

HRH Prince Khalid Al-Faisal, Advisor to the King, Makkah Governor welcomes IIFA Secretary General in Jeddah

His Royal Highness Prince Khalid Al-Faisal, Advisor to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, Governor of Makkah Province, received His Excellency the Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, and his accompanying delegation, at his office in Jeddah on Monday 07 Jumada al-akhira 1443 corresponding to 10 January 2022G. His Royal Highness welcomed His Excellency the Secretary General, expressing his happiness at receiving the delegation of the Academy, and his appreciation for the role played by the Academy in spreading moderation and a culture of tolerance. His Highness also stressed the need for concerted efforts to promote a culture of moderation and combat radicalism, fanaticism, and extremism. For his part, His Excellency the Secretary General expressed his great thanks and great gratitude to His Royal Highness for this great honor and for the warm reception and earnest welcome to him and the delegation of the Academy and conveyed to His Highness the greetings of His Excellency the President of the Academy, Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Abdullah bin Hamid, Advisor to the Royal Court, member of the Board of Senior Scholars, Imam of the Grand Mosque of Makkah, and all the staff of the Academy, including members, experts and employees. Furthermore, His Excellency presented to His Highness a brief summary of the mission of the Academy represented in a moderate presentation of Shariah, highlighting its advantages, and its ability to achieve happiness and stability for the individual and society, praising in this regard the Academy's continuous efforts to



correct misconceptions and stereotypical image of Islam. His Excellency also stressed the keenness of the Academy on intellectual convergence and knowledge integration between the scholars of the Ummah and the scholars of the reputable Islamic schools of jurisprudence, in addition to the diligent work in order to coordinate with the fatwa councils, the bodies of senior scholars within the Muslim world, and Muslim communities. On this occasion, His Excellency pointed out that the Academy does not issue fatwas on issues of local nature, and also indicated that the Academy does not address controversial issues, in an effort to unite the Ummah and unite its ranks. Then His Excellency praised the continuous support, generous care, great attention, and great facilities that the Academy enjoys from the host state and its people, headed by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, and the Crown Prince His Royal Highness Prince Mohammad bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud. Praise be to God, the Academy was able, thanks to the support of the host state in particular and the member

states of the Organization in general, to hold twenty-four (24) Sessions, and to issue two hundred and thirty-eight (238) Resolutions on various issues and developments in economy, thought, culture, and education. Finally, His Excellency concluded his speech by expressing his aspiration to strengthen cooperation, coordination and communication with scientific and religious institutions concerned with managing religious affairs in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. At the end of the meeting, His Excellency presented His Highness with a luxurious copy of the fourth edition of the Book of Resolutions and Recommendations of the Academy, and a number of publications of the Academy. His Excellency was accompanied to this meeting by Mr. Mohamed Al-Mondher Chouk, Director of Cabinet and Protocol Affairs, Mrs. Sarah Amjad Hussain, Director of Family and Women's Affairs, Mr. Mohamed Walid Al-Idrissi, Director of Media, Public Relations and Information Technology, Dr. Abdel-Fattah Mahmoud Abnauf, Director of Planning and International Cooperation, and Mr. Amjad Ibrahim Mustafa Al-Mansi, Head of Protocol Division.



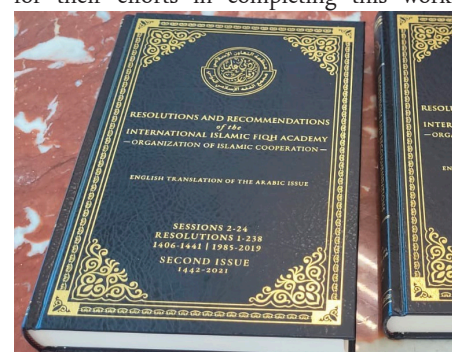
OIC Secretary General receives the 2nd Edition of the Academy's Resolutions and Recommendations



On Wednesday, 23 Jumada al-akhira 1443H corresponding to 26 January 2022G, His Excellency the Secretary General of the Academy handed over the first copy of the new English-language book edition to his Excellency the Secretary General of the Organization, during their meeting in his office at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the OIC. As an extension of the qualitative developments and

transformation taking place at the General Secretariat of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) since His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano assumed duties as Secretary General of the Academy, and a desire to enable scientists, intellectuals, researchers and scholars who cannot speak Arabic inside and outside the Muslim world to make the most use of the publications of the Academy, the General Secretariat of the Academy, has succeeded in printing the second edition of the Book of Resolutions and Recommendations in English, after a 22-year break from the first edition in 2000G. This new edition contains a thorough translation of all the two hundred and thirty-eight (238) resolutions and recommendations issued by the Academy from its founding to the present day. While congratulating its members and experts on the release of this new edition, the General Secretariat of the Academy extends its great thanks and appreciation to His Excellency Mr. Hussein Ibrahim Taha, Secretary General of the Organization of

Islamic Cooperation (OIC), and to His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Abdullah bin Humaid, President of the Academy and His excellency Dr. Yousuf bin Ahmed Al-Othaimen, former Secretary-General of the Organization, for their continued support and generous care for the Academy. The General Secretariat also expresses its high appreciation to the scholars, jurists, translators, and reviewers of the Academy for their efforts in completing this work.



Dean of Diplomatic Corps receives IIFA's SG in Riyadh



His Excellency Ambassador Thiauddin Bamakhrama, Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, and Ambassador of the Republic of Djibouti, received on Wednesday, 02 Jumadah al-Akhira 1443H, corresponding to 05 January 2022, in his office in the Embassy district of Riyadh, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA). His Excellency began his speech by expressing his great thanks to His Excellency and his entourage for the visit, praising his Excellency's outstanding efforts in promoting the Academy, and communicating with the member states of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), and expressing his great appreciation for the developments

that the Academy has been witnessing since his Excellency assumed the leadership of the General Secretariat of the Academy, noting the great role of the Academy in disseminating moderation and promotion of a culture of moderation, tolerance and peaceful coexistence. He concluded by expressing his aspiration for the Academy to partner with leading religious institutions in East Africa to organize a specialized scientific seminar in Djibouti on promoting moderation, a culture of moderation, tolerance and the fight against extremism and terrorism in the region. For his part, His Excellency the Secretary General of the Academy expressed his sincere thanks and appreciation to the Ambassador for his good reception and hospitality, praising his Excellency's great role in strengthening the relations of cooperation and partnership between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and all embassies diplomatic missions accredited in the Kingdom, noting the great confidence and respect that His Excellency enjoys from all in recognition of his wisdom and judiciousness. His Excellency expressed his thanks to the Ambassador and his great gratitude for the continued support of the member states of the OIC in general and the Republic of Djibouti in particular, stressing the Academy's readiness to strengthen

partnership and cooperation with religious and scientific institutions with the member states of the Organization, and in particular welcomed the proposal of his Excellency to organize a specialized scientific symposium on the topics and issues mentioned by His Excellency the Dean of Diplomatic Corps in cooperation with religious and scientific institutions in the Horn of Africa in the near future. His Excellency concluded his speech by kindly inviting His Excellency to visit the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah, as well as provided him with a copy of the fourth edition of the book of resolutions and recommendations of the Academy, and issues of the monthly newsletter. The meeting was also attended by Mr. Mohamed Al-Idrissi, Director of Public Relations and Media Department at the Academy.



