

Biafran Stamp Varieties



30 May 1967 –
12 January 1970

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Sections:

- 'Independence' Issue
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- Other Issues (Help Biafran Children charity overprints, Biafra-France Friendship, Butterflies & Plants, Pope's Visit to Africa, 1969 Christmas, Human Rights, and Save Biafra overprints)

Display covers examples of all stamps issued but powerpoint presentation focuses solely on a selection of varieties

A handout covering all issues is available

Independence Issue

Three values: 2d (printed paper), 4d (local letter)
& 1/- (make-up for registration at 1/4d)

2d colour variations and mis-registrations

Colour variations



Red shift down

White line between black & green in flag



Red shift to left & down



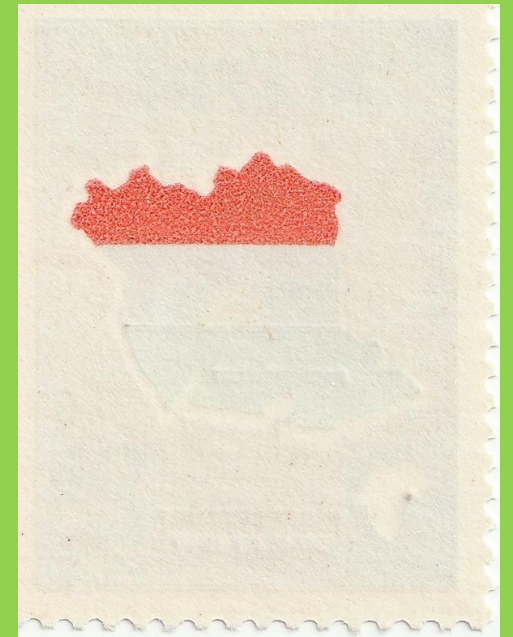
Independence Issue

2d varieties

White
dot for
Calabar
R8/1



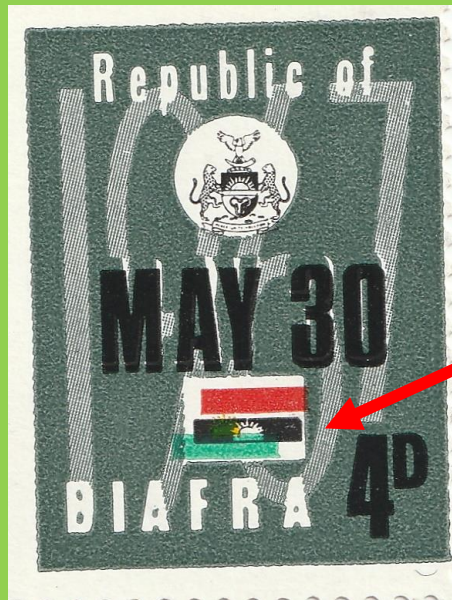
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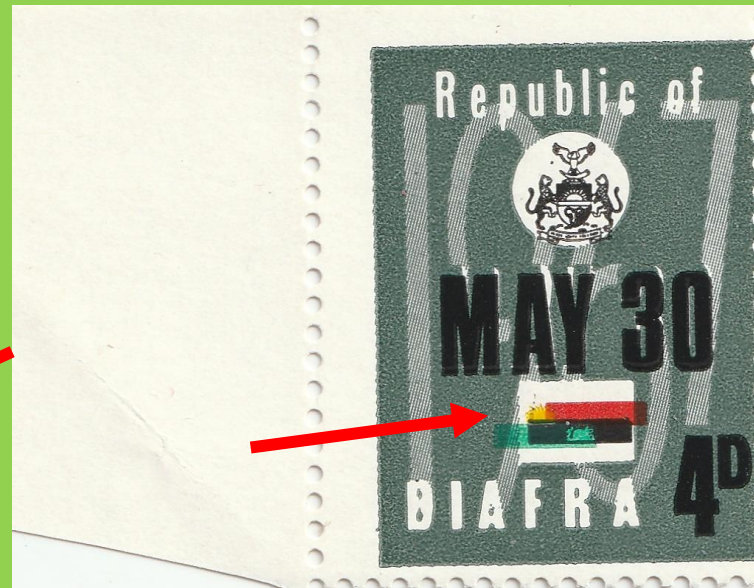
Offset of red
part of flag

Independence Issue

4d mis-registration varieties



Black & red shifted
down, yellow to left,
green to left



Red shifted down, green
to left, yellow up, black
down



All colours
shifted, yellow
overprinted,
stamp frame very
askew



Green ?omitted
from flag (used
Owerri)

Independence Issue

4d varieties



White vertical line between 'A' & 'F' of BIAFRA and above 'p' of lower stamp, Black & red shifted down, yellow to left, green to left

Originated from Biafra – note the termite damage !

