

OIC Secretary General Elect visits IIFA Headquarters in Jeddah

H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), received His Excellency Mr. Hussein Ibrahim Taha, the Secretary General elect of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), on Monday 21 Muharam 1443 corresponding to 30 August 2021, at the Academy's headquarters in Jeddah.

The Secretary General of the Academy welcomed H.E. Mr. Hussein Taha and the delegation accompanying him and thanked him for this visit, which aims to get acquainted with the Academy and its activities and programs. He also congratulated him on his election as the Secretary General of the OIC, wishing him success in his new mission. Then he presented to His Excellency a brief overview of the Academy's history, mission, objectives, and tasks, noting in this regard the intellectual and scientific efforts exerted by the Academy to spread and promote a culture of moderation, fight fanaticism and violence, and enhance cooperation, coordination, and rapprochement among the Ummah's jurists,



scholars, and experts, in order to correct misconceptions and highlight the true image of Islam. For his part, His Excellency the OIC's Secretary General elect expressed his happiness to visit the Academy and meet with its Secretary General and staff. He also expressed his satisfaction with the developments and qualitative changes that the Academy is witnessing, as well as his appreciation of the important position occupied by the Academy in the contemporary world, especially with regard to the correct handling of the challenges facing the Ummah at various levels. His Excellency also praised the importance of

the moderation approach that the Academy rejoices to in order to refute misconceptions about Islam and renounce violence. In this regard, he affirmed his full support for the Academy in fully performing its mission in the service of Islam and humanity.

The meeting was attended by His Excellency Ambassador Ali Sousel, Director of the Legal Affairs Department of the Chadian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Adviser to H.E. Secretary General elect, Mr. Mohamed Mondher Al-Chouk, Director of Cabinet and Protocols at the Academy, Ms. Sarah Amjad Hussein, Director of the Family Affairs, and Mr. Mourad TLiLi, Adviser to the Secretary General for Media Affairs and Public Relations.



Permanent Representative of the Kingdom welcomes the OIC Secretary General Elect



At the kind invitation of H.E. Ambassador Dr. Saleh bin Hamad Al-Suhaibani, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, along with His Excellency Prof. Dr. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary-General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, participated in a ceremony of luncheon on 23 Tuesday Muharram 1443 corresponding to 31 August 2021. The luncheon was organized by the Permanent Delegation and the Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Makkah Al-Mukarramah region in Jeddah, in honor of the Secretary-General Elect of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, His Excellency Mr. Hussein Ibrahim Taha. Ambassador Dr. Saleh bin Hamad Al-Suhaibani and Ambassador

Mazen Hamad Al-Hamali welcomed their Excellencies the Secretary-General Elect Mr. Hussein Taha, the Secretary-General of the OIC, Dr. Yousef Al-Othaimen, and the Secretary-General of the Academy, Prof. Dr. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, as well as their Excellencies SG Assistants, Permanent Delegates and Executive Directors of the subsidiary organs of the OIC in Jeddah. The Ambassador, the Permanent Delegate, expressed the headquarters country's welcome to the Secretary General Elect, and wished him success in his upcoming duties, noting on this occasion the headquarters country's keenness to strengthen cooperation, coordination and consultation with the missions and the OIC's specialized, subsidiary and affiliated organs in everything that would enhance the

OIC's performance and its position among international organizations, as the second-largest multilateral intergovernmental organization in the world. His Excellency also affirmed the continued support of the government of the OIC headquarters and all its organs to enable it to achieve its mission and objectives at all levels, especially with regard to promoting joint Islamic action in order to address the challenges facing the Islamic nation in particular and the international community in general.

Then, His Excellency praised the tremendous and esteemed efforts made by the OIC Secretary-General during his tenure as the Secretary-General, wishing him all the success in his future assignments. He concluded his brief speech by expressing once again the thanks and gratitude of the permanent delegation, the branch of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Jeddah, and to all the attendees for accepting their invitation.



Secretary General of the Islamic Conference for Awqaf visits IIFA in Jeddah



The Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), His Excellency Professor Koutoub Moustapha Sano, received on Tuesday 08 Muharram 1443 corresponding to 17 August 2021, the Secretary General of the Islamic Conference for Awqaf, Eng. Mahmoud bin Ahmed Al-Awadi, at the headquarters of the Academy in Jeddah. His Excellency commended the efforts of the Secretariat General of the Conference in promoting community awareness of the

Awqaf developmental and community-based models. He then discussed with his guest a number of challenges facing the Awqaf sector in Muslim countries, and the mutual responsibility to promote and highlight the developmental and societal contributions of Awqaf.

His Excellency also discussed with his guest the mechanism for implementing one of the recommendations of the third session of the Islamic Conference for Awqaf, which called on the Fiqh academies and the relevant institutions to ascertain the general principles that should govern the relationship between the judicial authority and the executive authority with regard to the guardianship over Awqaf, and to study ways and means of improving the appropriate judicial foundations in Muslim countries to take advantage of them in addressing Awqaf issues during pandemics, as well as to develop and advance the mechanisms for establishing Waqf Monetary funds.

The two sides also discussed a number of

innovative development initiatives submitted by the Conference's Secretariat General to support the development and preservation of Awqaf proceeds at Muslim countries, with the aim of informing the Academy of the latter in order to review and study their Shariah legislation.

At the end of the meeting, the Secretary General of the Islamic Conference for Awqaf wrote a note in the guest book, and H.E. Secretary General of the Academy presented him with a copy of the fourth edition of the resolutions and recommendations of the Academy.



Commissioner of Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs of the Republic of Chad visits IIFA



H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), received His Eminence Haroon Mohammed Saleh Al-Essa, Commissioner of the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs of the Republic of Chad to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on Thursday, 17 Muharram 1443H corresponding to August 26, 2021D, in his office in Jeddah.

H.E. Secretary General welcomed his guest and the accompanying delegation, thanking them for their visit to the headquarters of the General Secretariat, and expressing his sincere thanks and appreciation to the Republic of Chad for its support to the Academy since its inception to this day. Then His Excellency presented a brief overview of the Academy's vision, mission, and objectives, as well as the recent developments in the Secretariat

General. His Excellency also praised the generous care and great appreciation that the Academy enjoys from the OIC Member states, especially the African group, where the consuls general to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia had previously visited the Secretariat General and expressed their support and keenness on the success of His Excellency in his tasks, especially strengthening relations of cooperation and partnership between the Academy and the leading scientific institutions within the states of the African Group, through holding specialized scientific conferences and symposia in these countries, in addition to hosting some of the Annual Session of the Academy, similar to the rest of the Member states, in order to benefit all Muslims in the African continent. For his part, His Eminence Haroon Mohammed Saleh

Al-Essa expressed his happiness and gratitude to H.E. Secretary General for the warm welcome, and praised the rapid developments witnessed by the Academy at all levels, especially with regard to direct and continuous communication with the Member States. He also gave His Excellency an overview of the coordination tasks carried out by the Office of the Commissioner of the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Republic of Chad. He also expressed the Commission's aspiration to build close cooperation relations with the Academy in order to benefit from the capabilities of the Academy, especially its resolutions, recommendations, and publications, as well as holding joint conferences and seminars in the Republic of Chad.

His Eminence then took the opportunity to present the invitation of the Supreme Council of Islamic Affairs to His Excellency to pay an official visit to the Republic of Chad in the near future. His Excellency accepted the invitation and promised to make the visit as soon as possible. His Excellency also directed the Department of International Cooperation to prepare a draft memorandum of cooperation between the Academy and the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs to identify areas of cooperation and coordination between the two sides.

