

IIFA Secretary General participates in a Symposium on Peace in Abu Dhabi

At the invitation of Al-Ittihad Newspaper and the TRENDS Research & Advisory center in Abu Dhabi, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh 1443, corresponding to 21 September 2021, in a symposium in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, entitled "Promoting the Culture of Peace and Tolerance in the World: What Do we Need to do?" The symposium was organized to celebrate the International Day of Peace and was opened by H.H. Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, Minister of Tolerance and Coexistence in the UAE. H.E. Prof. Sano's speech focused on the "culture of tolerance and peace as a starting point to end conflicts globally and regionally." H.E. stressed that the Quranic verse, "And of His signs is the creation of the heavens and the earth and the diversity of your languages and your colors. Indeed, in that are signs for those of knowledge (Ar Rum: 22), is a declaration and confirmation that difference is a universal order, that is, the difference of tongues and colors refer to the difference in cultures, languages, races, tastes and beliefs, which is in reality a matter of diversity and richness not a difference of contradiction and conflict. The purpose of this difference is to be the starting point for integration, cooperation, synergy, and solidarity. H.E. added that the «conflicts that we are witnessing today in the world are only the result of the departure from the difference of diversity and richness to the difference of containing contradictions and conflicts, which is due to the beliefs and behaviors that the individual learns from his environment and society that pushes him to act contrary to divine



laws in the universe. God did not create human beings to fight under any pretext or justification, but rather to benefit from difference and diversity positively and to consolidate the values of tolerance, peace and the culture of moderation that must play its role in confronting these conflicts and ending the culture of violence and elimination". As for the relationship between peace and tolerance, H.E. said, "It is fascinating to note how the Prophet of Islam (PBUH) connected between human fraternity and spreading peace in the sahih hadith: "You will not enter Paradise until you have faith and you will not have faith until you love each other. Shall I show you something that, if you did, you would love each other? Spread peace between yourselves." True brotherhood is based on tolerance, and the meaning of tolerance is peace, as if tolerance is a prelude to peace. Therefore, there is an urgent need to promote tolerance and spread peace and compassion among people so that they all live in safety and tranquillity, not being afraid of anything because of religious, sectarian or ethnic differences."

In his speech, H.E. praised the qualitative shift in the culture of tolerance and peace from the intellectual and theoretical world to the practical world at the UAE, through its uniqueness in the world by establishing an independent ministry called the Ministry of Tolerance and Peaceful Coexistence, to disseminate and consolidate the values of tolerance and coexistence, and to promote awareness over their importance and role in achieving security, safety and stability. H.E. also praised the importance of this symposium, which he considered an opportunity for tolerance and peace to become a permanent behavior and part of our daily life, cutting away the repeated rhetoric about them and making them our acquired values practiced all of the time. H.E. then concluded his speech by commending the outstanding work done by TRENDS center and Al Ittihad Newspaper for organizing such interesting seminars and their willingness to support efforts to establish peace and compassion among peoples and religions. It is worth mentioning that some clergymen representing Judaism, Christianity and Hinduism participated in the symposium. The Secretary General of the Muslim Council of Elders, Dr. Sultan Al-Rumaihi, also participated via videoconferencing.



US Consul General visits IIFA's Secretariat General in Jeddah



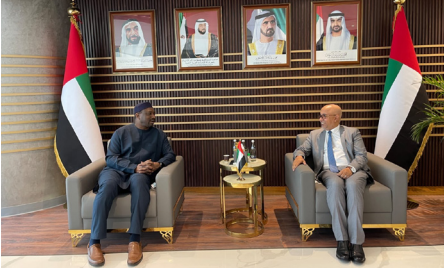
Mr. Faris Asaad, Consul General and Special Envoy of the United States of America to OIC and his accompanying delegation visited the Secretariat General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) on Monday 06 Safar 1443 corresponding to 13 September 2021. H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy thanked him for the visit. Mr. Asaad expressed his profound thanks and great gratitude to the Secretary General for the warm welcome, stressing his great interest and enthusiasm for paying this visit to the Academy as soon as he took resumed office as Consul General of his country. He added that his country's government highly regards and appreciates the moderate

and sober thought offered by the Academy and all its commendable efforts to spread moderation and peaceful coexistence between religions, and that he looks forward to more cooperation and coordination with the Academy in order to serve these noble human goals, by co-organizing events inside and outside the USA. For his part, Prof. Sano expressed his thanks and appreciation to the Consul General and his delegation, and congratulated him on his new position, wishing him success in his duties, noting that this visit indicates his interest to get to know the Academy and reinforce communication and cooperation with the latter. He also seized the opportunity to give a brief overview of the Academy, its objectives, programs, and activities, as well as an overview of the developments it has witnessed in recent months. H.E. also stated that the Academy is ready to enhance awareness among Muslim communities with regard to the importance of adhering to citizenship requirements in their homelands and respecting laws and regulations while preserving their religious identity. There

is, in fact, no conflict between religious affiliation and loyalty to the homeland in which the Muslim person resides. H.E. then expressed the Academy's willingness to organize events in the USA directed towards Muslim communities in order to serve these ideas. The meeting was attended by Mr. El Sayed Rizk, Political Specialist at the American Consulate in Jeddah, Ms. Shamis Mohamud, Political Officer at the American Embassy, and Mrs. Aliaa AlSharkawy, Senior Protocol Assistant at the American Consulate in Jeddah; Mrs. Sarah Amjad Hussein, Director of the Family Affairs, Mr. Mohammed Al-Idrissi, Director of Media and TLLi, Advisor to the Secretary General.



Secretary General visits the World Muslim Communities Council in Abu Dhabi



H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), visited the headquarters of the World Muslim Communities Council (WMCC) in the Emirati capital Abu Dhabi, and was received by Dr. Mohamed Bechari, Secretary General of the WMCC, on Thursday 16 Safar 1443 (23 September 2021). H.E. Prof. Koutoub Sano expressed his deep thanks and great gratitude to the WMCC Secretary General for the warm welcome, underlining his great interest and keenness in visiting the Council during his participation in the International Peace Day, organized by Al Itihad newspaper in cooperation with the TRENDS center in the United Arab Emirates. His Excellency also praised the pioneering role played by the Council in seeking to achieve intellectual and cultural

transformation within Muslim communities worldwide, by encouraging Muslims, whether citizens or residents of these societies, to abide by the requirements of citizenship and residence, to work to be active partners within their countries, and to actively and positively contribute to the building and advancement of their societies and human civilization in general, as well as to set an example for tolerance and peaceful coexistence between religions and races. His Excellency affirmed the Academy's readiness to participate in activities and programs that aim to raise awareness among Muslim communities over the importance of their positive integration into their countries, and the need to respect local laws and regulations, as there is no conflict between religious affiliation and loyalty to the homeland in which the Muslim person resides. For his part, His Excellency Dr. Mohamed Bechari expressed his happiness with this honorable visit, praising the prestigious position and global academic reputation that the Academy enjoys as the first shariah reference for the OIC Member states, adding that the Council looks forward to strengthening cooperation, partnership, and coordination with

the Academy in order to achieve the common goals they share and serve the Muslim communities worldwide. In this regard, His Excellency emphasized that many of IIFA's objectives are compatible with the objectives of the WMCC, especially with regard to the sincere work of enabling Muslim communities in all countries of the world to embrace the approach of moderation and pacifism in thought and behavior, and to combat extremism and Islamophobia. His Excellency also affirmed his aspiration for further coordination with the Academy in all matters related to disseminating Islamic values and promoting dialogue and tolerance among peoples. At the end of the visit, the two parties agreed to strengthen communication and cooperation between them, exchange visits and expertise, and work on signing a cooperation agreement between the two institutions in order to achieve a longterm strategic partnership.



