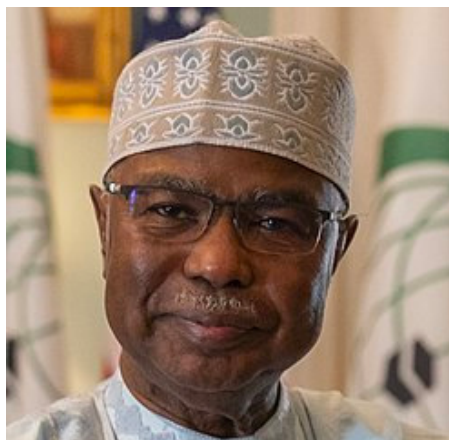
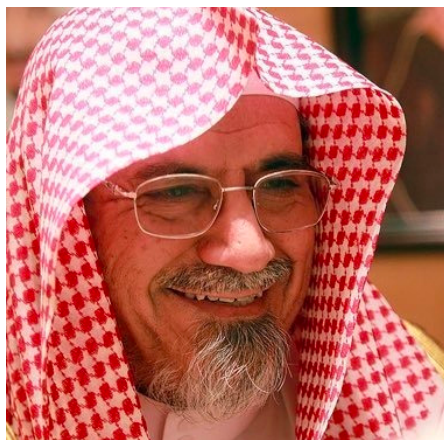


## OIC Secretary General commends IIFA's Efforts at Opening of Bureau Meeting



H.E. Mr. Hussein Ibrahim Taha, Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Chairman of the Bureau, chaired on Thursday, 29 Dhu al-Hijjah 1443 corresponding to 28 July 2022 the first meeting of the Bureau of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) for the current year 2022 via videoconferencing. His Excellency delivered an important opening speech in which he expressed his great thanks to the members of the Bureau for their continuous support for the Academy, praising the guidance of H.E. Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Abdullah bin Humaid, Chairman of the Academy's Council, and the qualitative leap that the Academy's Secretariat General is witnessing at all levels under the leadership of H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy. He also expressed the importance of the Academy and its position within the subsidiary organs of the OIC, as it is the intellectual and scientific reference that works and watches over the unification of the Muslims' voice, and the realization of the intellectual and jurisprudential approach aimed at achieving unity and rapprochement among Muslims in various fields of life, noting that political and economic solidarity between OIC Member states is achieved when it has the balanced intellectual and religious environment that the Academy works to provide. Then he spoke about the importance of the period of convening this meeting of the Bureau, as there is an unprecedented escalation of the feelings and practices hostile to Islam and Muslims in many Western countries, and the abhorrent insult to the person of the Noble Prophet, may God bless him and his family, by some extremist Indian



politicians, which requires the Academy to double its effort to formulate a unified Islamic position for all religious references in the member states of the OIC towards these shameful provocations and campaigns. The Academy is also urged to create a rational collective stance through formulating authentic and applicable concepts and policies in order to stop the torrent of abuse and insult to Islamic symbols. He concluded by praising the commendable efforts exerted by the Academy on the Afghanistan file in order to converge between the views of the current authority and the opinion of religious references in the Muslim world and the international community. He especially blessed the last successful visit organized by the Academy for a delegation of the Ummah's scholars to Afghanistan, considering it a great success that will remain in the Academy's record of achievements for decades. For his part, HE Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Abdullah bin Humaid, President of the Academy, expressed his great thanks to the Secretary General of the OIC for his continuous support for the activities of the Academy. He offered the best words of congratulations to the host country for the success of this year's Hajj season. He also offered, on behalf of the Academy, the most sincere thanks and gratitude to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdelaziz Al Saud, and his Crown Prince, His Royal Highness the Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdelaziz Al Saud, and the Kingdom's government, for the recent royal gift of the payment of the arrears of the least developed member states to the OIC and its subsidiary organs, including the Academy. Then he praised the great results achieved by the Academy under the leadership of HE the Secretary General, noting that what was stated in the report of the General Secretariat of the Academy submitted for this meeting is the best evidence of the remarkable achievements of the General Secretariat on a regular basis at the local, regional and international levels. In his speech, the Secretary General of the Academy, Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, expressed his great gratitude to the Secretary General of the OIC for the great support to the Academy, praising the trust of His Excellency in the Academy with the good opportunity granted by him to the Academy by assigning him to lead the Ummah's scholars delegation to Afghanistan with the aim of dialogue and discussion with the current authority and



the scholars of Afghanistan on issues related to tolerance, girls' education, and the empowerment of Afghan women. The Academy thanked the ruling authority in Afghanistan for the warm welcome and hospitality which enabled the delegation to carry out its mission with ease and comfort. He renewed the Academy's thanks to the host country for all the distinguished facilities and services that it continues to provide to the Academy to enable it to carry out its tasks in an optimal manner. The meeting then discussed the items on its agenda presented by the Secretary General of the Academy, which included the approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, briefing the members on the report and recommendations of the delegation of the Ummah's scholars to Afghanistan led by the Academy, the draft recommendations of the symposium on Stunning Poultry and Animals and its impact on the legitimacy of slaughter, and the MoUs signed between the Academy and scientific institutions. It also included a discussion of the nominations submitted by some countries for new members of the Academy's Council, as well as a financial report on the contributions of member states to the Academy's budget for the current year. Finally, the Chairman and members of the Bureau expressed their great appreciation to the Secretary General of the Academy and his assistants, congratulating them for their efforts. They also commended the Academy's stable financial position during the first half of this year. Also participated in the meeting, His Eminence Sheikh Dr. Abu Bakr Doukouri, representing the African group, His Eminence Prof. Ajil Al-Nashmi, representing the Arab group.



## Speech of OIC Secretary General at the 2022 Bureau Meeting



Excellencies and Eminences, Assalamu Alaikum wa rahmatu Allah I am pleased to be with you at the opening of the first meeting of the Bureau of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) for the current year, expressing my heartfelt thanks to you for your support for the Academy. I am also pleased to express on behalf of all of you my great appreciation to H.E. Sheikh Saleh bin Humaid, President of the Academy, for the guidance he provides to the Academy in order to enable it to achieve the noble goals for which it was founded. I would also like to record my gratitude and thanks to H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, for the qualitative leap witnessed by the General Secretariat of the Academy at all levels since he assumed his duties, wishing him continued success. The General Secretariat of the OIC considers the Academy as one of its most important subsidiary organs, given the paramount importance of the

unification of Muslims and the approximation of their jurisprudential and intellectual approaches in order to achieve unity and rapprochement between Muslims in other sectors and fields. The political and economic solidarity between member states is more effective when it has a balanced and convergent intellectual and religious environment that the Academy is working to provide, which is considered the most important goal for which it was established in 1981. The Academy was established in light of the urgent need to unify the efforts of Muslims in matters of ijtihad and fatwas in order to enhance moderation, and to spread a culture of tolerance, and the rejection of fanaticism, extremism and terrorism. This meeting, as you know, comes at a critical period witnessing an escalation of anti-Islam sentiment in many Western countries and in the midst of a crisis of defamation to the person of the Noble Prophet, peace be upon him, by some Indian politicians, which calls for a redoubled effort from

the Academy to formulate a unified position for all religious references in the member states towards these continuous provocations and shameful campaigns. The formulation of a collective position based on rationality and the formulation of original effort innovative, and applicable concepts and policies in the case I referred to above is the best way to stop the torrent of attacks on Islamic symbols and the Islamic religion in general, and to transform these continuous attacks into opportunities to introduce the true values of the Islamic religion and the greatness of its symbols and their great positive impact on mankind. Your Excellencies and Eminences, In concluding this speech, I would like to mention the great effort that the Academy makes with regards to the Afghanistan file in order to converge between the views of the current authority and the opinion of religious references in the Muslim world and international public opinion. The recent visit organized by the Academy for a delegation of scholars to Afghanistan is considered one of the most important practical contributions to help the Afghan people overcome this stage, and this visit is considered a great success that will remain in the record of the Academy's achievements for decades and will enhance its role in resolving outstanding issues in many of our Muslim societies. We in the General Secretariat of the OIC can only register our blessing for these efforts, thank them, and renew our support for them with all available capabilities. In conclusion, I renew my heartfelt thanks to all members of the Bureau, wishing your Meeting all success.