The meeting was attended by Eng. Abdul Rahim Angari, Director of Development at the Council, Mr. Ibrahim Ahmed Adam, Director of Education Programs at the Council, and Mr. Mourad TLiLi, Advisor to the Secretary General for Media and Public Relations.

10th Monthly Staff Meeting

In an effort to enhance cooperation, coordination, and communication between the departments of the General Secretariat of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), and a desire to identify the various difficulties facing the Academy's employees, as well as their constructive suggestions aimed at improving the performance at work in terms of quality and perfection, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, chaired the 10th monthly periodic meeting of the Academy's staff on Sunday, 22 Dhu al-Hijjah 1442 corresponding to August 01, 2021.

His Excellency began the meeting with a eulogy of the Academy Council member, the representative of the State of Lebanon, His Excellency Sheikh Khalil bin Mohi Al-Din Al-Mays, the Mufti of Zahle and Beqaa, may Allah have mercy on him and put him in his vast paradise. He passed away on Thursday 19 Dhu al-Hijjah 1442 corresponding to July 29, 2021, and His Excellency spoke about

the virtues and legacy of the deceased and offered the Academy's sincere condolences to his family and relatives, the State of Lebanon, and the entire Muslim Ummah.

Then His Excellency spoke about the importance of showing outstanding work ethics that facilitates the run of business in the Academy and enhances its progress. He also urged all employees to show cooperation, collaboration, and complementarity among them for the benefit of the work and its continuity at the required level.

His Excellency then moved to the subject of "Zayed's Encyclopedia for the Rules of Jurisprudence", noting in this regard the importance of reprinting it after a review of procedural issues that can be overcome, and publishing it in a new edition to be used by the public. Then His Excellency opened the floor to the attendees to give their opinions and suggestions regarding work within the Academy. The meeting resulted in a number of decisions, notably:



- Sending a condolence Letter to the Embassy of the Lebanese Republic on the occasion of the death of Sheikh Khalil Al-Mays, may God have mercy on him and forgive him.

- Reprinting "Zayed's Encyclopedia for the Rules of Jurisprudence" in a revised and concise edition.

- Adding a tab on the website's home page to call for donations to the Academy's Endowment Fund.

- Uploading the CVs of the members and experts of the Council of the Academy on its website.

19th Periodic Meeting of Divisions Heads

H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired on Thursday 03 Muharam 1443 corresponding to 12 August 2021, the nineteenth periodic meeting of the Academy divisions heads.

His Excellency started the meeting by welcoming the participants, congratulating them on the new Hijri year, praying Allah to make it a year of wellness and blessing for the Muslim Ummah and humanity at large. His Excellency then discussed the Academy's strategic plan, wherein he stressed the need to ensure the implementation of all its provisions, in coordination and cooperation with the rest of the department's staff, and urged participants to take the initiative in expressing the necessary proposals and opinions in order to achieve the desired objectives of the plan.

Then, His Excellency spoke about the need to give conferences and scientific symposia of the Academy the attention they deserve, as they are no less important than the Annual Session, so he instructed the Conferences Department to implement the activities and programs included in the strategic plan so that the activities of the Academy are evenly distributed throughout the year.

He also pointed out to the importance of



organizing seminars in partnership with the relevant authorities within Member states for the benefit of all and so that the Academy achieves the desired exposure.

The meeting discussed a number of topics and reached several decisions, notably:

- Preparing specialized scientific symposia and distributing them evenly throughout the year and organize some of them in partnership with relevant institutions within Member states, such as the Global Center for Combating Extremist Ideology (Etidal).

- The importance of early preparation for the annual sessions of the Academy for the next four years, beginning with the identification of the host countries and an early call for papers to facilitate the implementation of the Academy's objectives and its five-year strategic plan.

20th Periodic Meeting of Divisions Heads

H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired on Thursday, 17 Muharram 1443H corresponding to 26 August, 2021, the twentieth periodic meeting of divisions heads of the Academy. His Excellency welcomed the attendees and stressed the need to ensure the implementation of all items of the strategic plan to make certain the success of the Academy in achieving Member states' objectives and the aspirations. He also urged everyone to participate in constructive proposals and creative ideas in order to contribute to enriching the Academy's outputs of various programs and activities. His Excellency also added that it is necessary

to prepare in advance for the next four Annual Sessions by confirming the names of the hosting countries and early call for papers of the topics that will be discussed during them. Then His Excellency noted the importance of documenting all the periodic meetings in written minutes and publishing them successively on the official website of the Academy and in the monthly bulletin, in order to ensure continuity and effective follow-up and completion of activities and programs. The meeting discussed several issues and topics, and reached a number of decisions, notably:

- Expedite the sending of the Academy's publications to Member states' universities. Issuing a quarterly magazine for the Academy,

the first issue of which will be published during September, provided that it is issued twice a year only.

- Assigning the Planning Department to draft the biographies of the deceased members of the Academy in the form of articles in preparation for publishing them in the next issue of the Academy's monthly bulletin.



May Allah have Mercy on you, our Beloved Father, the Deceased of the Ummah... Dr. Abdul Hamid Abu Suleiman!

« 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 »
AlAhzab:23

Indeed.. Death is an inevitable fate.. Resurrection is an established promise.. Deeds are in a book marked..

Few are those whom Allah makes a tongue of truth in the worlds.

Few are those whose virtues and legacy cannot be erased by death.

Few are those whose memory cannot be hidden by dust,

Rare are those whom Allah guides to reformation, reconstruction, enlightenment and renewal..

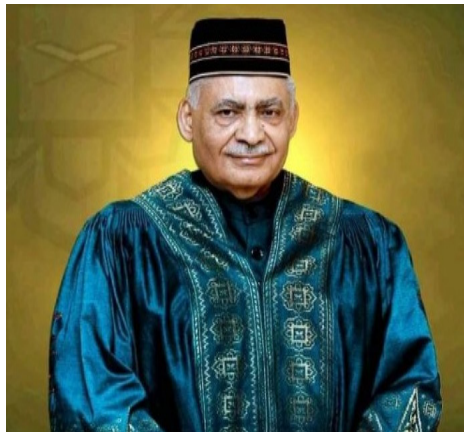
Few are those who stand firm on principles and defend values. Their steadfastness is not shaken by calamities, their faith is not compromised by setbacks, and their sincerity is not affected by setbacks.. The crises increase their faith and conviction that a bright dawn for the Ummah is undoubtedly coming, and that a bright future for its youth will undoubtedly come. And the years of wandering are inevitably fleeing. Calamities, setbacks and crises are but harbingers that precede victory, hasten the breakthrough, and rectify the course,

Indeed, Abu Ayman, you deserve to be one of those few for whom Allah will make a tongue of truth in the worlds, because you lived loyally and honestly for the Ummah, you dedicated your whole life to serving the Ummah's happiness, and you gave up the ornaments of life for the sake of the Ummah, and you sacrificed your health for its welfare.

You were, and you are still, one of those few who their legacy will never die, death can never be able to erase in any way your virtues and contributions as far as it will remain lofty in the lands of the Malay Archipelago, that ancient scientific edifice that you have rebuilt, and transformed with your determination and thoughtfulness from a submerged scientific institution to an international scientific institution. It became famous and keeps pace with the well-deserved competition and the power of the world's oldest institutions.

Indeed, by Allah, you transformed it from a traditional institution with few colleges and humble ambitions to a modern, witnessing and ambitious institution that in a short time has been able to produce and still produces thousands of bright, talented, active and capable youth.

