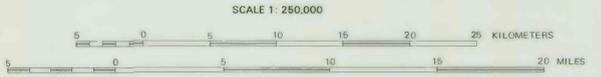


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Survey Reports of 1961-1962, 1965-1966, 1966-1967.

LEGEND

CONTOUR INTERVAL	20 GAMMAS
500 GAMMA CONTOUR	
100 GAMMA CONTOUR	
20 GAMMA CONTOUR	
MAGNETIC LOW	
RADIO-METRIC CONTOUR	
FIDUCIAL POINTS	3690
FLIGHT LINES	



Magnetic interpretation on a Universal Transverse Mercator projection. Geology is mosaicked to a UTM grid but geologic base adapted from lithologic maps prepared by the Riofines Geological Mission are on Lambert Conformal projection.

Geologic base adapted from Letalnet (1979) and Riofines Geological Mission (1979). Geologic explanation adapted from Riofines Geological Mission (1979).

MAGNETIC INTERPRETATION OF THE AFIF QUADRANGLE, SHEET 23F

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MAGNETIC INTERPRETATION

- Boundary between rock units of different magnetic properties or of differing magnetic patterns. Dashed where location is uncertain. Dotted where boundary is buried beneath nonmagnetic rocks. Code letters (described below), where present, indicate which side is the more magnetic rock unit.
- M Magnetic rock unit, lithology uncertain
- R Magnetic rock unit possessing reverse remanent magnetization
- G, G_R Magnetic rock unit probably granitic in composition. Subscript "R" where rock unit possesses reverse remanent magnetization
- B Magnetic rock unit probably mafic in composition
- Z, Z_R Zone of magnetic anomalies. Subscript "R" if more than half of the anomalies in the zone are magnetic lows that appear to be caused by rocks with reverse remanent magnetization
- 60 Approximate dip of magnetic boundary as estimated by comparison with a set of calculated models
- d Linear magnetic anomaly probably caused by a dike

LAYERED ROCKS 1

Include virtually unmetamorphosed to moderately metamorphosed (greenschist to lower amphibolite facies) and deformed rocks, with original volcanic and sedimentary character preserved.

PREDOMINANTLY VOLCANIC ROCKS: proximal volcanic sequences with flow rocks, volcanoclastic rocks, and minor sedimentary rocks of clastic and chemogenic origin.

- Undifferentiated mafic to felsic volcanic rock
- Predominantly andesitic volcanic rock
- Undifferentiated felsic volcanic rock (dacite to rhyolite)
- Predominantly rhyolitic rock
- Predominantly subaerial volcanic rock of felsic composition including tuff, breccia, agglomerate, ignimbrite, and so forth; in some areas has significant sedimentary component (tuffite, sandstone, siltstone). Grades into distal volcanic sequences
- Agglomerate and breccia
- Volcanoclastic conglomerate
- Extrusive-intrusive complex, mainly of dioritic composition including fine-grained diorite and andesite with some gabbro and sedimentary rock
- Extrusive-intrusive complex of ultramafic to mafic composition (so-called 'ophiolite complex') including gabbro, basalt, and serpentinite with subordinate greenstone, pyroxenite, and metasedimentary rocks. In most areas all strongly deformed

MIXED VOLCANIC-SEDIMENTARY ROCKS: distal volcanic sequences with flow rocks and volcanoclastic rocks interbedded with sedimentary rocks of clastic and chemogenic origin (siltstone, sandstone, conglomerate, chert, marble)

- Mixed volcanic-sedimentary rocks including andesite and rhyolite flow and pyroclastic rock, siltstone, chert, and conglomerate
- Interbeds of dacitic volcanic rock (flow rock and tuff) in sedimentary sequences
- Mixed volcanic-sedimentary rocks including siliceous vitric tuff, tuffaceous graywacke, and siltstone (in some places present as chlorite-sericite schist)

PREDOMINANTLY SEDIMENTARY ROCKS

In some areas include minor volcanic interbeds.

- Clastic rocks, mainly medium to fine-grained sandstone (impure arenite to graywacke) with some siltstone (chlorite-sericite schist) and conglomerate. Locally include volcanic interbeds
- Clastic rocks, mainly siltstone (argillite, pelitic schist, chlorite-sericite schist) and fine-grained sandstone (graywacke). Locally contain calcareous siltstone and sandstone, marble, and some volcanic interbeds
- Calcareous siltstone (argillite) and/or some marble and calcareous sandstone
- Clastic rocks, mainly coarse-grained lithic (volcanoclastic) sandstone with some conglomerate and argillite
- Clastic rocks, mainly graphitic siltstone, sericite-chlorite schist; locally include sericitic marble and conglomerate
- Undifferentiated, unmetamorphosed sedimentary rocks, including polydict conglomerate, sandstone, siltstone, variegated shale, and cherty limestone, with some andesite and rhyolite
- Limestone and marble, including black marble and gray dolomitic marble; locally include chert and commonly intraformational and extraformational (polydict) conglomerate. Stromatolites reported from Jabal Damk and Jabal al Badr areas
- Polydict conglomerate

LAYERED ROCKS 2

Include moderately to strongly metamorphosed and deformed rocks, the original volcanic and sedimentary character of which has been blurred or destroyed.

