

Professor Koutoub Moustapha Sano, successor of the late Prof. Abdul Salam Al-Abbadi, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy



His Excellency, Dr. Yousef Al-Othaimeen welcomes Professor Koutoub Moustapha Sano

His Excellency, Dr. Yousef Al-Othaimeen, Secretary-General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), held a reception in honor of His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, on Thursday 21 Safar 1442, corresponding to 08 October 2020, at the headquarters of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation in Jeddah.

During the event, His Excellency Sheikh Saleh bin Humaid, President of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) and Advisor to the Saudi Royal Court, delivered a welcome address in which he expressed his immense happiness for the appointment of His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Sano as Secretary General of the Academy. He also honored and lauded praise on the late Prof. Abdul Salam Al-Abbadi, the ex-Secretary of the Academy – may Allah have mercy on him for his dedicated work at the helm of the Academy for so many years. His Excellency also highlighted the role of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy and what the president, administrators, members, experts and researchers of the Academy do through dialogues, deliberations, research, resolutions, recommendations and statements that aim at consolidating supreme values and moderation. Moreover, His Excellency praised the son and active member of the Academy, Professor Koutoub Sano, who is known for his involvement ranging from the Far West of Africa to the Far East of Asia, and for his intellectual efforts and contributions in the fight against extremist ideologies and terrorism, and in the promotion of tolerance and peaceful coexistence, through his books, articles and lectures.

His Excellency Dr. Yousef Al-Othaimeen also delivered a welcome address in which he paid tribute to the late Dr. Abdul Salam Al-Abbadi – May Allah have mercy on him, highly appreciating his achievements, and the excellent services he rendered to the Academy in particular and to the Ummah in general. His Excellency also mentioned that the qualities His Excellency Professor Koutoub Sano holds are distinguished by his vast knowledge, deep understanding of Islamic jurisprudence, awareness of the social realities and the problems of the Ummah and how to tackle them. His Excellency also articulated his hope that Prof. Koutoub Sano would continue the work of to raise the Academy to the highest levels, taking into account the support of the OIC Council Member States, particularly the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and the attention of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques and his Crown Prince to all that could advance the Organization and its organs, for the flourishing and prosperity of Muslims and humanity at large.

His Excellency also expressed his thanks and respect to His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Humaid, for the interest and support he gives to the Academy in order to perpetuate its role as a jurisprudential reference for the Muslim world, and humanity in general.

Afterwards, the new Secretary General of the Academy,



Professor Koutoub SANO delivered a speech in which he praised the role of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in serving the Academy and generous services to the Republic of Guinea and other Muslim countries, as well as the special position of the African Group within the Organization. His Excellency also recalled the stages of founding the Academy (1401-1981) during the era of the late King Khalid Bin Abdulaziz, may Allah have mercy on him, bringing together scholars from different parts of the Muslim world to study the problems of contemporary life through original and effective Ijtihad with the aim of providing solutions from the Islamic heritage and open to the developments of Islamic thought. His Excellency praised the generous custodianship, attention and honorable position of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and the high status it has always accorded to the Academy in particular, and the OIC in general, under the sublime patronage of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud – and his Crown Prince, HRH Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin



Abdelaziz Al Saud

H.E. also called upon all the staff of the Academy to work hard and closely together in order to raise the profile of the Academy and improve its output using in the process social media and all new IT gadgets. This new approach will provide the Academy with the needed leap to reach out to the Islamic world and beyond in order to introduce it and highlight its vision, mission and goals.

All member countries at the Academy and Muslim societies around the world look forward to benefiting fully from the resolutions, decrees and declarations published by the Academy as the leading jurisprudence entity in the Muslim World. This position dictates on us improving our working methods and ethics and a complete overhaul in order for us to live up to the great expectations put on us in order to correct wrong concepts and foster moderation in the life of Muslims. His Excellency prayed Allah the Almighty to bless the President of the Academy and bestow upon good health. He also prayed for the souls of the past learned scholars who perished for the promotion of the Academy such as H.E. Sheikh Bakr Abu Zayd, H.E. Sheikh Muhammad Al-Habib Khouja, and H.E. Prof. Abdul Salam

Al Abbadi, may Allah have mercy on them.