Yes, You succeeded in correcting the negative stereotype about scientific institutions labeled as Islamic, thus you created an outstanding Islamic institution combining authenticity and modernity, creativity and innovation, and productivity and inventiveness. Its personnel have won and are still receiving dozens of medals and prizes for innovation and invention.



The last of which was the King Faisal Prize for the Service to Islam. Rather, you did not want the contemporary Islamic scientific institution to be less beautiful and elegant than the leading international scientific institutions. You built it with the unprecedented support of Malaysian leadership, one of the most beautiful campuses in the world. That beautiful masterpiece located in a quiet valley where the beauty of nature is integrated with the beauty of the surrounding mountains, and the purity of water is harmonious around. Rivers with clear sky at sunrise and sunset.

Yes..you were, and it is true that you should be one of those rare people who believed that lasting change is not achieved through violence and force, but rather through love and mercy.. and that the desired reform should be based on sound thinking, accurate awareness and a solid understanding of reality, and it is based on positivity, partnership, cooperation and interaction with the internal and external environment.

Yes.. O Abu Ayman, you were and deserve to be one of those few eminent people who deeply and powerfully diagnosed the causes of the Ummah's setbacks and crises, and the fact that it has been the best Ummah produced to witness over nations, to build the universe, and to make mankind happy at all times and places.

Yes.. you have provided an accurate description of what has become of this Ummah, which was once a leading and pioneering Ummah, then it became a withdrawn, dependent and a consuming Ummah after it had been a productive Ummah, and it became a submissive Ummah after it had been a strong Ummah, and it became an absentee Ummah after it has been an omnipresent Ummah. An Ummah which has become weeping over the past after having been an Ummah in control of its present and future.

Yes, you were, O Abu Ayman, and history is the best witness, one of those blessed elite of the Ummah's sincere thinkers who pointed out to the horizons and proclaimed in forums that the Ummah is not lacking resources, thus Allah has blessed it with enormous natural and human resources, and it is not lacking in means thus it has all the means and abilities. And since this is the case and it is so, the disease of the whole

disease lies in the seizure of that sick withdrawalist thought, which suddenly created a sharp conflict between revelation and reason, and the case is that they complement each other and do not contradict, and create a bitter schizophrenia between the world and the hereafter, and the case is that they overlap and do not scatter, and suppose an alleged conflict between science and religion, and the case is that they befriend and do not clash.. Therefore, you called and you were very right, forty years ago, that all reforms should inevitably start from the reform of thought by rebuilding it in a sound ground that believes in complementarity between dualities, and refuses to contradict them. Rather, you have rejected all forms of violence, whether psychological or physical, and you have believed that true reform is that reform that stems from inculcating the values of love, mercy, kindness, honesty and altruism, courage, perseverance, and sincerity in the child's psyche, so that these values become an integral part of his personality, and a reference to him in his interactions with his environment. Yes..Abu Ayman..You translated this conception into a concrete reality.. when you established the first integrated international Islamic school from kindergarten to high school, concerned with implementing that vision and message..

Nearly thirty years have passed since I first met you.. you were for me and for many children of the Ummah a mentor and an example in productivity, hardwork, perseverance and optimism.. I swear to Allah.. you were and will remain a model of honesty, sincerity, chastity and altruism..

Yes.. you spent ten years and did not receive a cent of your salary. You refused to take a cent from the budget allocated to the university rector's office..

If I were to forget anything, I will never forget that difficult day at Kuala Lumpur Airport on December 29, 1998 when you were about to return to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Director of Financial Affairs, Brother Zailan, asked you, saying: What do we do with your frozen salaries with the Financial Division, which has reached hundreds of thousands throughout the years of your work as the university rector? You replied, with your usual smile, and your well-known altruism filling your sides.. Make it the first donation to an Awqaf Fund that you will establish to care for international students who were stranded and shrunk, and are just around the corner to return to their countries due to the cessation of supplies and the aid that came to them from those who wandered the horizons in order to collect donations for them. This is Abu Ayman..

Yes..Abu Ayman, I could not control my tears that day when I saw you boarding the plane to return to the land of the Two Holy Mosques.. For ten years, you had no salary, no reward, no bonuses.. for ten years.. you used to drive a very modest car for ten years.. and your office space did not exceed a few meters..

For ten years.. you were the last to return to his home.. Until Umm Ayman, may Allah protect her, one day said to your beloved friend, Dato Seri Anwar Ibrahim: You are also married to the university, because you returned home every day very late at night..

For ten years, you have proved to the whole world that reform is entirely possible. And that the Ummah's future is bright and prosperous, and that change is coming.

For ten years.. you rebuilt a university with few hundred students, divided it into three faculties with limited programs. When you were leaving, you left behind you a university with more than twelve thousands students, twelve faculties with more than a hundred programs..

For ten years.. you provided opportunities to educate more than five thousand male and female students from all over the world.. The number of international students there before your arrival was less than a hundred male and female students.. Praise be to Allah, as those students who have had the honor to study in that institution have become leaders and pioneers in their countries and societies..

For ten years.. Allah granted you success to plant a blessed tree, whose root is solid in the earth and its branches are in the sky, Allah willing..

O my father.. and my teacher.. and the father of the thousands who made up, rather hundreds of thousands of whom you have favored... be assured that your memory will remain as long as there is an iota of life left in the soul.. and that your enlightened thought that you spreaded will remain alive and vibrant as long as the Ummah remains.. and that your reward will remain, Allah willing, as long as a bird eats from those trees that you planted in the village of Gombak in the suburb of Kuala Lumpur..

It is a covenant upon us and the children of the Ummah to pray for your mercy, forgiveness, and contentment of Allah, as long as we

prostrate ourselves to Allah..and as long as we do fast..and this is the least you deserve..

O Mother.. Umm Ayman.. please accept my condolences and the condolences of my humble family to whom you were a mother and grandmother.. and please accept the condolences of thousands of university graduates and employees whom Abu Ayman extended love and care..

Indeed we know for sure that Abu Ayman would not have been able to make the achievements and successes' that he has achieved..if it were not for Allah's success and then your support, patience and companionship..

Please accept the condolences of all those who believed, worked and defended the reform of Islamic thought..

You, my dearest brothers and sisters, children of Abu Ayman, accept our heartfelt condolences, and the condolences of the Ummah in this affliction.. And always and forever remember the grace and benevolence of Allah upon you that He made you from the offspring of Abu Ayman and Umm Ayman..

And our condolences to you as well, companions in the path, Abu Muhammad, our father, Dr. Ahmed Totonji, Dr. Hisham Al-Talib, Dr. Omar Kassoli, Mr. Anwar Ibrahim, Dr. Fathi Malkawi, and many others who were for Abu Ayman a bond and support, may Allah bless them all with health and wellness..

May Allah bless their companions, the late, Dr. Ismail Al-Farouqi, Dr. Taha Al-Alwani, Dr. Jamal Barzanji, and others who preceded us all to the abode of bliss, Allah willing.

Yes..our condolences to the country of the Two Holy Mosques – may Allah protect it – government and people- for the passing of one of its honorable and loyal sons who raised its head high, and proved with worth and power that the Ummah is still capable of producing such noble reformers.

Our condolences are also to the beloved land of

Malaysia, which opened its door wide to Abu Ayman, and put its resources and capabilities at his disposal to achieve the remarkable accomplishments and great successes.

