

## IIFA hosts Symposium on Pre-Slaughter Stunning of Poultry and Animals

The International Islamic Fiqh Academy, in cooperation with the General Food and Drug Authority of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, organized a scientific symposium entitled “Stunning of birds and animals before slaughter, and its impact on their legitimacy” on 14-15 Dhul -Qa’dah 1443 AH corresponding to June 13-14, 2022 AD in the city of Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The symposium aimed to discuss the latest developments in stunning methods, in particular electric shock, in the hope of using these developments to review a number of decisions and recommendations issued by the Academy regarding slaughter in general. and stunning methods in particular. In view of the growing developments and successive changes in this field, the General Secretariat of the Academy has decided to hold this colloquium in order to keep abreast of these developments and changes, by studying it from a technical perspective allowing members and experts from the Academy to determine whether or not to review its previous decisions. The symposium included an opening session, six scientific sessions and a closing session.

His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Abdullah bin Humaid, Chairman of the Scientific Council of the Academy, Member of the Council of Great Scholars, Imam of the Grand Mosque, delivered the keynote speech, in which he expressed his joy at this opportunity for fruitful cooperation between the Academy and the General Food and Drug Authority in this important and sensitive area for general Muslims around the world. He added: “Within the Academy, we always seek to provide advice and rationalization to companies and institutions that work in the field of meat



and food in general, inside and outside. outside the Islamic world, in order to enable them to respect the teachings and provisions of the Sharia relating to this sector.” HE Dr Hisham, the Executive Chairman of the General Food and Drug Authority, also spoke at the opening session, praising this cooperation between the two institutions: “We are happy to cooperate through this symposium with the Academy in order to meet the requirements and needs of the companies and national institutions of the Gulf that operate in the field of the supply of halal meat, reviewing the latest scientific studies, keeping abreast of the most technical developments important in this vast sector over the past three decades, and considering and studying them in all their aspects in order to express the correct and appropriate jurisprudential and legitimate opinion”.

For his part, His Excellency Prof. Dr. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, in his introductory speech at the opening session, expressed his satisfaction with this partnership between the Authority and the Academy on a subject of such importance for Muslims in the east and west of the world. He

added: “Previous decisions and recommendations of the Scientific Council of the Academy, issued in the field of sacrifices and halal matters of food, drink and medicine, are conclusive evidence of the concern of the Council as a jurisprudential reference. supreme for the OIC Member States in scientific matters which concern the orientation of the activities of enterprises and commercial establishments which operate in this field. Therefore, we seek today, through the sessions of this symposium, to inform the jurists of the Ummah of the new discoveries and facts which have been reached by contemporary scholars on a number of important fundamental questions which can fundamentally affect the formulation of legal decisions on the question of the taming of birds and animals before their slaughter.”

It should be noted that the General Authority and control structures in the OIC country space abide by the decisions and recommendations of the Academy on the issue of sacrifices and halal issues, believing that these sober collective decisions are issued by the jurists of the Umma after having studied, scrutinized and consulted the experts specialized in this field.



## IIFA Delegation participates in the Strategic Dialogue with the US State Department in Washington



At the invitation of the US State Department, HE Prof. Dr. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, and Ms. Sarah Amjad Hussein, Director of Family and Women’s Affairs at the Academy, participated in the strategic dialogue between the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and the United States of America in the capital, Washington, on Monday and Tuesday 22 and 23 of the month Shawwal 1443 AH corresponding to May 23 and 24, 2022 AD.

In his address, His Excellency highlighted the Academy’s esteemed efforts in promoting moderation, spreading a culture of tolerance and coexistence around the world, and rejecting extremism and bigotry, as well as the proposal

of a set of intellectual and practical measures to combat extremist ideology and terrorism. He also spoke about the Academy’s efforts to correct misconceptions about certain legal terms, such as the term jihad and the term loyalty and disavowal. He then noted the clear impact of the decisions of the Academy on the handling of various issues related to the Corona pandemic, starting with the provision of precautionary measures, provisions for those infected with the Corona virus and those who died because of it, taking vaccines and spending zakat funds to buy them and provide them to people, communities and countries.

Ms. Sarah bint Amjad Hussein, spoke about the Academy’s efforts related to the empowerment of women and the fight against all forms of violence and injustice against them, noting that the Academy has issued effective decisions that clearly explain the rights granted by Sharia to women, first and foremost the right to education and the right to work. The right to own property, the right to inherit, the right to choose and the right to move. She also clarified that Sharia does not distinguish between men and women in many legal duties such as prayer, zakat, fasting and pilgrimage. This with another particular proof,

which means that men and women are equal in rights and duties, as confirmed by the divine texts. The Academy’s participation was very well received and commended, and the US side expressed great appreciation for the Academy’s efforts in all areas, especially its recent efforts to combat vaccine rumors, and to urge Muslims around the world to observe health precautions; They also expressed their desire to establish cooperation and understanding partnerships between some of the affiliated bodies of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Academy, in the hope of achieving more coordination and integration.



## IIFA Secretary General meets with the President of RFI in Washington

During the official visit of His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), to the United States of America at an official invitation from the US State Department, His Excellency visited the Religious Freedom Institute in Washington, on 24 Shawwal 1443H corresponding to 25 May 2022G. His Excellency and the delegation were received by His Excellency Dr. Thomas Farr, President of the Institute. His Excellency welcomed the Secretary General and thanked him for his keenness to strengthen relations and partnership between the Academy and the Institute, and then briefed His Excellency on the most important programs, and projects organized by the Institute. He also expressed the Institute's readiness to conclude a solid strategic partnership between the two institutions in areas of common interest, especially enhancing awareness of religious freedom and its role in achieving peace and stability around the world, as well as coordinating efforts to promote constructive dialogue, acceptance of others, and peaceful coexistence among followers of religions, noting the Institute's readiness to sign multiple partnership agreements on various topics related to religious freedom, and to organize joint scientific events inside and outside USA. For his part, His Excellency the Secretary General expressed his gratitude to the President of the Institute for the hospitality, and his pleasure to



meet him again four years after their last meeting in Malibu, California. His Excellency praised the distinguished efforts made by the Institute in the field of consolidating religious freedom inside and outside USA, which contributes to establishing security, peace and coexistence between religions and races. His Excellency seized the occasion to give an overview of the vision, mission, values, objectives, and five-year strategic plan of the Academy, noting that the Academy, as the first jurisprudential reference for the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and Muslim Communities outside the Muslim world, enjoys the appreciation and respect of all Muslims. Therefore, the Academy looks forward to strengthening cooperation with the Institute in areas of enhancing cooperation and communication among followers of religions. His

Excellency then explained that there is a great convergence between some of the goals of the Academy and the goals of the Institute, especially the rejection of fanaticism, sectarian fanaticism, extremism and terrorism, and the goal of dialogue with followers of other religions and cultures with the aim of cooperating in achieving the good of human society. His Excellency also expressed the Academy's aspiration to sign several agreements and to hold specialized seminars and workshops on the concept of freedom and its necessity, and the importance of promoting international peace and security. In conclusion, His Excellency the Secretary General invited the President of the Institute to visit the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah, as permitted by his schedule, to enhance and consolidate cooperation and communication. His Excellency was accompanied to this meeting by Ms. Sarah Amjad Hussein, Director of Women and Family Affairs at the Academy.



## Academy and the Religions for Peace Foundation sign a Memorandum of Cooperation in New York



His Excellency Professor Dr. Koutoub Moustapha SANO, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, and Professor Dr. Azza Karam, Secretary General of the Religions for Peace Foundation, signed a memorandum of cooperation between the two institutions, on the evening of Wednesday 24 Shawwal 1443 AH corresponding to May 25, 2022 AD at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Foundation in New York, US.