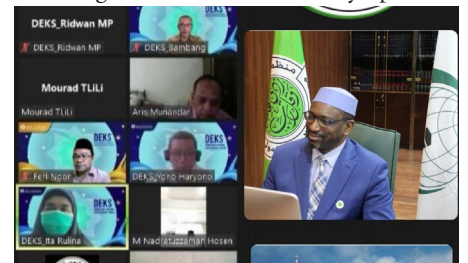
IIFA and Bank Indonesia hold a meeting on Islamic Social Finance

On Tuesday 21 Safar 1443H, corresponding to 28 September 2021, the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), with the participation of H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, the Secretary General, held the second preparatory meeting with the delegation of the Central Bank of Indonesia to discuss the program of the Economic Fiqh Symposium on Islamic Social Finance to be held during the Eighth Sharia Week Festival in Indonesia in October. On the Indonesian side, representatives of the Central Bank of Indonesia, the Ministry of Religious Affairs, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the National Sharia Council participated in the meeting. Ms. Rolina, the representative of Bank Indonesia, opened the meeting by expressing her thanks to His Excellency the Secretary General of the Academy, for participating in this meeting. She added that the Indonesian government, mainly represented by the Ministry of Religious Affairs, was very happy and honored with the participation of the Academy in this important event. Ms. Rolina also pointed out that the Sharia Week Festival represents one of the most important events in Indonesia, in which many different activities and programs are held and discussed in light of Sharia provisions, especially in relation to banking and financial institutions. The festival has become one of the most prestigious programs globally since its recognition as part of the World Economic Forum. Annually, national and international organizations, institutions, and associations participate in this festival to discuss integrating Islamic economy and finance into national and international policy agendas. Therefore, the organizers of the festival decided to hold a series of specialized scientific symposia and forums on many vital



topics of benefit to the financial sector through virtual communication media; thus shows the paramount importance of holding the symposium mentioned above on Islamic social finance in partnership and cooperation with IIFA, in the hope of raising awareness of the status and importance of this financing and its significant role in combating poverty and deprivation in societies. On his part, the Secretary General of the Academy greeted the Indonesian delegation, expressing his eagerness and aspiration to participate in this event. He also stressed the Academy's role in the Member states by supporting these scientific endeavours that benefit Muslim countries and Muslim communities worldwide. His Excellency also mentioned that he personally hopes that the Republic of Indonesia will become a recognized global center for Islamic social financing, and the advancement of its causes and institutions by introducing this financing and how to benefit from its effective tools to combat poverty. His Excellency confirmed that he had already expressed this wish to Indonesian officials during his recent visit to Indonesia. The Indonesian delegation briefed His Excellency and his staff on the detailed presentation prepared by

the Joint Working Committee organizing the symposium, including the most important contents of the program and the tasks of each of the parties involved in the preparations. This presentation was well received, and His Excellency approved all the points contained in the draft program. He consequently assured his counterpart that the Academy is ready, with all its departments, to provide the support and scientific requirements, especially with regard to appointing speakers in the symposium and inviting a significant number of the Academy's members and experts to participate in the symposium, as well as His Excellency's personal approval to deliver the opening address at the event. In the hope of better coordination and communication between the Academy and the Indonesian parties involved in ensuring the symposium's success, His Excellency appointed Mrs. Sarah Amjad, Director of Family and Women's Affairs Department as a representative of the Academy to communicate with the Indonesian side. His Excellency also gave instructions to the media department to draft an integrated marketing plan to ensure broader participation in the symposium. At the end of the meeting, both parties agreed to continue holding coordination meetings on various issues related to the organization of the symposium.



Secretary General visits the Academy in Jeddah



H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), received H.E. Dr. Abdelilah Belatik, Secretary General of the General Council of Islamic Banks and Financial Institutions (CIBAFI), on Wednesday 22 Safar 1443 (29 September 2021), at his office in Jeddah. The Secretary General of the Academy welcomed his honorable guest, thanking him for this important visit, expressing his thanks and appreciation to the General Council of Islamic Banks and Financial Institutions. His Excellency also gave the honorable guest an overview of the Academy's activities and the developments it has witnessed in the recent period, noting in this regard the status of the Academy globally in terms of being the first international Sharia

reference that issues of Sharia rulings in matters of concern to Muslims, whether those issues are social, economic, intellectual, or educational. His Excellency then informed his guest about the Academy's intention to hold a scientific symposium during November on encrypted digital currencies in the hope of clarifying the sharia rulings related to them. His Excellency also briefed his guest on the project of establishing a higher coordination council for the institutions and organizations of infrastructure for the Islamic financial industry, coordinating strategies to meet the rising challenges of the industry, and converging fatwas and opinions issued by these institutions. For his part, the Secretary General of the Council expressed his great pleasure and profound thanks to the Secretary General of the Academy for the

warm reception and good welcome, praising the appreciated efforts that the Academy has been making in order to support the economic and financial institutions and bodies in the OIC Member states and Muslim communities, which contributes to advancing the development wheel and motivates wealth production mechanisms. His Excellency added that the Council, as a coordinating body that includes in its membership more than one hundred Islamic financial institutions distributed over more than thirty countries, is very interested in this project, which the Academy aspires to adopt in order to contribute to the support and development of the Islamic financial industry. The meeting was attended by Ms. Sarah Amjad Hussein, Director of the Family Affairs Department at the Academy, Dr. Ismail Cebeci, Head of Research and Encyclopedias Division, and Mr. Mourad TLili, Media and Public Relations Advisor to the Secretary General.