Last but not least.. our condolences to all the employees of that immortal scientific edifice that stands tall today as a testimony to the intellectual, administrative, organizational and architectural legacy left by Abu Ayman.. I mean all of you, my colleagues who are still serving the International Islamic University, or who once served and made a contribution to the advancement of this institution, may Allah protect it and increase it in success, steadfastness, progress and development. Oh my Allah.. to You we raise the palms of submission, humility and hope on this famous day of Your days, the blessed Friday, and we are soon coming to pray for his funeral after Friday prayers, may the soul of our father, our teacher and our educator, my father Abu Ayman, be blessed with Your mercy, your generous forgiveness, and greatness.. Please forgive him.. Oh Allah, and put him in the vastness of Your heavens.. O our Creator and O Creator of the universe.. we ask You to light his grave, and gather us and him on a day when neither money nor children will benefit, among the prophets, the truthful, the martyrs and the righteous, and the good of those are companions.

Oh Allah, make him one of the owners of the reassured and calm soul that You mentioned them saying is all truth :

“Oh, the reassured soul, return to Your Lord well-pleased and well-pleased, so enter my worship and enter my heaven.”

“Those who, when misfortune befalls them, say, We belong to Allah and to Him we shall return.” Al-Baqarah: 156

**Your son/ Koutoub Moustapha Sano
From Al-Haram Al-Sharif in Makkah
Al-Mukarramah**

39th Weekly Meeting of Departments Directors

H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the 39th weekly meeting of the directors of the Academy's departments on Monday 30 of Dhul-Hijjah 1442 corresponding to 9 August 2021.

His Excellency opened the meeting by welcoming the attendees and urging them to continue their valued efforts in the service of the Academy and to accomplish what is required of each department in full harmony, complementarity, and cooperation in order to carry out duties as required and expected from everyone in the service of the Ummah, its causes and concerns.

Then His Excellency briefed the audience on the important visit made this morning by the Consul General of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire to the headquarters of the Secretariat General, and the generous and promising results that it had obtained.

The Consul welcomed the idea of his country



hosting one of the Academy's sessions, and also informed the Secretary General of the Academy that Côte d'Ivoire would like to welcome him on an official visit before this year's end.

The meeting discussed a number of topics, and several decisions were taken, namely:

- Sending letters of thanks and appreciation to all scholars and experts who submitted their research for the 25th session of the Academy.
- Each department provides the Planning Department with an account of its accomplishments during the past year in preparation

for the Academy's annual report.

- Develop an integrated plan on the possibility of organizing specialized seminars and conferences outside the Academy's Member states.

- Submit a comprehensive report to the Secretary General on the bids proposed by specialized companies to renovate the Academy's main hall to become capable of hosting the scientific activities of the Academy, including conferences, seminars, and workshops.

40th Weekly Meeting of Departments Directors



H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the 40th weekly meeting of the directors of the Academy's departments on Monday 07 Muharram 1443H corresponding to 16 August 2021G.

His Excellency started the meeting by welcoming the attendees thanking them for their active participation, which has a great impact in facilitating the follow-up of work and the implementation of the activities and programs of the Academy's strategic plan.

The meeting then discussed several issues and reached several decisions, notably:

- Preparing the proposed topics for the twenty sixth (26) Annual Session, with priority given to the topics carried over from the previous sessions.
- Calling for bids for the renovation of the Academy's meeting room for use as a venue for scientific symposia and forums.
- Presenting an integrated plan for organizing and holding specialized seminars outside Member states.
- Collecting digital fatwas issued by reputable fatwa councils and scientific institutions within Member states on cryptocurrencies

41st Weekly meeting of Departments Directors

H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the forty first weekly meeting of the directors of the Academy's departments on Monday 14 Muharam, 1443H, corresponding to 23 August 2021G.

His Excellency began the meeting by welcoming and thanking the participants, then spoke about the importance of these meetings as the ideal means for getting together, exchanging views, and presenting opinions, as well as enhancing cooperation, collaboration, and brotherhood among employees. His Excellency then reiterated his call for departments to comply with the strategic plan and work to complete its



activities and programs within the specified deadlines.

His Excellency also spoke about the "cryptocurrencies" symposium that the Academy plans to hold in September, and then touched on the message received from the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) regarding the intention of the Secretary

General-elect to visit the Academy next week, as part of his visits program carried out to the subsidiary organs of the OIC.

The meeting discussed several issues, and reached several decisions notably:

- Including the topic of the guarantee letter and documented credit within the agenda of the twenty fifth annual session.
- Starting the process of proposing topics for the twenty sixth Annual Session and writing to the Academy's members and experts, provided that the topics include all topics postponed from previous sessions.
- Coordinating the visits to the OIC's Assistant Secretaries General for Political Affairs, Science and Technology, and for Palestine & Al-Quds Affairs.

42nd Weekly Meeting of Departments Directors

H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), presided over the forty second weekly meetings of the directors of the Academy's departments on Monday 22 Muharram 1443H, corresponding to 30 August 2021G.

His Excellency began the meeting by welcoming the participants and thanking everyone for attending, he then spoke about the visit paid by His Excellency Mr. Hussein Ibrahim Taha, the Secretary General elect of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), to the Academy this morning as part of the program of visits he is making to the subsidiary organs of the organization. His

Excellency expressed his happiness with this visit, which aims to introduce the Academy in detail through its vision, mission, objectives, and the five-year strategic plan that was prepared this year, and to learn about its activities and programs.

The meeting discussed a number of issues and took several decisions, notably:

- Selecting some outstanding research papers on specific topics, then editing them and giving them one title to be printed in the form of a book as part of the Academy's publications.
- Sending a number of the Academy's publications to international Islamic universities in some Member states (Niger,



Bangladesh, Uganda, Malaysia, Pakistan, and Indonesia).

- Organizing a series of lectures within the Academy's Forum platform dealing with current issues.

- Preparing a full concept of the Academy's desire to reprint revised edition of Zayed Encyclopedia.

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Tributes and Prayers for the Late Fathers of the Academy

Forty years ago, near the Kaaba in Mecca, the late King Khalid bin Abdulaziz Al Saud - may Allah have mercy on him - called on Muslim world leaders and Muslims worldwide to establish a global academy for Islamic fiqh (jurisprudence) whose members are scholars, jurists and thinkers in various fields of knowledge from all over the Muslim world in order to study and research contemporary life problems in an authentic and practical manner, with the aim of providing solutions stemming from the Islamic heritage, and open to the development of Islamic thought with regard to these problems.

After two years of meticulous planning and preparation, the late King Fahd bin Abdulaziz Al Saud- may Allah have mercy on him- opened the inaugural conference of the International Fiqh Academy, in which Muslim world leaders recommended its creation during the Third Islamic Summit Conference, stressing that:

“This event marks a real beginning of an important historical era in the history of our Muslim Ummah, an era in which the honor of serving Islamic Shariah transcends the limits of individual and regional efforts, and crosses political borders through the first global organization that expresses the unity of the Muslim Ummah in this field”. Ever since, the world has rejoiced in with



the birth of a unique Islamic international jurisprudence academy that has become the most representative international academic body for Islamic scholars and jurists, as it includes among its membership, senior jurists from the eight contemporary schools of jurisprudence.

This prestigious scientific institution has also become the most representative of Ijtihad in general and collective Ijtihad in particular, as it adopts the approach of dialogue, the principle of consultation, and the consensus mechanism in issuing its resolutions and recommendations.

It has indeed become the first shariah reference that the countries of the Muslim world and Muslim societies resort to in order to clarify the Shariah rulings regarding issues of concern to Muslims, to solve calamities, to cope with developments, and to rationalize practices.