## Speech of IIFA President at the 2022 Bureau Meeting

In the name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful. Praise be to God, Lord of the Worlds, and prayers and peace be upon the Messenger of God, and upon his good and pure family, and may God be pleased with his companions, and have mercy on his followers until the Day of Judgment. His Excellency my dear brother, Mr. Hussein Ibrahim Taha, Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Chairman of the Bureau. His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) Your Excellencies and Eminences the Honorable Members of the Bureau, May the peace, mercy and blessings of God be upon you. At the opening of this first meeting of the Bureau for the current year, I am pleased to welcome all of you, and thank you for your participation and continuous support for your Academy, which is looking forward to your guidance and suggestions to carry out its great responsibility towards the Muslim Ummah. It is the responsibility of clarification, guidance, directing, and orientation, through the resolutions and recommendations issued by the Academy regarding calamities, developments and issues of concern to Muslims at all times and in all places. Given that the Academy's optimal implementation of this responsibility requires moral and material support for its General Secretariat from the leadership, peoples and institutions of the OIC Member States, therefore, we hope that the General Secretariat of the OIC under the leadership of my brother, Mr. Hussein Taha, the Secretary General, will continue to urge Member states to provide



more support and care, especially with regard to the payment of their mandatory contributions to the annual budget of the Academy, and to provide in-kind and cash donations to the Academy's Waqf Fund, which was specifically established to provide additional fixed resources for the Academy. Your Excellencies and Eminences, I take this good occasion to thank, on behalf of all of you, the Government of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, may God protect him, for the recent valuable contribution represented in the payment of financial arrears of the least developed Member States. The Academy is looking forward to the approval of His Excellency the Secretary General of the OIC, may God grant him success, to transfer a percentage of that contribution to the General Secretariat of the Academy to finance its activities and programs, noting that the arrears

of the mentioned countries to the Academy are estimated at about twelve million US dollars. Your Excellencies and Eminences, I hope that together we will reach decisions that will help advance the Academy, I thank you again for your participation, and on behalf of all of you, I reiterate my thanks and appreciation to His Excellency the Secretary General of the OIC for his continuous support to the Academy, and I also thank His Excellency the Secretary General of the Academy and all his staff for the successful changes and comprehensive renaissance that the General Secretariat is witnessing, asking the Almighty God to help us all to serve Islam and Muslims. Thank you to the General Secretariat of the Academy for its good preparation for this meeting. Peace, mercy and blessings of God be upon you.

## Speech of IIFA Secretary General at the 2022 Bureau Meeting



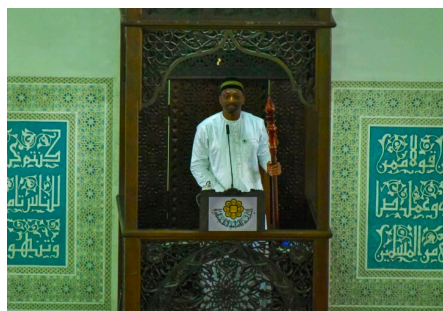
In the name of Allah the Merciful. At the beginning, the Secretariat General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) has the honor to congratulate their Excellencies and Eminences, the Chairman of the Bureau, his deputy, and its members on the blessed Eid al-Adha, praying to God Almighty to return it to us and the Ummah with bounties, joys and victories, and to accept from us and you our good deeds, and to grant us success in serving our religion and our Ummah, and every year and you and the Ummah are fine. The General Secretariat also takes this opportunity to present to the members of the Bureau a brief and focused report on the most important activities and programs organized by the General Secretariat after the last meeting of the Bureau that took place on Thursday, 26 Jumada Al-Awwal 1443H corresponding to 30 December 2021G via satellite communication, expressing our deep thanks and appreciation to His Excellency the Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Mr. Hussein Ibrahim Taha, may God protect

him, Chairman of the Bureau, for the support and assistance he provides to the Academy, and praising that solid guidance and sober direction that the General Secretariat has been receiving from His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Abdullah bin Humaid, Adviser at the Royal Court, member of the Council of Senior Scholars, imam and Khatib of the Grand Mosque, and President of the Academy, may God reward him, and preserve him as an asset to Islam and Muslims. Your Excellencies and Eminences, the report comprises a summary of the minutes of the previous bureau's meeting, and a briefing on the specialized jurisprudence symposium held by the General Secretariat of the Academy in cooperation with the Food and Drug General Authority on stunning poultry and animals before slaughtering and its impact on the legality of slaughter. It also contains a briefing of the Ummah delegation of scholars led by the Academy that went to Afghanistan in order to engage and discuss with Afghan scholars on topics of concern to the Afghan people, foremost of which is the issue

of girls' education, the issue of women's work, and the issue of tolerance and coexistence, in implementation of the decision of the Ministerial Council of Foreign Ministers of the Member States of the OIC, which stipulated the Academy's lead a delegation of scholars to carry out the visit. In addition to this, the report included a briefing on the most important memoranda and agreements of cooperation and understanding signed by the General Secretariat with a number of official institutions within the member states of the organization in order to enhance cooperation, communication and coordination with them in achieving the goals of the Academy. Finally, the report includes a presentation of the CVs of new members nominated by their countries to represent them in the Academy's Council. The report concludes with a summary of the contributions of the Member States to the Academy's budget, which amounted to 55%, and is expected to reach within the next two months between 65-75%. There are positive indications that some member states are ready to pay their arrears in the coming days. The General Secretariat is pleased to seize this opportunity to express its deep thanks and gratitude to the Headquarters State, its leadership and people, for the great facilities and great services it provides to it at all levels, which enabled it to organize its activities and implement its programs and projects with ease and comfort. The General Secretariat also records its great gratitude of the KSA's fulfillment of its promise to pay part of the arrears of the least developed countries, and we hope that the Secretariat General of the OIC will enable the Secretariat General of the Academy to have its share of those arrears, knowing that these countries owe an estimated twelve million dollars. Excellencies and Eminences, we now start discussing the report, hoping for your generous guidance, comments and observations.