Libya's Permanent Representative visits the Academy in Jeddah

His Excellency Ambassador Kamal Bashir Dhan, Permanent Representative of the State of Libya to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), visited His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), on Tuesday 8 Jumada al-akhira 1443H corresponding to 11 January 2022, at the headquarters of the Academy's General Secretariat in Jeddah. His Excellency expressed his heartfelt thanks to His Excellency the Secretary General for the warm welcome and good reception, and his deep appreciation for the qualitative changes and remarkable developments witnessed by the General Secretariat of the Academy, whether at the administrative or scientific and intellectual levels since His Excellency assumed his duties as Secretary General of the Academy, praising His Excellency's great keenness to unite the Ummah and spread the correct concepts of the true religion, and to promote the values of moderation and peaceful coexistence. His Excellency concluded by expressing his aspiration to strengthen relations of cooperation and communication between the General Secretariat of the Academy and the State of Libya through the new permanent delegation, wishing His Excellency and the Academy more success in achieving the activities and programs of the Academy's strategic plan, stressing his full readiness to



provide all facilities and services necessary for the success of the various programs and projects of the Academy. His Excellency also pledged to ensure that the State of Libya fulfills its full material and moral obligations towards the OIC and all its organs. For his part, the Secretary General welcomed His Excellency and thanked him for this visit, which indicates the appreciation of His Excellency and the Libyan permanent delegation to the Academy, and it also affirms the sincere desire to consolidate relations of cooperation and communication between the General Secretariat of the Academy and the scientific and religious institutions in the State of Libya, praising in the meantime the high scientific level enjoyed by Libyan scholars and the pivotal and pioneering role played by the

Libyan religious and scientific institutions, especially the Libyan Waqf and Islamic Affairs Authority. His Excellency concluded by emphasizing that the Academy is looking forward to working and communicating with the permanent delegation, and with all Libyan scientific institutions and centers concerned with issues of thought, social and economic topics, as the Academy is fully prepared to harness all its scientific capabilities to support the Libyan government and the brotherly Libyan people in achieving security, safety and peaceful coexistence, with eagerness to renounce violence, extremism and hate speech. The meeting was attended by Dr. Abdel-Fattah Mahmoud Abnauf, Director of Planning and International Cooperation at the Academy, Mrs. Sarah Amjad Hussain, Director of Family and Women's Affairs at the Academy, and Mr. Mourad TLiLi, Advisor to the Secretary General of the Academy for media and public relations affairs.



Director General of OIC Regional Mission in Somalia visits IIFA

His Excellency professor Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), received at his office at the Headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy on Wednesday morning, 9 Jumada al-akhira 1443, corresponding to 12 January 2022, H.E. Ambassador Mohamed Bamba M. Boba, Director General of the Regional Mission of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) in the Federal Republic of Somalia, who briefed the Secretary General on the latest developments in Somalia and discussed possible areas of cooperation and coordination between the mission and the Academy. The Secretary General welcomed His Excellency and thanked him for the visit, noting the great role played by the Organization through its regional mission in supporting peace and reconstruction efforts in the Federal Republic of Somalia, and wishing success to His Excellency in his huge tasks to ensure that Somalia returns to its stability and prosperity. In this context, His Excellency stressed the Academy's full readiness to provide all forms of intellectual and juristic support to the Federal Republic of Somalia, particularly in the fight against extremist ideology that fuels terrorism and spreads extremism, and calls for brutal attacks on life, and public and private property based on false concepts and false interpretations of sacred texts. His Excellency also praised the outstanding role played by many contemporary scholars and thinkers of the Federal Republic of Somalia



in the Horn of Africa, in promoting a culture of moderation, tolerance and coexistence, and rejecting extremism, intolerance, and terrorism, and confirmed to His Excellency the Academy's readiness to strengthen close cooperation with scientific institutions and centers and juristic councils in Somalia. This can be achieved by partnering in conferences, seminars, and workshops with Somali scholars on ways to dismantle the origins of extremist ideology, and to break the intellectual foundations on which extremism is based, as well as to refute the premises on which they are based to implicate many young people, women, and children in committing heinous acts that have nothing to do with Islam and against its teachings. For his part, His Excellency the Ambassador expressed his thanks and appreciation to his Excellency the Secretary General for his good reception and warm welcome, praising the great role played by the Academy and its great efforts in combating all forms of extremism, violence, terrorism and spreading

the values of tolerance and moderation. His Excellency also praised the readiness of the Academy to strengthen its cooperation and partnership with the leading and long-standing Somali scientific institutions in integrating efforts and coordinating visions to strengthen the approach of moderation, and to fight extremism and violence by organizing specialized seminars and workshops on various issues of concern to Muslims in the Horn of Africa in general and in the Federal Republic of Somalia in particular. At the end of the visit, Ambassador Mohamed Bamba reiterated his thanks and appreciation to His Excellency and his aspiration for a visit from His Excellency and a delegation from the Academy to Mogadishu soon. The meeting was attended by H.E. Engineer Abdullah Abdullah Ali, Deputy Director General of the Regional Mission of OIC in Somalia, Dr. Abdel Fattah Mahmoud Abnauf, Director of Planning and International Cooperation Department at the Academy, and Mr. Mourad TLiLi, Advisor to the Secretary General of the Academy for Media and Public Relations.



IIFA Secretary General visits Embassy of The Republic Senegal in Riyadh



His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), visited on Thursday, 03 Jumada al-akhira 1443, corresponding to 06 January 2022, the Embassy of the Republic of Senegal in the Embassies District of Riyadh, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. His Excellency Mohamadou Dodo, Ambassador of Senegal, and Permanent Representative to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), received His Excellency the Secretary General, and thanked him for the visit, which is the first visit of an official from the Academy to the Embassy headquarters. He

stated that this visit is an honest expression of the appreciation and love of the Republic of Senegal leadership and people, as well as an affirmation of his Excellency's desire to strengthen the relations of cooperation and partnership between the Academy and scientific institutions in Senegal in order to spread the culture of moderation, tolerance and coexistence on the one hand and to strengthen communication and coordination between the Academy and religious institutions in order to combat all forms of intolerance, extremism, fanaticism and terrorism on the other hand. He then expressed his delight with the great development and qualitative change he noticed at the General Secretariat of the Academy during his visit to the headquarters of the Academy in Jeddah, which is a source of pride for all, and testament to the good leadership of His Excellency. His Excellency concluded by expressing the readiness of the Republic of Senegal to provide all support to the Academy to enable it to play its esteemed and distinct role in uniting the Ummah and achieving communication and cooperation between scholars and experts