None of this would have been possible

without the blessed efforts of the great late scholars who believed in this cause and dedicated much of their lives in the service of knowledge and Islamic Fiqh, may Allah have mercy on them all.

Therefore, in appreciation to the wonderful efforts and distinguished contributions of these eminent deceased scholars of the Academy, and in recognition of their appreciated services in the development of the Academy, and in our desire to preserve their memory, and to express our sincere loyalty to them, the Secretariat General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy decided to allocate a space in its monthly newsletter to introduce them to the younger generations. We pray to Allah, the Almighty, to bless the lives of the living scholars of the Academy who continue to strive for the Muslim Ummah.

Finally, we hope that this initiative will be the basis of a comprehensive encyclopedia on the Academy's scholars and experts that the Secretariat General plans to publish in the near future, in sha Allah.

Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano
Secretary General of the Academy



His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Bakr bin Abdullah Abu Zayd



H.E. Sheikh Dr. Bakr bin Abdullah Abu Zayd, born in 1946G in the city of Dawadmi in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, was the appointed member to IIFA Council for Saudi Arabia, was elected as first president of the Council where he served until his death in the Saudi capital (Riyadh), in 1429H corresponding to 2008G, may God have mercy on him. He obtained a bachelor's degree in Shariah from Imam Muhammad bin Saud Islamic University, then a master's degree and doctorate from the Higher Judicial Institute at Imam Muhammad bin Saud Islamic University.

His Excellency held a number of scientific and administrative positions within his country, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the most important of which were: imam and khatib of the Noble Prophet's Mosque, undersecretary of the Ministry of Justice, member of the Saudi Council of Senior Scholars and the Permanent Committee for Scholarly Research and Ifta. He was also member of the Saudi Judicial Council, then a judge in the Great Court of Madinah, a teacher at the Prophet's Mosque, a member of the Islamic Fiqh Academy, of

the Muslim World League, a teacher at the Higher Institute of the Judiciary, a teacher in postgraduate studies at the College of Shariah in Riyadh, and Secretary of the Public Library of the Islamic University of Madinah.

H.E. Sheikh Dr. Bakr bin Abdullah Abu Zayd is the author of several books and research articles, the most important of which include: Fiqh Al-Nawazil (Jurisprudence of Contemporary Issues): Contemporary Fiqh Issues, The Rapprochement to the Disciplines of Ibn Qayyim, Prescribed Penalties (Houdoud) and Interpretative Penalties (Tazirat) as seen by Ibn Qayyim, Ibn Qayyim's Judgments on Crimes and Offenses against Human Beings, The Islamic Ruling on Belonging to Islamist Parties and Groups, Detailed Introduction to the Jurisprudence of Imam Ahmed bin Hanbal, Rooting the Principles of Takhrij (Attribution), Criticism (Jarh) and Re-evaluation (Ta'dil), Ibn al-Qayyim: his Life, Work and References, Hanbali scholars from Imam Ahmed until the 15th C on the method of Khurul Deen Zarkali in his book entitled al Aalam.

His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Mohamed Habib Ibn khoja

H.E. Dr. Mohamed Habib Ibn khoja, born in the capital Tunis, Tunisia in 1922G, was the appointed member to IIFA for Tunisia during the process of founding IIFA and was appointed the first Secretary General of IIFA for the period of twenty-four years (1984-2008). He died in 2012G/1433H; may God have mercy on him.

He obtained his BA in Shariah from the University of Zitouna in Tunisia, then he obtained a doctorate in Arabic literature from Sorbonne University in France. His Excellency held a number of scientific and administrative positions inside and outside his country, the most important of which are: Former Mufti of the Republic of Tunisia, member of the Islamic Research Academy in Al-Azhar, member of Bayt Al Hikma in Tunisia, and member of the Higher

Consultative Council of the Islamic University in Madinah.

He is the author of several books and research articles, the most important of which include: Stands of Islam, Remarks on the Encyclopedia by Ibn Iyad, Biographies of Narrators and Scholars, the Jews of the Maghreb, (lectures given at the Department of Palestinian Studies, Institute of Arab Studies in Cairo), investigation: Al-Sunan Al Abyan fi Al-Sinad Al-Mun'an by Ibn Rashid, Investigation: The Scientific Journey of Ibn Rashid (five volumes), Investigation: Minhaj Al-Bulaghah and Siraj Al-Udabaa by Hazem Al-Qirtajani, Poems and Excerpts by Hazem Al-Qirtajani, Investigation: Ifadatu Al Nassih fi rijali Al Jami'e Al Sahih by Ibn Rashid, Islam, and Sheikh Al Islam the great imam Mohamed Al-Tahir ibn Ashour.



His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Abdul Salaam Dawood Al-Abadi



H.E. Sheikh Dr. Abdul Salaam Dawood Al-Abadi was born in 1943G in the city of (Amman) the capital of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, was the appointed member to IIFA for Jordan, was appointed as the second Secretary General of IIFA in

2009G/1430H and resigned after over a year, and later appointed again as IIFA's Secretary General in 2015G/1437 and remained in his position until his death in 2020G/1442H in the city of (Jeddah), Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, may God have mercy on him.

He obtained his bachelor's degree in Islamic Shariah from the College of Shariah and Law, Damascus University, then obtained a master's degree in Comparative Jurisprudence, from the College of Shariah and Law at Al-Azhar University, and a doctorate in Comparative Jurisprudence, from the College of Shariah and Law at Al-Azhar University, Republic of Egypt.

His Excellency held a number of scientific and administrative positions inside and outside

his country, the most important of which are: former Jordanian Minister of Awqaf, Islamic Affairs and Holy Places, Secretary General of the Jordanian Hashemite Charitable Organization and Chairman of its Executive Committee, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Al al-Bayt University and Director General of the Orphans Fund Development Foundation.

He is the author of several books and research articles, the most important of which include: Jihad in Islam; Ownership in Islamic Law, its Nature, Function and Restrictions; A Comparative Study of civil Laws (three volumes); Faith between Quranic Verses and Scientific Facts; and Social Security between Islamic law and civil systems.

His Excellency Sheikh Prof. Ahmed Khaled Babeker

H.E. Sheikh Prof. Ahmed Khaled Babeker was born in 1940G in the city of (Marawi) in Sudan, was the appointed member to IIFA for Sudan and later was appointed in 2012G as Secretary General of IIFA and served for four years. He died in 2021G in Riyadh, the capital of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, may God have mercy on him. He received a bachelor's degree in Literature (Arabic Language Department) from Cairo University, Khartoum Branch, and a master's Degree in Arabic Language from College of Literature, Arabic Language Department, Khartoum University, and a Doctorate from Umm Al Qura University in Makkah.

His Excellency held a number of scientific and administrative positions inside and outside his country, the most important of which are: Secretary General of the Islamic Fiqh Academy in Sudan; Undersecretary of the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Waqf; Director of the University of the Holy Quran and Islamic Sciences; Dean of the College of Graduate Studies and Scientific Research

University of the Holy Qur'an; Member of the Shariah Ifta Council; Head of the Graduate Studies Department at the Girls' College at Omdurman Islamic University; Head of the Readings of Quran Department at the Faculty of the Holy Qur'an; Editor-in-Chief of the Holy Qur'an magazine; Member of the Audit Committee for the Printing of the Noble Qur'an in Brunei Darussalam; Member of the Board of Trustees of the Noble Qur'an Society; Member of the Board of Directors of the Islamic Waqf Authority; Member of the Supreme Council of Zakat Trustees; Member of the Board of Trustees of the International Islamic Women's Center; Member of the Board of Trustees of the International University of Africa; Member of the Education Committee of the Islamic Da'wa Organization.