## Secretary General delivers the Friday Sermon at IIUM Mosque in Malaysia

At the kind invitation of the International Islamic University, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), was honored today 21 Muharram 1444, corresponding to 19 August 2022, to deliver the Friday sermon at the Mosque of the International Islamic University in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in the three languages, Arabic, English and Malay. The topic of the sermon was: "DUA Supplication" in Islam: its importance, its position, its times, the conditions for its acceptance." In his sermon, His Excellency called on the worshipers of the university's students and employees, to make the most of the eternal prophetic DUAs that the greatest Messenger, may God's prayers and peace be upon him and his family, left for his Ummah and he used to teach his companions, may God be pleased with them, noting that "the Messenger of God, may God's prayers and peace be upon him and his family, taught us DUAs covering all sides of Muslim's life. There are DUAs for the prevention of diseases and bad ailments, DUAs for the prevention of poverty and humiliation, DUAs to help eliminate debts, to remove the growing concerns, DUAs for the prevention of human and jinn demons, DUAs to enjoy the blessing of hearing, sight and reason, there are even DUAs



for fear of the oppressors, and DUAs to relieve stress in times of adversity. Thus, it is necessary for the Muslim to fortify himself with these DUAs and remembrances at all times and on every occasion, and he should not leave his home before reading those DUAs that are authentic, for they are his invincible weapon, his fortress that is not defeated, and his unbeatable protection. Congratulations to whoever benefited from these treasures, learned them, and taught them to his family." His Excellency also spoke about special times for DUAs that the Prophet, may God's prayers and peace be upon him and his family, recommended, such as the time of rain, between the call to prayer and the iqamah, the last third of the night, Friday, Laylat al-Qadr, the day of

Arafa, and when breaking the fast. He concluded his sermon by clarifying the conditions that must be met for those DUAs to be answered, and these are the conditions that were referred to in the authentic hadith: "the servant will still be answered as long as he does not supplicate for sin, or severing the ties of kinship, and as long as he does not rush. It was said oh Prophet of God, what's rush? He said: To say: I have prayed, I have prayed and there is no response, so he will regret it, and abandons the DUA". This sermon was well received by the audience. It is worth mentioning that His Excellency had previously been given the honor of teaching in this prestigious university in both Arabic and English for sixteen (16) years, and he also received the royal decoration known as "Dato" from His Majesty the late Sultan Haji Ahmed Shah Al-Musta'in Billah, the son of the late Sultan Abu Bakr Re'ayat Al-Din Al-Moazam Shah, the former King of Malaysia, in recognition of his contribution to the advancement of education in Malaysia, both in terms of teaching and development. This large mosque, located in the center of the university city in Gombak, can accommodate up to ten thousand worshippers.

## Publication of IIFA Resolutions and Recommendations in French



H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy presented, on 4th of Dhul Hijah 1443H corresponding to 3 July 2022G, to H.E. Mr. Taha Ibrahim Hussein, Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), the first printed copy of the second publication of the Book of Academy's Resolutions and Recommendations in the French language. This new edition comes after two decades have passed since the publication of the first issue in 2000, when it included one hundred and seventeen (117) resolutions; as for this new edition, it contains two hundred and thirty-eight (238) resolutions and recommendations issued during twenty-four sessions. The Secretariat General of the Academy is pleased to inform readers and

researchers that the translation of Academy's Book of Resolutions and Recommendations into various languages of the OIC Member States will be completed soon and will be available on the Academy's official website before this year's end.



## Secretary General meets with Executive Board of the Fiqh Council of America



H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), held a virtual consultative meeting on Monday evening, 03 of Muharam 1444, corresponding to August 1, 2022, with the members of the Executive Board of the Fiqh Council of North America (FCNA), represented by Dr. Muzammil Siddiqi, President, Dr. Zainab Al-Alwani, Vice President, Dr. Zulfiqar Ali Shah, Executive Director, and Dr. Jasser Odeh, member of the Council and President of the Canadian Fiqh Council. At the outset, Dr. Muzammil thanked His Excellency for giving the Executive Board the opportunity to meet with him to consult on ways to strengthen cooperation and communication between IIFA and FCNA in all areas of common interest. He added that "nearly thirty-six years have passed since the establishment of the Council and it was chaired by the distinguished Professor Taha Jaber Al-Alwani, may Allah have mercy on him, and the Council includes under his leadership many representatives of Islamic organizations, scholars and prominent imams in North America." He concluded his speech by wishing that the desired cooperation between the two institutions would result in the signing of a cooperation agreement between them at a later date. On his part, the Secretary General expressed his sincere thanks and appreciation to the members of FCNA's Executive Board

for accepting the request of the Academy to consult on how to strengthen the relations of cooperation, partnership and coordination between both institutions, based on the fact that some of the similar objectives are the realization of coordination between ifta, jurisprudence and Islamic Councils; among others, inside and outside the Muslim world, in order to avoid contradictions and conflicts of opinions on the issues causing affliction. He added: "FCNA is considered one of the most important fiqh councils outside the Muslim world. It has great weight and influence in explaining Sharia rulings to North American Muslims, which makes cooperation and coordination with it important to provide fiqh and scientific support, and to enable its members to benefit from the Academy's publications, especially its resolutions and recommendations," His Excellency stressed. "The Council is indebted to its late Chairman, Sheikh Dr. Tahar al-Alwani, who was an active and influential member, and represented the Fiqh Council well in the Academy until his death. Therefore, the Academy is pleased today to reinforce the historic partnership he made between the two institutions. Therefore, I request the Fiqh Council to appoint a competent member from among its jurists to replace the deceased, and become an appointed member of the Council, starting from the next session of the Academy, in

recognition of the Council's pioneering role, and in appreciation of its intellectual and scientific status in North America". His Excellency also expressed his content with Dr. Zainab Al-Alwani's membership on the Executive Board of the Council for her distinguished scientific level, and her sound legal knowledge of the objectives of Sharia and family issues. He also expressed his delight at Dr. Jasir Odeh's membership, as one of the promising young scholars of maqasid, and welcomed Dr. Zulfiqar, whom he had never met before. Then, His Excellency gave a brief introductory overview of the vision, mission, objectives, programs and activities of the Academy, emphasizing the Academy's full readiness to sign a cooperation agreement or a memorandum of understanding with the Council in the future. His Excellency also spoke about the methodology of the Academy in issuing its resolutions and recommendations through thorough scientific discussions, as the researches submitted to the session are discussed in a deep and broad manner in order to arrive at a sound and authentic formulation of the resolutions and recommendations, which today amounted to two hundred and thirty-eight resolutions and recommendations concerning various topics and issues of concern to Muslims at that time. Then, His Excellency discussed with the Council members on many issues and topics of common interest and called upon the Executive Board members to visit the headquarters of the Secretariat General of the Academy in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, in the very near future. In conclusion, the Council members thanked the Secretary General for inviting them to this meeting and for the additional information he provided about the Academy, its activities and programs. They also asked His Excellency to participate in the annual meeting of the Council to be held next October. The meeting was attended by Dr. Alhagi Manta Drammeh, head of international cooperation and external relations division at the Academy.