Secretary General participates in the UN Seminar on the Role of Islamic Social Finance and Climate Action

On Tuesday 21 Safar 1443 corresponding to 28 September 2021, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), participated in the United Nations Global seminar on the Role of Islamic Social Financing in Achieving Sustainable Development UN Goal No. 13 concerning climate change, and the social, economic, and environmental issues that it poses to humanity. The seminar explores ways to use this funding to provide the necessary support and relief to alleviate poverty and minimize the effects of natural disasters on people and societies. This seminar is part of an important initiative launched by the United Nations last May, in partnership with the Islamic Development Bank Group (IsDB), to initiate dialogue in order to support efforts to recover from the Corona pandemic and its dire economic and social effects, especially on the least developed countries and poor communities. The initiative aims to achieve the necessary resilience to strengthen the economies of the most fragile countries by introducing new development models characterized by an inclusive and resilient base nature. In his speech, the Secretary General of the Academy expressed his thanks to those in charge of this excellent initiative, which deals with a subject that Islamic Sharia has always paid special attention, that of providing adequate support to the needy and those affected by natural disasters and economic and social crises. His Excellency



explained that Sharia, in its entirety, has addressed the issue of preserving the environment by prohibiting and preventing its abuse and destruction. Human life on our planet is an integral part of the environment and that the whole planet is composed of humans, animals, and plants on an equal footing. His Excellency added that the conservation of the environment and climate has become a shared moral obligation today, which motivates us to implement and apply the teachings, values and principles of Sharia that enable us to preserve and maintain our environment safe and sound, for our own and the world's safety against the consequences of environmental violations and aggressions. As far as Islamic social financing institutions are concerned, they should be used to achieve these objectives and to reach the minimum level of prosperity and social solidarity. His Excellency explained that Islamic social financing has multiple institutions, on top of which are three basic

financial institutions that can serve these objectives and provide appropriate solutions to such problems. These institutions are the Zakat Institution, the Waqf Institution, and the Wills Institution. Each of these three institutions could solve so many problems by utilizing their ability and capabilities to spend on projects and programs aimed at preserving the environment and providing relief to those affected by natural disasters and the resulting crises. His Excellency also clarified the importance of strengthening cooperation between the Academy and the institutions active in the field of environmental conservation and mitigation of the destructive effects of climate change resulting from the random violation on the environment, considering that everyone is targeted with all the consequences of harming the environment, which requires strengthening solidarity and cooperation between institutions to protect the environment and help those affected by disasters and crises. It is worth mentioning that the Academy had already adopted a resolution that approved the Shariah legitimacy of providing support from Zakat funds to the afflicted in areas of disasters, earthquakes, floods, and famines. Several eminent personalities in this field participated in the seminar, such as H.E. Dr. Ahmed Al Meraikhi, Special Advisor to the UN Secretary General, and H.E. Prof. Mehmet Asutay, Director, Durham Center for Islamic Economics and Finance.

Secretary General participates in the Global Islamic Finance Scholars Conference

H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), participated on Wednesday, 29 Safar 1443 (06 October 2021) via videoconference in the Sixteenth Global Conference of Shariah Scholars in Islamic Finance, held this year under the title «Islamic Finance and the Fiqh of Crises», organized by the International Shariah Research Academy for Islamic Finance, known as ISRA. His Excellency delivered the opening speech of the ceremony on «The Foundations of Applying Fiqh in Dealing with the Crises of Contemporary Financial Transactions». His Excellency opened his speech by thanking and congratulating ISRA, the event organizer, and stating that this event has become a global benchmark for research and scientific studies in the field of Islamic finance and a guide for its professionals and those interested in it. His Excellency added that ISRA's blessed efforts have contributed over the years to consolidate the role of Islamic finance in the global economy and highlight its deserved position as one of the economic solutions needed to address the financial crises our world is witnessing today. Then His Excellency explained that «one of the duties of the scholars is to enlighten the path of those who seek knowledge, and one of the holiest duties is to teach the public the rules of their religion and to inform them of their duties and prohibitions. These are the legal rules transmitted in the folds of the texts of the Quran and Sunnah through the foundation of the universal principles of the Shariah, the major legal maxims, as well as the supreme objectives of the Sunnah in order to facilitate people in complying with the divine commands, avoiding the divine prohibitions, and confirming the validity of Shariah for every time and place, and for every human being at all times. His Excellency also added that «if crises, with their emergencies, pandemics and disasters, are part of the eternal divine laws that will never cease to befall nations, and there will never be a time without them throughout the ages, then dealing with them wisely and firmly requires a full grasp of the universal faculties of the Shariah, the objectives of the Shariah, and a sound understanding of the consequences, for the nature of crises, be they emergencies, pandemics or disasters, cannot be covered



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by derivatives, and the fatwas of the past are not able to cope with them, given their components, effects and consequences.» His Excellency said that there are essential bases that can be considered in building blocks for developing new fiqh, which he called the fiqh of crises. The bases of this fiqh can be summarized in the following premises:

- First: upholding generalities mentioned in the texts related to pandemics and emergencies, such as the hadith of the Prophet (PBUH): «Whoever sells a fruit and it is affected by a pandemic does not take any of it, why would any of you take his brother's money?»
- Second: Use of maqasid «Shariah purposes» on transactions, including the purpose of justice.
- Third: Compilation of the rules of jurisprudence, in particular, the rule «No harm to either party» and the rules derived therefrom.
- Fourth: Considering the consequences of actions. His Excellency concluded his speech by thanking the organizers for allowing him to address the conference participants through this distinguished platform on a topic of great importance and complexity, hoping that Muslims and all humanity will benefit from this renewed thought and original Ijtihad, and that it will have a positive impact on the development and advancement of the Islamic finance sector, and finally wishing the conference success.



Secretary General holds a meeting with Special Advisor to UN Secretary General



H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), held a consultative meeting with H.E. Dr. Ahmed Al Meraikhi, Special Advisor to the UN Secretary General, via videoconference on Tuesday 28 Safar 1443 (05 October 2021). During the meeting, the two sides exchanged views on the specialized seminar organized by the UN last week on the role of Islamic social finance in combating the effects of climate change. In this context, H.E. Dr. Ahmed Al Meraikhi praised Prof. Koutoub Sano's valuable speech, who drew the attention of the UN Secretary General, on behalf of whom his advisor conveyed his great appreciation for the contribution of the

Academy in raising awareness of the Muslim peoples and communities of the importance of these Islamic financing tools in mitigating the harmful effects of climate change by supporting and aiding its victims by alleviating the effect of these disasters and rehabilitating them. H.E. Dr. Al Meraikhi added that on this occasion, the UN welcomes the establishment of an integrated strategic partnership with the Academy that includes both parties' structures and institutions within a unified operational framework, in order to coordinate efforts and maximize the vital role played by the Academy in advancing the awareness efforts within Muslim countries and communities. For his part, the Secretary General of the Academy expressed his support for this initiative and conveyed to Dr. Al Meraikhi his thanks and gratitude to the UN Secretary General for his confidence in the Academy as a global jurisprudential institution and a scientific institution capable of coordinating the effort of awareness and education within the Member States and Muslim communities. His Excellency the Secretary General also spoke of the Academy's continuing efforts to support the causes of the United Nations and its subsidiary agencies such as the World Health Organization, the Office of

the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the polio vaccination campaign in several Member states, and most recently the covid-19 vaccination campaigns. At the end of the meeting, H.E. Dr. Ahmed Al Meraikhi expressed his profound thanks to the Secretary General of the Academy for accepting this meeting and confirmed that he would convey to the UN Secretary General the willingness of the Academy to engage in a long-term strategic partnership with the United Nations for cooperation and coordination of the implementation of projects and events of humanitarian nature. His Excellency also asserted his readiness to meet with the UN Secretary General to discuss further and develop the provisions of this agreement, which he hopes will soon see the light of day.



