

Note DXVI. Ottoman Naval Flags from Lepanto

The two flags shown on pages 25-26 are Ottoman Turkish naval flags captured by the Spanish at Lepanto in 1571. They are on display in the *Armeria del Palacio Real de Madrid* – the Armoury of the Royal Palace in Madrid. The flags belong to the set of 34 that were awarded to Don John of Austria after the battle, and upon his death were ordered stored in the Armoury by Philip II.

The flag on the left is made from grey silk with a single yellow crescent moon uppermost, an inscription in the centre (most probably a passage from the Koran), and three yellow crescent moons at the bottom. The flag on the right is constructed from blue and yellow taffeta and decorated with five crescent moons in blue, yellow and white. The fringe is of alternating blue and yellow. Note that the fly on both flags are at the top of the picture.

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Turkish standards taken at Lepanto in the *Armeria del Palacio Real de Madrid*

