Coining House: Its Emergence, Work, and Management

The Islamic State has witnessed an economic life full of versatile economic activities. The monetary power was the cornerstone of this economy. Islamic coins were of the finest types of coins in the world. During its issuance, it was subjected to what was known in the rise of Islamic science as the "Coining House", and was known in its fall as the "Minting House". This term was chosen as the title of this study, as it is broader and more comprehensive. It entails the meaning of "Coins" and their stamps. It is also "The name of the image minted on the coin" and recently, it was used as name of the "Profession".

Due to the lack of research in this field, in my opinion, the researcher thought that we must write and participate in enriching the science of coining, especially the "Minting House" which we lack knowledge about, because most of the writings of the scholars of coins has focused on the partial and detailed analysis of the purely technical aspects. Therefore, we chose to write on the subject of (Coining House: Its Emergence, Work, and Management). It is clear from the title that this study is divided into three sections: the first section dealt with the emergence of the coining houses since the stage of Arabization. The study did not address all the established houses, but was limited to models from the Islamic world in order to stress the authenticity of these houses. The second section, however, was devoted to providing a summary of the most important works of the minting houses, the most important of which is manufacturing coins to meet the needs of the State and people alike. This matter was not explored further as it is purely technical; instead, conveying the important works of Minting Houses was a priority.

The third section revolved around the administrative and technical bodies that supervised the Minting House. The former performed administrative tasks, supervising and monitoring work flow; while the latter produced the coins. However, the administrative and technical bodies complement each other within a single task.