This agreement aims to build a strategic partnership based on strengthening cooperation and coordination between the two institutions in order to highlight the central role of religions in the fight against all forms of extremism, fanaticism, and terrorism, by coordinating efforts and organizing programs and activities aimed at sensitizing followers of religions to the importance of coexistence and tolerance on the one hand. On the other hand, the agreement aims at the cooperation of the two institutions in the joint organization of conferences and seminars, the setting up of workshops and training, the exchange of works and publications, and the representation of two parties to the work of the conferences and seminars which

are held by the knowledge of each of them in the field of common interest between them.

Following the signing of the memorandum, HE Professor Sano expressed his great pleasure in concluding this agreement which is so important for both parties at this stage when "it is urgent that religions fully play their indispensable and necessary role in extinguishing the sources of tension and the unnecessary conflicts that reign throughout the world because of the influence of certain interpretations of fanatics and extremists. Those who have fabricated conflicts between religions thus contributing to the promotion of violence. He also hoped that this memorandum would allow the two institutions "to combine their efforts with a view to jointly organizing conferences, seminars and workshops on raising awareness of respect for religions and religious symbols, on the fight against Islamophobia and the phobia of religions, and to the probation of fanaticism, extremism and terrorism".

Moreover the Academy "is very keen to play its central role of correcting the negative stereotype about Islam on the one hand, and correcting misconceptions and practices that contradict the values, principles and teachings of Islam. Islam on the relationship of the Muslim with the world around him on the other hand, noting in this regard the paramount importance of spreading moderation, the culture of balance and tolerance, and urging Muslim communities outside the Islamic world to adhere to the requirements of citizenship and abide by the laws of their country.

He concluded by expressing his appreciation for the distinguished and tangible achievements of the Foundation under the able and enlightened leadership of Professor Dr. Azza Karam, and

the team working with her, hoping that this memorandum would be an opportunity to advance cooperative relations between the two institutions towards quality and perfection.

For her part, Madam Secretary General of the Foundation expressed her sincere thanks and gratitude to the Secretary General for her visit to the headquarters of the Foundation, and she also expressed her great pleasure in signing this agreement with an international scientific institution with a long-standing stature of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, noting in this regard the great scientific status and deep appreciation they enjoy the Academy to the world, in addition to its leading role in spreading the culture of moderation, tolerance and coexistence in the world. She then expressed her eager anticipation for a bright future of fruitful bilateral cooperation between the Foundation and the Academy on all issues and topics of common interest.

The signing ceremony was attended by Dr. Nabihro Masahiro Nemoto, Deputy Secretary General of Religions for Peace, and Ms. Sarah Amjad Hussein, Director of Women and Family Affairs at the Academy.





## IIFA Secretary General delivers the Friday Sermon at Dar Al-Hijrah Mosque in Washington



At the kind invitation of the management of the famous Al-Hijrah Mosque in the American capital, Washington, USA, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), delivered a Friday sermon on Friday 26 Shawwal 1443H corresponding to 27 May 2022G, and then led worshipers to perform Friday prayers. His Excellency chose the hadith narrated by Jabir bin Abdullah, may God be pleased with them, who said: The Messenger of God, may God's prayers and peace be upon him and his family, was asked: Who is the most beloved of people to God? He said, may God's prayers and peace be upon him: The most beneficial of them to people, then he was asked about the best of deeds, and he said: the pleasure you enter into the heart of a Muslim. Or as he said. His Excellency explained: "Yes, the love of God Almighty is the greatest purpose in life, the dearest goal on the face of the earth, and the highest rank that a Muslim

can attain in this world. All that one of us does in this life is to seek and obtain the satisfaction of God and enjoy His love for us. If we obtain His satisfaction, then everything beyond that is worthless, for worship is a comprehensive name for all that God loves and is pleased with, be it saying or doing. Accordingly, this great prophetic message shortened the distance for us, and revealed to us that secret that we would not have reached without this clear prophetic statement. Yes, each of us is able to be the most beloved of people to God. It is enough for us to be one of those who benefit people by providing treatment to them at our clinics, hospitals, and pharmacies, and by providing useful knowledge in schools, universities, and institutes, and by providing social services that our loved ones need, our cities, communities, and to provide security and safety for our citizens and residents. They are in short, our brothers and sisters, our doctors, our teachers, department and office employees, security men, cleaners, our engineers, everyone who watches for our comfort, and the preservation of our security and stability, and everyone who strives to achieve happiness and prosperity for our families, neighbors, and counterparts. Congratulations to those whom God has guided to master a profession that benefits people. Congratulations to those whom God has guided to a saying or a deed that benefits people. Congratulations to everyone who works day and night for the benefit of people. Congratulations to those who are concerned with benefiting people and

making them happy with a kind word or a good deed." Then, in the second part of the khutbah "sermon", His Excellency spoke about the second part of the hadith, which stated that the most beloved of deeds to God is a joy that the Muslim would enter into the heart of a fellow Muslim, noting the vastness of God's mercy, grace and generosity as He opened the doors of goodness, prosperity and success in both worlds for people. In this regard, His Excellency emphasized that: "The fact that a person brings happiness to the soul of another is evidence of the clarity of their heart, the purity of their inside, and the greatness of their soul. So, let each of us begin our day by bringing happiness to the souls of those around us, including our parents, children, fathers, mothers, relatives, neighbors and colleagues. And let's end our day by making everyone happy with whom we spend a moment or meet them for a while. It is truly a divine gift that we should seize and benefit from." The sermon was well received by the worshipers, who wished that His Excellency would visit their mosque repeatedly.



## Secretary General participates in the International Conference on the Life and Contributions of Muhammad Asad



His Excellency Professor Dr. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Academy of Islamic Fiqh, participated in the work of the virtual international conference on "The personality and contribution of Mohammad Asad as a journalist, political theorist, interpreter and religious scholar in the 20th Century" organized by the Institute of Objective Studies, New Delhi, India, in collaboration with the International Institute of Islamic Thought in the United States of America, on 27-28 Shawwal 1443 AH corresponding to the May 28-29, 2022 AD.

The conference included five technical sessions. The number of papers submitted to the conference amounted to 45 papers which dealt with the analysis and editing of Mohammad Asad's personality, orientation, thought, time, understanding of religions, his reactions to Western political ideas, and his perspective on the reconstruction of Islam.

In his intervention, HE Professor SANO spoke about the "ideas of Mohammad Asad and their contemporary significance", noting that

Mohammad Asad was indeed a great scholar and thinker who contributed greatly to Islamic thought and to relations between Muslims and the West in many ways, since he wrote several volumes on different aspects of Islam. His various works have strongly influenced Islamic thought within Islamic countries and Muslim communities in the West in general, and in Europe in particular. He added: "One of the most important works of Mohammad Asad is his translation of the Quran into English, where he used new tools of interpretation, especially his social, cultural and intellectual background through textual analysis. . He acquired and accumulated it over the years from his study of primary and secondary Islamic sources, and deliberately translated this message into English, and to this day is the only European Muslim scholar who has translated and explained the Quran, so that non-Arabic speakers can understand it and realize its meanings, and he translated the Quran to bring its depth. His wisdom is for the hearts and minds of people who are far removed from the preconceptions that have plagued the West from the days of the crusade through the colonial period. He then pointed out that among the critical issues that Mohammad Asad addressed in his works was that of helping to restore Muslims to the two main sources that were the basis of their spiritual and civilizational renaissance embodied in the Quran and the Sunnah. Assad criticized the imitation of the bitter and fruitless experiences of Muslims in the Middle Ages on the one hand, and the imitation of the West in its social, economic and political concepts on

the other. Mohammad Asad believes that the original answer is to return to the teachings of the Quran and the hadiths of the Prophet.