## Secretary General participates in the Kaaba Washing Ceremony

At the kind invitation of the Saudi government and its Ministry of Foreign Affairs, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary-General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, attended on Monday evening, 17 Muharam 1444 corresponding to 15 August 2022, the historic annual ceremony of washing the Kaaba which is a reenactment of the Sunnah of the Messenger of Allah, PBUH, when he opened (fath) Makkah in the 8th year after the hijra. HRH Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Crown Prince, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense had the honor to wash the Kaaba on behalf of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, may Allah protect them. This honorable occasion was attended by a number of dignitaries and personalities invited by the Saudi Royal Court. After washing the Kaaba, HRH Prince Mohammed bin Salman and his guests performed two rak'ahs inside the Kaaba, and His Royal Highness circumambulated (tawaf) the Ancient House with them. On this blessed occasion, the Secretary General of the Academy expressed his great happiness, pleasure and thanks to the government of Saudi Arabia for giving him the opportunity to attend this honorable



occasion, he said: "And ever has the favor of Allah upon you been great (Quran 4:113). It is a great honor to witness this important historical moment that reminds us of that immortal day on which the Prophet of guidance and light, washed with his own hands the Ancient House, may Allah's blessings and peace be upon him, circumambulated a number of honorable companions, may Allah be pleased with them, in the year of conquest, the 8th year after the hijra. Language cannot describe the feeling I had while kneeling for two rak'as in this pure and blessed place gathering the events of this great epic. In fact, I have no words to express the feeling that

possessed me and my eyes shed silent tears as I thanked Allah for His grace and mercy in allowing me to witness this occasion. What a wonderful occasion! what a noble house! What a pristine location! And what a great blessing to remember and be thankful for!! On our own behalf and the Ummah, May Allah reward the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, as King, government, and people, with the best reward and blessings, for their care and patronage of the Ancient House and all the holy places. And May Allah grant the Kingdom, its wise leadership, and its people endless state of security, safety, stability, and prosperity."



## IIFA and International Islamic University Malaysia sign an MoU



Within the framework of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy's (IIFA) endeavor to make the most of the distinguished scientific expertise that abounds in universities, institutes and intellectual centers inside and outside the Muslim world, and with a desire to strengthen the relationship between the Academy and prestigious research institutions within the member states of the OIC, HE Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, and Prof. Emeritus Tan Sri Dato' Dzulkifli Abdul Razak, Rector of the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM), signed on Thursday 27 Muharram 1444H, corresponding to 25 August 2022G, a memorandum of understanding in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. This agreement, the first of its kind between this esteemed university in the islands of the Malay Archipelago, aims to build a solid strategic partnership between the two institutions in various fields of common interest, especially in the field of benefiting from the scientific and research capabilities and abilities of the two institutions, joint study of calamities and contemporary issues, exchanging scientific visits, and promoting coordination and cooperation efforts in the field of consolidating and spreading the culture of moderation, tolerance and coexistence in scientific institutions and bodies. It also aims to enable the two institutions to jointly organize conferences and symposiums, hold workshops and training, exchange publications, and represent the two sides at conferences and

symposia held by each of them in the field of common interest between them. The signing ceremony began with a welcoming speech by the Rector of the University, who expressed his "...thanks and deep appreciation to His Excellency the Secretary General of the Academy for visiting this university, of which he was a member and active participant in its advancement and development, noting that His Excellency's presence today on this occasion is a confirmation of his appreciation and affection for his university in which he taught, and participated in graduating a distinguished generation during his years of work there as a great and capable professor". He also expressed "... his utmost gratitude to him for his precious confidence in the IIUM in terms of leadership and direction, as it is almost the only global university that seeks through its programs and activities to qualify a generation of graduates who are capable of making Islam a mercy to the world, and capable of carrying out the duty of integrating between religious and human sciences", stressing in the meantime that "the university will spare no effort in harnessing all capabilities in order to ensure the success of this agreement, and to activate its provisions to build an exemplary strategic partnership between the university and the Academy, which enjoys a distinguished scientific position and a great international reputation inside and outside the OIC's member states." He concluded by expressing his aspiration to start implementing the terms of this agreement as soon as possible. For his part, HE the Secretary General expressed his great happiness and honor to sign this important agreement with a reputable scientific institution that is considered one of the most prominent and most successful universities in the Muslim world, and in Malaysia in particular, noting the clear pioneering role played by the university in providing a unique and successful model of quality Islamic education that combines authenticity and modernity, with its students' mastery of religious and worldly sciences, which made its graduates assume leadership and

pioneering positions in their societies inside and outside the Muslim world, as well as making them a model of moderation and peace. He also expressed his aspiration for the participation of many prominent male and female researchers of this university in the upcoming sessions, symposiums and conferences of the Academy, to highlight the ability of Islam to solve the problems of the times, direct calamities, and confirm the validity of the teachings of Islam for every time and place by offering a moderation of Islam which characterized by inclusivity, flexibility, and realism. He concluded by expressing his great appreciation to the university management for providing this opportunity of collaboration between the two institutions, stressing the Academy's full readiness to make this agreement a model for a successful partnership between the two institutions in various fields. The signing ceremony took place at the university's Senate hall in the Gombak Valley, located in the suburb of Kuala Lumpur, the university's headquarters, and was attended by the university's deputy rectors and the deans of the faculties. It should be noted that HE the Secretary General has previously taught at this university for sixteen (16) years, supervised dozens of master's and doctoral theses, served as founding director of the International Institute for Muslim Unity (IIMU), the first Vice Rector for External Relations and Innovations, and was granted by His Majesty the late Sultan Ahmed Shah Al-Musta'in Billah, the former King of Malaysia, the "Dato" royal decoration in recognition of his efforts in the field of education in Malaysia.



## IIFA and University of Islamic Sciences Malaysia sign an MoU



Within the framework of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy's (IIFA) endeavor to achieve intellectual convergence 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 expertise and experiences at 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. Sharifuddin Shaarani, Rector of the University of Islamic Sciences Malaysia, signed a memorandum of cooperation between the two institutions, on Wednesday, 19 Muharram 1444H, corresponding to 17 August 2022G, in the Malaysian administrative capital, Putrajaya. This new agreement aims to build a strategic partnership in the field of mutual benefit from the scientific and research capabilities and abilities of the two institutions, and a joint study of contemporary calamities and issues in order to direct and rationalize them. The agreement

also aims to jointly organize conferences and symposia, hold workshops and training, exchange publications, and represent the two sides in conferences and symposia that are held with the knowledge of each in the field of common interest between them. After signing the memorandum, His Excellency the Secretary General of the Academy expressed his great pleasure and great pride in completing this important agreement for both parties, praising the prestigious scientific level that characterizes Malaysian universities in general and the qualitative development witnessed by this university in particular, praising the promising programs and the well-devised plans included in its curricula, which calls for optimism for a prosperous future for Islamic sciences that combine Islamic and scientific disciplines. His Excellency also expressed his aspiration that this agreement would be an opportunity for the Academy to benefit from the expertise and scientific capabilities that this university is brimming with, by recruiting male and female researchers from its various faculties and institutes to participate in the Academy's sessions, seminars and conferences, in order to enhance the close scientific and research cooperation between the two institutions in various domains. For his part, His Excellency the Rector of the University expressed his sincere thanks and great appreciation to His Excellency the Secretary General for his endeavor to complete this agreement between the two parties, which serves Muslims in Malaysia and the region of Southeast Asia in general, praising

the leading scientific position and the good international reputation enjoyed by the Academy inside and outside the member states of the OIC. His Excellency also expressed his aspiration for a prosperous phase of fruitful cooperation between the university and the Academy on all issues and topics of common interest, especially the joint organization of conferences and seminars, the exchange of scientific visits, and the joint preparation of research and studies concerned with guiding calamities in all fields, especially the field of fatwas, and the halal industry through its international center for fatwas and halal products. His Excellency concluded by expressing the University's aspiration to make the most of the scientific expertise and capabilities of the members and experts of the Academy in the near future. It should be noted that, in implementation of the terms of the memorandum, the two parties agreed to form a specialized committee to determine aspects of cooperation between them, and ways and mechanisms of implementation as envisaged in the memorandum itself.