Sovereign Biafra and Arms Overprints Issue

£1 Variety



Severed bottom to 'ET' of FIEVET

Sovereign Biafra and Arms Overprints Issue

1/2d Varieties

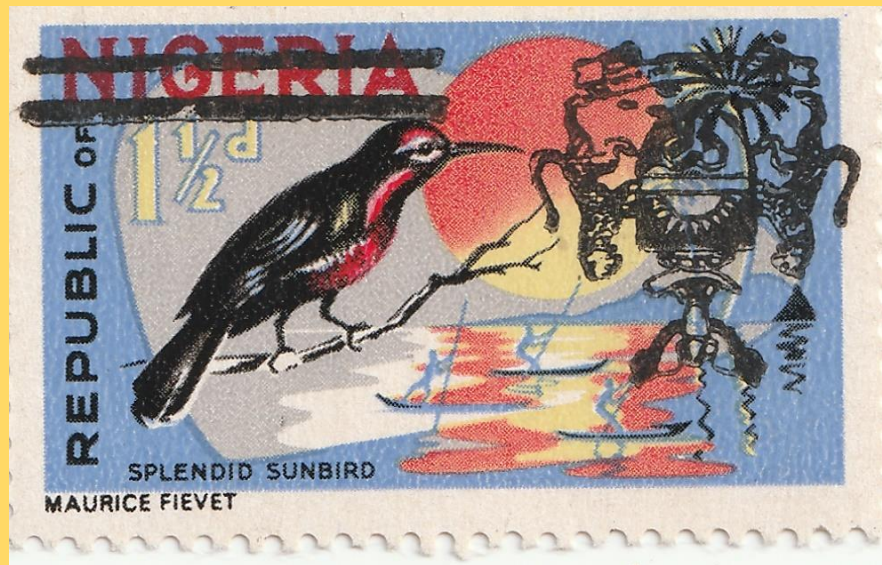


**‘SOVEREIGN’
larger and
below Coat
of Arms**

**Overprint partially on front of
stamp and partly on reverse**

Sovereign Biafra and Arms Overprints Issue

1¹/₂d Varieties



Arms inverted and 'SOVEREIGN
BIAFRA' missing



Overprint in red

Both unrecorded by Prestedge

Sovereign Biafra and Arms Overprints Issue

1/3d Varieties



Missing red overprint
(Arms)



Missing black overprint
(SOVEREIGN BIAFRA)



3-bar overprint (one added
by hand)

Sovereign Biafra and Arms Overprints Issue

2/6d Variety



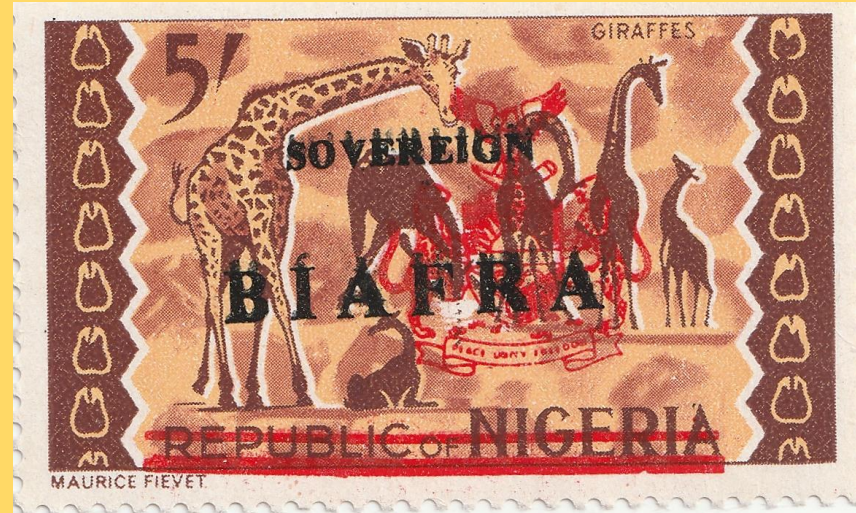
2/6d Missing red overprint
(Arms)

