in pen pals (man, woman, collector of stamps, magazines, etc, students, age, etc) and we'll forward your card or letter to someone who will seek a pen pal for you.

Drop your card to Leonard Nadybal, Hq VII Corps, Public Affairs Office, 7000 Stuttgart 81, Kelley Barracks, Germany (w).

Please be patient, because it may take five to six months for a first response. You may either get an address from us or a first letter directly from Bhutan.

**WANTED**

A Copy (original or Xerox) of "Railway Post Offices in India"

Author unknown to me. Please send direct or quote a price. Would also appreciate offers of loan.

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APO New York 09107

## New Issues

### First Surcharging of a 3D Stamp

According to an announcement sheet distributed by the Bhutan Stamp Agency of Nassau, the postage rates for foreign surface mail were revised, and with the revision (reproduced in this issue) a number of Bhutanese issues had been surcharged to 90ch and 55ch.

This new surcharging of 13 stamps is the second major revaluation in as many years, bringing the total of revalued stamps to 55.

As with the set of 1971 surcharges, the date of issue of this new set is not known.

There are a number of aspects about this set which are quite unusual. Firstly, this is the first time a three dimensional stamp has been altered in value. The higher value of the Apollo XV pair was surcharged down to 55ch.

Secondly, according to the new issue announcement from Nassau, the stamps were apparently to look like the pictures on the back of the flier, each with two lines through the old value and a new value in sort of a block-type. As it turns out this type is the same as the agency used on a number of old new issue fliers, and is apparently straight from a typewriter. Apparently, the illustrated adhesives on the flier were created on a typewriter. A strange thing indeed, if the stamps had arrived for distribution as the front of the flier indicated.

An order for the set placed within a week after arrival of the flier was returned to the Gobi Times with a note stating the issue had been oversubscribed.

55 ch

The adhesives surcharged to 90ch are the 4Nu Animals, 2Nu Pheasants, 2Nu Rare Birds, 4Nu Boy Scouts, 2.50Nu UPU Headquarters, 2Nu Dancers, and the 1.05Nu Mexico Olympics. Surcharged to 55ch were the Apollo stamp mentioned above, the 3Nu Animals, the 1.20Nu Dancers, 60ch UPU Membership, 4Nu Mythological Creatures and the 5Nu Pheasants.

Additionally, the cross-out bars are uneven and apparently were produced with a fine tip felt marker. Has anyone seen a set? No one here has.

# BHUTAN

## Revised Postal Rates

(surface mail)

**Letters:**

1. Up to 20 g	—	90	CH
2. Above 20 g to 50 g	—	1.70	NU
3. Above 50 g to 100 g	—	3.10	NU
4. Above 23 g to 100 g	—	3.10	NU
5. Above 100 g to 250 g	—	4.60	NU
6. Above 250 g to 500 g	—	15	NU
7. Above 1000 g to 2000 g	—	24	NU

**Newspapers:**

1. Up to 20 g	—	25	CH
2. Above 20 g to 50 g	—	30	CH
3. Above 50 g to 100 g	—	40	CH
4. Above 20 g to 100 g	—	40	CH
5. Above 100 g to 250 g	—	60	CH
6. Above 250 g to 500 g	—	1.05	NU
7. Above 500 g to 1000 g	—	1.80	NU
8. Above 1000 g to 2000 g	—	3.00	NU
9. Per additional step of 1000 g	—	1.50	NU

**Postcards:**

1. Up to 20 g	—	55	CH
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**Printed papers:**

1. Up to 20 g	—	50	CH
2. Above 20 g to 50 g	—	60	CH
3. Above 50 g to 100 g	—	75	CH
4. Above 20 g to 100 g	—	75	CH
5. Above 100 g to 250 g	—	1.20	NU
6. Above 250 g to 500 g	—	2.10	NU
7. Above 500 g to 1000 g	—	3.60	NU
8. Above 1000 g to 2000 g	—	6.00	NU
9. Per additional step of 1000	—	3.00	NU

**Small Packets:**

1. Up to 100 g	—	90	CH
2. Above 100 g to 250 g	—	1.80	NU
3. Above 250 g to 500 g	—	3.00	NU
4. Above 500 g to 1000 g	—	5.40	NU

**EXPRESS Items:**

—	1.00	NU
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**Customs clearance fee:**

—	3.00	NU
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**Inquiries requests for information,**

**extension of validity and**

<b>authorisation of payment:—</b>	1.00	NU
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<b>Repacking:</b>	—	1.00	NU
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Storage charge -- 1 NU per day on each packet and parcel exceeding 500 g if the delivery is not taken within a week.