## IIFA and INCEIF sign an MoU in Kuala Lumpur

In order to achieve the desire of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) to benefit from the expertise and experiences that abound in many prestigious and esteemed universities and scientific centers inside and outside the Muslim world, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, and His Excellency Prof. Azmy Omar, President and Executive Director of the International University specialized in Islamic Finance (INCEIF), signed a strategic cooperation agreement between the two institutions on Wednesday 19 Muharram 1444H, corresponding to 17 August 2022G, at the university's headquarters in Kuala Lumpur. This agreement aims to build a strategic partnership in the field of mutual benefit from the scientific and research capabilities and abilities of the two institutions, and a joint study of the issues of the financial industry and Islamic finance in order to develop this important sector and advance its governance in accordance with Shariah and its principles. The agreement also aims to enable the two institutions to jointly organize conferences, seminars, workshops and training that deal with industry developments in terms of analysis, development and guidance. Following the signing of the agreement, His Excellency the Secretary General expressed his happiness with the tangible development that the university is witnessing,



and the steady progress in the field of intensive education and specialization in Islamic finance, and his appreciation for the scientific results and achievements that the university has achieved in recent years at the level of scientific research and the graduation of qualified specialists in the field of Islamic finance. His Excellency also noted that this agreement will be an opportunity to recruit male and female researchers from the various colleges and institutes of the university to participate in the Academy's sessions, seminars and conferences. His Excellency added that the Academy looks forward to strengthening close scientific and research cooperation with the research teams of the university's faculty members, and to what they will provide of opinions and experiences that contribute to taking appropriate

Fiqh decisions. His Excellency also indicated that the university, with its advanced research capabilities in the field of Islamic finance, can effectively contribute through experts, researchers and faculty members in various financial and economic issues that fall within the interests of the Academy. In implementation of the terms of the memorandum, the two parties agreed to form a specialized committee to determine aspects of cooperation between them, and the ways and mechanisms of implementation as envisaged in the memorandum itself, and it has the authority to seek the assistance of whomever it deems appropriate to implement all the terms of the agreement. The signing ceremony of the agreement was attended by Prof. Mansour Ibrahim, Executive Vice President of the University, and Prof. Akram Lal El-Din, Executive Director of the International Academy of Islamic Finance (ISRA).



## President of US-based Family Watch International visits the Academy

A delegation from Family Watch International of the United States, led by its President, Dr. Sharon Slater, Mr. Gregory Scott, Ms. Jennifer Olney, and Ambassador Omar Dahab Fadl, visited the Academy's headquarters in Jeddah on Sunday 15 Muharam 1444 corresponding to 14 August 2022. The delegation was received by Mr. Moez Al-Riyahi, Acting Secretary General of the Academy, Director of Finance, Investments and Projects, Dr. Abdulqahir Qamar, Director of Research, Studies, and Encyclopedias, Mr. Muhammad Walid Al-Idrisi, Director of Media and Public Relations, and Dr. Alhagi Manta Drammeh, Head of the Academy's International Cooperation and External Relations Division. At the beginning of the meeting, Mr. Al-Riyahi welcomed the delegation on behalf of the Secretary General, Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, and conveyed his greetings and best wishes for their visit, and presented to them an overview of the Academy, one of the most important organs of the OIC, which was established in 1981 to be the leading reference for the OIC Member states and Muslim communities in clarifying legal provisions on calamities and issues of concern to Muslims worldwide. He also pointed out that the members of the Academy are considered to be among the most prominent scholars and jurists representing the OIC's 57 Member states, in addition to various scholars and experts in different fields of knowledge from within and outside the Muslim world. Dr. Abdulqahir Qamar spoke about the great acceptance and reputation that the



Academy enjoys in the Muslim world and among Muslim societies. He added that Family Watch International shares many values and objectives with the Academy regarding the importance and prestige of the family institution and the need to preserve and protect it. Mr. Mohammed Walid Al-Idrisi reiterated the same and once again welcomed the guests of the Academy. Dr. Alhagi Manta Drammeh spoke about the importance of the family institution, as the Academy has established an independent department called the Department of Family, Women, Children, and the Elderly, and appointed a director for this department, Mrs. Sarah Amjad Hussein, who was on personal leave during their visit. Dr. Alhagi Manta noted that the Academy plans to organize a series of seminars and conferences to discuss many family-related issues and calamities in the coming months and suggested on this occasion that the delegation and the Academy could work together in areas of common interest after the conclusion of an MoU. For her part, the President of Family Watch International, Dr. Sharon Slater, thanked the Academy for

the warm welcome and the opportunity to visit the Academy in order to learn more about the Academy's expertise in dealing with issues and topics related to the family institution, and to discuss the establishment of cooperative relations with the Academy in improving the family's foundations and preserving its values. She added that her organization would be honored to cooperate with the Academy in areas of common interest. She also stated that her organization works to protect and strengthen the family as the basic unit and building block of society, and that it monitors and reports on policy and research developments related to the new cultural, social, and legal dynamics affecting children and the family. At the end of the meeting, Mr. Al-Riyahi reiterated his thanks to the delegation for their visit and expressed the Academy's will to strengthen cooperation between both sides. Dr. Slater expressed her sincere gratitude to the Academy, hoping to sign an MoU with the Academy in the near future. Both parties exchanged commemorative souvenirs.



## 22nd Monthly Meeting of the Academy's Personnel

The Secretary General of the Academy, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, chaired the twenty-second monthly meeting of the Academy's personnel on Sunday, 09 Muharam 1444 corresponding to 07 August 2022, at the Academy's headquarters in Jeddah. At the meeting's opening, His Excellency welcomed the participants, recalling that this meeting is dedicated to dialogue and consultation and that it should be an opportunity for self-criticism, problem solving, suggestions and discussion of issues of interest to the Academy in a free and transparent manner. He then referred to the final preparations for the 25th Session, and emphasized the importance of the cooperation agreements and memoranda concluded by the Academy with a number of institutions within and outside the OIC Member States, while welcoming the good results that have been achieved, as a number of



these institutions and centers have nominated qualified scholars and researchers to participate in the research of the forthcoming session. His Excellency also informed the participants of Al-Azhar University's approval to sign a cooperation protocol with the Academy. His Excellency listened to the opinions and suggestions on the preparations for the twenty-fifth session. The meeting issued the following decisions:

- To ensure that the research standards are strictly adhered to, to return to researchers

the articles; which are overtly long; in order to modify them in a reasonable length.

- Update information on the number of the received research articles as well as their authors' personal data based on their latest passports, etc.
- Create an email for receiving research, or a link to communicate with session participants, other than the main email.
- The Gift Committee should come up with new ideas for the gift basket that will be distributed to the next session's participants as well as to guests and visitors to the Academy's headquarters.
- Renew the flags of Member states, that are over a year old.
- Begin preparations for the twenty-sixth session of the Academy, identifying topics to be discussed at that session.