of the Academy and scholars of Senegal in the fields of research and fatwas. For his part, His Excellency the secretary General expressed his gratitude and appreciation to the Ambassador for his good reception and welcome, praising the great support and care the Academy has been receiving from the Republic of Senegal since its founding to this day. His Excellency also expressed his great appreciation and gratitude for the recent visit of the Ambassador to the General Secretariat of the Academy. He stressed the full readiness of the Academy to strengthen the relations of partnership, cooperation, coordination and communication between the Academy and Senegalese academic and religious institutions in all fields, especially the field of dissemination of moderation, tolerance, and coexistence. His Excellency concluded with the promise of his willingness to visit Senegal soon. His Excellency was accompanied by Mr. Mohammed Walid Al-Idrissi, Director of the Department of Media, Public Relations, and IT at the Academy.

SMIIC's Secretary General visits the Academy

The Secretary General of the Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIIC) of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Mr. Ihsan Ovut, and his delegation visited the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) on Thursday 10 Jumada al-akhira 1443, corresponding to 13 January 2022. His Excellency and his delegation were greeted by His Excellency the Secretary General of the Academy, Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, and some senior staff of the Academy. His Excellency the Secretary General welcomed the distinguished guest and delegation noting the distinct relationship between the Academy and the Institute since its inception, pointing out in this regard the positive cooperation between the Institute and the General Secretariat of the Academy in the field of issuing Islamic juristic standards for the halal industry in slaughter food, beverages, etc., in order to achieve the OIC's objectives in disseminating the halal industry committed to Islamic standards and to emphasize the strategic partnership between the two parties. His Excellency expressed his aspiration to the commitment of the member states of the OIC to all Shariah standards of halal products such as foods, medicines and others, considering



that these standards arise from the resolutions and recommendations issued by the Academy over four decades, and expressed confidence in the cooperation and integration of member states among themselves in the field of production and trade of halal products so that all their products are in accordance with the provisions of their religion and Shariah. In this context, His Excellency promised to continue the cooperation and coordination between the Academy and the Institute through regular meetings, seminars, and joint conferences in order to continue serving Muslims and achieve OIC's objectives in the field of food and medicines compliant with Shariah. For his part, H.E. Ihsan Ovut thanked the Secretary General for the warm welcome, praising the great efforts of the Academy under his Excellency's leadership to serve Muslims and their causes inside and outside member states. He also noted his satisfaction with the

firm cooperation between the institute and the Academy in areas of halal products such as food, medicine, and clothing. He stressed the need to continue to intensify efforts and deepen cooperation between the two sides in order to keep pace with the developments and changes taking place in our world today, and in order to further enhance compliance with the decisions of the Academy and the standards of the Institute in order to keep up with the rapid scientific development taking place in this sector. It should be noted that the OIC has chosen a unified Islamic organ to regulate the halal industry, as it established the Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIIC) which has membership of forty-five (45) Islamic states and fourteen (14) specialized regional and international organizations.



Ambassador of Guinea welcomes IIFA Secretary General at the Embassy in Riyadh

H.E. Mr. Mahmoud Sharif Nabhani, Ambassador of the Republic of Guinea to Saudi Arabia, received His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) on Thursday, 03 Jumada al-akhira 1443, corresponding to 06 January 2022G at the Embassy of the Republic of Guinea in the Embassies District of Riyadh, the Kingdom Saudi Arabia. His Excellency the Ambassador warmly welcomed his Excellency and thanked him in particular for this visit, which is a confirmation of his sincere loyalty and deep sense of belonging to his country's leadership and people, as well as an expression of his desire to strengthen relations of cooperation, partnership and coordination between the Academy and the scientific and religious institutions of the Republic of Guinea in order to spread the culture of moderation, tolerance and coexistence, and to combat all forms of intolerance, extremism, radicalization and terrorism. In the meantime, he praised His Excellency's recent successful visit to the Republic of Guinea, where he met with His Excellency the President of the Republic, His



Excellency the Prime Minister, and a number of ministers, and in particular the cooperation agreement signed by His Excellency with the General Secretariat for Religious Affairs of Guinea. He then expressed his pleasure and satisfaction with the qualitative developments and changes that have taken place in the

General Secretariat of the Academy since his Excellency began his duties as Secretary General, which is a source of great pride for the African continent in general and for the Republic of Guinea in particular. He concluded by expressing the readiness of the Republic of Guinea to provide all support, and care to the Academy in order to enable it to carry out its valuable mission and achieve its noble objectives. For his part, His Excellency expressed his great thanks to the Ambassador for his good reception and hospitality, praising the continued support that the Academy has enjoyed from the leadership and people of the Republic of Guinea since its founding to this day. His Excellency also expressed his great appreciation for the recent visit of His Excellency the Ambassador to the General Secretariat of the Academy, stressing the Academy's keenness to implement the provisions of the cooperation agreement signed between the Academy and the General Secretariat for Religious Affairs of the Republic of Guinea in order to promote moderation, and spread the culture of tolerance and coexistence.

IIFA and Serbia's Faculty of Islamic Studies sign an MoC

As part of the international Islamic Fiqh Academy's (IIFA) quest for cross-fertilization of ideas and knowledge integration between the leading scientific institutions in the member states of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), and a desire to benefit from the experiences of prestigious universities and scientific institutes inside and outside the Muslim world, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, and His Excellency Prof. Enver Gicic, Dean of the Faculty of Islamic Studies of the Republic of Serbia, signed a strategic cooperation agreement between the two institutions on Wednesday, 23 Jumada al-akhira 1443, corresponding to 26 January 2022, at the Headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. This agreement aims to build a strategic partnership in the field of mutual utilization of the scientific and research capabilities of the two institutions, and to study contemporary issues to guide and direct them. The agreement also aims to jointly organize conferences and seminars, hold workshops and training, exchange publications, and represent the two sides in the conferences and seminars held by each other in the field of mutual interest. Following the signing of the agreement, His Excellency the Secretary General expressed his pleasure at the development and progress



witnessed by the Faculty, and the scientific results and achievements of the Faculty in recent years at the level of the formation of distinguished religious cadres to serve Muslims in the region. He noted that this agreement will be an opportunity to invite researchers at this Faculty to participate in the courses, seminars and conferences of the Academy, in addition to scientific, academic and research cooperation in order to allow the academic staff of the Faculty and graduates to have more grounding in their disciplines. For his part, His Excellency the Dean of the College expressed his pleasure at the completion of this agreement, which will allow the faculty to use the capabilities and expertise of the Academy, which will benefit directly at the level of the educational and training outputs of the faculty and its ability to attract more students. His Excellency

added that he looks forward to the support of the Academy to the College, proposing to hold a specialized seminar in partnership with the Academy, which will focus on the issues and concerns of Muslim communities in the Balkans. In accordance with the terms of the memorandum, the parties agreed to form a specialized committee that would identify their cooperation, methods, and mechanisms of implementation as enshrined in the memorandum itself, and the Committee has the mandate to benefit from the expertise of whom they deem appropriate to implement all the provisions of the memorandum. The meeting was attended by Dr. Omar Zuhair Hafez, Special Advisor to the Secretary General, Mr. Mohamed Al-Mondher El-Chouk, Director of the Department of Cabinet and Protocol Affairs at the Academy, Dr. Abdel Fattah Abnauf, Director of the Department of Planning and International Cooperation at the Academy, and Mr. Mourad TLiLi, Media Advisor to the Secretary General.



