

(2) Sheikh Tahnoon bin Zayed¹

46. In addition to the comparison of the general format and pictorial effect, a comparison was made for the seal impression attributed to Sheikh Tahnoon bin Zayed in Suspect Document III.54, which is dated Jumada I 1327 A.H. (corresponding to approximately May 1909 A.D.). The suspect impression was compared to impressions appearing on known exemplars for Sheikh Tahnoon dating from 1322 A.H. to 1330 A.H. (corresponding to 1905 A.D. to 1912 A.D.).

47. The suspect impression is rectangular, almost square, with the four corners cut to form an octagon. The name *Tahnoon / bin / Zayed* can be read within its borders, oriented in three tiers. The impression does not appear to contain any type of ornamentation. The suspect impression is reproduced in *Illustration Tahnoon 1* in the column "Suspect".

48. Among the known exemplars examined for Sheikh Tahnoon we found three types of seal impression. An example of each of these is reproduced in *Illustration Tahnoon 1* in the column "Known".

49. The first impression type was found on known exemplars dated up to Rajab 1323 A.H. (approximately November 1905 A.D.). It is square shaped, with the four corners cut to form an octagon and has a double -ridged border. It contains the name *Tahnoon / abd / bin Zayed*, oriented on three tiers.

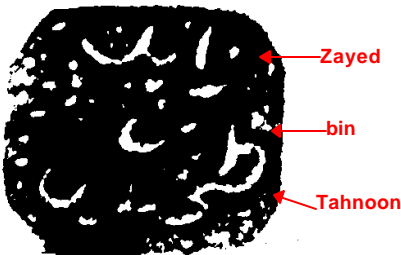
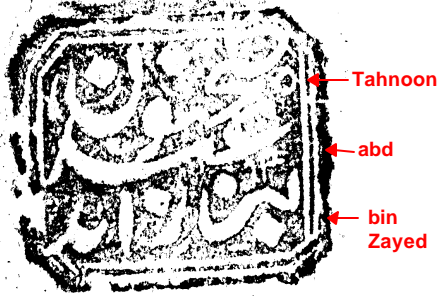
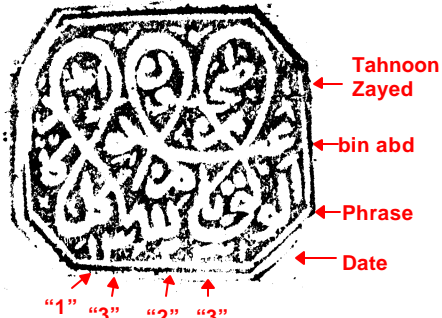
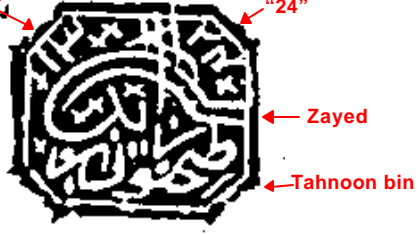
50. The second impression type was found on known exemplars dating from 1323 A.H. until 1324 A.H. (corresponding to 1905 A.D. to 1906 A.D.). This impression is octagonal in shape with a double-ridged border. The name *Tahnoon Zayed / bin abd* is oriented in two tiers. On the lower most level of the impression, appear the words *al-waathiq billah min kul kayid* (meaning "protected from all evil by Allah"). The impression contains a repetitive decorative looped motif. The numerals "1", "3", "2" and "3" appear just above the lowest border of the impression, presumably representing the *hijri* date 1323, this being the date in which the seal was engraved.

51. The third type of known impression was found on known exemplars dating from 1324 A.H. onwards. It is octagon-shaped, with a single ridged border, within which appears the name *Tahnoon bin / Zayed* oriented in two tiers. The upper portion of the impression contains stylised ornamentation evocative of an Ottoman *tughra* emblem, over which appear the numerals "1", "3", "2" and "4", presumably representing the *hijri* date 1324 (corresponding to 1906 A.D.), this being the year in which the seal was engraved.

52. None of the three types of seal impression found on the known exemplars bear any resemblance in terms of readable content and morphology to the impression attributed to Sheikh Tahnoon that appears on Suspect Document III.54.

¹ For further details, *see*, "Comparison Examination: Sheikh Tahnoon bin Zayed", Appendix 2, Volume 2, Section G.2

TAHNOON 1

SUSPECT	KNOWN
<div style="text-align: center; margin: 20px 0;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;"> ← Zayed ← bin ← Tahnoon </p> <p>Seal impression from <i>Suspect Document III.54</i>: Letter purportedly from Tahnoon Bin Zayed to Sheikh Issa Bin Ali Al-Khalifa, dated Jumada I 1327 A.H. (corresponding to approximately May 1909 A.D.) (App. 4, Vol. 1, Tab 51)</p>	<p>Type 1</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 20px 0;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;"> ← Tahnoon ← abd ← bin Zayed </p> <p>Seal impression taken from Known 1: Letter from Tahnoon bin Zayed to Sheikh Ahmed bin Mohammed bin Hilal, dated Dhulqada 1322 A.H. (corresponding approximately to January 1905 A.D.) (App. 4, Vol. 2, Tab 38)</p> <p>Type 2</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 20px 0;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;"> ← Tahnoon Zayed ← bin abd ← Phrase ← Date "1" "3" "2" "3" </p> <p>Seal impression taken from Known 2: Letter from Tahnoon bin Zayed to Sheikh Ahmed bin Mohammed bin Hilal, dated in Rajab 1323 A.H. (corresponding to approximately November 1905 A.D.) (App. 4, Vol. 2, Tab 39)</p> <p>Type 3</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 20px 0;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;"> ← "13" ← "24" ← Zayed ← Tahnoon bin </p> <p>Seal impression taken from Known 3: Letter from Tahnoon bin Zayed to Sheikh Issa bin Ali bin Khalifa Al-Khalifa, dated 29 Rabia II 1328 A.H. (corresponding to approximately April 1910 A.D.) (App. 4, Vol. 2, Tab 40)</p> <p>NOTE: This last seal impression is an example of the seal impression that appears on all of the known exemplars examined dating from 1327 to 1330 A.H. (corresponding to 1909 to 1912 A.D.)</p>