## 85th Weekly Meeting of the Academy's Departments



His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the 85th weekly meeting of the directors of the departments on Monday, 26 Dhu al-Hijjah 1443H corresponding to 25 July 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, stressing that this meeting will follow up on the progress of preparations for the twenty-fifth Session of the Academy, which will be held very soon. His Excellency instructed the committee concerned to submit a detailed report on the research of the session that has been received with the names of the participants and their countries. His Excellency also instructed the Seminars and Research departments to work closely together on a daily basis to coordinate, arrange and review the Session's research papers to ensure that researchers adhere to the set topics, and to inform all those

who do not adhere to them. Then the meeting discussed the items of decisions issued by the previous meeting, and several new decisions were issued, the most important of which are:

- Call for papers from researchers of the Iraqi Fiqh Academy on topics of the Session.
- Calling for an urgent meeting of the Board of Trustees in September to discuss new issues regarding the Academy's Waqf fund.
- Writing to the Department of Islamic Affairs and Charitable Activities in Dubai regarding hosting a symposium on "Wills" and its role in combating poverty and destitution in the present era.

## 86th Weekly Meeting of the Academy's Departments

The Secretariat General of the Academy held its eighty-sixth weekly meeting of departments' directors, headed by H.E. Prof. Koutoub Sano, on Monday 03 Muharam 1444, corresponding to 01 August 2022, at the Academy's headquarters in Jeddah. At the beginning of the meeting, His Excellency greeted the participants, thanked them for their regular participation, spoke of the latest preparations for the twenty-fifth session of the Academy. He also discussed with them a number of topics and issues related concerning the session, especially with regard to research. His Excellency requested the Scientific Committee to ensure that the research papers are carefully examined and comply with the topics and standards outlined in the call letters. His Excellency highlighted the Bureau meeting, held on Thursday 28 July, 2022, under the chairmanship of the OIC's Secretary General, Chairman of the Bureau, who expressed his thanks over the Bureau's efforts, and praised the Academy as an intellectual and scientific reference that works and watches for

unification. The OIC Secretary General also commended the visit of the Ummah's scholars, led by IIFA, to Afghanistan in order to dialogue and converge the views of the ruling authority with the opinions of the Muslim world's religious references as well as the international public opinion. This visit is considered a great success that will be recorded in the history of the Academy for many decades or centuries to come and will strengthen its role and place in solving major outstanding problems of Muslim societies. The meeting also discussed decisions from the previous meeting, and issued new ones, notably:

- Preparing a letter of thanks to the OIC Secretary General for chairing and moderating the Bureau meeting and sending him the meeting report to benefit from his comments and suggestions.
- Sending a letter to the researchers requesting them to speed up submitting their research to be printed after its approval.
- Setting a date for a Bureau meeting



next September to discuss new issues regarding the Waqf Fund.

- Launching a gift committee specializing in the preparation of gifts and publications of the Academy, headed by Ms. Ola Asiri, and consisting of: Mr. Khaled Jarbin, Mr. Amjad Al-Mansi, Mr. Saad Al-Samar, Mr. Ahmed Jazouli, and Mr. Abdulaziz Arzak.
- Preparing a letter to the OIC Secretariat General regarding the payment of financial arrears to the least developed Member states based on the last Bureau meeting's conclusions.

## 87th Weekly Meeting of the Academy's Departments



Under the chairmanship of the IIFA Secretary General, Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, the eighty-seventh weekly meeting of the Academy's departments was held on Monday 10 Muharam 1444, corresponding to 08 August 2022, at the Academy's headquarters in Jeddah. His Excellency talked about the need to follow up the next session's research and to submit a

detailed report on the number of research papers that conform to the themes and that have been edited, according to each topic of the session. His Excellency gave instructions to prepare a list of presenters who have been approved for the next session, and to start sending them their research papers and to set a deadline for receiving their final presentations. His Excellency also spoke about the smooth running of the Academy's financial transactions, which have become easier thanks to the improvement of Academy's electronic transactions which have saved it more time and effort in obtaining its financial rights and protecting its staff. His Excellency instructed the Finance Committee to draft the estimated budget of the total cost of the twenty-fifth session. The meeting reviewed the previous meeting's decisions and issued new decisions, notably:

- Publishing the OIC Secretary General's speech delivered at the last Bureau meeting on the Academy's website.
- Contacting tourist and airline companies to obtain the estimated cost of tickets for the participants at the next session, with a detailed report on the same.
- Contacting researchers who have not sent photos of their passports to expedite this matter.
- Collecting the topics carried over from previous sessions of the Academy for further study, and to prepare the list of topics for the twenty-sixth session, as well contacting Academy members and experts to suggest new topics for the twenty-sixth session.

## Rays of Light on the Lives of the Academy's Living Scholars (5)

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 Eminence Professor Mohammed bin Ali Al-Qarri

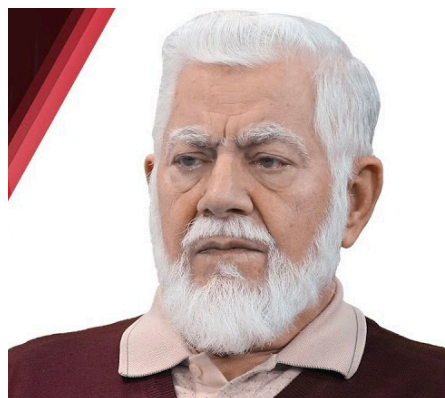
Born in 1949 in Saudi Arabia, H.E. Dr. Mohammed bin Ali Al-Qarri obtained a bachelor's degree from King Abdelaziz University in Saudi Arabia in 1975, a master's degree in economics from the University of California in the United States in 1981, and a doctorate in economics from the same university in 1984. His Eminence is an expert member at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), and held other important positions, including: former professor of Islamic economics at King Abdelaziz University in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, and the former director of the Islamic Economics Research Center at the same university. Currently, His Eminence serves as a member of the Shariah Council of the Accounting and Auditing Organization for Islamic Financial

Institutions (AAOIFI), a member of the Board of Trustees, a member and chairperson of many Shariah boards of Islamic banks, central banks and insurance companies around the world. His Eminence is the author of many books on Islamic finance and has published a number of articles on this subject in both Arabic and English, and delivered conferences around the world. His Eminence is the recipient of the Islamic Development Bank Prize in the field of Islamic banking and finance for the year 1424 (2004), the Cliff Prize (Malaysia) in Islamic Financing for his outstanding contribution to Islamic finance, and the Euromoney Award for his outstanding contribution to the Islamic finance sector.



### His Eminence Professor Monzer kahf

Born in 1940 in Damascus, H.E. Dr. Monzer Kahf obtained a bachelor's degree in Commerce in 1962 from Damascus University, a Higher Diploma in 1967 in Planning at the Institute of Economic and Social Planning in Damascus, and a Ph.D. in 1975 in Economics at the University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah - the United States of America, and its subject is "The Theory of Monetary Development". His eminence is an expert member at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) in Jeddah and also held other important positions, including: economic researcher at the Islamic Research and Training Institute of the Islamic Development Bank, and he taught Islamic



economics in many universities in different countries, and has several books, research papers and articles on Islamic economics and contemporary financial transactions. He has participated in many seminars and conferences as a researcher and commentator in various aspects of Islamic economics, a lecturer in many training courses in various aspects of Islamic economics, and he prepared and implemented a number of seminars and conferences in all aspects of Islamic economics in many countries in America, Europe, Africa and Asia, and gave tens of public lectures, television and radio talks on Islamic economics and finance.