Accordingly, all the air mail rates payable after the revision of foreign postage rates (surface mail) are detailed below. The surcharge shall be in force till further notification

### Air Mail Rates Existing

	Combined postage cum-air surcharge	Air surcharge payable in addition to surface postage per 10 grams or part thereof for	
Destination	Postcards	Letters	Printed papers (including newspapers) small packets and for blind literature free of cost.
1. India Nepal & Pakistan	20 CH	15 CH	10 CH
2. Afghanistan, Burma & Ceylon	50 CH	15 CH	10 CH
3. Schedule 'A' Countries	75 CH	45 CH	15 CH
4. Schedule 'B' Countries	75 CH	80 CH	25 CH
5. Schedule 'C' Countries	75 CH	105 CH	30 CH
6. Schedule 'D' Countries	75 CH	140 CH	40 CH

### Revised Rates Air Mail

	Combined postage cum-air surcharge		Air surcharge payable with surface postage per 10 grams or fraction thereof as detailed in the attached list.		
Destination	Postcards	Letters	Printed papers	News-papers	Small packets up to 100 grams basic charge
1. India, Nepal & Pakistan	20 CH	35 CH	(EXISTING RATE)		
2. Afghanistan, Burma & Ceylon	50 CH	105 CH	60 CH	35 CH	1 NU
3. Schedule 'A' Countries	85 CH	135 CH	65 CH	40 CH	105 CH
4. Schedule 'B'	85 CH	17 CH	750 CH	50 CH	115 CH
5. Schedule 'C'	85 CH	195 CH	80 CH	55 CH	120 CH
6. Schedule 'D'	85 CH	230 CH	90 CH	65 CH	130 CH

(Lam Penjor)  
Director, Posts & Telegraphs





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FIRST DAY COVER

30-10-1968



Somebody got their signals crossed. Note the apparent date of issue under the cachet, then notice the cancellation on the stamp. The Bhutan government new issue bulletin listed the October date. The cancellation on this cover is a Bahamas production. Has anyone a genuine Phuntsholing cancellation? What does it read?

BIDUNG AND YURUNG

Two New Post Offices Slated

The Bhutan P&T has announced the opening of two new post offices, one at Bidung, near Mongar, and the other at Yurung, near Tashigang.

All normal services will be available at these two offices. Mail is to be exchanged between Yurung and Deothang twice weekly and between Bidung and Tashigang three times a week.

The Bidung office is scheduled for opening September 9 and Yurung on September 15. The Bidung office shall also have personnel available for collecting mail from outlying areas around the postoffice; something that most offices do not presently have.

Continuing series

## Post Offices in Nepal

from GI #7 March 1971

## SAGARMATHA ZONE

Saptari District  
 Rajbiraj (E)  
 Saptari  
 Kanchanpur (S)  
 Hanuman Nagar (B)  
 Siraha District  
 Siraha (S)  
 Bhagwanpur (B)  
 Lahan Bazar (B)  
 Mirchaya Bazar (B)  
 Udayapur District  
 Udayapur (S)  
 Gaighat (B)  
 Dwarkatari (B)  
 Bhojpur District  
 Bhojpur (S)  
 Dingla (B)  
 Kulum Agrakhaya (B)  
 Hatuwa Ranibas (B)  
 Yaku (B)  
 Khotang District  
 Diktel (S)  
 Khotang (B)  
 Buyepa Bazar (B)  
 Okhaldunga District  
 Okhaldunga (M)  
 Mechapakhay  
 Deurali (B)  
 Solukhumbu District  
 Phaplu (S)  
 Namchay Bazar (B)  
 Ainsalukharka (B)

## KARNALI ZONE

Jumla District  
 Jumla (M)  
 Sani Raskot (B)  
 Mugu District  
 Paina (S)  
 Rara (B)  
 Humla District  
 Simikot (S)  
 Solumberma (B)  
 Tibrikot District  
 Tibrikot (S)