Finally, their Excellencies Dr. Al-Othaimeen and Sheikh Saleh bin Humaid presented commemorative gifts to Prof. Koutoub Sano and the son of the late Prof. Abdul Salam Al-Abbadi, in addition to a commemorative shield offered by the Academy to the Secretary General of the OIC.



H.E. Prof. Koutoub Sano meets the Secretary-General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC).



His Excellency Dr. Yousef Al-Othaimeen, Secretary-General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, received in his office on Tuesday 12 Safar 1442, corresponding to 29 September 2020, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano on the occasion of his appointment as Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy. His Excellency the Secretary-General extended his congratulations to the

Secretary General of the Academy on his new position. During the meeting, their Excellencies discussed ways and means to develop and advance the Secretariat of the Academy and activate its expected role in providing effective solutions to the problems of contemporary life.

At the end of the meeting, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Sano expressed his sincere thanks and deep gratitude to the

Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques and his faithful Crown Prince, as well as to the government of the Kingdom for the generous care and diligence accorded to the Academy through providing it with a safe atmosphere and the necessary support. Continuous support had enabled the Academy to fulfill its mission to the fullest in the interest and service of the Ummah and Muslim societies through-

out the world. His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Sano thanked His Excellency Dr. Yousef Al-Othaimeen for the warm welcome, his eagerness to raise the Academy to the highest levels of quality and excellence, and for providing appropriate support for its programs and activities, which are beneficial to Muslim countries and societies in particular, and the world and mankind in general.

A Brief Biography of His Excellency Professor Dato Dr. Koutoub Moustapha SANO Secretary General, International Islamic Fiqh Academy, Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC).

Born on the 10th April 1966 in Kankan, Republic of Guinea, West Africa.

He was appointed as Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (Islamic Jurisprudence), OIC on 1st of July 2020.

Professor SANO has held several ministerial positions prior to his appointment as the secretary general of the Academy. He has served as Minister of Religious Affairs, Minister of International Cooperation and Minister in the Presidency, Diplomatic Advisor to the President of the Republic of Guinea.

He was chosen as the favorite Personality of Guineans for the years 2012 and 2013. Also, he was chosen as best Minister of the Republic of Guinea from 2012 to 2015.

On the academic front he served as Deputy Rector for Internationalization and Innovation, International Islamic University Malaysia, (IIUM) 2005-2009 and Professor of Comparative Jurisprudence, Islamic Finance and Maqasid al Shariah for sixteen (16) years in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, (IIUM) 1993-2009.

He was also a visiting Professor to the International Islamic University Malaysia from 2016-2018.

He is holder of a Doctorate of state in Islamic Finance with distinction "Excellent" from the University of Zaitouna, Tunisia and a holder of a PhD in Law, Option: Comparative Jurisprudence with Honors "Excellent" International Islamic University.

He also holds a Masters' Degree in Comparative Jurisprudence with grade "Excellent" from King Saud University, Saudi Arabia and a post-graduate Diploma in Islamic Banking and Finance, International Islamic University, Malaysia. He got his Bachelor Degree in Education: Option: Comparative

Jurisprudence with First Class Honors. He was chosen as the

Best Student of the University of the King Saud University, Saudi Arabia.

In Addition he has a Higher Diploma of French Language (DALF) from the Ministry of Education, Republic of France. Professor Sano is the author of twenty-five (25) exceptional books in comparative law, Islamic Finance, Education and Civilization in Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon.

He is also the author of the first Encyclopedia on the Hajj and Umrah, Ministry of Hajj in Saudi Arabia and the first Encyclopedia of sources of jurisprudence.

He authored more than eighty-five (85) articles published in various international magazines. He was also the former Editor of the International Journal of Muslim Unity, Malaysia. Professor Sano participated in more than a hundred and twenty (120) International Conferences and seminars around the world.

He is winner of the quality awards of the IIUM for the best research from 2000 to 2002 International Islamic University, Malaysia.

And also winner of the prize of the best researcher for the Faculty of Islamic Revealed Knowledge and Human Sciences 2004.

He was honored the title of (Dato) by His Majesty the Sultan of Pahang, Malaysia 2007.