Secretary General participates in the UN Seminar on the role of Islamic Social Finance



On Wednesday, 29 Safar 1443 corresponding to 06 October 2021, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), participated in a seminar organized by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on the role of Islamic social financing in achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, and also to discuss ways of using this financing to provide the necessary support and assistance to refugees and forcibly displaced people around the world. This seminar is part of the initiative taken by the United Nations earlier this year to call for dialogue to support efforts to recover from the Corona pandemic and its disastrous economic and social effects, particularly on developing countries. The initiative aims to provide a new funding methodology that can bring relief and support to war-affected people in all regions witnessing violent conflicts worldwide. H.E. Mr. Khalid Khalifa, Representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to the Gulf Cooperation Council and Advisor to the High Commissioner for Islamic Finance, said that the UNHCR has

benefited during the recent period from the donations and assistance made by Muslims worldwide for the benefit of the Refugees Zakat Fund, thus realizing the legitimate fatwa issued by the Academy which has been well received and accepted by the donors all over the world. The fatwa issued by the Academy stipulates that it is permissible to spend Zakat money to help and rescue the refugees and the afflicted around the world. H.E. Mr. Khalid Khalifa confirmed that the Refugees Zakat Fund has witnessed a remarkable increase in the amount and number of donations it receives annually, which has helped more people in need. He attributed this to the joint awareness campaign conducted by UNHCR in partnership with the Academy during the last month of Ramadan. On his part, His Excellency, Secretary General of the Academy, explained the scientific and Sharia role of the Academy as the first international jurisprudential reference for Muslim countries and communities. This role consists of issuing fatwas, resolutions, and recommendations to encourage donors to provide the necessary support and assistance to refugees and forcibly displaced persons. He also stressed this issue's human dimension, which transcends the boundaries of religion, color, race, and gender. His Excellency also added that the joint awareness campaign between the Academy and the UNHCR, to highlight the necessary human needs of refugees and displaced persons in the world, has contributed and continues to contribute significantly

to shedding light on this human tragedy from which humanity suffers, predominantly Muslim countries, which account for about half of the world's refugees. His Excellency explained that the Academy would continue to provide religious and intellectual support to UNHCR by urging Muslims to spend their Zakat and allocate Awqaf and charities to fund UNHCR's activities and programs aimed at saving millions of people who are living in extremely difficult conditions under the burden of poverty, deprivation, and destitution. His Excellency stressed that all Islamic social funding mechanisms should be used, including Zakat, Awqaf, charities, vows, and penances, to ensure a decent and secure life for the affected and afflicted people by providing them with the basic elements of life such as food, clothing, and shelter. The seminar was also attended by H.E. Dr. Ahmed Al Meraikhi, Special Advisor to the UN Secretary General, and H.E. Sheikh Omar Subedar, Director of Operations at the Halal Control Authority, Canada.



11th Monthly Staff Meeting

H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), presided over the eleventh monthly meeting of the Academy's communities on Sunday, 27 of Muharram 1443 (05 end of September 2021). His Excellency opened the meeting by welcoming the participants, especially the newcomer, Ms. Ola Al-Assiri, who recently joined the Academy, wishing her success in her duties and calling on everyone to welcome her and cooperate fully with her to facilitate her integration into the Academy so that she could fully perform her job. His Excellency then spoke about the expected visit of the Indonesian Minister of Religious Affairs to the Academy's headquarters in the coming days. His Excellency also spoke about the recent visit of the OIC Secretary General Elect to the Academy last week. His Excellency also referred to the importance of cooperation between different departments and employees in order to achieve the Acad



emy's objectives, and implement its activities and programs as required, stressing the need for ex-change and synergy between departments so that the experiences gained among the employees permeate and everyone are being informed of the workflow between all departments. This is to support the spirit of cooperation, coordination, and partnership within the Academy and implement the five-year

strategic plan. The meeting resulted in several decisions, notably:

- Expedite the publication of the first issue of the Academy's magazine before the end of September.
- Print the English edition of the Academy's resolutions and recommendations before September's end.
- Carry out the required maintenance and redesign the Academy's library room to keep pace with the technological changes and preserve the valuable books it contains.
- Start updating the Academy's official website and social media accounts.
- Extracting and rearchiving the visual content in the Academy's archives since its inception because of its historical and scientific significance, as well as for use when needed.
- Training some Academy's employees on various tasks in order to enhance their performance level.

21st Periodic Meeting of Divisions Heads

On Thursday, 02 Safar 1443 corresponding to 09 September 2021, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the twenty-first periodic meetings of the divisions heads of the Academy. His Excellency opened the meeting by welcoming the participants, especially the employees who returned from their annual vacations, calling on everyone to do their utmost power to achieve the objectives of their respective departments and to coordinate and cooperate with other departments in order to implement all of the strategic plan's programs and activities. His Excellency spoke about the importance of the Academy, its mission, misunderstandings. His Excellency also stressed the importance and uniqueness of the bi-monthly division heads' meetings, which focus on the details of major policies and plans



defined by departments and which the divisions implement with precision and professionalism in perfect harmony among all divisions and departments, to facilitate and pave the way for successful completion and the entire achievement of the Academy's objectives. vision, and programs, explaining the uniqueness of the Academy is in being the only Fiqh Academy whose members consist of the jurists of the known madhahib (schools of law) to which

more nearly two billion Muslims follow all over the world. His Excellency also pointed out the need for all the Academy staff to learn about the history of Islamic schools of law and their pioneers in order to avoid misinterpretations and The meeting discussed several issues and topics and issued several decisions in their regard, notably:

- Instruct the Academy's Gift Committee to provide a complete inventory of all publications in stores for distribution to university libraries inside and outside Member states.
- Expedite the preparations for the scientific symposium on family and the scientific symposium on takfir (ex-communication).
- Assign the Research Department to prepare a glossary of the Academy's scholars since its inception and publish it in the three official languages of the Academy.

22nd Periodic Meeting of Divisions Heads

On Thursday, 23 Safar 1443 corresponding to 30 September 2021, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the twenty-second periodic meeting of the Heads of Divisions at the headquarters of the Secretariat General. His Excellency opened the meeting by welcoming the participants, stressing everyone's willingness to implement and activate the decisions of the regular meetings due to their importance in managing the Academy's workflow and activities. His Excellency also stressed the importance of the Academy's monthly newsletter, as it documents all its activities and is used to prepare its own periodic and annual reports, as well as to inform partners and the public in general about the Academy and its activities. Similarly, His Excellency commended the Academy News' last issue and the appraisal and warm reception it received from

everyone, as it contained brief biographies of the departed members and experts of the Academy, as a sign of gratitude for their outstanding services to the Academy. His Excellency also thanked the colleagues who made appreciable efforts to research the CVs of these members and experts and make them available to the public in an honourable and convenient manner. The meeting discussed many issues and made several decisions, notably:

- Early preparation for the holding of two specialized seminars on the « importance of Islamic values within the family » and the « phenomenon of takfir (excommunication) in the present era », which were decided to be held in the first term of 2022.
- Request the Gifts Committee to submit a detailed periodic report on all parties that have received the Academy's publications.
- To call upon all departments to expeditiously complete the processing of

their annual reports and submit them to the Planning Department so that they can be compiled and published in a unified report on the occasion of H.E. Prof. Koutoub Sano's completion of his first year as Secretary General of the Academy.



