Comments on three Arabic-derived letters

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06AD ARABIC LETTER NG

* Uighur, Kazakh, old Malay, early Persian, ...

"Old Malay" is wrong, and this letter isn't found in Jawi (Arabic alphabet for writing Malay and several other languages in Southeast Asia). This letter is also used in Moroccan Arabic. However, I did not find information on its use in early Persian.

Please, correct to Uighur, Kazakh, early Persian, ... or to Uighur, Kazakh, Moroccan Arabic, ...

MILLER and CHEIKH, 2010:

Moroccan Arabic

vocabulaire de la chanson ou du cinéma moyen-orientale, comme dans la célèbre chanson de Hamid ElZahir, Lalla Fātima, à les termes ṣṇāḥ lxīr, msəlxīr et nhəbbək ktīr font penser au parler égyptien :

كُلت ليك صباح الخير مرديتيش علي يمكن مشغولة بالغير ماخممتيش في يمكن مشغولة بالغير ماخممتيش انها مزاوك فيك كُولي لي غير كليمة عبد ناري اللي شاعلة ديما كُلت لك مسلخير مارديتيش سلامي

gəlt līk ṣbāḥ lxīr ma-rədditīš 3liyya yəmkən məšġūla bəlġīr ma xəmməmtīš

ana mzāwəg fik gūlīli ġīr klīme tbərrəd nāri lli šā3la dīma qəlt līk msəlxīr marədditīš 3liyye

As regards Morrocan Arabic, see also "Gaf with three dots" at en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gaf

U+06AD is not listed in the Jawi Language Table described by the Malaysia Network Information Center in a document available at www.iana.org/domains/idn-tables/my_ms-my_1.0.pdf

KEW, 2003:



Figure 6: From chart of the Uighur alphabet, Daniels & Bright (1996), page 760.

ķ	[k]	ق	ق	ق	ā
k	[k]	ك	ىك	5	5
g	[g]	ي المالية	ک	5	X
1	[1]	J	لم	J	7

Figure 5: From chart of the Jawi alphabet, Daniels & Bright (1996), page 761.



06BD ARABIC LETTER NOON WITH THREE DOTS ABOVE

* old Malay

"Old Malay" is wrong; it should read Jawi.

Please, correct to Jawi

In the Unicode 11.0 core specification, page 387:

Jawi. U+06BD ARABIC LETTER NOON WITH THREE DOTS ABOVE is used for Jawi, which is Malay written using the Arabic script. Malay users know the character as Jawi Nya. Contrary to what is suggested by its Unicode character name, U+06BD displays with the three dots below the letter pointing downward when it is in the initial or medial position, making it look exactly like the initial and medial forms of U+067E ARABIC LETTER PEH. This is done to avoid confusion with U+062B ARABIC LETTER THEH, which appears in words of Arabic origin, and which has the same base letter shapes in initial or medial position, but with three dots above in all positions.



06D1 ARABIC LETTER YEH WITH THREE DOTS BELOW

* old Malay

"Old Malay" is wrong, and this letter isn't found in Jawi.

Please, correct to * Mande Ajami varieties: Madinka, Mogofin, Susu

VYDRINE, 1998, p. 221:

However, there are also orthographic features that might be regarded as diagnostic for establishing genetic affinity among the Ajami varieties. Among these I would mention:

i (i) for the palatal nasal sonant p (\tilde{n}) (in Mandinka, Susu, and Mogofin)

SOUAG, 2010:

In the Mandinka Pakao manuscript, the letter shape found in $y \in S$ is combined with three dots underneath to yield the corresponding nasal ny, written a S = S letter not used in Arabic (Schaffer 1975, Vydrine 1998); see Figure 2 below.

U+06D1 is not listed in the Jawi Language Table described by the Malaysia Network Information Center in a document available at www.iana.org/domains/idn-tables/tables/my_ms-my_1.0.pdf

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