He supervised more than forty-five (45) Masters' and doctorate (PhD) theses.

He received more than thirty gold medals from the King Saud University.

Professor Sano is a speaker (spoken and written) Four (4) International Languages (Arabic, French, English and NKO)

He has a Black Belt in Taekwondo from the World Federation in South Korea.

H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano assumed his duties as Secretary-General of the Academy.



H.E. Prof. Koutoub Mustapha Sano assumed his official duties as Secretary-General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy on Wednesday 13 Safar 1442, corresponding to 30 September 2020.

His Excellency held, on Tuesday 12 Safar 1442 corresponding to 29

September 2020, an introductory meeting with the Academy staff and urged them to cooperate, be diligent, masterful and work in a team spirit to achieve the vision of the Academy and the expected mission in the service of Islam and Muslims worldwide.

Visit of the Head of the Political and Economic Affairs Department of the U.S. Consulate General to the Secretariat General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy

Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Mustapha Sano, received in his office at the Academy headquarters in Jeddah on Tuesday 04 Rabi Al-Awal 1442, corresponding to 20 October 2020, Mr. Alan Krause, Head of the Political and Economic Affairs Department at the Consulate General of the United States of America in Jeddah and his accompanying delegation.

His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Sano made a detailed presentation to the delegation on Islam and its vision in dealing with humanitarian issues on the international scene. His Excellency also presented a comprehensive overview of the activities of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy in the

fields of jurisprudence and fatwas, issued by the Academy in service of the global community.

Views were exchanged on several intellectual and scientific issues, particularly the issues of family,



women and children at the global level, as well as issues related to the fight against extremism and intolerance through the dissemination of the culture of coexistence, tolerance, and commitment to the approach of moderation in ideas and actions.

The two sides agreed on the need to strengthen cooperation and communication between the Academy and the American academic institutions concerned with the issues of the Muslim world and Muslim societies.

Visit of the OIC Deputy Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Morocco to the Academy

His Excellency Prof. Abdullah Baba, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Morocco to the Islamic Cooperation Organization visited the headquarters of the Academy and was received by His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Sano on the morning of Wednesday 4 Rabi al-Awal 1442, corresponding to 21 October 2020.

The Deputy Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Morocco congratulated His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Sano on his assumption of office as Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy. During the meeting, His Excellency expressed the willingness of the Academy, as the scientific and juridical organ of the Or-



ganization of Islamic Cooperation, to strengthen cooperative relations with scientific

and jurisprudential institutions in the Kingdom of Morocco, particularly the Supreme Scientific Council, and

the different scientific institutions affiliated to the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs, as well as the interest of the Academy to benefit from reliable Moroccan scholars to answer jurisprudential and legal questions.

His Excellency also expressed the Academy's interest in the Kingdom of Morocco to host one of the scientific sessions that the Academy organizes every year and to sign memorandums of understanding and cooperation between the Academy and scientific institutions such as the Supreme Scientific Council, Rabita Mohammedia of Oulemas, and the Mohammed VI Institute for the Training of Imams, Murshideen and Murshidat

Secretary General of the Academy receives the Permanent Representative of Egypt to the OIC

H.E. Prof. Koutoub Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, received in his office on Tuesday 26 Safar 1442 corresponding to 13 October 2020, H.E. Ambassador Muhammad Najm, the Permanent Representative of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the OIC, who congratulated His Excellency on his assumption of duties as Secretary General of the Academy.

The two sides discussed the activities of the Academy and ways and means of strengthening cooperation between the Secretariat of the Academy and religious institutions in the Arab Republic of Egypt. The Secretary General of the Academy thanked the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt for its continued support to the activities and programs of the Academy. He also expressed his interest in strengthening cooperation and

communication relations between the Academy and scientific institutions in Egypt, particularly the University of El Azhar al-Sharif, the Council of Senior Scholars of Egypt, and the Islamic Research Academy.

H.E. Ambassador Muhammad Najm appreciated the Academy's efforts to promote moderate Islamic consciousness among Muslims and enlighten them with the established rules of Shariah.



Visit of the OIC Permanent Representative of the Republic of Turkey to the Academy



H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary-General of the Academy, received in his office on Wednesday 27 Safar 1442 corresponding to 14 October 2020, H.E. Ambassador Muhammad Metin Aker, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Turkey to

the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC).