He is the author of several books and research articles, the most important of which include: From the Treasures of the Language; a study in the dictionary of the Crown of the Bride from the Jewels of the Dictionary by

Al-Fayrouz Abadi; Al Kufa Grammar School and its position on the readings (of the Qur'an); Shariah and Life Issues; Religious Institutions and their Role in the Coexistence of Religions; Religious Affairs their past, present, and future.



His Excellency Sheikh Muhammad Salem bin Adoud Al-Shanqeeti



H.E. Sheikh Muhammad Salem bin Adoud Al-Shanqeeti was born in 1929G in the city of (Boutelmit) in Mauritania, in the southwest of Mauritania, and passed away in 2009G in the village of (Umm al-Qura) in the Wadi al-Naqah province in Mauritania, may God have mercy on him. His Excellency was an appointed member to IIFA for Mauritania. He studied all shariah sciences and linguistics at a young age. He was sent in the early sixties

as part of a mission of Shariah judges for training in Tunisia, and he graduated with a bachelor's degree in law.

His Excellency held a number of scientific and administrative positions inside and outside his country, the most important of which are: Minister of Culture and Islamic Guidance; President of the Supreme Islamic Council; President of the Supreme Court; President of the Islamic Chamber; Vice President of the Court of First Instance; Member of the Scientific Council of Al-Azhar.

In recent years, the sheikh devoted himself to his Mahdara (traditional Mauritanian School) in the village of Umm al-Qura (58 km) east of the capital, Nouakchott, and left the official work, except for the lectures he gave in the Ramadan programs of the "Rwadhat Al Siyam" & "Samar Ramadhani" during the holy month. His Mahdara gained in the past twenty years international fame in addition to its local fame, as students

from the Maghreb, the Gulf and Africa have attended it, as well as new Muslims from America and Europe.

He is the author of several books and research articles, the most important of which include: Al-Tasshil wa Al-Takmeel, Concise Compilation by Sheikh Khalil, with the comments of the Compiler tagged with "Al-Tathleel wa Al-Tathyil lil Tasshil wa Al-Tamkeel" in about seventeen thousand verses; The Sum of Salaf Belief: This poem is an introduction to a long poem that included (one hundred thousand issues of jurisprudence) according to Malik and the people of Medina Jurisprudence in (around ten thousand verses), and a comprehensive conclusion of the most important Islamic morals and ethics in (five hundred verses); Compilation of Terms (indexes and titles) Tabsirat Al-Hukkam by Ibn Farhoun in the Maliki jurisprudence; Compilation of Al-Omda by Ibn Qudama Al Hanbali.

Hi Eminence Sheikh Ayatollah Muhammad Ali Akbar Al-Taskhiri

H.E. Sheikh Ayatollah Muhammad Ali Akbar Al-Taskhiri, born in (Najaf al-Ashraf) in Iraq in 1944G, was the appointed member to IIFA for Iran until his death in 2020G in the Iranian capital (Tehran), may God have mercy on him. He continued his academic studies at the College of Jurisprudence in Najaf, from which he obtained a BA in Arabic Sciences and Islamic Jurisprudence. Then he received Hawza lessons in Najaf until he reached the stage of "external research".

His Eminence held a number of scientific and administrative positions within his country, the most important of which are: Secretary General of the World Academy of Ahl al-Bayt; Former Secretary General of the World Academy for Understanding Between Islamic Doctrines; Adviser to the Leader of the Islamic Revolution for Cultural Affairs



in the Islamic World; Assistant Director of the Office of the Leader of the Islamic Revolution for International Affairs; Member of the Leadership Experts Council; Head of the Association for Culture and Islamic Relations; Teacher of Hawza sciences in Qom; Teacher

of Arab and Islamic sciences in a number of universities and scientific centers in Iran. His Eminence is the author of several books and research articles. Some of his most important publications include: Islamic Economics: Lessons in schools of Thought and Sourcing of Emerging Issues; Islamic Minorities and their Relations with their Societies; Our Message is to bring Thought Closer and Unify Work; Friday Prayer in the shared Narratives between Shiites and Sunnis; Hajj in the Shared Narratives between Shiites and Sunnis; Fasting in the Common Narratives between Shiites and Sunnis; a Useful Summary in the Interpretation of the Glorious Qur'an; The Scientific Reference for Ahl al-Bayt; About Shiites and the Reference at the present time; The Past and Present of the Islamic Reference.

His Eminence Sheikh Khalil bin Muhyi Al-Din Al-Mays

H.E. Sheikh Khalil bin Muhyi Al-Din Al-Mays, born in 1941 in the town of Meksa in the district of Zahle in the central Bekaa of Lebanon, was appointed member of IIFA for Lebanon until his death in 2021G, may God have mercy on him. He obtained a certificate of Shariah secondary education from the Faculty of Shariah in Beirut, a bachelor's degree in Islamic Shariah from Al-Azhar Al-Sharif University in Egypt, and a master's degree in Comparative Jurisprudence from Al-Azhar Al-Sharif in Egypt.

His Eminence held a number of scientific and administrative positions inside and outside his country, the most important of which are: General Mufti of Zahle and the Bekaa Governorate, in Lebanon; Member of the Supreme Islamic Shariah Council in Lebanon; Founder of "Azhar Al-Bekaa", which is the

largest shariah scientific institution in Lebanon, and includes primary, intermediate, secondary, and higher university levels, for males and females. He supervised master's theses in comparative jurisprudence at the Islamic University of Beirut and the Higher Institute of Islamic Studies; Lecturer at the Faculty of Islamic Shariah in Beirut; and Lecturer at the Higher Institute of Islamic Studies of Al Maqasid Islamic Charitable Association.

His Eminence is the author of several books and research articles. Among his most important publications include: The index of the book "Al-Mabsout; by Imam Shams Al-Din Al-Sarakhsi"; an investigation of the book "Virtues of the Great Iman Abu Hanifa"; Book review: "The Indexed Dictionary of the Verses of the Noble Qur'an";

study of the book: "The Rightly Guided Caliphs"; Studies and Research in Jurisprudence, its origins, and thought (three volumes); study of the book "Refutation of the Proponents of Inherited ijthad who ignore that Ijthad an Obligation in every Age" by Imam Al-Suyuti, the universal jurisprudential rules are the purposes of Shariah.