43rd Weekly Meeting of Departments Directors

H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the forty-third weekly meeting of the directors of the Academy's departments, on Monday 28 Muharram 1443 (06 September 2021), at the Academy in Jeddah. His Excellency opened the meeting by welcoming the participants and thanking them for their presence, and then spoke of the importance of these meetings, which aim to create a stimulating work environment and enhance work performance in the Academy, as well as to maintain continuous communication and exchange of opinions and ideas between departments, follow-up on new tasks, and identify the obstacles that may prevent some departments from carrying out some of their activities and programs. His Excellency also



spoke about the necessity to communicate with the relevant authorities in the headquarters country regarding precautionary measures when holding scientific forums and symposia. His Excellency reviewed the decisions of the previous meeting and the follow-up of what has been accomplished in their regard. The meeting

issued several decisions, notably:

- To send invitations to the heads of Ifta authorities within the OIC Member states and Muslim communities abroad to participate in the consultative symposium in January 2022.
- To invite the Academy's members and experts to suggest new topics and titles to be added among the topics postponed for the twenty-sixth session.
- Start hosting lectures of the Academy Forum in the first week of January 2022, provided the speakers' names are to be approved as soon as possible.

44th Weekly Meeting of Departments Directors



H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the forty-fourth weekly meeting of the directors of the Academy's departments on Monday 06 Safar 1443 (13 September 2021), at the headquarters of the Secretariat General in Jeddah.

His Excellency opened the meeting by welcoming the participants and thanking them for their presence. He then spoke about the upcoming scientific symposium on "Cryptocurrencies", scheduled for this November in Jeddah. The symposium will host a group of specialized scholars who will present scientific research on the subject, and some other scholars will be invited to participate via videoconference. His Excellency called on everyone to start preparing for this symposium and stressed the need for cooperation between departments to make it a success. His Excellency discussed the decisions of the previous meeting and their follow-up. The meeting issued several new decisions, notably:

- Begin the preparations necessary to book hotel rooms and airline tickets for the

participants in the cryptocurrency symposium scheduled for the second week of November.

- Remind all departments to deliver a report on their annual activities and achievements until the end of August, in order to prepare the Academy's annual report, which should include departments' activities and programs.
- Organizing an inspection visit by the Secretary General to the site of the Waqf apartment donated by Eng. Suleiman Al-Khuraji in Makkah Al-Mukarramah at the beginning of next October.
- Finalize the procedures related to opening an account for the IIFA Waqf Fund.

45th Weekly Meeting of Departments Directors

H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the forty-fifth weekly meeting of the directors of the Academy's departments, on Monday 13 Safar 1443 (20 September 2021). His Excellency opened the meeting by welcoming the participants and thanking everyone for regularly attending the meetings. His Excellency then spoke about the tenth edition of the Academy newsletter that included a touch of remembrance and gratitude to some of the departed scholars of the Academy. His Excellency also spoke about the upcoming scientific symposium on "Cryptocurrencies" whose date has been



confirmed for 8th November, stressing the importance of early preparation, and called on all departments to fully cooperate and make more efforts to ensure its success. His Excellency discussed the decisions of the

previous meeting and their follow-up. This meeting issued several decisions, notably:

- Submit a report on the confirmed number of muftis in Member states and Muslim communities, in order to start calling on the heads and secretaries of the Ifta authorities and bodies.
- Identify the research presenters in the cryptocurrencies symposium and inform the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the symposium's date and the number of participants.
- Contacting scholars selected to present lectures in the Academy Forum, in order to choose the topics they wish to present, provided they address current issues.

46th Weekly Meeting of Departments Directors

H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the forty-sixth weekly meeting of the directors of the Academy's departments, on Monday 20 Safar 1443 (27 September 2021), at the Academy in Jeddah. His Excellency opened the meeting by welcoming the participants and thanking everyone for regularly attending the meetings, and then expressed his thanks to the secretary of the meetings, Dr. Abdel Fattah Abnoui, and his assistant, Mr. Ahmed Jazouli, for their constant efforts and keenness to immediately communicate the outcomes and decisions of the meetings to all employees. His Excellency also spoke about the importance of ensuring the arrangements related to the scientific symposium that the Secretariat General of the Academy will organize in November on Crypto currencies. He also stressed the need to exert more effort and communicate with the participants to ensure that the symposium will be held on time.

His Excellency discussed the decisions of the previous meeting and their follow-up. The meeting issued several decisions, notably:

- Have the archive and follow-up division contact all departments to address their needs in terms of what needs to be archived from the stored files in the old warehouse.
- Establish a precise and detailed timetable that includes setting and defining the preparation outline of the monthly newsletter, starting with the collection of material, correction, editing, then its sending for printing, provided each stage is given sufficient time for completion.
- Preparing and publishing the second batch of the biographies of the Academy's deceased members and experts. for printing, provided each stage is given sufficient time for completion.
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Tributes and Prayers for the Late Fathers of the Academy (II)



The International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) has become today the largest contemporary academic organization representing a living example of collective Ijtihad that the Ummah has long been seeking. It goes without saying that today this scientific institution has become the first Sharia reference for the Member states of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and Muslim communities in providing practical Islamic solutions to contemporary life problems, with genuine diligence in explaining accurate rulings of Sharia regarding the calamities, developments, and issues that concern Muslims worldwide. The real merit of the Academy's attainment of this high scientific position among global institutions is due to those considerable efforts made and still being made by reliable and sincere scholars who continue, day and night, to analyze, clarify, establish,

verify, and edit the researches of the Academy. Hence, the credit for the Academy's enlightened resolutions and practical recommendations to become references to which the intellectual, social, economic, and cultural institutions inside and outside the Muslim world rely on is thanks to the extreme accuracy and great care taken by scholars in formulating the Academy's resolutions and recommendations. Therefore, the scientific responsibility dictates that we pray for pardon for the deceased scholars and long life for those still among us. We have indeed devoted pages in the previous issue of our monthly newsletter to inform the young generations of the valuable contributions of a part of the departed scholars, and this and other issues will continue the journey of presenting all those great men. As mentioned earlier, our aim is to express our great gratitude for their eminent intellectual contributions, show our great appreciation for their outstanding scientific inputs, and duly perform prayers for their mercy, pardon, and satisfaction in the hereafter. Hence, we bear witness that these departed scholars had a prominent presence in the Academy's sessions and seminars as researchers, speakers, or debaters. They never spared any effort to enrich the

discussions and scientific deliberations that have since distinguished the Academy's sessions and seminars. They have also never hesitated to give their opinions and deliver their Ijtihad on the issues discussed, and they have been very wary in finalizing the Academy's resolutions and recommendations with accuracy, moderation, and deep reflection. They have also repeatedly suffered the hardships of travelling to participate in the Academy's sessions, endured the difficulties of the long sessions to discuss research, and spent long nights researching, analyzing, observing, reflecting, correcting concepts and resolving calamities to cope with modern developments. As promised earlier, we are introducing the Academy's scholars, whether they are representative members of their countries, appointed members chosen by the Council of the Academy, or experts allowed to participate in the Academy's sessions and seminars as researchers or speakers. Finally, we pray to Allah to accept the departed of the eminent figures of the Academy, to reward them in our name and the name of the Ummah with the best reward for their contributions, and to gather us with them in the Abode of Bliss in an assembly of honesty with the All-Powerful Sovereign.

