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Caucasian Kindjal Dagger With Silver Niello Decoration, Haji Ali, 1348 Ah



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Signature : Haji Ali, 1348 AH

Period : 20th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Metal

Description

A finely decorated Caucasian kindjal dagger, with a straight, double-edged steel blade and a richly ornamented handle and sheath. The handle and scabbard are adorned with silver inlays featuring floral motifs created using niello and engraving techniques, in a style characteristic of Dagestanese silversmiths: niello-style floral motifs, gilded relief details, and finely crafted beaded borders. The decoration combines leafy scrollwork, geometric panels, and traditional Caucasian ornamental motifs. The blade features a central fuller and shows signs of oxidation, wear, and marks of use. The inscription reads as follows: "Work of Haji Ali, year 1348." The date 1348 AH corresponds to 1929-1930 in the Gregorian calendar. Although the inscription is written in Arabic script, this does not necessarily

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mean it is of Arabic origin: Arabic script was widely used in the early 20th century in Dagestan and other regions of the North Caucasus. The exact region of manufacture is not confirmed. Materials: Steel, silver mountings, niello-style decoration, gilding. Period: Early 20th century, dated 1348 AH / 1929-1930. Dimensions: Total length: 47.5 cm. Blade length: 33.5 cm. Blade width at the base: 3.1 cm. Weight: 610 g. Condition: Age-related wear, patina, scuffs, oxidation, and surface marks. The handle has been restored; the nuts appear to have been replaced. The condition is visible in the photographs. SKU: 1112.1.1.060726