In conclusion, he explained that Mohammad Asad has made a critical study of the reasons for the decline of Muslims and the forces and problems that haunt them and hinder their rebirth. Motivated by the zeal of the reformer, Mohammad Asad tried to bridge the gap between tradition and modernity because it is particularly important today for the efforts of ijtihad to present Islam free from the hostile stereotypes which tend to tarnish its pure image. . Assad's work can be used to develop relations of interest with the West on the basis of respect, and Islam must be presented as an intermediary religion which promotes the values of cooperation, dialogue and coexistence as values foundations of Islam through which extremist ideologies, fanaticism, violence and Islamophobia are defeated.



## Secretary General Participates in Saudi Foreign Affairs and OIC Conference on Mediation: Lessons and Horizons



HE Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, participated in the fourth conference on Mediation: Lessons and Horizons, organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in collaboration with the General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) in Jeddah on 6-7 Dhu Al-Qa'dah 1443H corresponding to June 5-6, 2022G. He began his speech by thanking the host country, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, for hosting this important conference in this difficult stage that humanity is going through. Also, he expressed his hope that the conference can lead to realistic results and recommendations capable of preventing thousands of displaced people from resorting to living in camps devoid of the minimum necessities of human life. It should also enable displaced persons and refugees to return to their homes. In addition, he specified that the choice of the theme of mediation from a humanitarian perspective in the light of crises as the title of this session is "a confirmation of the importance given to the humanitarian aspect, that successful mediation should put a n end to the tragic conditions in which the victims of conflicts live, in particular children, women and the elderly. Hence the importance of intellectual and scientific attention to highlight this human dimension that we hope to achieve through the successful mediation to which our contemporary world aspires. Mediation should restore joy to the needy, ease the anxiety of the frightened, and restore safety and security to the bereaved. Then,

Professor Sano evoked the Sharia origins of the term "mediation and its foundations" explaining that "the term mediation means, in its simplest sense, the task of reconciliation and settlement between the parties in conflict by a neutral party in order to put an end to the state of conflict and combat between them". The Sharia considers this step to be one of the greatest sacraments, the best actions and the most loved by Almighty God. There are many noble verses in the Qur'an that relate to this great sacrament, including: ((They ask you O Prophet concerning the spoils of war. Say: "Their distribution is decided by Allah and His Messenger. therefore from Allah, regulate your affairs and obey Allah and His Messenger if you are "true" believers)); ((The believers are one brotherhood, so make peace among your brothers. And remember Allah that you may have mercy on you)); ((And if two groups of believers fight each other, then make peace between them. But if one of them transgresses the other, then fight the group of transgressors until they want to submit to the settlement of 'Allah. If they do so, then make peace between the two "groups" in fairness and act with justice. Surely Allah loves those who uphold justice)); ((There is nothing good in most of their secret talks except those that promote charity, kindness or reconciliation between people. And whoever does this seeking the pleasure of Allah, we will grant him great reward)); In addition to these noble Quranic texts, there are prophetic hadiths which explain and confirm the importance of this sacrament and its status with Almighty God. Among the most important of these hadiths is the one narrated by Abu al-Darda', may God be pleased with him, who said: The Messenger of God, may Allah's prayers and peace be upon him, said: " Should I tell you something? better than fasting, prayer and almsgiving? They said, "Yes, O Messenger of God. He said: Reconcile people, for quarrels between people are disastrous" or as he said. Then he clarified that the rooting of Sharia for mediation was not theoretical, but rather that history tells us of living examples of mediation that led to the peace by which God protected the loss of souls , the desecration of honor and the extermination of wealth. The Treaty of

Hudaybiyah is the greatest example of this, as is the peace that Omar Ibn Al-Khattab, may God be pleased with him, concluded with the people of Jerusalem, and as a result he gave them the keys of Jerusalem, in another example of successful mediation by which God protected lives, honor and money. Finally, he called for mediation to become an independent art and a scientific specialization in universities, institutes and colleges: "The Ummah is called today more than ever to prepare a generation of young people who are fully qualified in the art of mediation, emerging from the invocation of the human dimension. This generation should be able to master the tools, the mechanisms of mediation. It should also be able to master the mores and requirements in this area in order to put an end to the continuous tragedy, to the infinite suffering because of the conflicts which are burning all over the world, particularly in the space of the OIC countries".

Certainly, the Academy is aware of its intellectual responsibility which resides in the organization of seminars, conferences, workshops and forums aimed at increasing awareness of the importance of mediation with a view to formulating resolutions and recommendations that call on Muslim peoples to respect common values, rally behind leaders and renounce violence, extremism, fanaticism and terrorism. The Academy will continue to fulfill its scientific responsibility to correct misconceptions about the values, principles and teachings of Islam, to spread a culture of moderation, tolerance and coexistence, and the promotion of constructive dialogue with the aim of cooperating to achieve the good of human society based on the principle of respect for human dignity.



## OIC Special Envoy to Africa visits IIFA

On the sidelines of his participation in the conference organized by the Saudi Foreign Ministry and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) on "Mediation: Experiences and Prospects", His Excellency Mr. Nasiru Baku Arivay visited the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) on Monday 7 Dhu al-Qi'dah 1443H corresponding to 06 June 2022G. He was received upon his arrival by Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, who thanked him for his visit and congratulated him on his appointment as a Special Envoy of the Secretary General of the OIC to Africa, stressing on this occasion the full readiness of the Academy to provide all the support needed by His Excellency for the success of his mission , especially with regard to the intellectual contribution to promoting awareness of the importance of moderation and spreading



the culture of moderation, tolerance, coexistence and harmony among followers of religions in Africa. His Excellency also took the opportunity to give a brief introductory overview of the Academy's vision, mission, goals, programs and activities, looking forward to close cooperation and solid coordination with His Excellency on

all issues and questions related to intellectual security, and putting an end to the states of war and turmoil experienced by some countries on the continent. For his part, His Excellency the Special Envoy expressed his great happiness with this visit, praising the distinguished intellectual efforts made by the Academy in the field of combating extremist ideology, terrorism, fanaticism and extremism, and praising the qualitative developments witnessed by the Academy's General Secretariat since the appointment of Prof. Sano as Secretary General, which is a proof of his competence, management expertise, and vast experience. He concluded by saying: "I thank your excellency for the warm welcome, and I hope that this old Islamic scientific edifice flourishes to continue fighting ignorance and correcting misconceptions of the foundations and teachings of Islam in the hope that it will further awaken the world and radiate light everywhere."



## Ambassador of People's Republic of China to Saudi Arabia visits IIFA



At the head of a large delegation, His Excellency Mr. Chen Weiping, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Special Envoy of his country to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), is returned to the headquarters of the Academy in Jeddah, on Sunday 06 Dhul-Qa'dah 1443H corresponding to June 05, 2022G. He and the accompanying delegation were received upon their arrival by HE Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, who thanked him for his visit, which is the first of its kind by a senior Chinese official. at the General Secretariat of the Academy since its creation. HE the Ambassador expressed his heartfelt thanks and great gratitude to the Secretary General for the warm welcome underlining his great interest and his desire to pay this visit to the Academy within the framework of his country's incessant efforts to strengthen relations of cooperation, coordination and partnership with the OIC and its affiliated bodies, in particular the Academy, which is the supreme jurisprudential reference for the Member States of the Organization and for the Muslim communities outside the Muslim world. He also commended the distinguished intellectual

and scientific efforts undertaken by the Academy to spread the culture of moderation, tolerance and coexistence for a safe and stable world.