## JANAKPORE ZONE

Danukha District  
 Janakpore (M)  
 Jadukuha (B)  
 Chisapani Godar (B)  
 Raghunath Pur (B)  
 Sakhuwabazar (B)  
 Mahottari District  
 Jaleswar (E)  
 Matihani (B)  
 Gausala (B)  
 Sarlahi District  
 Sarlahi (S)  
 Sindhuli District  
 Sindhuli Madi (S)  
 Sindhuli Gadi (B)  
 Sunam Bahun  
 Tilpung (B)  
 Jhanga jhli (B)  
 Bhiman (B)  
 Ramaychhap District  
 Lyang Lyang (S)  
 Sanghutar Bazar (B)  
 Tilpung  
 Kathjore (B)  
 Dolakha District  
 Dolakha (S)  
 Melung (B)  
 Thosay (B)  
 Lama Bagar (B)  
 MAHAKALI ZONE  
 Kanchanpur District  
 Mahendra (S)  
 Kanchanpur (B)  
 Dadelhura District  
 Dadelhura (S)  
 Kasharpur (B)  
 Baitadi District  
 Baitadi (M)  
 Purchaudihat (B)  
 Baitadi Patan (B)  
 Chuhanagach (B)  
 Darchula District  
 Darchula (S)  
 Marma'atinath (B)  
 Gokulaykam (B)

## GANDAKI ZONE

Kaski District  
 Pokhara (M)  
 Birey Thali (B)  
 Bhimad (B)  
 Pardibadh (B)  
 Lamjung District  
 Kuncha (S)  
 Khudi Beni (B)  
 Gauda (B)  
 Gorkha District  
 Gorkha (S)  
 Anp Pipal (B)  
 Batashay (B)  
 Bhachheak (B)  
 Arughat (B)  
 Luitel (B)  
 Syanja District  
 Syanja (S)  
 Bhumray (B)  
 Payaunkhof (B)  
 Jharkham (B)  
 Parbat District  
 Kushma (S)  
 Manang District  
 Manang (S)  
 LUMBINI ZONE  
 Rupandahi District  
 Bhairahawa (M)  
 Bhairahawa (F)  
 Mahadiya (F)  
 Lumbini (B)  
 Butwa (B)  
 Nabal Parasi District  
 Parasi (S)  
 Tribeni (B)  
 Shergunj (B)  
 Simari (B)  
 Dumkauli (B)  
 Kapilbastu District  
 Taulihawa (S)  
 Krishna Nagar (E)  
 Shivaraj (B)  
 Maharaj Gunj (B)

LUMBINI ZONE (continued)

Palpa District  
 Palpa (S)  
 Taughabadi (B)  
 Rakuwa (B)  
 Khasuli (B)  
 Chahara (B)  
 Baldeng Gadhi (B)

Arghakhanchi District  
 Khanchi Thada (S)  
 Balkot (S)  
 Khidim (B)  
 Ardharajasthala (B)  
 Wangala (B)

Gulmi District  
 Tamghansh (S)  
 Ridi (B)  
 Dhurkot (B)  
 Wami (B)  
 Chandrakot (B)  
 Varsay (B)  
 Shiringha (B)  
 Ismadoholi (B)  
 Pertighat (B)

DHAULAGIRI ZONE

Baglung District  
 Baglung (M)  
 Galkot (B)  
 Balayba Payuunpata (B)

Myagdi District  
 Beni (B)  
 Parbat Darwang (B)

Mustang  
 Thakdana (S)  
 Thak Tukuchay (B)  
 Mustang (B)  
 Rakhu Bagabati Kot (B)

Dolpa District  
 Tarakot (S)

RAPTI ZONE

Dang Daukhuri District  
 Ghorahi (M)  
 Koilabas (S)  
 Dahaban (S)  
 Bijauri (B)  
 Janghrawa (B)  
 Daukhuri Ghoraki (B)  
 Jumlayponi (B)

Saylan District  
 Saylan (S)

Pyuthan District  
 Pyuthan (S)  
 Sirp (B)

Rukum District  
 Rukum (S)  
 Musikot (B)

Rolpa District  
 Liwang Gaun (S)  
 Thawang (B)

SHERI ZONE

Bankey District  
 Bankey (M)

Bardia District  
 Bardia (S)  
 Rajapur (B)

Dailekh District  
 Dailekh (S)  
 Karnali (S)  
 Dullu (B)

Surkhet District  
 Surkhet (S)  
 Gutu (B)  
 Veriganga (B)

Jajarkot District  
 Jajarkot (S)  
 Limsa (B)

SETI ZONE

Doti District  
 Doti (M)  
 Boktan Chidkhana (B)  
 Jurayel (B)

Bajhang District  
 Bajhang (S)  
 Prithivi Nagar (B)  
 Chanapata Dawal (B)  
 Bungal Batulsera (B)  
 Thalahara (B)

Of special note are the post offices listed for the area called "Mustang". Some people have indicated this to be a separate country, or at least, an area north of Kathmandu having a relationship similar to that between Sikkim and India. According to Nepalese sources, the area has had some autonomy, but currently is an integral portion of the state of Nepal.