Ambassador of Republic of Guinea-Bissau visits IIFA

H.E. Dino Saidi, Ambassador of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), visited on Thursday 17 Jumada al-akhira 1443 corresponding to 20 January 2022, the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) in Jeddah, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. He was greeted on his arrival by His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, who warmly welcomed his guest, thanked him for the visit, and expressed his great appreciation to the leadership of the Republic of Guinea Bissau for its support and care for the Academy since its inception. His Excellency also took the opportunity to congratulate His Excellency on assuming his duties as Ambassador to KSA, wishing him success in strengthening the relations of cooperation, partnership and friendship between the Republic of Guinea Bissau and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on the one hand, and between the Republic of Guinea Bissau and the Academy on the other. His Excellency the Secretary General pointed out in this regard that the Academy has good reputation internationally and enjoys great standing and respect, especially with regards to promoting moderation and disseminating a culture of moderation, tolerance and peaceful coexistence between different peoples and religions. His Excellency added that the Academy will provide all its scientific and moral resources to support member



states in addressing ideological, cultural, and educational challenges by providing effective solutions to the problems caused by misconceptions about the clear teachings and values of Islam, through seminars, conferences and training workshops frequently organized by the Academy. In the same context, His Excellency stated that the Academy looks forward optimistically to strengthening the inter-African relations with the countries of the African Group in the Organization, as well as to have strong partnership with the leading jurists and scientific institutions in the countries of the Group. His Excellency also told his guest that he planned to tour several West African countries during the first quarter of this year at the invitation of a number of officials in these countries. For his part, His Excellency the Ambassador expressed his pleasure and honor to visit the Academy expressing his gratitude to his Excellency the Secretary General for the good reception and welcome, stressing his country's keenness to establish strong and sustainable relations with the Academy

to benefit from it in addressing many local issues that concern his country and the West African region at large. His Excellency also expressed his admiration and appreciation for the important developments and profound changes that the Academy is witnessing at all levels, stressing the pride of the African countries Group at the Organization for what his Excellency the Secretary General has achieved since his assumption of the General Secretariat of the Academy. His Excellency the Ambassador concluded his speech by welcoming the official visit of His Excellency the Secretary General to the West African region and invited him to visit the Republic of Guinea-Bissau particularly in order to strengthen the relations of cooperation and communication between the Academy and the leading religious scientific institutions on the one hand, and between the Academy and its scholars on the other. At the end of the visit, His Excellency the Secretary General presented his Excellency with souvenirs, and the meeting was attended by Mr. Mourad TLiLi, Advisor to the Secretary General for Media Affairs.



IIFA Secretary General delivers a speech in the 34th International Conference for Latin American and Caribbean Muslims

His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), delivered a speech on Tuesday, 22 Jumada al-akhira 1443, corresponding to 25 January 2022, at the closing session of the 34th Virtual International Conference for Latin American and Caribbean Muslims held in Sao Paulo, Brazil. This year's conference was entitled "Waqf and its Role in Serving Muslim Communities in Latin America and the Caribbean", organized by the Islamic Dawah Centre for Latin America and the Caribbean states in Brazil under the auspices of the Ministry of Religious Affairs, Dawah and Guidance in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. More than 100 scholars, intellectuals, academics, Islamic personalities, and students from more than 30 countries around the world participated in the conference. His Excellency began his speech by expressing his sincere thanks to the Dawah Center for its invitation to participate in this important timely conference on one of the most important topics of the day that should be treated as a ritual of eternal Islam, and a means of combating poverty in societies, especially Muslim communities outside the Muslim world. He also pointed out that Waqf is an important source of income throughout Islamic history, noting that important role it has played in meeting the needs of the needy bereaved and orphaned, as well as its role in supporting the economy of states and societies, as well as other aspects of life. Therefore, there is a great need today to pay more attention to waqf in terms of research, development, review, and realization in order to play the role it is required to play as the world at large is going through the most critical health and economic crisis in decades, which has cast a shadow over all aspects of human life. His Excellency added that the Waqf industry in general has become today, thanks to God, a source of pride for the Muslim ummah as a result of the great position it occupies in Islamic social finance, and Waqfs have become the subject of study in universities and scientific centers in recognition of its prominent role in combating unemployment and reducing social differences and disparity. It also plays a pivotal role in diversifying the sources of philanthropy and doing good. His Excellency pointed out that due to the trends and developments witnessed in the arena, the



in guiding the developments in order to preserve the development of the industry and its progress, praising in this regard mature scientific resolutions and practical and effective recommendations issued by the Academy during many of its sessions on Waqf grounded on its jurisprudence, circumstances, and new developments. In the meantime, His Excellency explained that the Academy, in its fifteenth Session held in Muscat Oman and nineteenth Session in Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates permitted the use of all contemporary types and forms of Waqf, starting with properties, shares and Sukuk through Waqf of money, and whether the Waqf is permanent or temporary. Accordingly, His Excellency called on Muslim communities outside the Muslim world stating: "I call on you to benefit from these original Academy's resolutions, and to welcome in kind endowments (=real estate), cash endowments (=moveable goods and money), life endowments and temporary endowments. The Shariah texts on Waqf are flexible, general, and absolute, for generations. The purposes of the Law in donations and gifts are to diversify the sources of doing good and philanthropy as the Qur'an states: (Never will you attain the good [reward] until you spend [in the way of Allah] from that which you love) Ali'Imran: 92. The word "ma" is a form of common that cannot be allocated in a special kind of righteousness but includes and generalizes all forms and types of good, both permanently or temporarily, in kind or in cash. His words, peace be upon him: "if a person dies, their deed stops except three: An ongoing charity (Sadaqat jariyah),



