

Basic Detail Report



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Title

Khanjar

Date

20th Century

Medium

Metal (gold), Fabric (velvet)

Description

A Khanjar (.01a) with a horn inset in the handle and a gold sheath (.01b). The knife is stored in a velvet covered case with the royal crest of Oman inside the lid.

Dimensions

Overall (Complete, sheath measurements: 2 x 8.5 x 7): 1 1/2 x 3 1/2 x 11 in. (3.8 x 8.9 x 27.9 cm)

Historical Note

A khanjar appears on the flag of Oman, as part of the national emblem of Oman. It is a symbolic weapon, worn by men after puberty. Nowadays, it is used as a type of formal dress item and for stylistic purposes. Drawing the khanjar from its sheath was a social taboo before the 1970s, and men would only do that if they sought revenge or assassination.

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