NEW ISSUES

Mongolia, through its agency in Hungary, has announced a pair of new issues for the remainder of 1971. Details are as follows:

NOVEMBER

A set of seven stamps for Livestock Breeding. Printed in an edition of 300,000 each by the Printing Office of Banknotes, Budapest, Hungary. Denominations are 20m "Yak", 30m "Camel", 40m "Sheep", 50m "Goat", 60m "Cattle", 80m "Horses" and 1t "Horse". The issue was announced as a set of airpost adhesives, although they carry no appropriate inscription.



AUGUST

On the occasion of the International Year for action to combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, the Mongolian Postal Administration, through its agents will issue a single 60 mungs adhesive. The stamp, printed in an edition of half a million, is in four colours and was printed by the Hungarian State Printing Office, Budapest. Size: 40 x 30 mm.



# Bangla Desh

## A Few Details

### ABOUT BANGLA DESH DEFINITIVES

Apparently, the issue of two sets of adhesives inscribed Bangla Desh has caused much concern with stamp dealers in both the Eastern and Western world. More details of the stamps, the men behind them and the purposes they serve has come to light.

Through the graces of Bangla Desh Philatelic Agency in London, we have more or less official descriptions of the stamps. Through the Stamp Editor of the New York Times, Mr. David Lidman, we have some background history and from various other sources, we have word of impending sanctions to be levied by philatelists where Bangla Desh adhesives are concerned.

The editors of the Gibbons catalogues say they will not be listing the stamps in the near future editions of the Gibbons catalogues. Same for the editors of Scott's catalogues in the United States. No word yet from the editors of the Minkus catalogues.

The first definitive set is a series of eight:

- 10 paise Map of Bangla Desh
- 20 paise "Dacca University" with symbolic shell holes
- 50 paise "Nation of 75 Million People" and figure "75"
- 1 rupee Flag and map of Bangla Desh
- 2 rupee Ballot box and "167 of 169 seats for Bangla Desh"
- 3 rupee broken chains
- 5 rupee Sheik Majibar Rahman
- 10 rupee Map of Bangla Desh

The stamps were designed by Biman Mallik of London. They were printed by Format, security printers located in London. They were first sold 26 July, and according to the New York Times, the place of first sale was in the House of Commons, London.

Currently the stamps are being sold through a number of agencies. One, Mahmood Ali, 10 East 39th Street, N. Y. C., another, Inter-Governmental Philatelic Corp., Box 259, Cedarhurst, N.Y., and another, Bangla Desh Philatelic Agency, 11 Goring Street, London E.C.3. In India, they can be bought through Bangla Desh Government offices in Calcutta and New Delhi.

Apparently they are not for sale through any offices inside the area of East Pakistan. Whether the stamps have ever reached there or not is subject to argument.

Covers have been seen, allegedly postmarked in Bangla Desh and carried by runners. Naturally, covers can be postmarked anywhere, and in a prior issue of the Gobi Times we made reference to an Indian Government notice that postal people were not to handle letters with Bangla Desh stamps because they had been posted in India and cancelled there. On covers there have been odd markings from date-marks to inscriptions that read "for the sake of humanity, please accept this letter for forwarding."

It is good to note the Bangla Desh issues have been printed in the denominations of Pakistan as well as its unit of exchange. According to the New York Times, Bangla Desh government officials, working from Calcutta and New Delhi have new currency planned and prospects for Bangla Desh banknotes and coinage. Nothing has been seen as a result of this report.

In the end, with whatever the end shall be, these adhesives may remain just that, with no postal or collector worth, save for those who collect what could have been. These stamps are going to be common, even should Bangla Desh achieve its independence. Many are being sold for the fund raising benefits. That's one thing that is quite obvious. What must now become obvious is whether they're used as stamps in the "country" they are said to be for... or from.

For the time being, they appear to be British productions. Cast on the market with the swiftness of the postal strike labels of early 1971. Whether the people who produced them had the authority, whether the authority will be good authority and the eventual outcome of the complex conflict are just those things for which foresight will be proven a virtue.

### The Earlier Surcharged Set



Fourteen overprinted Pakistan definitives supposedly from Bangla Desh, have no valid status according to Calcutta's Stamp Digest. The publication says the issue was printed and distributed by stamp dealers in India. Both the Indian government as well as the Bangla Desh government in exile have said these stamps have no official connections to Bangla Desh. Indian postal officials said Indian postoffices have been ordered not to accept mail with these affixed. Covers with Indian cancels have been made with collaboration of Indian postal people in outlying postoffices, according to the Indian government sources.

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