knowledge to benefit from, or a good child to pray for the deceased". The term "charity" is intended as an absolute one, which is not restricted by a type but is comprehensive for each charity whether in-kind or monetary, permanent, or temporary. His Excellency the Secretary General then concluded his intervention by thanking and praising the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia represented in the Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Dawah and Guidance for its sponsorship of this conference, and its support for it, and its interest in Muslim communities in Latin America and around the world, and singled out thanks and praise to His Excellency Minister Sheikh Abdul Latif bin Abdul Aziz Al Sheikh for his participation, attendance and sponsorship of the closing ceremony of the conference. He then asked Allah the Almighty to preserve the country of the Two Holy Mosques, KSA, and the United Arab Emirates from the criminal attacks they are subjected to these days from terrorist groups seeking to destabilize their security and stability, and to terrorize their people. The conference issued several recommendations, including the importance of introducing the broad concept of Waqf, highlighting its prominent role in building Muslim civilization, the need for Muslim communities to it, spreading the culture of Waqf through available means with a focus on modern means of communication, and teaching the shariah legal provisions of Waqf in Islamic universities and institutes. The conference also recommended workshops and training sessions for Waqf administrators and trustees on performance development, improved management, and the development of by-laws to meet the criteria for successful performance, as well as partnerships between Waqf departments and Zakat funds to advance Waqf. The conference also condemned the repeated attacks on Makkah, the Qibla of Muslims, the territories of Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and civilians by the Houthi terrorist militias and the demand of the international community to assume its responsibilities towards it.



IIFA Secretary General meets with Ambassador of Uganda in Riyadh

His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), met on Thursday, 03 Jumada al-akhira 1443, corresponding to 06 January 2022, with His Excellency Mr. Isaac Biruma Sibulime, Ambassador of the Republic of Uganda, and its Permanent Representative to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) in Riyadh, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The Ambassador expressed his great pleasure and thanks to His Excellency for his visit to the Embassy, praising the developments and qualitative changes witnessed by the General Secretariat of the Academy, which he noticed during his visit to the Academy months ago. He also expressed his happiness to build a unique educational strategic partnership between the Academy and religious institutions in Uganda, particularly the Office of the Grand Mufti of

Uganda, in order to promote a culture of moderation, tolerance, openness and peaceful coexistence among followers of religions. He concluded his speech by expressing the readiness of the Republic of Uganda to provide support to the Academy at all levels in order to enable it to carry out its noble mission and implement its strategic plan. For his part, His Excellency the Secretary General expressed his great thanks and appreciation to the Ambassador for the good reception and welcome, noting in the meantime the continued support and care the Academy has been receiving from the leadership and people of the Republic of Uganda since its inception. His Excellency also expressed his great appreciation and gratitude to the Ambassador for his recent visit to the General Secretariat of the Academy, stressing the keenness of the Academy to strengthen



the relations of partnership, cooperation, communication and coordination between the Academy and Ugandan academic and religious institutions in all fields, especially the field of spreading tolerance and interfaith coexistence. His Excellency was accompanied by Mr. Mohammed Walid Al-Idrissi, Director of the Department of Media, Public Relations, and IT at the Academy.

The Republic of Iraq Permanent Representative to the OIC Visits IIFA

His Excellency Mr. Kanaan Adnan Al-Azzawi, Consul General of the Republic of Iraq to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and its Permanent Representative to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), accompanied by a delegation from the Consulate General, visited on Monday 28 Jumada al-akhira 1443 corresponding to 31 January 2022 the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, the Secretary General of the Academy, welcomed his Excellency and the accompanying delegation, thanking him for the visit, and expressed his heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the Republic of Iraq for its continuous support and care for the Academy and the Organization from its establishment to this day. Then His Excellency gave his guest a brief overview of the Academy's activities and various programs and the developments it has witnessed in the recent period, noting in this regard the prestigious position and great respect that the Academy enjoys at the level of the OIC member states and the world at large with regard to spreading moderation and promoting a culture of peace, tolerance and coexistence among peoples and religions. His Excellency also assured his guest of the Academy's readiness to provide juristic and intellectual support to the Republic of Iraq in order to enhance its commendable efforts in the field of rejecting fanaticism and extremism that fuel terrorism and spread discrimination and chaos, and call for vicious aggression against people, their dignity, and public



and private property. Then His Excellency concluded by expressing his aspiration to strengthen cooperation and coordination with scientific and juristic institutions and centers in Iraq through partnership in holding conferences, seminars, and workshops with Iraqi scholars on ways to dismantle extremist ideology and correct misconceptions about Islam. For his part, the Consul General expressed his pleasure and honor to visit the Academy, and his thanks and gratitude to His Excellency the Secretary General for the warm reception and great welcome, stressing his country's keenness to establish strong and sustainable relations with the Academy and to benefit from it in addressing many religious and intellectual issues that occupy Iraqi society. He also expressed his great appreciation for the qualitative changes and remarkable developments that the Academy's General Secretariat has been witnessing, both at the administrative level and at the scientific and intellectual level, since His Excellency assumed his duties as Secretary General of the Academy, praising His Excellency's

great keenness to unify the Ummah's voice and spread the correct concepts of the true religion. His Excellency also expressed his welcome to the Academy's desire to enhance relations of cooperation and communication between the General Secretariat of the Academy and the well-established and reliable Iraqi scholars in support of the efforts of the Government of Iraq in combating intolerance, extremism, and terrorism. His Excellency concluded by expressing his good wishes to the Secretary General and the Academy for more success in achieving the activities and programs of the Academy's strategic plan, stressing the readiness of the Permanent Delegation of Iraq to provide all facilities and services necessary for the success of the Academy's various programs and projects. On the Iraqi side, the meeting was attended by Consul Nihad Hamad Al-Dulaimi, Diplomatic Adviser Mayia Hadi Mahdi, and Deputy Consul Mohammad Mustafa Kamel. On the part of the Academy, Mr. Mohamed Al-Mondher El-Chouk, Director of Cabinet and Protocol Affairs Department, and Mr. Mourad TLiLi, Advisor to the Secretary General for Media Affairs.



IIFA's Strategic Plan, Major Standpoint at 50th Session of OIC Permanent Finance Committee

The Permanent Financial Committee of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) held its fiftieth session to discuss the draft budget of the Organization and its subsidiary organs, during the period 15-17 Jumada al-akhira 1443 corresponding to 18-20 January 2022, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Organization in Jeddah. Representatives of 42 member states and representatives of the General Secretariat and subsidiary organs attended the session. The representative of the Republic of Niger opened the session and handed over the presidency to the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, His Excellency Ambassador Rizwan Sheikh, in his capacity as the head of the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to conduct the work of the session for the fiftieth session of the Financial Committee. The Bureau Board was elected and subsequently the Permanent Financial Committee approved the Islamic Republic of Pakistan as Chair, the State of Palestine, the Republic of Yemen, and the Republic of Cameroon as Vice-Chairpersons, and the United Arab Emirates was chosen as Rapporteur. His Excellency the Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, Mr. Hussein Ibrahim Taha, delivered a speech on the occasion in which he praised the efforts made by the distinguished delegates to ensure the proper functioning and application of financial laws as well as to improve the financial efficiency of the Organization in general. This was followed by a speech by His Excellency the President of the Board, who presented a brief summary of the financial report for



the years 2019-2020 and the notes and recommendations it included. Then H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, presented the draft budget of the Academy, and it was a distinct presentation that was well received and praised by the representatives of member states for its accuracy and comprehensiveness. He stressed the important role of the Academy since its inception in promoting moderation in its presentation of Islam that is capable of dealing bringing about peace and security and stability in the world. He emphasized that the Academy also promote tolerance and coexistence in order to combat bigotry, radicalization, extremism and terrorism. He therefore called for the necessity and the need to approve the draft budget of the Academy in order to accomplish its objective. He then presented the five-year strategic plan of the Academy with its Key Performance Indicators, objectives, and the activities. Yet it was an outstanding presentation that captured the important activities awaiting the Academy that address the problems and concerns of the member states of the Organization and deal with a number of issues of thought, social and education in a scientific and perfect plan.