He added that the government of his country views with satisfaction and praises these great efforts, and looks forward to consolidating the ties of cooperation and coordination with the Academy in order to serve these noble humanitarian goals which call for cooperation, communication, integration, coexistence and understanding between peoples. He then informed of the official invitation sent to His Excellency by his country to visit China. For his part, HE Professor SANO expressed his sincere thanks to HE the Ambassador for this visit, which is a clear expression of China's willingness to strengthen cooperation on various issues and topics that concern Muslim communities in China. . He also congratulated the Ambassador for his appointment as Special Envoy of his country to the OIC, wishing him every success in his functions, and wishing that this meeting be the beginning of the establishment of solid and lasting relations. of cooperation between the Academy and the authorities supervising religious affairs in China. He then gave an overview of the vision, mission, objectives, programs and activities of the Academy, emphasizing, among other things, the full readiness of the Academy to cooperate with the Chinese authorities in order to promote moderation, temperance and tolerance among the Muslim communities living in the Republic, and helping them to preserve their Islamic identity, while respecting the requirements of citizenship, and respecting the laws and regulations in force in their country; Noting in this respect that religious freedom is a natural right guaranteed by instinct to every human being everywhere.

This says that allowing everyone to practice the rites of their religion of choice and belief in complete freedom is a natural duty that must be guaranteed everywhere in the world. In other words, forcing a person to embrace a particular religion or preventing him from practicing his religion is considered an insult to human dignity and an attack on his freedom of choice. Thus, the Academy's efforts are always focused on calling for respect for freedom of belief, the rejection of extremism, bigotry, exclusion and terrorism, and the correction of misconceptions. on the values, principles and teachings of Islam that reject any form of conflict between membership in Islam and commitment to the requirements of citizenship. Finally he thanked his host for the invitation to travel to China in the very near future to meet the Chinese authorities overseeing religious affairs and to visit Muslim communities in China.

The meeting was attended by Mr. Liu ZhenYong, First Secretary, Head of Political Section at the Embassy, Mr. Li Jinglun, Third Secretary at the Embassy, Mr. Mohammed Al-Mondher El-Chouk, Director of Cabinet Affairs and Protocol at the Academy, Ms. Sarah Amjad Hussein, Director of Women and Family Affairs at the Academy, and Mr. Mourad TLiLi, Advisor to the Secretary General of the Academy for Media Affairs.



## Permanent Representative of Indonesia to OIC visits IIFA

HE Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, received His Excellency Ambassador Eko Hartono, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Indonesia to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and Consul General to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on Wednesday 09 Dhu al-Qa'dah, 1443H, corresponding to June 08, 2022G, at the headquarters of the Academy in Jeddah. The Ambassador expressed his pleasure to visit the Academy, thanking the Secretary General for the warm welcome, emphasizing his keen interest since assuming the position of Permanent Representative of the Republic of Indonesia to the OIC in strengthening relations of cooperation and partnership with the Organization and its subsidiary bodies, in particular the Academy. He expressed his aspiration to activate the role of his country within the Academy by the appointment of a new member representing his country. He also affirmed the wish of Indonesia for the participation of its prominent scholars in the delegation of scholars of the Umma which will visit Kabul very soon.

He concluded by expressing his thanks for the visit made by His Excellency with a delegation of the Academy to Indonesia during the past year, which left a good impression. For his part, HE The



Secretary General thanked HE the Ambassador for the visit and congratulated him on his appointment as Permanent Representative of the Republic of Indonesia to the OIC, wishing that this appointment could strengthen cooperation and partnership relations with the Academy at all levels. He also expressed his commitment to consolidate cooperation with various major scientific institutions which were visited by the delegation of the Academy, particularly the Council of Indonesian Scholars, Sharif Hidayah University. On this occasion, he evoked the aspiration of the Academy that the Republic of Indonesia organizes one of the next sessions of the Academy in application of the commitments made by the Indonesian official authorities during the visit of the delegation. , emphasizing in this

regard the full readiness of the Academy for Indonesia to become an international center of Islamic social finance. He concluded by giving a detailed overview of the activities and programs of the Academy and its five-year strategic plan, which includes a number of programs, projects and initiatives that can benefit OIC Member States.

The meeting was attended by Mr. Ilham Effendy, First Secretary of the Consulate General of Indonesia, Ms. Sarah Amjad Hussain, Director of Women and Family Affairs, Dr. AlHagi Manta Drammeh, Head of International Cooperation Division, and Mr. Mourad TLiLi , Advisor to the Secretary General of the Academy for Media Affairs.



## A delegation of imams from the Republic of Serbia visits IIFA

Within the framework of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy's (IIFA) endeavor to build a strategic partnership and close cooperation with the leading scientific and intellectual institutions in the countries of Muslim communities and based on the Academy's keenness to communicate and coordinate with the supervisors of religious affairs in Muslim communities in order to preserve their religious identity while adhering to the requirements of citizenship and residency in those societies, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, received today a large delegation consisting of imams of mosques in the Republic of Serbia, led by Dr. Anwar Getic, Dean of the College of Islamic Studies in the Republic of Serbia, on Thursday 10 Dhul-Qa'dah 1443H corresponding to 09 June 2022G at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. His Excellency welcomed the honorable delegation and commended the efforts of the College of Islamic Studies in the field of developing and training qualified religious cadres that bear the responsibility of guiding, directing and caring for Muslims within their communities. His Excellency also commended the efforts of the College to train imams and guides through seminars and shariah sessions, and keenness to



enable them to understand the developments and calamities of the era in order to deal with them in a manner that meets the aspirations and needs of Muslims in the Republic of Serbia and the Balkans in general. In support of these efforts, His Excellency expressed the Academy's full readiness to provide intellectual aid, shariah support and backing to the supervisors of religious affairs in Serbia by organizing training courses for them in fatwas and guidance to raise their levels and strengthen their perceptions and enable them to deduce and infer in calamities and developments. His Excellency concluded by calling on imams and guides to continue to carry out their religious duty towards Muslims, and to be a role model and a shining example to follow in behavior, conduct and wisdom, stressing the importance of adhering to the approach of moderation, and spreading tolerance, dialogue and coexistence. His Eminence

Dr. Anwar Getsic expressed his great thanks and great appreciation to His Excellency the Secretary General for his kind reception, warm welcome and useful directions, and for providing this good opportunity for imams to visit the Academy, confirming his keenness to enhance cooperation and communication with Muslim communities. At the end of the visit, His Excellency led the delegation on a tour of all the departments and divisions of the Academy, during which he gave them an overview of the Academy and its modus operandi and distributed to them a selection of its most important publications to give them an idea of its various activities and projects. The guests thanked His Excellency for the welcome they received and praised what they heard during His Excellency's speech of lofty meanings and valuable lessons that will guide them during the performance of their duties in Serbia.