His Eminence Sheikh Ahmed Azhar Bashir

H.E. Sheikh Ahmed Azhar Bashir was born in 1928 in Jakarta, Republic of Indonesia, and passed away in June 1994 in Jakarta. May Allah have mercy on him. He was the first representative member of the Republic of Indonesia to the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, IIFA until his death. His Eminence graduated from the Faculty of Islamic Law at the State Institute of Islamic Religion in Jakarta and obtained a master's degree in Islamic Studies from the Faculty of Dar Al Uloom, Cairo University, Republic of Egypt. His Eminence assumed various academic and administrative positions in his country



Indonesia and abroad, namely as a lecturer in Islamic history, philosophy and law, comparative studies in Islamic fiqh at the State Institute of Islamic Religion, Dean of the Islamic College at the Islamic University in Jakarta, Vice-President of the Central Council of "Tarjeeh Muhammadiyah" in Jakarta, and member of the Islamic Fiqh Committee of the National Law Development Council. His Eminence is the author of several books on Islamic laws (in Indonesian) related to marriage, inheritance, transactions, state, and government. In Arabic, he authored the Inheritance System in Indonesia between Urf and Shariah.

His Eminence Sheikh Abdul Aziz Muhammad Issa

Born in 1908 in El-Beheira Governorate in the Arab Republic of Egypt and passed away in Cairo in 1994. His Eminence was the first representative member of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, IIFA. May Allah have mercy on him. His Eminence memorized the Holy Quran from an early age and attended the circles of knowledge at Al-Azhar since the age of ten. He obtained the secondary certificate of Al-Azhar after five years instead of nine of regular studies in the general department thanks to his ingenuity and progeny and then enrolled at the of higher studies department of Al-Azhar where he obtained Alamiya (PhD), where he was the best student among his peers. He then continued his studies by focusing on rhetoric, literature, education, and psychology for three years, thus fulfilling the highest levels of scientific accreditations

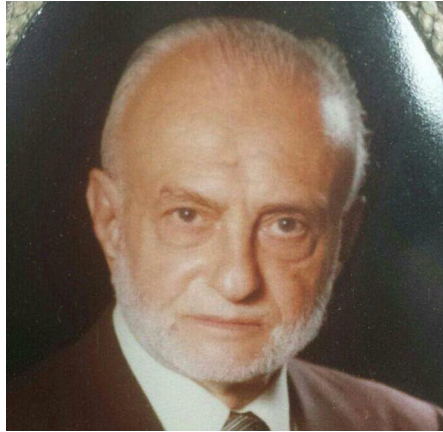
of Al-Azhar University. At the end of his studies, he obtained what was then called a certificate of specialization, which entitled its holders to be called "Allamah" (scholar). His Eminence served various administrative and academic positions, as a lecturer at the Faculty of Sharia at Al-Azhar University, Director of Rissalat al-Islam (Message of Islam) Magazine, Assistant Supervisor of Islamic research and culture, inspector of Arabic and Islamic sciences in religious institutes, Grand Sheikh of the Institute of Islamic Missions, Director General of Inspection of Religious and Arabic Sciences, undersecretary of Al-Azhar Al-Sharif, appointed member of the Egyptian Shura Council, member of three specialized national councils: the National Education Council, Scientific Research & Technology, the National Services Council, and the National Council for Culture & Media. His Eminence is the author of a number of

books, research articles, radio conversations, and fatwas that he presented on the radio for the span of 40 years. One of his most notable books is "How to Perform Umrah and Hajj". His Eminence was the recipient of the First Class Medal of the Order of the Republic and the First-Class Medal of Science and Arts on the occasion of Al-Azhar's millennium anniversary.



His Excellency Sheikh Mustafa Ahmed Al-Zarqa

H.E. Sheikh Mustafa bin Ahmed bin Muhammad Al-Zarqa was born in 1904 in Aleppo, Syria, and passed away in 1999 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, may Allah have mercy on him. His Excellency was an appointed member of the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy in recognition of his scholarly standing and intellectual contributions to the renewal of Islamic Fiqh. His Excellency graduated from both the faculties of law and literature and was thus the first in Syria to combine the three cultures of Shariah, law and literature. He then obtained a diploma in Islamic Shariah from the Faculty of Law at Fouad I University, now known as Cairo University. His Excellency assumed various academic and administrative positions inside and outside Syria, as Minister of Justice, then Minister of Awqaf, Professor of Hanafi jurisprudence and Arabic literature at Al-Khusraviya Religious School and the Umayyad Mosque, Professor of civil and Shariah rights and civil law as well as he the



Head of the Civil and Legal Rights Department at Damascus University. His Excellency actively participated as an expert in the Kuwait Fiqh Encyclopedia and a member of the Expert Committee in the Arab League's Legal Department. His Excellency is also remembered for his active

role in the establishment and development of several Islamic universities in Damascus, Cairo, Madinah and Makkah, as well as for his reputation as a distinguished poet. His Excellency is the author of several books and research articles. Among his most important publications include A General Introduction to Fiqh, Introduction to the General Theory of Commitment in Islamic Fiqh, Sale Contracts in Islamic Fiqh, Explanation of Syrian Civil Law, Islamic Fiqh and its Schools, Istislah and Massalih Mursala (Problem-Solving and Unrestricted Public Interests) in Islamic Fiqh, Rulings on Waqf, Harmful Acts and their Guarantee, Istisna contract and its impact on Islamic Banking Activities, Insurance System and its Shariah Opinion, Intellect and Fiqh in Understanding Ahadith, the Greatness of Muhammad, The Seal of the Messengers and the Pinnacle of Human Splendors, Poetry Collection: Rainbow.

His Eminence Sheikh Muhammad Miko



Born in 1935 in Fez and passed away in 1996 in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, H.E. Sheikh Mohammad Miko was the first representative member of the Kingdom of Morocco to the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy. May Allah have mercy on him. His Excellency graduated from the University of Al-Qarawiyyin in Fez, then held various administrative and academic positions inside and outside the Kingdom of Morocco, including as a team leader in the Supreme Council of the Court of Cassation, Director of Civil Affairs Department at the Ministry of Justice, member of the Royal Commission for Judicial Reform, Chairman of the Royal Commission for Codification, member of Negotiation Team on judicial cooperation with some European countries, especially The Hague Organization for Private International Law, Attorney General at the Court of Appeal of Tangier, President of the Regional Court of Marrakech, President of the Regional Court of Rabat, Director of the Department of Civil Affairs at

the Ministry of Justice, Secretary General of the Council of Arab Ministers of Justice, President of the Chamber of the Supreme Court, Secretary General of the Advisory Council for Human Rights. His Excellency also worked as a professor of civil law, payment law and judicial organization in the following Moroccan institutions: the National Institute of Judicial Studies, the National School of Public Administration, Executive Training School in Quneitra of the Ministry of the Interior, representative of the Kingdom in the General Authority for the Unification of Arab Civil Laws, member of the Expert Committee for the Unification of Arab Civil Law, Chairman of the Expert Committee for drafting a unified Arab law on civic status, member of the Judicial Authority of the Arab Maghreb Union. His Eminence is the author of several books and research articles in Fiqh and law, including Regulations for Social Affairs, Arab Women and the Family Code, in addition to his lectures on private judicial law, and the Rules of Procedures for Social Affairs.