The Presentation by His Excellency received admiration from many representatives that called for its adoption. However other opposed the idea of any budgetary increment for this year for the General Secretariat of OIC and its subsidiaries. Following the various presentations by the Organization and its subsidiary organs, the committee decided that the budget should remain as it was in previous years without any increase, including the budget of the Academy. The committee also asked the General Secretariat and its subsidiary organs to rationalize their expenses and urged them to be efficient and effective in terms of reducing costs in their financial and administrative operations. The committee also urged the Organization's General Secretariat and its subsidiary organs to implement best practices in the field of transparency and rationalization of expenditures and strive to implement the observations contained in the report of the Financial Control Authority. The committee also recommended not granting any increase in the budgets of the General Secretariat of the Organization and its subsidiary organs for the fiscal year 2023 unless there is an urgent necessity.

Dr. Abdel Fattah Mahmoud Abnauf participates in the 35th session of the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent

Dr. Abdel-Fattah Mahmoud Abnauf, Director of Planning and International Cooperation Department at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), representing the Secretary General of the Academy, participated in the opening of the Thirty-fifth Session of the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), at the organization's headquarters in Jeddah, on Wednesday Thursday 2-3 Jumada al-akhira 1443 corresponding to 5-6 January 2022G. In his speech on behalf of His Excellency the Secretary General of the Academy, Dr. Abnauf affirmed that the Academy welcomes all cooperation that supports humanitarian issues and contributes to achieving the goals of the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent. His Eminence also added that among the



strategic objectives of the Academy is a direct response to the reasons for expressing the Shariah opinion and its impact on life and the challenges facing the Muslim Ummah, which in essence is in tandem with the objectives of the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent, which seeks to alleviate the suffering of victims of disasters, conflicts, and wars in the Muslim world and

beyond. Concluding his speech, he affirmed the readiness of the Academy's General Secretariat to mobilize all its capabilities and resources to support the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent in its sincere efforts to help and provide relief to the needy and those affected by natural disasters, epidemics, wars, and conflicts. This year, the meeting was held under the auspices of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the host State, the President of the Islamic Summit, during which they discussed developments on issues related to providing humanitarian aid to those affected by natural disasters, providing humanitarian relief for the displaced in member states, continuing cooperation and coordination in the field of humanitarian work, and follow-up developments in the irregular migration program.

15th Monthly Staff Meeting

On Sunday 6 Jumada al-akhira 1443 corresponding to 9 January 2022, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the fifteenth monthly general meeting of the Academy's employees, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah. His Excellency opened the meeting by welcoming the attendees, thanking them for their good discipline and full commitment to the regulations and decisions of the Academy, especially the regular attendance at the periodic meetings that define the general directions of the policies of the Academy and the practical measures taken regarding all the various issues and activities that the Academy regularly organizes. His Excellency also took the opportunity to congratulate all employees on the new administrative year, calling on

them all to redouble efforts and strive for excellence in performing their tasks so that the new year 2022 will be better than the last year. As is customary in such meetings, His Excellency opened the floor for all employees to express their opinions and remarks about the progress of work in the Academy, in addition to any proposals they have that could contribute to the advancement of the Academy and improve staff performance. His Excellency listened with interest and focus to the remarks, suggestions, and inquiries of employees, calling on everyone to continue to show a spirit of cooperation, synergy and fraternity while making maximum efforts to achieve optimally the activities and programs of the Academy. The meeting took several decisions, the most important of which are:

- Assigning the Administrative and Financial Affairs Department, in cooperation with



the Information Technology Division, to explore the new technologies of attendance system and submit a monthly report on staff attendance to the Secretary General.

- Directing the Administrative and Financial Affairs Department to appoint an additional janitor to cover the expansion of offices at the Academy during the past year.

29th Periodic Meeting of Divisions Heads

On Thursday 10 Jumada al-akhira 1443 corresponding to 13 January 2022, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the twenty-ninth periodic meeting of division heads at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah. His Excellency the Secretary General welcomed the heads of divisions and thanked them for their regular attendance at these important and decisive meetings for the Academy's programs and projects and the methods for their implementation in a timely manner. His Excellency also pointed out the necessity of all employees' commitment to the organizational procedures and regulations of the Academy with regard to the rules of attendance and permission to leave for private business, reminding everyone to be honest and trustworthy in dealing with the institution and to have a sense of responsibility towards the Muslim Ummah, especially that the



salaries of all employees come from the contributions of the member states of the Organization, and therefore the moral responsibility is great for all of us to perform our duty to the fullest and in the best manner. On the other hand, His Excellency referred to the issue of employee rights and affirmed in this regard his directive to the Administrative and Financial Affairs Department of the Academy to enable all employees to use their annual leaves whenever they want to, in order to ensure the employee's comfort and to provide the appropriate atmosphere,

while adhering to the procedures and regulations listed in the Academy's statute and the Organization's framework system. His Excellency also called on the employees of the Academy to inform the concerned authority of any violation of the system, stressing that there is no tolerance for those who defraud the Academy by circumventing the fingerprint system aimed at controlling the attendance and leave times of employees. The meeting reached several decisions, the most important of which are:

- Reviewing the monthly newsletter on a daily basis to avoid accumulating news for the committees charged with editing and reviewing it, and in order to issue it on time.
- Distributing copies of the annual newsletter book on a large scale within the member states to publicize the Academy's activities and achievements during the past year.
- Expedite the completion of tasks related to holding a seminar on poultry stunning in partnership with the Food and Drug Authority.

30th Periodic Meeting of Divisions Heads

On Thursday, 24 Jumada al-akhira 1443 corresponding to 27 January 2022, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the thirtieth periodic meeting of the heads of divisions at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah. His Excellency the Secretary General welcomed the heads of divisions and thanked them for their regular attendance at these important periodic meetings and their constant keenness to exert effort to raise the Academy to the highest levels. He then thanked the Department of Financial and Administrative Affairs for its commendable efforts in preparing the annual financial report and the Academy's annual budget, which was highly praised by the Organization's Financial Control Committee. His Excellency also added that the Committee recommended some minor amendments that the Academy should take into consideration in the future in order to achieve full transparency of all its accounts.



