

Mr. Taoufik BACCAR, Governor of the Central Bank of Tunisia (BCT), announced on Monday 16 March 2009 that a new banknote worth fifty dinars is in current printing.

He added in the international symposium on "numismatics and history of the money in Tunisia", with the works ended on Tuesday, that the scientist Ibn Rachiq El Kairouani was chosen to be posted on the front of this new banknote in a time Kairouan is enjoying, throughout the year, festivities of the Islamic cultural capital.

Mr. BACCAR pointed out that this choice falls within Tunisia `s orientation as of its independence to come back to its Arab Muslim sources.

He noted that "the change has boosted this approach" with issues rendering homage to famous figures of the country's history.