His Eminence Sheikh Abdullah Al-Bassam

H.E. Sheikh Abdullah Al-Bassam was born in Unaizah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, in 1346, and passed away in the year 1423. May Allah have mercy on him. His Eminence was an appointed member of the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, who participated in the establishment of the Academy, and is credited with naming the Academy the International Islamic Fiqh Academy instead of the International Fiqh Council to distinguish it from the Fiqh Council of the Muslim World League. His Eminence was a hafiz (memorizer) of the Holy Qur'an, and he learned from his father the principles of Fiqh, grammar, tafsir, seerah, and Islamic history. He was also taught by the great scholar Abdulrahman bin Nasir al-Saadi for many years - may Allah have mercy on them - and then joined the Shariah

College in Makkah Al-Mukarramah. His Eminence took over the judiciary in urgent partial cases in Makkah Al-Mukarramah, while teaching at Al-Masjid Al-Haram. He also presided over the Grand Court in Taif and the Court of Cassation in Makkah Al-Mukarramah. His Eminence is the author of several publications and books, notably: Explanation of Umdat al-Ahkam, A Summary on Umdat al-Ahkam, Scholars of Najd for Eight Centuries, The Clear Verdict on the Zakat of Jewelry, Anthology of Divergence Issue, Clarification the Rulings related to Bulugh al-Maram, Debunking Al-Athaar al-Muhamadiya and Exposing its Harmful Effects, Commentary on Umdat al-Fiqh, Refining Umdat al-Ragheb, Explanation on Uncovering Suspicions.



His Excellency Dr. Abdelhadi Boutaleb



Born in 1923 in Fez and passed away in 2009 in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, H.E. Dr. Abdelhadi Boutaleb was an appointed member of the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy. May Allah have mercy on him. His Excellency graduated from the University of Al-Qarawiyyin, with a BA and a PhD in Sharia, in addition to a PhD in law. His Excellency then served various administrative and academic positions as professor at Al-Moulawiya School, professor of law at the universities of Mohammed V in Rabat and Hassan II in Casablanca, professor for HM King Hassan II, and his son, HM King Mohammed VI. He was appointed Minister of Labor and Social Affairs upon establishing the first Moroccan national government after independence, Secretary of State for Information, Youth and Sports, Min

ister of Justice, Education, and Foreign Affairs, Morocco's ambassador to Lebanon, Syria, USA, and Mexico. He also served as President of the Moroccan Parliament and Advisor to HM King Hassan II. His Excellency is the author of numerous works on political science, law and literature, in both Arabic and French, amounting to 58 publications, the most important of which include Family Rights and Women's Liberation, At the Crossroads of Arab Nationalism and Islamic Solidarity, Insights on the Arab Cause (in Arabic and French), between Arab Nationalism and the Islamic League, a Glossary for Correcting Arab Media Language, The Muslim World and The New World Order (in Arabic and French), Towards Another Fairer and More Human Globalization.

His Eminence Sheikh Justice Muhammad Ali Abdullah

H.E. Sheikh Justice Muhammad Ali Abdullah was born in 1949 in the city of Lomé in the Republic of Togo, and passed away in 2010 in Niamey, Niger, may Allah have mercy on him. His Eminence was the first representative member of the Republic of Niger to the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, IIFA. His Eminence obtained a BA in Law from the Republic of Tunisia, and a diploma from the National School of Magistrates in France. His Excellency assumed various academic and administrative positions inside and outside his country, Niger, as a judge in the First Investigation Office in the Court of First Instance in the capital, Niamey, and as Head of the Agadez City Court Department.



His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Abdulaziz Al-Khayat

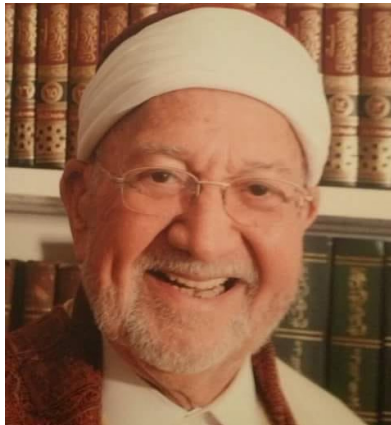


H.E. Sheikh Abdul Aziz bin Izzat Mustafa Al-Khayat was born in Nablus in Palestine in 1924, and passed away in November 2011. May Allah have mercy on him. His Excellency was an appointed member of the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy in recognition of his scholarly standing. His Excellency obtained a BA, MA, and Ph.D. in Islamic Shariah from the Faculty of Shariah at Al-Azhar University. His Excellency also obtained a bachelor's degree in Arabic literature and Semitic languages from Cairo University. His Excellency assumed various academic and administrative

positions, as an inspector in the Ministry of Education, Dean of the Faculty of Shariah at the Jordanian University, Jordanian Minister of Awqaf, Islamic Affairs and Holy Places, member of the Jordanian Senate, and Vice President of The Royal Aal al-Bayt Institute for Islamic Thought. His Excellency is the author of several books and studies, the most important of which are: Shadows of Glory, Zakat and Social Security, the Political System in Islam, the Jews and their Superstitions about their Prophets and Jerusalem. His Excellency was awarded the First Class Medal of Merit of Order of the Star of Jordan, as well as the Education Excellence Medal.

His Eminence Sheikh Kameleddine Djait

Born in 1922 in Al-Marsa suburb in Tunis and passed away in 2012, His Eminence Sheikh Kameleddine bin Muhammad Al-Aziz bin Youssef Djait was the representative member of the Republic of Tunisia to the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy. May Allah have mercy on him. His Eminence belongs to a family renowned for its knowledge in Tunisia. He received his primary education at Al-Sadiqiah School and the Charitable School, then continued his studies at Al-Zaytuna Mosque until obtaining Alamiya (PhD). His Eminence assumed various academic and administrative positions. He worked in the education sector for forty years and was an appointed expert at the Arab League for laws codification, member of the Supreme Islam



ic Council of Tunisia, member of the Tunisian Parliament. Sheikh Djait was also the Grand Mufti of Tunisia for ten years. He was considered one of Al-Zaituna's most prominent scholars in Usul Al-Fiqh (Fundamentals of Fiqh). His Eminence is the author of numerous books and research articles, namely the New World Order, Globalization, Regional Blocs and their Impact, Islam and Human Rights in Light of Global Changes, Investing Waqf Revenues, Istisna Contract, Truth about of Sufism between its Supporters and Detractors. His Eminence was the recipient of the Republic of Tunisia's First Order Medal in recognition of his academic standing and efforts in the service of Islam.