His Excellency extended his congratulations to Prof. Koutoub Sano on the occasion of his assumption of duties, and praised the role of the Academy as a jurisprudential reference of the



Muslim world, and the role it plays in achieving the unity of the jurisprudential vision, stressing the importance of the role of Academy in joint Islamic action through cooperation with the official and accredited Islamic institutions of the Republic of Turkey.

His Excellency suggested to initiate the translation of the resolutions of the Academy into Turkish language in order to ensure their wider dissemination in Turkish-speaking countries. Both sides discussed issues of common interest during the meeting.

Visit of the Consul General of the Gabonese Republic to the Academy

Secretary of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Mustapha Sano received in his office at the Academy on Monday 25 Safar 1442, corresponding to 12 October 2020, H.E. Mr. Abdulaziz Branli Opolo, Consul General of the Republic of Gabon and the Dean of the Consuls General of the African Group in Jeddah.

Discussions were held on strengthening the bilateral relations between the Secretariat of the Academy and

Islamic institutions in Gabon, particularly with the Supreme Council of Islamic Affairs. H. E. Mr. Opolo was keen to seek the appointment of a representative of the Republic of Gabon at the Council of the Academy.

The meeting also called for strengthening of relations between the Secretariat of the Academy and the African Group in the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, through joint meetings to introduce the Academy.



Visit of the Consul General of the Republic of Guinea to the Secretariat General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy

Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Mustapha Sano, received in his office at the Academy headquarters in Jeddah on Tuesday morning 03 Rabi Al-Awal 1442, corresponding to 20 October 2020, His Excellency Mr. Mohamed Savani, Consul General of the Republic of Guinea, who greeted His Excellency, the Secretary General of the Academy, and congratulated him on his assumption of office as Secretary-General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy.

Friendly discussions took place between their Excellencies, during which both parties stressed the importance of joint cooperation between the Academy and the scientific institutions of the Republic of Guinea, particularly the National Council of Ifta and the



Secretariat General of Religious Affairs.

His Excellency the Consul General pledged to provide scientific centers in

the Republic of Guinea with the publications and works of the Academy. His Excellency the Consul also expressed his sincere thanks and full

readiness to strengthen cooperative relations between the Academy and the Republic of Guinea.

Strengthening Cooperation between the International Islamic Fiqh Academy and the Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture



H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary-General of the Academy, welcomed in his office on Sunday 24 Safar 1442 corresponding to 11 October 2020, the Honorable Dr. Youssef Al-Khalawi, Secretary General of the Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture.

During the meeting, the two parties discussed aspects of cooperation and coordination between the Academy and the Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture and between the Academy and the Al-Barakah Symposium. The two parties agreed to strengthen the partnership in several areas, including the publication of research, printing of the resolutions and journal of Academy, and their translation, in addition to preparing a draft encyclopedia on halal, particularly in the field of food and beverages.

The partnership falls within the framework of strengthening cooperation between the Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, and deepening the relations of integration and coordination among the various organs of the OIC to ensure the overall implementation of its Charter.

Secretary-General of the Academy affirms the bilateral relations between the Russian Federation and the Secretariat of the Academy

H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary-General of Academy, received in his office at the Academy, on Tuesday 17 Rabi Al-Awal 1442 corresponding to 03 November 2020, H.E. Mr. Ramadan Abdulatipov, the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation. His Excellency extended his congratulations to Prof. Koutoub Sano on the occasion of his assumption of office as Secretary-General of the Academy. During the conversation, the two parties exchanged views on the bilateral relations between the Russian Federation and the Secretariat General of the Academy. The Secretary-General of the Academy took the opportunity of the visit to reiterate to his guest that Islam is a religion of peace which calls its followers to respect peaceful coexistence among the followers of different religions. He also reiterated the importance Islam attaches to the respect of human life and dignity; and given the urgent need to combat extremism and fanaticism throughout the world, the activities of the Academy are generally oriented towards promoting moderation in order to create