## H.E. Dr. Muhammad Shuaib represents IIFA in Jury of Holy Qur'an Recitation Competition in Kazan, Russia



His Eminence Dr. Muhammad Mustapha Shuaib, supervisor of the Observatory of Fatwas and Reviews at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), representing the Secretary General of the Academy, participated in the arbitration of the Kazan International Competition for Memorizing the Holy Qur'an, which was organized by the Government of the Republic of Tatarstan, the Islamic Youth Cooperation Forum in Istanbul, and the Religious Administration of Muslims of the Republic of Tatarstan, during the period From 16 to 19 Shawwal 1443H corresponding to 17 to 20 May of 2022G. The

competition comes within the framework of the international program: Kazan, the Youth Capital of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation for the year 2022. It also falls within the activities of the celebration of the one thousand and one hundred years since the introduction of Islam in the region. Fifty male and female students from twenty countries competed in the competition, and Dr. Muhammad Mustafa Shuaib was one of the five arbitrators in the competition. The rest of the arbitrators are: the Mufti of Kazan, H.E. Sheikh Kamel Samiullah, H.E. Sheikh Maamoun Shaaban Al-Rawi from Iraq, H.E. Sheikh Isaac

Danesh from Turkey, and H.E. Sheikh Yashar Chodar from Turkey. The first place for male students went to: Gatiev Musa Salmanovich, with a total score of 100%, and the first place for the female students went to: Dewi Yukha Nida, from Indonesia, with a total score of 99.75%. His Eminence Dr. Muhammad Mustafa Shuaib also attended the celebration of the one thousand and one hundred years since the introduction of Islam in Bulgaria, which was organized by the presidency of the Republic of Tatarstan as part of the Kazan Expo, on 20 May 2022.



## 20th Monthly Meeting of IIFA's Personnel

On Monday, 08 Dhu al-Qa'dah 1443H corresponding to 07 June 2022G, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the twentieth monthly periodic meeting of the Academy's employees, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy in Jeddah. At the beginning of the meeting, His Excellency the Secretary General welcomed everyone, thanking them for their regular attendance at these important periodic meetings that discuss the issues of the Academy. Then His Excellency spoke about the promotions and amendments that were made to the employees of the Academy in detail, based on the principle of transparency and fairness. His Excellency also indicated that the Academy has formed an internal committee to study the files of applicants in March of 2021.



The Committee then submitted its report along with a letter addressed to the Assistant Secretary General for Financial and Administrative Affairs of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and followed-up on that thereafter. And based on the keenness of His Excellency the Secretary General of the Academy to rectify

the situations of employees who hold scientific qualifications, he has, based on his powers granted to him according to the regulations, corrected the situations of these employees according to their qualifications, and granted an incentive reward to some employees who were unable to be promoted and/ or their situation modified. His Excellency then listened to everyone's opinions and suggestions on this subject and with regard to improving the work of the Academy, as the discussions concluded that a clear vision to be drawn up on the possibility of disbursing the entitlement to the overtime wage and replacing it with vacation days. His Excellency also instructed the Investment and Projects Department to take urgent action to make the most of the apartment endowed for the Academy in Makkah Al-Mukarramah for this Hajj season 1443H especially that it is close to the Jamarat in Mina.

## 39th Periodic Meeting of Divisions Heads



On Thursday, 10 Dhu al-Qa'dah 1443H corresponding to 09 June 2022G, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the thirty-ninth periodic meeting of the heads of divisions, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah. At the beginning of the meeting, His Excellency welcomed the heads of divisions, thanking them for attending and participating, and urging them to continue work and intensify cooperation and coordination

between the various departments and divisions for the success of the upcoming symposium organized by the Academy in partnership with the Food and Drug Authority in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on the issue of stunning poultry and animals and its impact on the legitimacy of slaughter. Then His Excellency spoke about the OIC's statute that defines the conditions and entitlements for promotion and amendment, and the incentive reward for a number of the Academy's employees and explained to the attendees in detail what each expression means in order to remove any confusion among some employees. His Excellency also clarified the procedures and endeavors undertaken by the General Secretariat of the Academy to promote some employees, amend the status of some of them, and grant some of them incentive bonuses, as permitted by the statute of the Organization and the General Secretariat of the Academy. His Excellency indicated that a large number of the Academy's employees benefited from these endeavors, the first of their kind in the Academy.

The meeting then discussed the items of the previous meeting's decisions, and issued several new decisions, the most important of which are:

- Holding a specialized symposium on Islamic charitable work and related issues such as immigration, asylum and displacement before the end of November 2022.
- Setting the end of the month of Dhul-Qa'dah as the last date to call for papers on the themes of the specialized symposium entitled "The Family Foundation: Challenges and Prospects."
- Completing the review of the issues of the Academy's scientific journal and handing it over to the publishing house in order to arrange it and determine the cost before the final printing.
- Inviting all employees of the Academy to participate in the stunning poultry symposium for the purpose of supporting the various committees working for the success of the symposium.

## 80th Weekly Meeting of Departments Directors

His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the eightieth weekly meeting of directors of departments, on Wednesday, 09 Dhu al-Qa'dah, 1443H, corresponding to 08 June 2022G, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat in Jeddah. At the beginning of the meeting, His Excellency welcomed the attendees and thanked them for participating in the meeting, re-emphasizing the importance of these meetings during which discussions are held on various issues of the Academy in order to make decisions about them. Then His Excellency spoke about the recent arrangements for holding a symposium on Stunning Poultry to be held with the Food and Drug Authority (FDA) in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in the period between 13-14 June 2022G corresponding to 14-15 Dhu al-Qa'dah 1443H, stressing the importance of good preparation for the symposium by reviewing all issues and questions related to it, and the importance of cooperation and coordination between all committees and departments to



ensure its smooth running and success. The meeting then discussed the items of decisions issued by the previous meeting, and issued several decisions, the most important of which are:

- Inviting His Excellency the Director of the Department of Islamic Affairs and Charitable Activities in Dubai and the Director of the University of Sharjah to participate in the symposium in order to activate the memoranda of cooperation signed with them.
- Collaboration and contracting directly with translators from the OIC for the Stunning Poultry symposium.

- Preparing contract clauses for printing the Academy's journal and considering the remarks made upon reviewing the new version by Mufakirun Press House, while emphasizing the principle of auditing and reviewing for external auditors. Approval of the allocated budget that was prepared for the Stunning Poultry symposium, which includes: entitlement of researchers to the symposium, media coverage, drivers... and other items that the FDA will not cover, from the items of scientific activities mentioned in the Academy's budget.
- Sending the final list of participants in the symposium to the branch of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Makkah region to be approved.
- Allocating two separate mobile phone lines to be used during the scientific activities and programs held by the Academy to communicate with the participants in those activities.

## 81st Weekly Meeting of Departments Directors



His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the 81st weekly meeting of the directors of departments, on Thursday 17 Dhul Qi'dah 1443H corresponding to 16 June 2022G, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat in Jeddah. At the beginning of the meeting, His Excellency welcomed the directors and thanked them for attending, re-emphasizing the importance of these meetings during which various issues of the Academy are discussed and decisions are made. Then His Excellency congratulated everyone on the successful convening of the symposium

on "stunning poultry and animals before slaughtering them and its impact on the legitimacy of slaughter", which was held by the Academy and the Food and Drug Authority in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in the period between 14-15 Dhu al-Qi'dah 1443H corresponding to 13-14 June 2022G, explaining that it achieved the basic objectives for which it was held, which is considered one of the important symposiums related to the halal industry in Muslim countries and Muslim Communities. His Excellency also indicated to the Academy's ambition to hold more conferences in this field, especially as it revolves around important issues in the halal industry in Muslim communities, which is called for by the urgent need to address such issues and intensify efforts and support them. Then His Excellency spoke about his upcoming visit to Afghanistan with a delegation of scholars and the General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) in order to discuss many issues, especially women's issues and their work, role and participation in construction efforts. The meeting discussed the items of decisions issued

by the previous meeting, and issued several new decisions, the most important of which are:

- Organizing a symposium in Pakistan on the phenomenon of Islamophobia after reviewing the resolutions of the Academy in its regard and extracting action programs from it.
- Sending a letter of thanks and appreciation to His Excellency the CEO of the Food and Drug Authority for the distinguished strategic partnership in holding the symposium.
- Sending a letter of thanks and appreciation to all researchers and participants in the Stunning Poultry Symposium.
- Sending a letter of thanks and appreciation to His Excellency the Director General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs branch in Mecca Region for the distinguished facilities provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the guests participating in the symposium.
- Allocating two telephones with separate numbers to be used in scientific activities and programs held by the Academy to communicate through them with the participants in those activities.

