

PERMESTA

Late in 1957 an uprising occurred in parts of Sumatra and North Sulawesi. On 15th February 1958 the P.R.R.I. (Pemerintah Revolusioner Republik Indonesia (the Revolutionary Counter-government of the Republic of Indonesia) was proclaimed at Padang. They fought an all-out war “Perdjoeangan Semesta” against the reigning regime. The president of the P.R.R.I. was Sjafruddin Prawiranegara, a former minister in several Indonesian cabinets. This dissident government issued a series of stamps in North Sulawesi a year after the uprising started. The stamps were printed in Formosa and depict a map of Indonesia (with New Guinea left blank). In the seas surrounding the islands white figures depicting a soldier with his weapon, an aircraft and a war ship can be seen five times. The stamps measure 42½ x 28½ mm. These stamps are known used with cancellations Kotamobagu and Inobonto from March to August 1959. The Kotamobagu Permesta post director has confirmed that these stamps were also used in Matoling, Pontang, Tompasobaru, Pinasungkulan, Kalait, Tenga and Tambelang. With respect to Sumatra nothing is known about Permesta and philately.

There are falsifications of these stamps, Mr. Bessels lists the characteristics of these falsifications as follows:

1. The colour of the sea is somewhat lighter in the falsifications because some of the screen has been lost in the reproduction process.
2. The borders of North Borneo and Malaya are less clear in the falsifications.
3. The most important characteristic of the falsification is the ink used. The genuine copies have dull ink. The falsifications have shiny ink.
4. The dark area surrounding the word Permesta contains many white dots while the genuine copies do not.
5. The falsification is printed on thick paper which is somewhat shiny. The genuine stamps are on thin paper and one can see the printing when viewing the stamp from the back.
6. The stamps measure ca. 44 x 30 mm with perforation 11¼ and imperforate.

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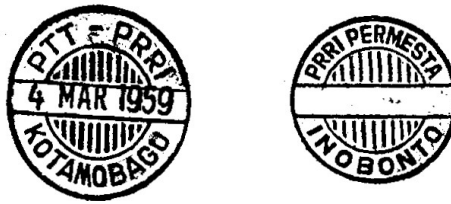
Letter cancelled to order 14.4.59 from the head of the postoffice Inobonto to the head of the postoffice Tambelang, more letters between both postoffices exist.



Peng : R. Roboth
Kepala Kantor Pos
di Inobonto

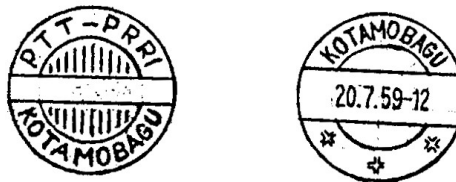
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GENUINE



11 bars in segment

FALSE



10 bars in segment

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116 – Regular stamps, Flower series, 1954

Perforation: Very ragged line with variations between horizontal and vertical 10½ until 11¾, ungummed



-01	50	sen	dark grey-green	75,00	250,00
-02	1	Rp	red	75,00	250,00
-03	2	Rp	dark brown	75,00	250,00
-04	2½	Rp	blue	75,00	250,00

Imperforate:



The following cancellations-to-order are known:



-01/02/03/04	PTT-PRRI-KOTAMOBAGU	29 AUG 1959
-01/02/03/04	PTT-PRRI-KOTAMOBAGU	4 MAR 1959
-01/02/03/04	PTT-PRRI-KOTAMOBAGU	24-4-59
-01/02/03/04	PRRI-PERMESTA INOBONTO	14-4-59

117 – Design Proofs

Perforation: Line 10½

**Drawing: Sjafruddin Prawiranegara with inscription PRRI and
PEMERINTAH REVOLUSIONER REPUBLIK INDONESIA**



- 01 1 sen purple
- 02 5 sen green
- 03 10 sen red
- 04 50 sen lilac
- 05 1 Rp blue
- 06 2½ Rp brown

Design proofs:



-02a 5 sen grey

Imperforated proof:



-04d 50 sen lilac

Vertically imperforated proofs:



-01r 1 sen purple

-02r 5 sen green

-05r 1 Rp blue