an environment of peace, cohesion and harmony among the followers of other religions. H.E. Mr. Ramadan Abdulatipov expressed the willingness of the Russian Federation to strengthen cooperation ties between the Academy and Islamic institutions in Russia. On the other hand, the Secretary-General requested His Excellency to consider holding scientific meetings with scholars of the Russian Federation, especially those led by His Eminence, the Mufti of Dagestan Sheikh Ahmad Haji Afandi Abdulaev. At the end of the meeting, the Secretary-General of the Academy undertook to provide copies of the publications of the Academy to researchers and scholars of the Islamic institutions in the Russian Federation. H.E. Mr. Ramadan Abdulatipov thanked H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano for the warm welcome extended to him, and presented him a souvenir.



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First monthly meeting between the Secretary General and the Academy personnel

H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, chaired the first monthly meeting with the personnel of the Academy, on Sunday 14 Rabi al-Awal 1442 corresponding to 1 November 2020. His Excellency discussed with the staff how to overcome difficulties, meet expectations, and promote the Academy to the ranks of the leading international academic institutions that should be emulated in terms of discipline, transparency, creativity and productivity, as well as become a

model for organized, integrated, interdependent and coherent Islamic action. His Excellency also stated that the achievement of this objective depends mainly on concerted efforts and complementary measures to achieve the expected reform, development and progress. His Excellency suggested to name this monthly meeting "the self-accountability and performance evaluation meeting". His Excellency committed to holding this meeting on the first Sunday of every month, wishing all

employees to openly express their opinions, complaints, suggestions and observations in order to improve the performance of the Academy.

The meeting witnessed an open discussion between the secretary general and the staff of the Academy characterized by clarity and frankness. In the end, the staff of the Academy thanked His Excellency for his valuable directions and efforts to strengthen the relations of cooperation and fraternity.



Professor Koutoub Sano in a Series of Weekly Meetings with the Directors of Departments

From beginning of October 2020 to Mid November 2020 H.E. Professor Koutoub Sano the Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), held a number of regular weekly meetings with the Heads of Departments at IIFA.

H.E. the Secretary General of the Academy started the meeting by reminding the attendees of the importance for all to adhere to the ten (10) guiding principles regulating work ethics at the Academy which are: moderation, transparency, justice, equality, cooperation & collaboration, creativity & innovation, productivity, professionalism and achievement.

The meetings reached a number of decisions notably:

- Authoring of an encyclopedia bearing the name of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud titled: "King Salman Encyclopedia of Juridical and Economic Terms".
- Authoring of the first comprehensive scientific encyclopedia on the family to be named after a contemporary woman who played a leading role in contributing to the emancipation of Muslim women – inside and outside the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, namely HRH Princess Noura bint Abdulrahman Al Saud.
- Corresponding with the members and experts of the



Academy, the

High Commissioner for Refugees, the Commission on Human Rights and the OIC Assistant Secretary General to submit theme proposals for the 25th Session of the Academy. -Communicate with the King Salman Center for Moderation in order to strengthen cooperation with the Center in the areas of research and studies related to the fight against terrorism and extremism, and the rejection of intolerance.

-Starting to hold conferences at the Islamic Thought Forum, inviting researchers and academics to deliver lectures on contemporary issues of concern to the whole world.

-Start the preparations for holding the 25th session and launching the call for researchers and experts to submit their papers

-Organize a virtual scientific forum between the Academy and members of the Shariah councils in the banks of the headquarters country.

-Schedule academic visits to a number of institutions, universities and academic organizations in the headquarters country in order to strengthen cooperation relations with the Academy.

-Expedite the distribution of the publications of the Academy to universities, institutions, academic and educational organizations in the headquarters country.

-Invite the delegates of non-Member States accredited to the OIC to visit the Academy in order to consult with them on the Academy's interactions with Muslims in their societies (Muslim Diaspora).

-Expedite the printing of the resolutions and recommendations of the 24 sessions of the Academy in the three languages of the Organization, (Arabic, English and French), for distribution to the Member States at the Conference of Foreign Ministers to be held in Niamey, Niger in November 2020.