### His Eminence Shaikh Ahmed bin Saud bin Saeed Al Siyabi



Born in 1954 in the Sultanate of Oman, H.E. Sh. Ahmed bin Saud bin Saeed Al Siyabi received traditional learning at Al Khor Mosque in Muscat in Arabic language and Islamic Fiqh, and obtained a BA from Beirut Arab University, at the Faculty of Arts - Department of Arabic Language, and a high diploma in Islamic Shariah from Dar Al Uloom, Cairo University, and a master's degree in Islamic Jurisprudence from Al-Zaytouna University - Tunisia. His Eminence is an expert member at IIFA, in addition to many key positions, including: Director of the Department of Qur'anic Schools, DG of Islamic Affairs, DG of the Iftaa Office, Adviser to Awqaf and Islamic Affairs, Acting

Undersecretary for Awqaf and Islamic Affairs, member of the Main Committee of the Islamic Shariah Symposium in 1988, member of the Symposium on Proximity between Islamic Doctrines at the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in Rabat, Vice-Chairman of the Committee for Drafting the Personal Status Law of the Sultanate and Head of the Working Group, member of Aal al-Bayt Foundation for Islamic Thought in Jordan, member of the Islamic Research Academy in Al-Azhar in the Arab Republic of Egypt, member of the Arabic Language Academy in the Arab Republic of Egypt, and currently the Secretary General of the Office of the Sultanate of Oman's Grand Mufti.

## His Eminence Professor Hassan bin Mohammed Safar



Born in 1953 in Makkah, H.E. Dr. Hassan bin Mohammed Safar obtained his primary, intermediate and secondary education in Makkah, a bachelor's degree in Shariah and Islamic Studies from the Department of Shariah (specializing in Fiqh and Usool) from Umm Al-Qura University in Makkah in 1976, a Master's degree in International Studies in Comparative Systems from the Institute of International Studies in 1983, Monterrey, California, and a PhD in Shariah Politics from Umm Al-Qura University in 1985, specializing in Governance, Judiciary and Pleading Systems. His Eminence also received a master's degree in his specialization (Governance, Judiciary and Pleading Systems). His Eminence is an expert member at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) and also held other important positions, including:

Head of the Department of Islamic Studies, member of the College Council, Chairman of the Graduate Studies Committee, a scientific and jurisprudence researcher in the Fiqh Rules Encyclopedia, general supervisor of the office of the Minister of Hajj for eight years at the rank of Undersecretary, and he is currently a professor of governance and legal studies in Islamic constitutional and judicial jurisprudence at King Abdelaziz University, where he teaches the subjects of the system of government in Islam, the judicial system, methods of proof, legal pleadings and various other subjects. He is an international judicial arbitrator accredited by the Ministry of Justice, and the official of legal marriages in the courts of the city of Jeddah accredited by the Ministry of Justice. He has several books in various fields.

## His Eminence Professor Mohammed Fathallah Al-Ziyadi

Born in 1950 in Tripoli, Libya, H.E. Dr. Mohammed Fathallah Al-Ziyadi held important positions including: Dean of the College of Islamic Da'wah, Head of the Graduate Studies Department at the Islamic Da'wah College, Head of the Qur'anic Studies Department at the Islamic Da'wah College, Head of the Arabic Language Department at the College of Languages at the University of Tripoli, Lecturer in the Sciences of the Qur'an in the Department of Arabic Language at the Faculty of Education at the University of Tripoli, lecturer in Islamic culture at Al-Zawiya University, lecturer in Orientalism and Christianization at the Islamic Da'wah College in Tripoli, Director of the Da'wa Office and Islamic Centers at the World Islamic Da'wa Association in Tripoli, member of the



Scientific Advisory Committee of the General Authority of Awqaf in Libya (Al-Iftaa Authority), member of the Board of Trustees of the Da'wa Organization in Khartoum, expert member at IIFA in Jeddah, member of the Libyan side in the Joint Commission for the Establishment of Islamic Centers (a joint body between Libya and the United Arab Emirates), member of multiple committees to develop Islamic studies curricula, member of the Libyan side in the dialogue with the Vatican, and editor-in-chief of the Journal of the College of Islamic Da'wa. His Eminence participated in a large number of international scientific conferences in various fields of Islamic studies and in different regions of the world. His Eminence is the author of various books and is currently a retired professor.

## His Eminence Dr. Mohammed Ali Al-Bar

Born in 1939 in Aden, Yemen, H.E. Dr. Mohammed Ali Al-Bar obtained a bachelor's degree in Medicine and Surgery from Cairo University in 1964, and a diploma in internal diseases from the same university in 1969. His Eminence received membership in UK's Royal Colleges of Physicians (London, Edinburgh and Glasgow) in February 1971, and the Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians in London in 1994. His Eminence is an expert member at IIFA and held other important positions, including: expert at the Islamic Fiqh Academy of the Muslim World League (MWL) in Makkah, founding member of the Authority for Scientific Miracles in the Qur'an and Sunnah (MWL), and member of the Higher Committee for Brain Death in GCC region.

His Eminence participated in conferences and symposia of the Islamic organization For medical sciences in Kuwait, and with research in several in Islamic medicine conferences and symposia against smoking, alcohol and drugs, and delivered many lectures on smoking, alcohol, drugs, sexual diseases, AIDS and medical miracles in the Qur'an in many universities, associations and schools, and lectured in many universities and seminars in the Arab world and abroad, especially on medical ethics. His Eminence is currently a Consultant in Internal Medicine and Advisor of the Department of Islamic Medicine at King Fahd Center for Medical Research in King Abdulaziz University in Jeddah, and Director of the Medical Ethics Center, International Medical Center in Jeddah.



## His Eminence Shaikh Hassan Al-Jawahiri

Born in 1949 in Najaf, Iraq, H.E. Sh. Hassan Al-Jawahiri studied at Muntada Al-Nasher Primary School, then at Al-Sudair Middle School, then at Al-Najaf Preparatory School. He then joined the College of Fiqh and graduated from it in 1971 with a bachelor's degree. He was receiving religious lessons (such as grammar, Fiqh and Usool) in the mosques of Najaf, in addition to his academic studies at the Fiqh College. His Eminence Sheikh Hassan al-Jawahiri is an



expert member at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), member of the Islamic Fiqh Academy (the Fiqh Academy of Ahl al-Bayt) in Iran - Qom - since its establishment for three years and was elected a member of the International Academy of Ahl al-Bayt. Currently settled in Najaf Al-Ashraf where he teaches Fiqh and Usool in the mosque of the Sheikh of the community, the owner of the jewels, and imam at the same mosque.