Sovereign Biafra and Arms Overprints Issue

5/- Varieties



5/- Missing black overprint
(SOVEREIGN BIAFRA) on
chestnut



5/- Black overprint doubled



5/- Red overprint doubled

Both unrecorded by Prestedge

Sovereign Biafra and Arms Overprints Issue



5/- Variety

**5/-
Doubling
of red
overprint
and
progressive
shift of
black
overprint**

Sovereign Biafra and Arms Overprints Issue

10/- & £1 Varieties



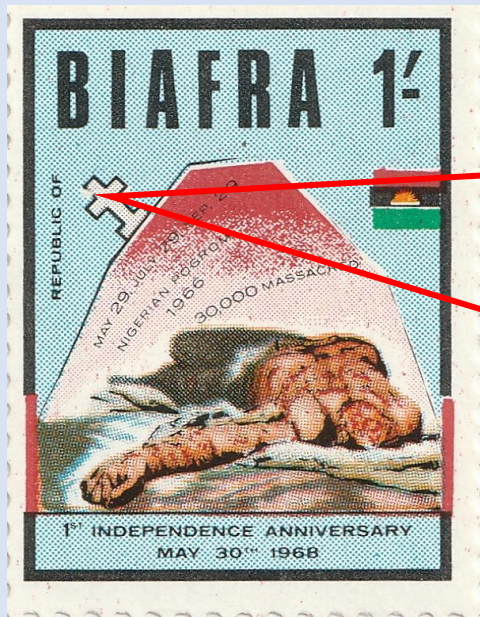
10/- Third obliteration line in black biro added by hand (on registered used stamp)



£1 Missing black overprint (SOVEREIGN BIAFRA)