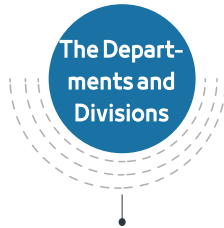
Meeting of the Secretary General with the Heads of Departments

H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary-General of the Academy, met on Thursday Rabi al-Awal corresponding to 29 October 2020, with the heads of the different departments of the Academy, during which His Excellency reviewed the work plan in the departments for the next phase and what the work will look like.

His Excellency requested the heads of the departments to present an action plan divided into monthly, quarterly and annual activities in accordance with the ambitious work plan for

the next phase. The Secretary General also requested that the objective of the next phase should be to work together diligently and sincerely to make the Academy become the best Islamic institution in terms of performance, progress and development, which can only be achieved through hard work, dedication and perseverance. His Excellency suggested that this meeting be held regularly every two weeks in order to ensure continuous follow-up of the work process in the different departments.

Secretary of the Academy, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Sano, approved the new organizational structure for the departments and divisions of the Academy, in order to develop the performance and achieve the expected goals.



The secretariat of the Academy consists of the following departments and divisions:

- **The Department of cabinet and Protocol Affairs**
 - Protocols Division,
 - Family, Woman, Child and Elderly Affairs Division
 - Translation Division
- **The Department of Planning and International Cooperation**
 - Planning and Development Division
 - International Cooperation and External Relations Division
 - Archiving, Follow-up and Correction Division
- **The Department of Administrative and Financial Affairs**
 - Administrative and Training Affairs Division
 - Financial and Accounting Affairs Division
 - Warehouse and Library Division
- **The Department of Media, Public Relations and Information and Communication Technology**
 - Media Division
 - Public Relations Division
 - Information and Communication Technology Division
- **The Department of Finance, Investment and Projects Affairs**
 - Endowment Affairs Division
 - Finance and Investment Division
 - Projects Division
- **The Department of research, studies, Fatwa, encyclopedias and printing**
 - Research and Encyclopedias Division
 - Fatwa and Studies Observatory Division
 - Printing and Publishing Division
- **The Department of annual sessions, conferences and seminars**
 - Annual sessions Division
 - Conferences and seminars Division
 - Workshops and public lectures Division.

Secretariat of the Academy mourns the death of the Emir of Kuwait, His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah – May Allah have mercy on him



“O reassured soul (27) Return to your Lord, well-pleased and pleasing to Him (28) And enter among My righteous servants (29) And enter My Paradise (30) With the heart believing in the fate and destiny of Allah the Almighty, and with great sadness, sorrow and emotion, the Secretariat General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy received the news of the death of the forgiven – by the permission of Allah – His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, Emir of the State of Kuwait. On behalf of the Secretariat of the In-

ternational Islamic Fiqh Academy, its scholars and sta , we extend our sincere condolences and deepest sym- pathy to the people and government of the State of Kuwait, praying to the Almighty to grant the deceased His great mercy and make him reside in His vast paradise among the prophets, the truthful, the martyrs, the righteous and these are the best companions. We also beseech Allah the Most High, to inspire patience and solace to his family and loved ones. To Allah we belong and to Him we return

Letter of thanks from the Emir of Kuwait to the Secretary General of the Academy



His Excellency Mr. Ali Jar-rah Al-Sabah, Minister of Af- fairs of the Amiri Diwan of the State of Kuwait, conveyed a letter of thanks from His Highness Sheikh Nawaf Al- Ahmad Al-Sabah, Emir of the State of Kuwait, to the Secre- taryGeneral of the Academy, Prof. Koutoub Sano. His Highness – May Allah preserve him – expressed his thanks and gratitude for the good feelings and prayers con- tained in the letter of condo- lencesofthe-SecretaryGeneral of the Academy on the

passing of His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, may Allah have mercy on him and grant him a stay in his vast gardens. e Secretariat of the Acad- emy avails of this opportunity to pray to Allah the Al- mighty to lengthen the life of His High- ness Sheikh Nawaf Al- Ahmad Al-Sabah, and grant him full health and well-being and perpet- uate the security, safety, stability and pros- perity to the people of Kuwait.



