

Lot 20



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IMPORTANT CEREMONIAL SPIKED MACE (GRUZ).

Origin: India, Maratha or Persia.

Technique: Iron with gold inlay (koftgari).

Description: Near spherical head fitted with tall central spike and 14 smaller spikes around the circumference. Both sphere halves decorated with leaf scrolls, stars and an inscription from the Quran: Bismillâhirrahmânirrahim, fe-lâ ghâliba-lekum in yansurukumullâhu - If God should aid you, no one can overcome you. The staff with parallel lines spiraling, the handle with dense foliage.

Measurement: Length 78.5cm.

Condition:

Good condition with traces of use and age.

Iron with dark and fine rust patina.

Very few of the gold inlay lost.

Compare:

The Wallace Collection, London. No. 2328, a similar weapon, dated to the 18th c.

Literature:

Anthony C. Tirri: Islamic Weapons; Maghrib to Moghul. 2004. P.342, No. 256C.

Estimate: 1.300 € - 1.500 €; Hammer: 800 €