First Anniversary of Independence Issue

1/- Varieties



Cross outline broken at top left



White instead of blue background behind 'AFR' of BIAFRA

First Anniversary of Independence Issue

1/- Varieties



Mis- and double perforation of top row

Black vertical line below 'MASSACRED' R1/6

Unrecorded

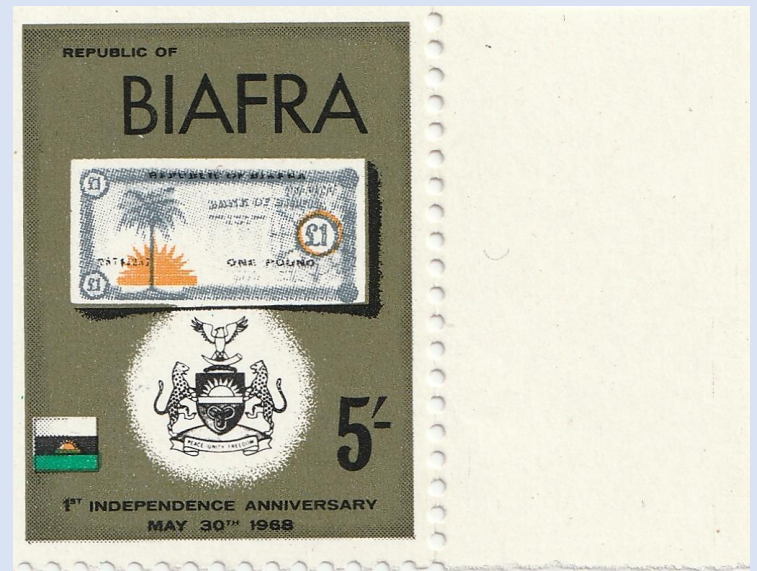


First Anniversary of Independence Issue

5/- Varieties



Grey omitted



Red omitted from flag and banknote lettering



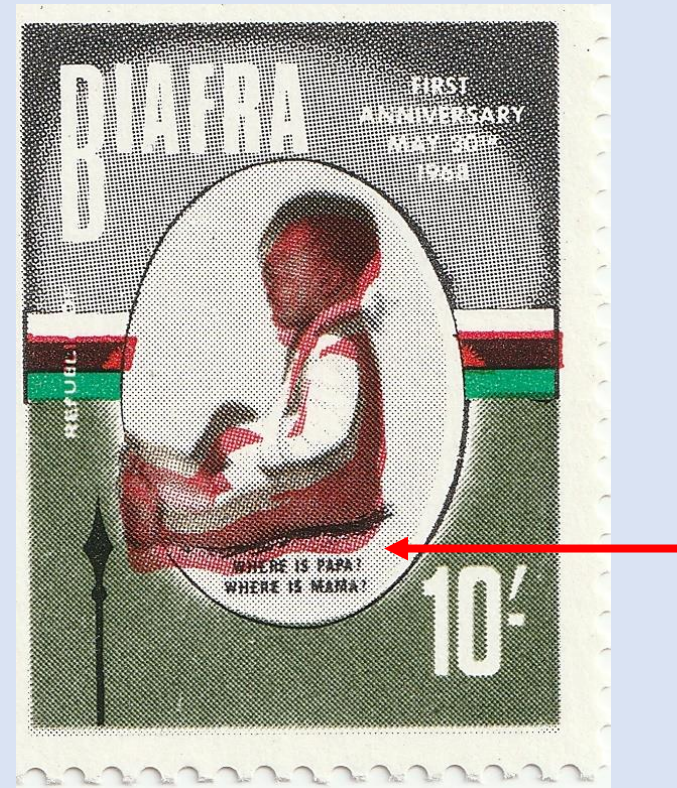
Perforation shifted up and to right

First Anniversary of Independence Issue

10/- Varieties



Green omitted

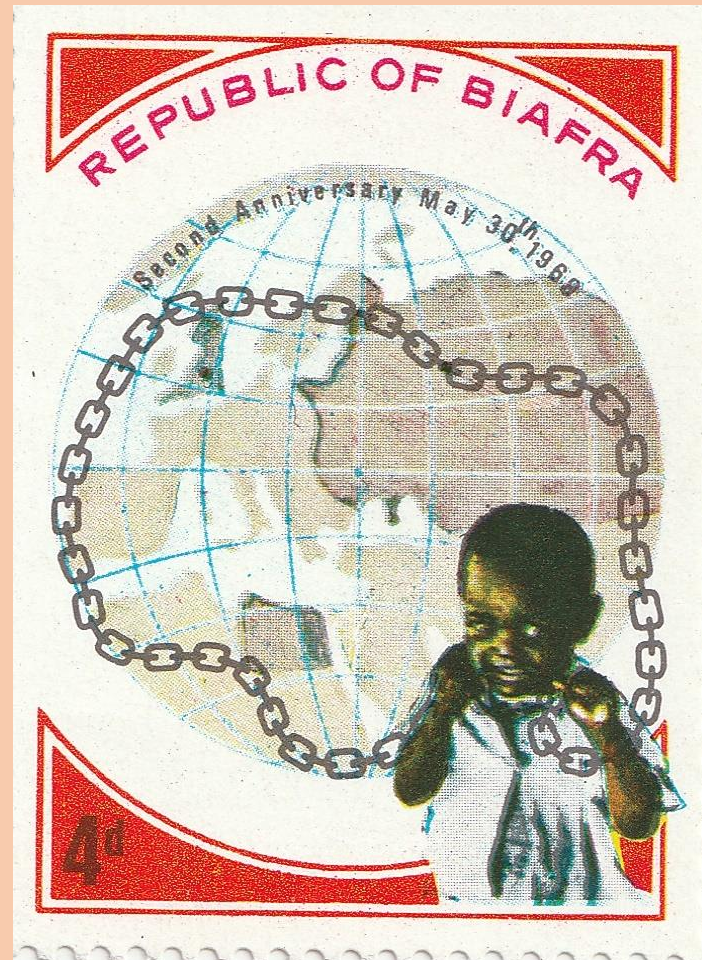


Red shifted down so orphan sitting in a 'pool of blood'

NB: Similar occur in later overprinted issues of these stamps

Second Anniversary of Independence Issue

4d Varieties



Green and orange omitted

Help Biafra Children Charity, Biafra-France Friendship,
Butterflies & Plants, Olympic Games, Christmas 1969,
Save Biafra, and Human Rights Issues

**A host of double overprints, inverted overprints, overprint
doubled one inverted, and missing parts to the overprints
exist: please see the display sheets for examples**

**Only the Pope's Visit to Africa issue appears to have been
genuinely used within Biafra: there is a notable colour shade
variant of the 3/- value**

Thank You !

Any Queries or Comments ?

PS. Lots of varying positions of Sovereign Biafra
overprints to see and a handout to guide you