## 82nd Weekly Meeting of Departments Directors

His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), presided over the eighty-second weekly meeting of the departments on Monday, 20 Dhu al-Qi'dah, 1443H, corresponding to 19 June 2022G, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat in Jeddah. At the beginning of the meeting, His Excellency welcomed the directors and thanked them for their attendance, stressing that this meeting will be a special one for evaluating the last scientific symposium organized by the General Secretariat of the Academy on "stunning poultry and animals before slaughtering and its impact on the legitimacy of the slaughter" during the period between 14-15 Dhu al-Qi'dah 1443H corresponding to 13-14 June 2022G. His Excellency congratulated everyone on the success of the symposium and on achieving the basic objectives for which it was held and stressing that this clear success does not prevent a comprehensive evaluation of all issues and questions related to planning, organization and implementation, in the hope of avoiding the gaps and mistakes that occurred for the upcoming



symposiums and conferences, especially the upcoming twenty-fifth Annual Session of the Academy. His Excellency then briefed the attendees on the mid-year report on the strategic plan prepared by the Planning Department based on the reports submitted by each department, the performance indicators in the plan, and the activities that the Academy decided to hold in the first half of the year 2022, i.e. from January to June. It was decided that everyone should read it in detail, to find out the activities and programs that were supposed to be implemented, as well as deliberation about what has been accomplished and implemented, provided that

deliberations take place in an ad hoc session. After extensive discussions, decisions were issued by the meeting, the most important of which are:

- The necessity of adjusting the topics of each scientific symposium, with an emphasis on informing the research contributors not to deviate from it and ensuring the seriousness of the submitted research.
- Assigning a dedicated full-time employee to follow up on the issue of tickets and visas in subsequent events.
- Immediately start coordinating and reviewing the research papers of the twenty-fifth session.
- Approval of the scientific committee for the seminars, consisting of: Dr. Abdel Qahir Qamar, Dr. Muhammad Shuaib, Dr. Ismail Jibaji, Dr. Abdelfattah Abnauf, Dr. Mohamed Lamine Silla, and Mr. Walid Al-Hadhrani.
- Inviting the new institutions with which a memorandum of cooperation was recently signed by the Planning Department to participate with research papers and asking them to nominate researchers they consider suitable to participate in the next session.

## 83rd Weekly Meeting of Departments Directors

The General Secretariat of the Academy held its 83rd weekly meeting for the directors of the departments on Wednesday 30 of Dhu al-Qi'dah 1443H, corresponding to 29 June 2022G, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat in Jeddah. The meeting was chaired by His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, who started it by welcoming the attendees, then spoke about his visit to Afghanistan with a delegation of the Ummah's eminent scholars. This visit comes in implementation of the decision of the Ministerial Council of the Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) in its extraordinary session in Islamabad, Islamic Republic of Pakistan last December, which stipulated that the Academy lead a delegation of the Ummah's scholars to visit Afghanistan in order to dialogue with the current authority on the issue of girls' education, the issue of women's work, and the issue of coexistence. His Excellency

and the delegation of scholars met with a number of prominent Afghan scholars, and also met with many Afghan officials, led by the Deputy Prime Minister for Political Affairs, and the Ministers of Higher Education, Minerals, Interior, Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice, and Justice. The delegation called on the current authority to allow Afghan girls to return to classes in government schools. The delegation also called on the authority to allow Afghan women to work according to the Shariah regulations approved by the authority. His Excellency indicated that what the delegation heard from Afghan officials about girls' education is heartening. His Excellency also indicated that he would send a detailed report to His Excellency the Secretary General of the OIC. Then he discussed the items of the decisions of the previous meeting, and issued several new decisions, the most important of which are:

- Invitation to discuss the concept presented for the mini-symposium on the phenomenon

of Islamophobia in Pakistan with the Permanent Representative of Pakistan.

- Provide an initial list of translators in order to cooperate with them in the upcoming seminars.
- Inviting new institutions with which a memorandum of cooperation was signed recently to participate in the next session.
- Allocating a separate e-mail for each of the Academy's activities to communicate with researchers, participants, to facilitate the Academy's workflow and good management of its activities.





## Rays of Light on the Lives of the Academy's Living Scholars (4)

Four decades have passed since the leaders of the Muslim world created the largest contemporary institution of collective Ijtihad, whose members consist of the elite and eminent contemporary Shariah scholars, supported by distinguished experts in natural sciences, sociology, economics and politics, with the aim of studying contemporary life problems and clarifying the legal provisions on issues of concern to Muslims worldwide, based on the teachings of the Holy Qur'an, the Sunnah; and the supreme objectives of the Shari'ah, and in accordance with the pious predecessors' methodology in legal deduction and inference, as well as the legal and jurisprudential maxims that have passed through the generations. By the grace of Allah, this institution has become the primary reference in fiqh matters, where OIC Member states and Muslim communities seek refuge to learn about the rulings of Shariah concerning the current calamities and

developments in life, and the practical scientific recommendations for guidance, clarification and orientation. As the ascetic Imam Abdullah Ibn Al-Mubarak once said, "The blessed science is that which is referred to its people". The Secretariat General of the Academy believes that there is an urgent need to make known to future generations the journey of those eminent jurists and scholars who concluded these outstanding resolutions and issued these clear recommendations, beginning with those who passed away and joined the Supreme Companion, may Allah have mercy on them and place them in His spacious gardens; and thus concluding with those who continue to enlighten us with their brilliant achievements, May Allah bless them with health and well-being, and may He prolong their lives. This blessed initiative by the Academy is to reassure those far and near that the resolutions and recommendations

are correct, as they are issued by prominent scholars known for their piety and fear of Allah, who mastered the instruments and skills of jurisprudential examination, and who fulfilled the requirements of Ijtihad and the ethics of Ifta. To fulfil this crucial responsibility, the General Secretariat of the Academy has decided to devote space in its monthly newsletter to present a brief biography of the Academy's members as scholars and experts, in appreciation of their work and recognition of their contributions, while praying for mercy and acceptance to them. We pray to Allah to assist us in completing this work as soon as possible; we only want to reform as much as we can, and our success is solely dependent on Allah, the Highest, the Greatest.

Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano  
Secretary General of the Academy

## His Excellency Sheikh Abdullah bin Bayyah

Born in 1935 in Tambadha, east of Mauritania, H.E. Sheikh Abdullah bin Sheikh Al-Mahfouz bin Bayyah was raised and educated in a house of knowledge and piety, where he received knowledge from his father, Sheikh Al-Mahfouz, who was a judge, and undertook Arabic classes with Sheikh Muhammad Salem Ibn Al-Shin, and he also studied Quranic sciences under Sheikh Bayyah bin Al-Salik Al-Masoumi, included all other Islamic sciences in this mahdara, traditional school. His Excellency has served in various positions, as Chairman of the Emirates Ifta Council since its establishment to date, Chairman of the Forum for Promoting Peace in Muslim Societies, Chairman of the Al-Muwatta Foundation in Abu Dhabi, and Head of Sharia Department in the Ministry of Justice in the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Vice-President of the Court of Appeal, Vice-President of the Supreme Court, High Commissioner for Religious Affairs at the Presidency of the Republic, where he proposed the establishment of a Ministry of Islamic Affairs, hence became its first minister, then minister of Fundamental Education and Religious Affairs, minister of National Guidance and Party Organizations, Permanent Secretary of the ruling Mauritanian People's Party, Chairman of the Gaza Institute and Institute for Arab and Islamic Sciences in eastern Mauritania, Chairman of the Board of Trustees and of the Board of Directors of the Global Center for Renewal and Rationalization (GCRG) in London, and Chairman of the Sharia Board of the French Council of Islamic Finance. His Excellency has been a member of the International Commission for Scientific Miracles in the Qur'an and Sunnah, the World Supreme Council of Mosques in the Muslim World League, the International Islamic Charitable Organization in Kuwait, the Islamic World Conference Karachi, the European Council for Fatwa and Research, the Islamic