- Biotite schist, mainly in zones of contact metamorphism
- Amphibolite, mainly of volcanic derivation
- Heterogeneous paragneiss, including hornblende-biotite schist, amphibole gneiss, feldspathic amphibolite (metamorphosed andesite), metarhyolite, leucocratic quartzofeldspathic gneiss (metamorphosed rhyolite), chlorite-sericite-biotite and calc-schist (metamorphosed graywacke), quartzite, marble, and calc-silicate gneiss (metamorphosed impure dolomitic marble or marl)
- Biotite-hornblende-garnet gneiss, amphibolite, and biotite-hornblende schist (inferred to be mainly metamorphosed mafic volcanic rocks)
- Migmatite zones

EXPLANATION

- PLUTONIC ROCKS**
- Posttectonic alkalic granite (perthitic orthoclase-albite-sodic amphibole, and accessory biotite)
 - Late to posttectonic calc-alkalic granite (two feldspar-hornblende-biotite) and granodiorite; locally alkalic. Accompanied by gabbro and diorite. Circa 556±23 to 518±12 Ma; postdates Murdamah group. Typically has contact aureoles
 - Microgranite ring dike (calc-alkalic biotite granite) grading to porphyritic rhyolite. Circa 571±22 Ma
 - Graphitic (micro) granite porphyry; includes graphitic granite and granophyre. Mainly calc-alkalic, in places soda-alkaline. Considered to be pre-Murdamah group
 - Heterogeneous granitic rocks including trondhjemite, granodiorite, and calc-alkalic granite. Commonly contain biotite and hornblende. Commonly lined with inclusions of gabbro, diorite, and metamorphic rocks. Syn- to posttectonic with respect to the Hulayyah group; typically pre-Murdamah group. One date of 590±12 Ma
 - Biotite granite with numerous xenoliths of biotite schist and ultramafic rocks. Possibly equivalent to heterogeneous metagranodiorite
 - Granodiorite
 - Heterogeneous syntectonic metagranodiorite: ranges from quartz diorite to calc-alkalic granite. Typically lined, schistose, or gneissic; commonly migmatitic with inclusions of country rock
 - Undifferentiated, partly lined, locally gneissic granitic rocks, including biotite-amphibole granite, trondhjemite, granodiorite, and diorite, with some inclusions of biotite gneiss. Age uncertain: possibly represent mobilized basement rocks
 - Diorite to quartz diorite
 - Foliated, metadiorite to quartz diorite with inclusions of country rock
 - Gabbro
 - Ultramafic rocks, largely serpentinite with some peridotite, pyroxenite, and gabbro. Associated with talc schist and marble (ultramafic rocks with carbonate)

MINERALIZATION

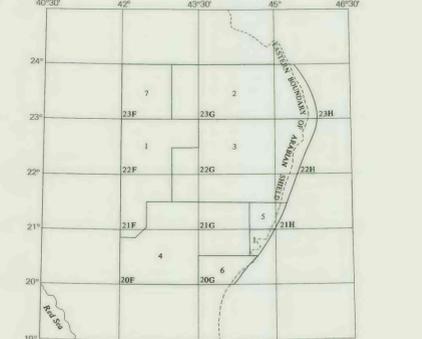
Major or dominant commodity	Host environment (shown under commodity symbol)
iron sulfides	Vf Volcanic felsic
gold	Vm Volcanic mafic
copper	Vwp Proximal volcanic/clastic
zinc	if Intrusive acid
lead	ii Intrusive intermediate
silver	im Intrusive basic
	iu Intrusive ultramafic
iron oxides	Sec Sedimentary clastic
tungsten	Scb Sedimentary carbonate clastic
tin	M metamorphic
chromium	Sk skarn
fluorine (fluorite)	
niobium	Surface expression (shown on the left of commodity symbol)

- Types of mineralization (shown within commodity symbol)
- disseminated
 - stockwork/stringer zone/breccia fill
 - shear/fracture vein filling
 - stratiform-massive
 - unknown
 - Ancient working
 - Ancient working, drilled
 - Gossan
 - Staining
 - Mineralized outcrop
 - Alteration zones

AGE DATING

- Whole rock Rb/Sr isochron
- Whole rock K/Ar isochron
- Rb/Sr determination on biotite
- Wadi boundary
- Geologic boundary
- Fault
- Concealed fault

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