His Excellency also congratulated the attendees for the release of the second edition of the Academy's Book of Resolutions and Recommendations in English, after a long break of more than twenty years. In this context, His Excellency commended the spirit of cooperation and solidarity among the employees responsible for this important publication and thanked all those who contributed to preparing it so that it could see the light again, headed by the Translation Department and Mr. Jawzi Lardjane. His Excellency also stressed the necessity of distributing the book to the widest possible range within and outside the membership of

the Organization in order to spread benefit from it. Several decisions were taken from the meeting, the most important of which are:

- Directing the Gifts Committee to distribute the English version of the Book of Resolutions all over the world, no later than the end of February.
- Directing the Information Technology Department to upload an electronic copy of the Book of Resolutions in English on the Academy's official website, similar to the Arabic version.
- Printing copies of the monthly newsletter brochure in the three languages (Arabic, English, and French) for distribution to diplomatic missions speaking these languages, to visitors to the Academy and to participants in seminars and conferences that it organizes.
- Directing the Information Technology Department to convert the old audio-visual scientific materials of the Academy into modern digital copies that can be easily stored and used.

59th Weekly Meeting of Departments Directors

His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the fifty-ninth weekly meeting of the directors of the Academy's departments on Wednesday 25 Jumada Al-Ula 1443 corresponding to 29 December 2021, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah. His Excellency opened the meeting by welcoming the attendees, then giving them a brief summary of his recent foreign visit, where he held many important meetings in the United Arab Emirates and the Republic of Guinea, culminating in the conclusion of important agreements and partnerships for the Academy that would enhance its standing and reputation, and support its efforts and its various activities within the member states and Muslim communities in the world. His Excellency then spoke about his meeting with the new Secretary General

of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and congratulating him on taking office at the General Secretariat of the Organization. He also took the opportunity to introduce the Academy and its objectives, projects and future programs as stated in its strategic plan. His Excellency also stated that during the meeting with His Excellency the Secretary General of the organization, they discussed the outputs of the organization's foreign ministers meeting last held in Pakistan, where the ministers decided to assign the Academy to form a committee of the Ummah's scholars to discuss and debate with the scholars of Afghanistan on women's issues and their work. The meeting then discussed the items of decisions issued by the previous meeting, and several decisions were issued, the most important of which are:

- Assigning the Research Department to present an urgent concept for the



upcoming meeting with Taliban scholars in Afghanistan, with a proposal of the names of scholars from the Academy's delegation.

- Assigning the Department of International Cooperation to present an integrated concept for a jurisprudential scientific symposium targeting Muslims in the Scandinavian countries.
- Assigning the Conferences Department to undertake the task of communicating with the participants in the seminars and sessions of the Academy instead of the Research Department.

60th Weekly Meeting of Departments Directors

To ensure further coordination, follow-up and corroboration of the activities and programs organized by the General Secretariat of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, chaired the sixtieth weekly meeting of the directors of the Academy's departments on Monday 30 Jumada Al-Ula 1443 corresponding to 03 January 2022 at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah. His Excellency opened the meeting by welcoming the attendees, thanking them for their commitment to participate in the weekly meetings, and congratulating all the employees of the Academy for the new administrative year, wishing them success, and looking forward to the departments and divisions being able



to implement the provisions of the strategic plan in a smooth, coordinated, and accurate manner. His Excellency also spoke about the importance of providing the members of the Academy with the correct and broad knowledge of the universal principles and the supreme purposes of Shariah, and called on them to be open to the jurisprudence of the respected Islamic schools in issues of ijtiḥād, adherence to the approach of

moderation, and the promotion of a culture of tolerance and peaceful coexistence between societies and peoples, indicating in this context the importance of informing the members of the Academy of the views of the various schools of jurisprudence, exerting broad-mindedness, and acceptance of the other, while staying away from all forms of extremism, heresy and blasphemy. The meeting resulted in several decisions, the most important of which are:

- Holding a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Academy's Waqf Fund during the month of January.
- Starting preparations for holding a seminar on Fatwas in Muslim Societies: Challenges and Prospects, during the month of February, in cooperation with the World Muslim Communities Council.

61st Weekly Meeting of Departments Directors

The General Secretariat of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) held its 61st weekly meeting for the directors of the departments headed by His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, the Secretary General, on Monday 07 Jumada al-akhira 1443 corresponding to 10 January 2022 at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah. At the beginning of the meeting, His Excellency welcomed the attendees, thanking them for their commitment to participate in the weekly meetings, reiterating the importance of these meetings, which make everyone on the same level of follow-up of the activities and programs of the Academy. Then His Excellency spoke about his meeting and the delegation from the Academy with His Royal Highness Prince Khalid Al-Faisal, Advisor to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, Governor of Makkah Al-Mukarramah Province in his office, praising the importance of this meeting and its impact on the future of the General Secretariat of the Academy. His Excellency stated that he took the opportunity to present an overview of the Academy, especially its mission of presenting Shariah in a moderate way, highlighting its advantages, and its



ability to achieve happiness and stability for the individual and society. He also praised the Academy's continuous efforts in correcting misconceptions and stereotypical images about Islam, stressing the Academy's commitment in its resolutions, recommendations, and statements to the approach of moderation, and the dissemination of a culture of moderation, tolerance, and coexistence, in an effort to unite the Ummah's voice and unite its ranks. His Excellency also expressed to His Highness the Academy's thanks and gratitude to the host country, which has embraced the Academy since its establishment four decades ago and has provided and continues to provide it with all the resources and facilities that help it achieve its goals and fulfill its mission. His Excellency concluded

by directing the Research and Studies Department to provide the Emirate with the Academy's resolutions, recommendations and publications related to promoting a culture of moderation and tolerance and rejecting fanaticism, extremism, and terrorism. He also called on the Department of Planning and International Cooperation to expedite the completion of the procedures for signing a cooperation agreement between the Academy and the Prince Khaled Al-Faisal Institute for Moderation (I'tidal) at King Abdelaziz University in Jeddah. The meeting resulted in several decisions, the most important of which are:

- Starting preparations for holding a seminar on "Fatwas in Muslim Communities: Challenges and Prospects", during the month of February, in cooperation with the World Muslim Communities Council.
- Compile the resolutions and recommendations of the Academy on the issues of moderation, tolerance and coexistence in a booklet and translate them into the languages approved by the Organization.
- Communicating with the Prince Khaled Al-Faisal Institute for Moderation (I'tidal) at King Abdelaziz University to set a date for signing the cooperation agreement with them.