Secretariat of the Academy mourns His Eminence Prof. Abdul Sattar Abu Ghuddah – May Allah have mercy on him

To Allah we belong and to Him we return. The Almighty said: "O reassured soul (27) Return to your Lord, well-pleased and pleasing to Him (28) And enter among My righteous servants (29) And enter My Paradise (30) Truly, every soul shall taste death

May Allah have mercy on you, our sheikh, our teacher, our jurist, the jurist of the Ummah, the beloved of hearts, the friend of the souls, the jurisconsult, the researcher, the venerable, the revered and modest scholar, our beloved Abdul Sattar Abu Ghuddah. Indeed, you were a beacon of activity whose light did not fade or disappear, and you were a lofty mountain of jurisprudence, understanding and intelligence that was not displaced by storms, nor difficult to overcome, and you were above all a summit of humility, dignity, patience, that was not influenced by circumstances, nor changed by events.

From here, you leave our mortal world after having left a good remembrance in the souls of everyone who knew you from near or far, or who met you in a conference or a seminar... to the call of the House of our Creator after you led the horizons and intellects with jurisprudence, knowledge and ideas ...You returned to our Lord after having served jurisprudence in the best and greatest of services. You will be missed by jurisprudential councils, your loss will be grieved by the Shariah boards, and your absence will be mourned in scientific seminars... and your memory will remain immortal as long as the Islamic banks and financial institu-



tions exist around the world. Nearly twenty years have passed since I first met you in the beloved land of Kuwait, and since then, your joyful smile never left from your face, and your tongue never stopped praising and praying for me.

How happy I was in the splendid city of Taibah to hear what you said to me twenty years ago: "O Koutoub, know that I love you for the sake of Allah and I pray for you to be steadfast" What a magni cent word, and what an immortal memory..

To tell the truth, for me and all your admirers, we shall not stop praying for Allah's pardon, mercy, forgiveness, and satisfaction unto you, and we all have a duty to publish the blessed scientific legacy you left behind.

May Allah accept you, O our Sheikh, among the prophets, the truthful, the martyrs, the righteous, and these are the best companions. May Allah inspire us, your family, your relatives, and friends with patience, solace and satisfaction for what the Most Merciful has decreed, and may He reunite us with you and with those who perished in serving Islam and Muslims in the gardens of bliss in an assembly of truth near the All-Powerful Sovereign. We, at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, President, Secretary, members, experts and o cials, express our deepest condolences.

Your admirer

Koutoub Sano

Secretary General of the Academy

Secretariat of the Academy mourns H. Em. Prof. Hasan Abu Ghuddah, a student of Shaykh Mohamed Habib Belkhouja – may Allah have mercy on them To Allah we belong and to Him we return

“O reassured soul (27) Return to your Lord, well-pleased and pleasing to Him (28) And enter among My righteous servants (29) And enter My Paradise (30)



I will not forget that blessed day when you granted me the honor of attending the defense of my master's thesis alongside the eminent Professor Numan Al-Samarrai.

Among the Believers are men who have been true to their covenant with Allah, of them some have completed their vow to the extreme, and some still wait, but they have never changed their determination in the least. May Allah have mercy on you, my teacher, Hasan Abu Ghuddah. It is a year, not like every year, and a month not like every month, but rather a week that is not like every week, the Ummah has been distressed by the news that a constellation of great scholars has left this year to the mercy and abode of their Lord, Death deprived the qh community and us in less than a week, of an ingenious jurisprudence and great creativity. He is our teacher, jurist, investigator, verifier, creative, wise man, Dr. Hasan Abu Ghuddah - may Allah have mercy on him.

Creativity and innovation were always present in his lectures, classes and discussions. I testify that I had never visited him in his office at King Saud University without a brief and very useful qh lesson.