His Excellency Mr. Muhammad Youssef Jiri

H.E. Mr. Muhammad Youssef Jiri was born in 1944 in the city of Segou in the Republic of Mali in West Africa. He passed away in October 2015 in the capital Bamako in the Republic of Mali. May Allah have mercy on him. His Excellency was the first representative member of the Republic of Mali to the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy. His Excellency obtained a Bachelor of Arts from Cairo University, after which he joined the Higher Institute of Production and Economic Rationalization (affiliated to the International Labor Office) in the capital, Bamako. His Excellency assumed various academic and administrative positions inside and outside his country, as Ambassador of the Republic of Mali to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Arab Gulf States, Professor of French language and literature at the French Arab Institute in Timbuktu,

Mali, supervisor of the Arabic teachers training program in Mali (Timbuktu Center), Professor of French and African Literature at Muhammad Assica Institute in the capital Bamako, and the Educational Director at the Institute of Public Education in the capital, Bamako, media supervisor of preaching and counselling activities, technical advisor on Islamic Affairs at the Ministry of Information, advisor to the Presidency of the State in charge of Islamic and Arab Affairs, and General President of the Islamic Productive Foundation, in addition to his Dawah efforts in spreading Islam in the African continent. His Excellency is the author of several books and research articles, notably a translation and an exegesis of the meanings of the Noble Qur'an into the French language, an Introduction to the Noble Qur'an, as well as a Translation an Exegesis of the Psalms in French.



His Eminence Prof. Hussein Hamid Hassan

Born in 1932 and passed away in 2020, H.E. Prof. Hussain Hamid Hassan was an expert at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy since its inception and until his demise. May Allah have mercy on him. His Eminence holds two master's degrees from the Faculty of Law at Cairo University, in Sharia and Civil Law respectively, and a doctorate in Fiqh and Usul Al Fiqh from the Faculty of Sharia at Al-Azhar University. He also holds a bachelor's degree in comparative law from New York University School of Law as well as a master's degree from its International Institute of Comparative Law. His Eminence served various administrative and academic positions inside and outside the Arab Republic of Egypt, as an attorney in the Department of Government Cases in Cairo, then as a teaching assistant at the Faculty of Law at Cairo University, head of Sharia department at the same faculty, head of graduate studies at Imam Muhammad bin Ali Al-Senussi University in Libya, head of Higher Sharia Studies in Makkah Al-Mukarramah (King Abdulaziz University), Director of the



Center for Scientific Research and Revival of Islamic Heritage at the Faculty of Sharia at the same university, President for fourteen years of the International Islamic University in Islamabad, Pakistan, Advisor to the Presidents of the

Republic of Kazakhstan, and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, as well as to the Prime Minister of Kyrgyzstan; Consultant to the Heritage Revival Authority of UAE, expert of the International Federation of Islamic Banks, Chairman of the Fatwa and Sharia Supervisory Board of Dubai Islamic Bank, National Islamic Bank of Sharjah, and Liquidity Management Center in Bahrain; Member of the Fatwa and Sharia Supervisory Board of the IDB, Member of the Executive Bureau of the World Muslim Congress, Member of the European Council for Fatwa and Research, and Member of the Egyptian Constituent Assembly. His Eminence is the author of several books and research articles, including the Theory of In-kind Insurance in Fiqh, Mortgage on Non-Objects in Sharia, Effects of Bankruptcy on the Debtor's Person and Funds in Sharia (written in Arabic and English), Sharia Rulings on Insurance Contracts, Effects of Inflation on Rights and Debts Futures, Mas'laha (Public Interest) and its Contemporary Applications in Economy, and Inheritance System in Sharia: A Comparative Study.

His Excellency Dr. Muhammad bin Omar Zubair

H.E. Dr. Muhammad bin Omar Zubair was born in Madinah in 1932 and passed away in 2021 while performing Dohr prayer at his nearby mosque in Prince Fawaz neighbourhood, south of Jeddah. His Excellency was an expert in the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy. May Allah have mercy on him. His Excellency received his B.A. from Cairo University and his M.A. and Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Connecticut, USA. Thereafter, His Excellency was tasked with various academic and administrative positions, including an expert in the Central Planning Commission of Saudi Arabia, Dean of the College of Economics and Administration at King

Abdulaziz University in Jeddah, as well as Secretary General, Vice-director, and then Director, respectively. He also served as Chairman of the Scientific Committee of the Islamic Research and Training Institute of the Islamic Development Bank in Jeddah. He is considered a founding member and later president of the International Islamic Economics Association in London. His Excellency is the author of numerous research papers, and a book entitled the State's Role in Achieving the Objectives of Islamic Economics. His Excellency was awarded the Islamic Development Bank's Islamic Economics Prize in recognition of his pioneering efforts and serious endeavors to develop modern Islamic economics.



His Eminence Sheikh Taher bin Ahmed Maulana Jamal Al-Layl



H.E. Sheikh Taher bin Ahmed Maulana Jamal Al-Layl was born in Ntsoudjini in Comoros in 1936 and passed away in 2020 in Moroni, capital of Comoros. May Allah have mercy on him. His Eminence was the first representative member of the United Comoros to the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, IIFA. His Eminence studied Islamic sciences at the Islamic Academy of Zanzibar and obtained a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in comparative Fiqh from Al-Azhar University in the Arab Republic of Egypt. His Eminence assumed various academic and administrative positions in his country, as an Arabic language teacher in the capital Moroni, Shariah Consultant at the Moroni Supreme Court, and the Grand Mufti of Comoros. His Eminence delivered a tremendous number of religious lectures and speeches on national radio and television, in addition to the Friday sermons in his hometown of Ntsoudjini.

His Eminence Prof. Hassan Abdul Ghani Abu Ghudda



H.E. Sheikh Prof. Hassan bin Abdul Ghani bin Muhammad Bashir Abu Ghudda was born in 1947 in Aleppo, Syria, and passed away in 2020 in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey. May Allah have mercy on him. His Eminence obtained a bachelor's degree in Shariah from the University of Damascus, a master's degree in Shariah Policy from the Faculty of Shariah and Law at Al-Azhar University, and a state doctorate in Islamic jurisprudence and Shariah policy from the Al-Zaytouna College of Tunis University. He participated as an expert in several of the Academy's annual sessions, during which he presented outstanding scientific research. His Eminence assumed various academic and administrative positions, having been a member of the Board of the Higher Institute of Islamic Shariah at Emir Abd Elkader Islamic Sciences University in Algeria, Secretary of the Council of the Department of Islamic Studies at King Saud University's College of Education in Riyadh,

rapporteur of the committee to study the proposal for the establishment of the "Saudi Scientific Society for Contemporary Islamic Studies", and a collaborating researcher with the Technical Committee of Prince Sultan bin Abdulaziz Chair for Contemporary Islamic Studies at King Saud University. His Eminence is the author of several books and research articles. Some of his most important publications include the Jurisprudence of Detention Centers and Prisons between Shariah and Law, Letters to the Contemporary Muslim (Issues from Contemporary Life in Light of Islam), Educational Anthology from the Seerah, The Prophet's Gems for Women, Studies on the Fiqh of Worships and its Contemporary Issues, the Happy Family in the Shadow of Islam, Fiqh Issues in International Relations during Wartime, Humour in Islam, Women's Companion, and Glossary of International Relations in Islamic Fiqh.