His Excellency Sheikh Abdelrahmane bin Muhammad Al Bashir Chaiban

H.E. Sheikh Abdelrahmane bin Muhammad Al Bashir Chaiban, born in 1918G in the village of (Al-Shorfa) in the district of Michdala, Bouira province in Algeria, was appointed member to IIFA for Algeria until his death in 2011G, may God have mercy on him. He completed his studies at the Algerian Muslim Scholars Association School at the hands of Sheikh Abdelhamid Ben Badis, then at the young age of twenty he travelled to Tunisia where he studied at Zaytouna University and received his bachelor's degree. His Excellency held a number of scientific and administrative positions inside and outside his country, the most important of which are: Minister of Religious Affairs; President of the Association of Algerian Muslim Scholars; Member of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy; Member of the Supreme Islamic Council; President of the Association of Algerian Alumni of Zaytouna University in Tunisia; President of the National Committee in charge of applied educational research and

school curricula for middle and high school, at the Ministry of National Education; Vice-Chairman of the Ministerial Committee in charge of enlisting teachers and professors who were in the unregulated Arab-Islamic education; Head of the Algerian pilgrimage missions to the Holy Land; Inspector General of Arabic Language, Literature, and Islamic Education in State Educational Institutions; Classified as holder of (Bachelor's degree) by presidential decree; General Inspector of National Education; Member of the Higher Education Committee in charge of curricula, professor of Arabic Language and literature, Imam Abdel Hamid Ben Badis Institute in Constantine. He is the author of several books and research articles, the most important of which include: From the Documents of the Association of Algerian Muslim Scholars; He printed the works of the Algerian Imam of Renaissance, Sheikh Abdul Hamid bin Badis; (Revision Councils from the words of the Almighty, Revision Councils from the hadith



of the Prophet), which is a collection of Qur'anic verses and prophetic hadiths that he published in the editorials of his magazine (Al-Shehab); Literary Jihad or Palestine and Sheikh Ibrahim, what are we waiting for to support Palestine; Islam is the religion of Jihad and Ijtihad; The School and the Future of Algerian Literature; 15th Anniversary of Algeria's Hero Ibn Badis; The Algerian Case is a question of Freedom and Death.

His Eminence Sheikh Professor Al-Siddiq Mohammad Al-Amin Al-Dharir



H.E. Sheikh Professor Al-Siddiq Mohammad Al-Amin Al-Dharir, born in Umm Durman in Sudan in 1918G, was designated member at IIFA until his death in 2015G corresponding to 18 Ramadan 1436H, in the city of (Khartoum), the capital of Sudan, may God have mercy on him. He graduated from the

Faculty of Law, Cairo University, and received a doctorate in Islamic Shariah, from Cairo University.

His Eminence held a number of scientific and administrative positions inside and outside his country, the most important of which are: Head of the Shariah Department at the University of Khartoum, Chairman of the Supreme Authority for Shariah Supervision of the Banking System, Financial Institutions and Insurance Business in Khartoum, Member of the Islamic Fiqh Academy of the Muslim World League, in Makkah Al Mukarramah, Honorary Member of the Islamic Fiqh Academy in India, Member of the Arabic Language Academy in Khartoum, Professor of Islamic Shariah at the University of Khartoum, lectured at various Arab and foreign universities, Member of the Shariah

Council of the Accounting and Auditing Organization for Islamic Financial Institutions (AAOIFI) in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

He is the author of several books and research articles, the most important of which include: The ruling on the insurance contract in Islamic Shariah, the Consensus of the People of Medina, Al Gharar (risk) and its impact on contracts in Islamic jurisprudence (a comparative study), Civic Laws System Applied in Shariah Courts in Sudan, The Validity and Invalidity of Contracts in Islamic jurisprudence and Civil Law.

He has written many books and first-hand studies on insurance and Islamic economics, and he is considered to be the founder of the "Islamic Alternative to Insurance" project (cooperative insurance) and he is known as one of the founders of Islamic insurance.

His Eminence Prof. Jaafar Abdul Salam Ali

H.E. Prof. Jaafar Abdul Salam Ali, born in 1941G in Egypt, was an active expert at IIFA who delivered many valuable research papers to the Annual Sessions of the Academy. He died in 2018G, may God have mercy on him. He obtained a bachelor's degree of Law from Cairo University, then a General Law Diploma from Cairo University, a Diploma in Administrative Sciences from Cairo University, and a diploma from The Hague Academy of International Law (Netherlands). He received his doctorate in general international law, from Cairo University.

His Eminence occupied a number of scientific and administrative positions inside and outside his country, the most important of which are: Former Secretary General of the



League of Islamic Universities; Vice President of Al-Azhar University for Education and Student Affairs; Head of the General Law Department at the Faculty of Shariah and Law; Director of the "Saleh Kamel Center for Islamic Economics" at the University Al-Azhar; chief editor of the Shariah and Law magazine issued by the Faculty of Shariah

and Law in Cairo, Professor of International Law at Al-Azhar University; Professor of Regimes at Al-Azhar University; Participated in the establishment of Al Baraka Bank in the Republic of Uzbekistan and in training staff to work in Islamic banking sector in the Republic of Kazakhstan.

He is the author of several books and research articles. Some of his most important publications include: the Rules of International Relations between Islamic law and international law; The State Regime in Islam and its relationship with other countries: an analytical study compared to legal jurisprudence; Introduction to the Study of Saudi Legislation System; the Saudi Administrative System; He issued a series called "The Confrontational Thought Series"

His Eminence Sheikh Dr. Muhammad Abdul Latif bin Muhammad Salih Al-Forfur



H.E. Sheikh Dr. Muhammad Abdul Latif bin Muhammad Salih Al-Forfur was born in 1945G in the city of (Damascus), the capital of Syria, and was the appointed member of Syria to IIFA until his death in 2015G in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, may God have mercy on him. He obtained a Bachelor of Law and

Jurisprudence from Al-Azhar University, a master's degree in Comparative Jurisprudence from Al-Azhar University, then a doctorate with distinction and first honors, from the Faculty of Shariah and Law at Al-Azhar University.

His Eminence held a number of scientific and administrative positions inside and outside his country, the most important of which are: Head of the Planning Department; Founder of the Higher Scientific Academy, which includes the College of Shariah Sciences & Arabic and the post Graduate Studies.

Founder of the University of Arab Islamic Sciences; Founder of the Higher Scientific Academy at the Al-Aqsab Mosque in Damascus; Lecturer at the Islamic Fateh Institute, the Umayyad Mosque, and a number of mosques in Damascus.

He is the author of several books and research articles, the most important of which include: Al Zad from the Fundamentals of Islamic

Jurisprudence; Fasting in the Four Schools; Immortal Geniuses; Rulings on Prayer in the Shafi'i School; Explanation of the Dhaou' Al Maali alaa Bad' Al Amali in Monotheism; An investigation and explanation of Tohfit Al Nasik fi Bayan Al Manasik; Ibn Abidin and his Impact on Islamic Jurisprudence: A Comparative Study with the Civic Law; The Theory of Approval and its Relationship with the Open Interests; Civilized Jurisprudence in Islam (including his innovative ideas on jurisprudence and its vital role in building civilization); Islamic Thought Series (Characteristics, Resources, Facts, and Benefits); Standards of Thought in the Science of Logic (two volumes): Formal Logic and Material Logic; The Brief in the Origins of Deducing Rulings (two volumes); Renowned Scholars of Damascus in the Fourteenth Century; the Divine School and its Divine Men; Diwan of Lilies; Bolghat Al Mutali'e fi Bayan Al Hissab wal Matali'e.

His Eminence Sheikh Dr. Wahba Bin Moustapha Al-Zuhaili

H.E. Sheikh Dr. Wahba Bin Moustapha Al-Zuhaili was born in 1932G in Damascus in Syria and was designated member at IIFA until his death in 2015G in the Syrian capital (Damascus), may God have mercy on him. He obtained the bachelor's degree from the Faculty of Shariah in Al-Azhar Al-Sharif, then he obtained a specialized teaching license from the Faculty of Arabic Language in Al-Azhar Al-Sharif. He also obtained a bachelor's degree in law from Ain Shams University in Egypt, a master's degree in Shariah from the Faculty of Law at Cairo University, and then a doctorate in Law (Islamic Shariah) from Cairo University.

His Eminence held a number of scientific and administrative positions inside and outside

his country, the most important of which are: Head of the Department of Islamic Jurisprudence and its Doctrines at Faculty of Shariah, University of Damascus; Chairman of the Shariah Studies Committee for Islamic



Financial Institutions; Member of the Supreme Ifta Council in Syria; Member of a number of jurisprudence academies as an expert; a correspondent member of a number of Shariah encyclopedias.