Fiqh Academy of India, the Scientific Committee of Prince Nayef Prize for the Prophet's Sunnah and Islamic Studies, the Supreme Committee of the Maqasid Studies Center, Academic Staff at King Abdulaziz University in Jeddah, with rank of professor, Member of the Muslim Council of Elders, Royal Aal al-Bayt Institute for Islamic Thought, the Supreme Advisory Council of Taibah Foundation in Abu Dhabi. His Excellency participated in various seminars and conferences, including the first summit conference of Islamic countries in Rabat, the first founding conference of the Organization of the Islamic Conference in Jeddah, the summit conference for non-alignment in Algeria, the Arab African summit in Cairo, among others. He also participated in Islamic-Christian dialogue in Rome and Madrid, as well as in the Islamic-Christian summit in Rome following the event of 9/11. His Excellency is the author of a myriad of works, notably Clarifying the different opinions on financial transactions issues, Dialogue on Human Rights in Islam, the Security Discourse in Islam and the Culture of Tolerance and Harmony, Meanings of Proofs and Areas of Divergence, Blocking Means to Evil and its Application on Transactions, Intellectual Fatwas, Making Fatwa and the Fiqh of Minorities,

Maqasid of Transactions and Monitoring Issues, Contemplations in Maqasid, Efforts to Revive Usul, impact of Benefit in Waqf, Al-Burhan, Terrorism, Analysis and Solutions, the patient's guide for what God has as a large reward, alerting the references to the rooting of the jurisprudence of reality. His Excellency is the recipient of numerous medals and awards, including the King Abdul Aziz Medal of Excellent Class, King Abdullah II Medal of Excellent Class, the Chinguetti Award for Islamic Studies for his book "Dialogue from afar," and Mohammed VI Honorary Award for Thought and Islamic Studies, King Abdullah II Award for Scholars and Preachers in Jordan, and the Organization of the Islamic Conference Certificate of Excellence. Georgetown University chose Sheikh Abdullah bin Bayyah as one of the 50 most influential Islamic personalities in the world for the years 2009-2016. His Excellency Sheikh Abdullah bin Bayyah was appointed by the Council of the Academy as an appointed member in recognition of his academic standing, having participated as a researcher, commentator and speaker in its various sessions and conferences.

## His Excellency Sheikh Abdullah bin Suleiman Al-Manea



Born in 1349 corresponding to 1930 in Shaqra Governorate, Saudi Arabia, H.E. Sheikh Abdullah bin Suleiman bin Muhammad Al-Manea began his primary studies at Shaqra Primary School, then joined the Scientific Institute, which was the early foundation of Imam Muhammad bin Saud University in Riyadh, where he continued his studies until obtaining a university degree. His Excellency has been a member of Saudi Arabia's Council of Senior Scholars since its foundation, having also served as a Deputy General for the Grand Mufti of Saudi Arabia, H.E. Sheikh Abdul Aziz bin Baz, may Allah shower him with mercy, a judge of cassation in the Court of Cassation in Makkah Al Mukarramah, President of the Court of Cassation. His Excellency has served as head of various Sharia boards and councils for Islamic financial institutions in Saudi Arabia,

Bahrain, and UAE. His Excellency is the author of several works, including: paper money: its history – rulings, and truth, my conversations on the radio, Compilation of Research and Fatwas (4 volumes), Research on Islamic economics, A Treatise on Zakat of Trade Offers, a Window on Society (3 volumes), A Dialogue with Socialists in light Sharia, an opinion on the permissibility of the sacrifice of tamattu' before the day of sacrifice, Insurance and its Sharia Ruling. As a member of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, H.E. Sheikh Abdullah bin Suleiman Al-Manea has represented the Muslim World League and has accompanied IIFA's journey from its foundation until today, having participated as a researcher, commentator, and speaker in its various sessions and seminars.

## His Excellency Prof Abd al-Wahab Abu Sulaiman

Born and raised in Makkah in 1356H, corresponding to 1937G. H.E. Prof. Abdel Wahab Ibrahim Muhammad Abu Suleiman received his general education in Makkah, studied under scholars of Al-Masjid Al-Haram, and obtained a bachelor's degree at the Faculty of Sharia in Makkah, in 1377/1958, then earned a PhD from London University in 1390/1970, in addition to diploma in law from London College of Legal Studies. His Excellency has served in various positions, as Dean of the College of Sharia at Umm Al-Qura University, a member of the Council of Senior Scholars, and a visiting professor in a number of universities in Saudi Arabia, America, Malaysia, UAE, and the Islamic Republic of Iran. He also participated in numerous scientific conferences and supervised several master's and doctoral dissertations. His Excellency is the author



of several publications, including Imam Al-Shaafi's Approach to Fiqh and Usul, Research Methodology in Fiqh: its Characteristics and Shortcomings, Usuli Fiqh: A Critical Analytical Study, the Taxonomy of Fiqh Themes and their Contexts within the Four Schools of Law. His Excellency is the recipient of several awards and medals from universities, scientific institutions, and literary clubs, most notably Prince Nayef International Prize for the Prophet's Sunnah, and King Faisal International Prize for Islamic Studies. As a member of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, H.E. Prof Abd al-Wahab Abu Sulaiman has represented the Council of Senior Scholars, and has participated as a researcher, commentator, and speaker in its various sessions and seminars.

## His Eminence Dr. Nazih Hammad

Born in 1946 in Nablus, Palestine, H.E. Dr. Nazih Hammad obtained a bachelor's degree in Sharia from Damascus University in 1967, a master's degree from Baghdad University in 1970, and a Ph.D. with first honors from Cairo University's Faculty of Dar Al Uloom, in 1973, the field of Contracts and Financial Transactions in Comparative Islamic Jurisprudence, entitled "Rulings of Qabd (Taking Possession) in Contracts in Islamic Jurisprudence." His Eminence held served in significant positions, as a professor of Islamic jurisprudence and its fundamentals at the College of Sharia for seventeen years, chairman of the Sharia Supervisory Board of Minhaj Consulting Company in Islamic Finance in Dubai, Chairman of Sharia Board of Citi Islamic Investment Bank in Bahrain, Chairman of Sharia Board of the Fund Islamic Investment Limited, Chairman of Shariah Board of the Takaful Company in Dubai. His

Eminence has also served as a member in Oasis Islamic Trust in UK, Al Fanar Holding Company in Britain, and the Islamic Leasing Fund in Australia and New Zealand. His Eminence authored several books, including Perspectives of Fiqh in the Development of Islamic Banking, Compensation for Commitment in Islamic Jurisprudence, How to Determine Wages and its Applications in Contemporary Labor and Leasing Contracts, Contemporary Fiqh Issues in Finance and Economy, Taking Possession in Contracts in Islamic Jurisprudence (Dar Al Bayan Library PhD thesis), and a Glossary of Financial and Economic Terminology According to the Language of Islamic Jurists. As a member of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, H.E. Dr. Nazih Hammad has represented the Islamic community in Canada, and has participated as a researcher, commentator, and speaker in its various sessions and seminars.