62nd Weekly Meeting of Departments Directors

His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the sixty-second weekly meeting of the directors of departments at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah, on Monday 14 Jumada al-akhira 1443 corresponding to 17 January 2022. At the beginning of the meeting, His Excellency welcomed the directors of the departments, and thanked them for their commitment to attend these important weekly meetings to follow up on the activities and programs of the Academy. The Secretary General also referred to the need for all employees to adhere to the official working hours, and the rules of attendance and leave as stipulated in the regulations and procedures of the Academy's statute and the framework system of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and called on all directors to ensure that these rules are strictly applied within their

departments and not to allow any idleness and indiscipline, whether it is related to attendance and leave, or by using the working hours for personal purposes unrelated to the Academy. In the same context, His Excellency stressed the importance of self-monitoring and the fear of God Almighty as a constant basis and principle in the behavior of a Muslim, explaining that administrative procedures such as fingerprinting and others are only tools that aid discipline, and the basic principle is that the employee monitors himself or herself and fears God and adheres to what is pledged when signing the work contract with the Academy. His Excellency emphasized that defrauding the system by stamping entry and then sneaking out for private purposes, then returning to stamp leaving is deceit and forgery, and therefore the salary that employee takes is considered a sin and forbidden that is not permissible for them at all. The meeting reached several decisions,



the most important of which are:

- Expedite the preparation for the symposium on stunning poultry in partnership with the Food and Drug Authority, while ensuring that it is held in the city of Jeddah.
- Preparing for the upcoming meeting with Taliban scholars in Afghanistan during the month of February.
- Holding a meeting for the Board of Trustees of the Academy's Waqf Fund during the month of February.

63rd Weekly Meeting of Departments Directors

The General Secretariat of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) held its sixty-third weekly meeting for the directors of departments headed by His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, on Monday 21 Jumada al-akhira 1443 corresponding to 24 January 2022, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah. His Excellency began the meeting by welcoming the attendees, thanking them for their regular attendance and their keenness to follow up and implement the outcomes of the meetings and work to achieve them in line with the course of the strategic plan drawn up by the Academy, stressing that all decisions issued by these meetings are binding and the duty to implement them with all their details and at the deadlines that were meticulously and carefully set for them. Then His Excellency reviewed the English version of the Book of Resolutions, which came into being after twenty-two years absence, praising the group that worked on it until it appeared in its



final form. Then, His Excellency touched on the work of the fiftieth session of the Permanent Financial Committee of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) that was held last week, where His Excellency recorded his thanks to the Department of Financial and Administrative Affairs for the great effort that was made in highlighting the activities and programs of the Academy through its annual financial report, which was fully approved, indicating the accuracy of the financial policy followed, and added that the committee recommended some

minor objective improvements, which His Excellency conveyed to the Financial Affairs Department, stressing the need to strictly follow them in order to achieve the required efficiency and transparency of the Academy's accounts. The meeting then discussed the items of decisions issued by the previous meeting, and several new decisions were issued, the most important of which are:

- Submitting a final report on the fingerprint system, installing CCTV cameras, and starting work with it.
- Calling for papers for the Food and Drug Symposium, and the Muslim Communities Symposium.
- Installing CCTV cameras inside and outside the building without any delay to ensure the safety of employees and properties of the Academy.
- Distributing the second edition of the Resolutions Book in English to the OIC and all its subsidiary organs, diplomatic missions, universities, scientific and research institutions in member states and Muslim communities.

64th Weekly Meeting of Departments Directors



In an effort by the General Secretariat of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) to develop the work of the Academy, enhance the principle of transparency, and put forward all new and emerging issues on the discussion table to express opinions and appropriate solutions, and based on the principle of cooperation and integration, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, chaired the sixty-fourth weekly meeting of the directors of

the departments, on Monday, 28 Jumada al-akhira 1443 corresponding to 31 January 2022, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah. At the beginning of the meeting, His Excellency welcomed the attendees and thanked them for their commitment to participate in the weekly meetings, re-emphasizing the importance of these meetings, and then talked about the importance of reviewing the recommendations of the consultative forums held by the General Secretariat of the Academy last year with the secretariats and departments of Waqfs, and members of the Shariah boards of Islamic banks within the headquarters country, and the Gulf Cooperation Council countries. His Excellency stressed the need to ensure the implementation of those recommendations that aim to support the Academy's Waqf fund by collecting in-kind and cash donations to finance the Academy's activities and programs. His Excellency

concluded by praising the remarks and recommendations of the internal auditor on budget disbursement procedures, calling on the Financial Affairs Department to fully abide by them. Several decisions were issued by the meeting, the most important of which are:

- Call for preparation to organize forums with the Shariah boards of banks and sending a copy of the book of resolutions in English to the participants in those forums.
- Training more than one employee from the Media Department on the design of the monthly newsletter.
- Communicate with the concerned authorities for Waqf in the States of Kuwait and Bahrain to open a special account for the Academy's Waqf Fund in the member states of the organization.
- Develop a plan about marketing and selling the Academy's publications online and preparing a report on that.

IIFA Statement Condemning and Denouncing Houthi Terrorist Militias' Attacks on The Emirate of Abu Dhabi



All Praise be to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds, and prayers and peace of Allah be upon our Prophet, his companions and family. The General Secretariat of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, which is the supreme doctrinal reference of the Muslim Ummah, expresses its strongest condemnation of the terrorist attacks carried out by the criminal Houthi militias on Monday 14/06/1443, corresponding to 17/01/2022, on vital civilian installations in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, leading to a number of innocent victims and casualties. The General Secretariat of the Academy expresses its deep denunciation of the desire of these terrorist militias to destabilize the security and stability of the United Arab Emirates. As the General Secretariat of the Academy strongly condemns these horrific terrorist attacks contrary to the principles of our

religion, and to all international norms, customs, and conventions, it extends its deepest condolences to His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates, and the Government and people of the United Arab Emirates. The Secretariat also extends its deepest condolences to the families and relatives of the victims, asking Almighty God to accept them among the martyrs, to ensure the speedy recovery of the injured, and to protect the United Arab Emirates and all Muslim countries from the evils of extremism and terrorism. On this painful occasion, the General Secretariat of the Academy calls on scholars, intellectuals, and wise people everywhere to assume their responsibility to combat the roots of extremism, and terrorism, especially to uproot and dismantle those dangerous intellectual premises from which the Houthi terrorist

militias justify infallible bloodshed, destroy infrastructure, terrorize civilians, and sow discord, sectarian fighting, and destruction & mayhem throughout Yemen. The General Secretariat of the Academy also renews its call for concerted scientific and intellectual efforts at all levels to counter extremism and terrorism, to renounce vehemently violence and intolerance by promoting moderation, tolerance, and coexistence as a safety valve for communities and societies everywhere. We ask Allah the Almighty to preserve security, stability, and prosperity for the United Arab Emirates, and to protect it from all transgression and aggression.

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