May Allah have mercy on you, my professor, and may Allah grant you the best reward, for all those who have loved you,
May Allah be pleased with you and with your great Sheikh Mohamed Habib Belkhoja, 1st Secretary and co-founder of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy.
May Allah accept you, O my teacher, among the prophets, the truthful, the martyrs, the righteous, and these are the best companions. May Allah inspire us, your family, your relatives, and friends with patience, solace and contentment for what the Most Merciful has decreed, and may He reunite us with you and with those who perished in serving Islam and Muslims in the gardens of bliss in an assembly of truth near the All-Powerful Sovereign. The International Islamic Fiqh Academy presents its deepest condolences, as President, Secretary, members, experts, and all its officials.
Your student / Koutoub Sano Secretary-General of the Academy

Mourning of His Eminence Sheikh Anas Abdul Nur Kaleesa, Academy Member & Representative of the Republic of Uganda

To Allah we belong and to Him we return
 May Allah have mercy on you, forgive you,
 and shine the light in your abode
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We count you – Allah willing – among
these honest and loyal men,
My older brother Anas Kaleesa, Your pres-
ence at the sessions of the Academy for

two decades has been a source of trust, security and comfort. I enjoyed listening to your calm, realistic, open-minded and comforting comments. Yes, I remember well what I sensed in you at the last session of the Academy an unusual calm and incomprehensible isolation ...as if you were that year bidding farewell to this blessed place after praying at the Rawda of our



beloved Prophet Mu- ham-
mad, sallah Allahu alayhi
wassalam...

My older brother,
You left our world after
dedicating your life to the
call of Allah, to the spread
of Islam, to defend it and
its people in Uganda and
neighboring countries. You left a good
impression on your family, friends and
loved ones, I give you the sure and
unalterable promise that my honorable brothers and I
will always love you and make dua for you.

Our condolences and those of the Academy as president, secretary, members, experts and sta ...

May Allah the Almighty reward all those who invoke for you, and may He inspire your family and loved ones in Uganda and throughout the world with patience, solace and contentment for the fate and destiny of Al- lah. For, He is the All-Knowing, Merciful, and Compassionate... Your younger brother / Koutoub Sano
Secretary General of the Acad-emy

H.E. Sheikh Saleh bin Humaid at the Memorial Service of H.E. Prof. Abdul Salam Al-Abbadi – May Allah have mercy on him

In the Name of Allah, the Entirely Merciful, the Especially Merciful

All praise is due to Allah, Lord of the worlds, may the blessings and peace of Allah be upon our master Muhammad, the seal of prophets, on his family, all his companions and who follow his well-guided path. Glory be to Allah, who through His wisdom, has fulfilled His commandment in every creature, and every human being was destined for his sustenance and his life. He created death and life so that you will perform the best deeds. He is the Living One who does not die, and there is no refuge or shelter except Him, (To your Lord, that Day, is the [place of] permanence. Man will be informed that Day of what he sent ahead and kept back.12-13)

It is death, one of the stages of this existence, and it is an unlimited right; the days are numbered and the deeds are written, and the soul will not die until it has fulfilled its means of existence and for itself:

(Every soul shall taste death. 57)
(Everyone upon the earth will perish. And there will remain the Face of your Lord, Owner of Majesty and Honor. 26-27) Death is the greatest reminder that Allah has determined for His creation, for it is inevitable, so when its time comes, even if it was in the valleys, or on top of the mountains, or underwater, or in the sky, or in fortified towers or well-built fortresses.



e evocation of death, this imminent departure, the swift-ness and end of life are among the most effective medicines for the hearts, because they encourage to seize the opportunities of goodness and to undertake good deeds before the books and records are closed. Having said that, we lost a dear brother, a dear colleague, a virtuous scholar and a high scientific stature

of these days.

He is my dear brother His Excellency Professor Abdul Salam Daoud Al-Abbadi, Ex Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy. He passed away on Monday, 20 Dhu al-Hijjah 1441, corresponding to August 10, 2020, in the city of Jeddah. His tragedy has a icted us, and it is a scourge that has increased our sorrow. It is an a iction that has bequeathed sadness, but we praise Allah for making us Muslims.

We should follow the advice of our Master and Prophet Mu- hammad, may blessings and peace be upon him, and we

say: e eyes and the heart are weeping, we speak only what
pleases our Lord. e sepa- ration of our brother Abdul
Salam is sad.

I knew him as an accomplished scholar dedicated to his work, eager to use his time in the best way possible, never accepting half measures which cost him dearly in his health. He played a great role in running the Academy and trying to improve its output and working methods. He was the consummate leader.

the consummate leader.
The death of Scholars such as Prof. Al Abbadi is a great loss to Ummah. They are irreplaceable. God bless his soul and grant us solace in his absence.