## His Eminence Dr. Muhammad Al-Bashari

Born in 1967 in Oujda, Kingdom of Morocco, H.E. Dr. Muhammad al-Bashari received his basic education in Morocco and obtained a doctorate in computer science from the University of Paris. His Eminence has served in several positions, as Secretary General of the World Council of Muslim Communities in UAE since its foundation, Dean of the Ibn Sina Institute for Human Sciences in Lille, France, Secretary General of the European Islamic Conference, President of the General Federation of Muslims in France, Vice-President of the French Council of the Muslim Faith, Vice-President of the Awqaf Foundation for Islamic Actions in France, Vice-President of the Association of Islamic Universities in Egypt. His Eminence has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the Forum for Promoting Peace in Muslim Societies, the Royal Aal al-Bayt Institute for Islamic Thought in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the Supreme Council of the Secretariat General for World's Ifta Councils and Bodies (Egypt), the Advisory Board of the King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz International Center for Dialogue between Followers of Religions and cultures (Austria), the European Council of Religious



Leaders (Norway), the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs, the Supreme Council for Islamic Culture in the West (ISESCO, Morocco), the Global Dialogue Forum (Jeddah, Saudi Arabia). His Eminence has also been contributor to the Emirati newspaper Al Ittihad and served as a former advisor on Islamic issues and European-Arab relations in the European Parliament, as well as a former advisor on European-Arab relations in the Arab League Parliament. His Eminence is the recipient of several awards such as Jordan's King Abdullah II Medal for Excellence and Egypt's Medal for Sciences and Arts. His Eminence authored several research and works, including Islam, Western Media and the Challenges of Post-9/11 (2004 - Dar al-Fikr), The Islamic world and the Challenges of 9/11 - Reality and Aspirations (2006 - Dar al-Fikr), and The Question of Tolerance: An Introduction to a Civilized Human Pattern - 2020. As a member of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, H.E. Dr. Muhammad Al-Bashari has represented the Islamic community in France, and has participated as a researcher, commentator, and speaker in its various sessions and seminars.

## His Eminence Prof. Mortada Badr

Born in 1968 in Turkey, H.E. Prof. Mortada Badr obtained a bachelor's degree in 1992 from the Faculty of Theology at Marmara University, a master's degree in 1995 in law from the University of London, and a doctorate in 1999 at the Faculty of Arts from the University of Manchester, with a thesis entitled "The Emergence of Fundamentals of Hanafi Jurisprudence (Legal Affairs)". His Eminence has served in important positions, as Dean of the Faculty of Theology at Istanbul University, Professor of Jurisprudence at Istanbul University, Assistant Professor and

Associate Professor at Sakarya University, a visiting researcher at Harvard Law School, and currently a professor at the Faculty of Theology at Istanbul University. He is a member of the Supreme Council of Turkish Religious Affairs, has supervised several PhD dissertations and participated on the management committees of international and local conferences. As a member of the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, H.E. Prof. Mortada Badr has represented the Republic of Turkey since March 22, 2015.



## His Eminence Dr. Abdul Rahim Adam Suleiman



Born in 1968 in Sudan, H.E. Dr. Abd al-Rahim Adam Suleiman obtained his bachelor's in 1993 in Sharia law from Omdurman Islamic University in Sudan, a master's degree in 1997 from the same university, and a doctorate in 2009 in the principles of jurisprudence, respectively. His Eminence served in several positions, as President of the Sudanese Islamic Fiqh Academy, Dean of the Faculty of Islamic Studies in Khartoum, Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Law and at the Faculty of Islamic Studies at the University of Rabat, a lecturer at the Faculty of Islamic Studies in Khartoum, Head of the Department of Fundamentals of Jurisprudence, at the University of Rabat. His Eminence also worked as a lawyer in the Sudanese courts, and is member of Sudan's Supreme Hajj Council,

a member of the subcommittees for peace negotiations, of the preliminary workshop to discuss the state-religion relation, a member of the Supreme Awqaf Council, and a member of the preparatory committee for the first insurance conference. His Eminence participated in several international and local conferences, and published several research papers, such as the application of Sharia rulings on non-Muslims in Sudan, Sharia ruling according to Usuli Jurists, Inheritance and Sharia in light of ECOWASA Accord, Customary Marriage and its Ruling, among others. As a member of the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, H.E. Dr. Abdul Rahim Adam Suleiman has represented the Republic of Sudan since December 24, 2020.

## His Excellency Dr. Muhammad Ahmad Muslim Al-Khalayla



Born in 1967 in the city of Zarqa in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, H.E. Dr. Muhammad Ahmad Muslim Al-Khalayla received a bachelor's in 1995 from Yarmouk University, a master's in 2001 from the University of Jordan, and a doctorate in 2009 from the International University of Islamic Sciences, specializing in Jurisprudence and its Fundamentals, respectively. His Excellency has served in several duties, such as Minister of Awqaf, Islamic Affairs and Holy Sites of Jordan since 2019, Grand Mufti of Jordan (2017-2019), Chairman of the Ifta Council, Mufti of the Jordanian capital (2008-2011). His Excellency was also a lecturer at Prince Hassan College of Islamic Sciences in Amman, at the International University of Islamic Sciences, and in the General Department of Ifta, editor-in-chief at the Ifta Bulletin issued by the Public Ifta Department, and Chairman of the Holy Qur'an Committee in the Jordanian Ministry of Awqaf. His Excellency also served as a member of the Jordanian

Ifta Council, Research and Islamic Studies, a member of the Council of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs and Holy Sites in the Jordanian Ministry of Awqaf, a member of the Committee for the Reconstruction of Al-Aqsa Mosque, a member of the Jordanian Ministry of Education's Education Council Committee and Curriculum Committee, Chairman of the Sharia Audit Committee in the Directorate of Orphans Fund Development/ Department of Judges, Member of the Board of Directors of the Zakat Fund at the Jordanian Ministry of Awqaf. His Excellency is the recipient of Jordan's King Abdullah II Medal for Excellence, in recognition of his outstanding contributions in the field of ifta and his efforts to highlight the true face of Islam and its values. As a member of the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, His Excellency Dr. Muhammad Ahmad Muslim Al-Khalayla has represented the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan since 2020.

## His Eminence Dr. Suwaid Jumua Miyanga

Born in 1966 in the Republic of Uganda, H.E. Dr. Suwaid Jumua Miyanga obtained a bachelor's degree in Sharia from the Islamic University of Madinah, Saudi Arabia in 1990, and obtained a master's degree in 1996, and a doctorate in the principles of jurisprudence in 2000, respectively. His Eminence also obtained a Higher Diploma in Education from the Islamic University of Uganda in 2003, and a Diploma in Law from the Institute of Law in Kampala in 2008. His Eminence has served in several positions, as a lecturer at the Faculty of Arabic Language and Islamic Studies at the Islamic University in Uganda, dean of the same faculty, then as dean of the aforementioned faculty. His Eminence also served as dean of

the Faculty of Sharia and Law, and head of the Sharia Department at the University of Zanzibar in Tanzania. He is currently a professor at the Islamic University of Uganda, and Imam-Khatib at Makerere University Mosque in Kampala, Uganda. His Eminence participated in numerous seminars on international humanitarian law in the Islamic Republic of Iran, on terrorism in Africa in the Republic of Sudan, and participated in the creation of the Union of African Scholars in the Republic of Mali. As a member of the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, His Eminence Dr. Suwaid Jumua Miyanga has represented the Republic of Uganda since 2021.



## His Eminence Dr. Kahlan Al Kharousi

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