## His Eminence Professor Hamza bin Hussein bin Hamza Al-Far Al-Sharif



Born in 1950 in Taif, H.E. Dr. Hamza bin Hussain bin Hamza Al-Far Al-Sharif received his education in the knowledge circles of the Grand Mosque, obtained a bachelor's degree in 1972, then a master's degree in 1976 in the subject of (Causality and its Impact on Fiqh Rulings) from Umm Al-Qura University, and then he obtained his doctorate in the subject of (The Summary of Al-Rawdah by Alaa Al-Din Al-Kafani Al-Aqlani) Investigation and Study, from the same university, specializing in Fiqh principles. His eminence is an expert at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) and also held other important positions, including: teaching assistant at the College of

Shariah in Makkah Al-Mukarramah in 1972, then a lecturer in 1976, then an associate professor in 1995, and a teacher at the Grand Mosque, Head of the Shariah Department in the Faculty, then vice-Dean for postgraduate studies, then Dean of the Institute of Scientific Research at the university. He is a member of some charities and Qur'an Societies, member of the Board of Directors of the Saudi Fiqh Society, and expert at the Islamic Fiqh Academy of the Muslim World League. His Eminence is the author of several books, research papers and articles, and has participated in many seminars, lectures and symposia.

## His Eminence Professor Abdul Majeed Al-Najjar

Born in 1945 in Tunisia, H.E. Dr. Abd al-Majid al-Najjar obtained a BA in "Usool Al-Din" from Al-Zaytoonah University in Tunis in 1972, a master's degree in "Aqeedah and Philosophy" from the Faculty of Usool Al-Din at Al-Azhar University, Cairo in 1974, and a doctorate in the field of "Aqeedah and Philosophy" from the Faculty of Usool Al-Din at Al-Azhar University in 1981. The title of the thesis was "Al-Mahdi Ibn Tumart: His Life, Opinions, and Impact in Morocco." His Eminence is an expert at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) and also held other important positions, including: Member of the National Constituent Assembly in Tunisia, Rapporteur of the Committee on Preparatory and General Principles for Writing the Constitution, Member of the Scientific



Council of the European College of Human Studies, France / Chateau Cheanau, Member of the Eastern European Muslims Committee / London, Member of the Advisory Board of various Scientific Journals, member of the European Council for Fatwa and Research, its Assistant Secretary-General and Head of its research committee, Founding member of the Board of Trustees of the World Organization of Al-Quds, and head of the International Center for Research and Scientific Consultations in Tunisia. He also worked as a professor in many Arab and Islamic universities. His Eminence is the author of various books, research papers and articles, and has participated in a great number of conferences and seminars, locally and internationally.

## His Eminence Professor Mohammed bin Yahya bin Hassan Al-Nujaimi



Born in 1961 in Abha, Saudi Arabia, H.E. Dr. Mohammed bin Yahya bin Hassan Al-Nujaimi obtained his Bachelor's degree from the Shariah Department affiliated to Imam Mohammed bin Saud Islamic University in Riyadh, in 1985, a Master's degree from the Department of Comparative Fiqh at the Higher Institute of the Judiciary in 1988 under the title "Rulings on the Apostate in Islamic Shariah", and a doctorate from the Department of Fiqh at the College of Shariah of the Islamic University in Madinah in 1992. His Eminence is an expert at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) and also held other important positions such as: a teaching assistant, lecturer, assistant professor, associate professor, a chair professor (Professor) at King Fahd Security College, a professor of graduate studies at the

Higher Judicial Institute, head of the Civil Studies Department at King Fahd Security College, head of the comparative Fiqh department at the Higher Judicial Institute, taught at King Saud University in Riyadh, expert at the Islamic Fiqh Academy of the Muslim World League in Makkah Al-Mukarramah, member of the Council of Shariah Jurists in America, member of the Saudi Fiqh Association, expert in human rights issues, women's rights, combating terrorism and drugs, member of the National Committee of Medical Ethics, member of the Shariah and Legal Committee, and member of the Counseling Committee and Dealing with Terrorism Issues in the Ministry of Interior. He has several books, research papers and articles in various fields.

## His Eminence Shaikh Mohammed Salah Al-Din Al-Mistawi

Born in 1952 in Tunisia, his father, Sheikh Habib al-Mistawi, was one of Tunisia and Maghreb's leading scholars. H.E. Sheikh Mohammed Salah al-Din al-Mistawi graduated from the Faculty of Shariah, Al-Zaytoonah University, and obtained a master's degree in Maliki Fiqh. His Eminence is an expert member at IIFA and holds other important positions, including as researcher at Aix-en-Provence Marseille University in France, professor at the Higher Institute of Usool Al-Din at Zaytoonah University, member of the Supreme Islamic Council in Tunisia, member of the Council of the World Academy for Proximity of Islamic Doctrines in Tehran, member of the World



Council for Islamic Da'wah in Tripoli, UNESCO expert in Paris, Imam-Khatib at the Great Mosque of Upper Megrine since 1975, member of the Scientific Council of the Center for Islamic Studies in Kairouan, managing editor of Jawhar al-Islam magazine, member of the Association of Quranic Societies, member of the National Committee for the Review of Islamic Education Programs, professor at Al-Zahra suburb schools, director of the Department of Quran Affairs In the Prime Ministry, and a member of the House of Representatives (1994-2004), respectively. His Eminence is the author of various publications and participated in many international and local events.

## His Eminence Dr. Mohammed Mustafa Al-Zuhaili

Born in 1941 in Damascus, H.E. Dr. Mohammed Mustafa Al-Zuhaili obtained a bachelor's degree in Shariah from the College of Shariah at Damascus University in 1965, a Bachelor's degree in Law at the College of Law at Damascus University in 1966, a Diploma in Personal Status law at the College of Shariah and Law at Al-Azhar University in 1966, a master's degree in Comparative Fiqh at the Faculty of Shariah and Law at Al-Azhar University in 1967, a Law Diploma in 1968, a Diploma in Islamic Shariah in 1967, a master's degree in Law at the Faculty of Law at Cairo University, and a doctorate in Comparative Fiqh in 1971 at the Faculty of Shariah and Law at Al-Azhar University. His Eminence is an expert at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) and also held other important positions, including:

Dean of the College of Shariah and Islamic Studies at the University of Sharjah, Vice Dean of the College of Shariah for Scientific Affairs at the University of Damascus, a member and expert in international Fiqh academies, a member of the Fatwa Committee in the Department of Islamic Affairs, a Shariah advisor to the General Secretariat of Awqaf in Sharjah, a member of the Board of Trustees at the University of Tripoli - Lebanon, a founding member of the Academy of Shariah Jurists in America, a member of the Committee for the elaboration of personal status law in the United Arab Emirates, and a Shariah advisor to a number of Islamic financial institutions. He wrote and revised several books, research papers, and religious and cultural articles.



## His Eminence Dr. Al-Ayachi Al-Sadiq Faddad

Born in 1955 in Algeria, H.E. Dr. Al-Ayachi Al-Sadiq Faddad obtained a Bachelor's degree in Islamic Shariah - specializing in Fiqh and Usool in 1982, at the Faculty of Shariah - Umm Al-Qura University in Makkah, and a Master's degree in Islamic Economics, whose subject is "The Concept of Profit and Its Controls in Islamic Economics" in 1987, from the Department of Postgraduate Studies, Umm Al-Qura University in Makkah, and a doctorate in Islamic economics, and its subject is "Value and its Theory in Islamic Economics" in 1994 from the same university. His Eminence is an expert member at IIFA and served several other important positions, including: Senior Researcher at the Islamic Research and Training Institute at the Islamic Development Bank, with 28 years of experience till the end of 2021, member of the Shariah Board of the Accounting and Auditing Organization for Islamic Financial Institutions - Kingdom of



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