He is the author of several books and research articles, the most important of which include: Islamic Jurisprudence and its Evidence; The principles of Islamic jurisprudence; The Effects of War in Islamic Jurisprudence; Comparison between the Eight Schools of Thought and International Law; Al Wajiz (the brief) in Islamic Jurisprudence; Encyclopedia of Contemporary Islamic Jurisprudence; The Rules of Ethics in the Noble Qur'an; The Enlightening Interpretation in Faith, Shariah and Method (sixteen volumes).

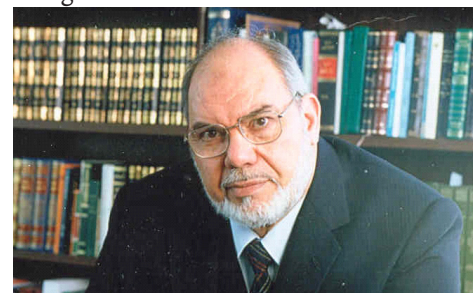
His Eminence Prof. Taha Jaber Al-Alwani

H.E. Prof. Taha Jaber Al-Alwani, born in 1935G in the city of Fallujah in Iraq, was a designated member of IIFA until his death in 2016 over Ireland while he was traveling by plane to Washington DC in USA, may God have mercy on him. His Eminence obtained a BA, MA, and PhD degrees from the Faculty of Shariah and Law at Al-Azhar University. He held a number of scientific and administrative positions in his country and abroad, the most important of which were: Founding President of the Taha Al-Alwani Academy for Qur'anic Studies; Professor of the Imam Al-Shafi'i Chair in Jurisprudence and its Fundamentals and Comparative Jurisprudence at the University of Cordoba; and President of the former University of Islamic and Social Sciences GSISS, which became the University of Cordoba; Professor of Fiqh and Fundamentals of the College of Shariah, Imam Muhammad bin Saud University; Vice President of the International

Institute of Islamic Thought; Editor-in-chief of "The Soldier" magazine in Baghdad; Teacher of Islamic studies at the Military College in Baghdad; Teacher at the College of Islamic Studies in Baghdad; Visiting professor at many Arab and Islamic universities, Member of the Executive Committee of the Interfaith Council; Member of the Founding Council of the Muslim World League in Makkah Al Mukarramah; Member of the Royal Academy for Civilization Research (Aal al-Bayt Foundation - Jordan); Founding Member of the Fiqh Academy in India; and President of the Fiqh Council of North America And Canada.

Prof. Taha Jaber Al-Alwani is the author of several books and research articles, notably: Exegesis of Surat Al-An'am; Critical Study of the book "Al-Mahsul fi Usool Al-Fiqh" by Imam Fakhr Al-Din Al-Razi; Ijtihad and Imitation in Islam; Source Methodology in Islamic Jurisprudence; Ethics of Disagreement

in Islam; Islamic Thought: An Approach to Reform; An Introduction to the Discourse System in Contemporary Islamic Thought; Thoughts on the intellectual crisis and the civilizational predicament of the Muslim Ummah; Islamization of knowledge : Yesterday and Today; Towards a Fiqh for Minorities; The humanity Crisis and the Role of the Holy Qur'an in Solving it; The Works of Imam Fakhr al-Din al-Razi; and from the Ethics of Disagreement to the Rejection of Disagreement.



His Eminence Sheikh Mohamed Al-Moukhtar Al-Salami



H.E. Sheikh Mohamed Al-Moukhtar Al-Salami, born in the city of Sfax in Tunisia

in 1925, was appointed as representative member of IIFA for Tunisia, and later as a designated member until his death in Sfax in 2019G, may God have mercy on him. He received a bachelor's degree in religious sciences from Al-Zaitouna University, Tunisia, and a doctorate in the Fundamentals of Religion from the same university. His Eminence held a number of scientific and administrative positions inside and outside his country, the most important of which are: Mufti of the Republic of Tunisia, President of the Supreme Islamic Council in Tunisia,

Chairman of the International Shariah Board for Zakat, Chairman of the Shariah Board of Al-Baraka Bank Branch in Tunisia, First Inspector of secondary education Institutions. His Eminence is the author of several books and research articles, notably: Nahj al-Bayan fi Tafsir al-Qur'an, an exegesis of the Holy Quran in six volumes; Fatawa Shariya, compendium of his fatwas, edited and presented by Prof Muhammad al-Aziz al-Sahli; Al-Zaitouna Education and Means of its Reform; Family and Society; the Path of Islamic Guidance through Friday Sermons.

His Eminence Sheikh Dr. Abdul Sattar Bin Abdelkarim Abu Ghuddah

H.E. Sheikh Dr. Abdul Sattar Bin Abdelkarim Abu Ghuddah, born in 1940G in the city of (Aleppo) in Syria, was a designated member at IIFA until his death in 2020G in the city of (Montreal) in Canada, may God have mercy on him. He obtained a bachelor's degree in Shariah from Damascus University, a bachelor's degree in Law from Damascus University, a master's degree in Shariah from Al-Azhar University, a master's degree in Hadith Sciences from Al-Azhar University, and then a doctorate in Shariah in the field of (Comparative Jurisprudence) from Al-Azhar University.

His Eminence held a number of scientific and administrative positions inside and outside his country, the most important of which are: Head of the Sharia Board at the International Islamic Bank of Syria; Chairman of the Unified Shariah Board of Dallah Al Baraka

Banking Group; Member of the European Council for Ifta and Research; Membership of a number of Shariah councils and centers in a number of countries; Expert and rapporteur of the Fiqh Encyclopedia of the Kuwaiti Ministry of Awqaf; Member of the Shariah Board of the Islamic Development Bank Group; Member of the Standards Council and the Shariah Council of the Accounting and Auditing Organization for Islamic Financial Institutions (AAOIFI); Member of several financial institutions and fiqh academies; Lecturer in several universities in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Egypt and others; Visiting professor at the Saleh Kamel Center for Economic Studies at Al-Azhar University. He is the author of several books and research articles, the most important of which include: The Option and its Impact on Contracts; The Role of Islamic Jurisprudence in the Present

Era; Legal Answers in Banking Applications; Zakat Guide; Research in Medical and Mental Health Jurisprudence from an Islamic Perspective.



His Eminence Prof. Muhammad Abdul Halim Omar

H.E. Prof. Muhammad Abdul Halim Omar, born in 1942G in Al Shargiya Province of Egypt, was an active economic expert at IIFA until his death in 2020G, may God have mercy on him. He obtained a bachelor's degree in Commerce, Accounting Division, from the Faculty of Commerce at Al-Azhar University, and a master's degree in Accounting from the Faculty of Commerce at Cairo University, then a doctorate in Accounting from the Faculty of Commerce at Al-Azhar University. His Eminence held a number of scientific and administrative positions inside and outside his country, the most important of which are: Director of the "Saleh Kamel Center for Islamic Economics" at Al-Azhar University; Secretary General of the Egyptian Zakat Foundation; Member of the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs; Supervising and participating in the discussion of many master's and doctoral theses at several universities: Al-Azhar, King Abdulaziz in Jeddah, Boston and Harvard Universities in USA, Ain Shams, Cairo, Mansoura, Suez Canal and Algiers Universities; Professor at the College of Business Studies in the State of Kuwait; Associate Professor at Umm Al-Qura

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