

## IIFA President visits the headquarters of its Secretariat General in Jeddah

His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Abdullah bin Humaid, Advisor at the Royal Court, member of the Council of Senior Scholars, imam and khatib of the Grand Mosque, and president of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), on Sunday 29 Safar 1444H corresponding to 25 September 2022G, visited the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah, where he was received by Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy. His Excellency welcomed the great guest, thanking him for this honorable visit, and expressing his personal gratitude, as well as the gratitude of all the employees of the General Secretariat, to His Excellency for the constant care, great support, and continuous guidance. He also expressed to him the great thanks and appreciation of the Academy for the great facilities and distinguished services provided to it by the headquarters state under the wise leadership of



the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdelaziz Al Saud, and his trusted Crown Prince, His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdelaziz Al Saud, may God preserve them, to enable it to carry out its mission with ease and comfort. Then His Excellency briefed His Excellency the President on the latest preparations for holding the twenty-fifth Session of the Council of the Academy, to be held this year in Jeddah under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Khalid bin Faisal bin Abdelaziz Al Saud, Adviser to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, Governor of the Makkah Region. For his part, His Excellency the President of the Academy expressed his great pleasure and great appreciation for the esteemed efforts exerted by the General Secretariat of the Academy at all levels, which enhances the position of this leading

scientific institution within the member states of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and Muslim communities outside the Muslim world, congratulating His Excellency the Secretary General and his assistants on the Royal approval to hold the next Session in Jeddah, expressing his readiness to provide all the support and guidance needed by the General Secretariat to ensure the success of the Session. At the end of the visit, His Excellency accompanied His Excellency the President on an introductory tour of the recent expansion of the new departments and divisions of the General Secretariat. His Excellency expressed his admiration and blessing for the profound changes and qualitative improvements that have taken place in the Secretariat General, thanking His Excellency the Secretary General for this qualitative shift in form and content in record time and wishing him and his assistants success.



## Undersecretary of Saudi Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Da'wah and Guidance visits IIFA



His Excellency the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Da'wah and Guidance for Islamic Affairs in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Sheikh Dr. Awwad bin Sabti Al-Anzi, visited the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) on Wednesday 11 Safar 1444H corresponding to 07 September 2022G. Upon his arrival, the guest was received by Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy. At the outset of the visit, His Excellency welcomed the honorable guest and the delegation accompanying him, thanking in particular His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Abdul Latif Al Sheikh, Minister of Islamic Affairs, Da'wah and Guidance, for his continuous support and great appreciation of the Academy, its activities and programs, as well as his keenness to strengthen and consolidate relations of cooperation and coordination between the Academy and the Ministry. His Excellency seized the occasion to commend the great efforts that the

Headquarters State, as the land of the Two Holy Mosques, continues to make in serving Islam and Muslims, supporting the Ummah's causes, and spreading the approach of moderation, peace and tolerance. His Excellency pointed out that there is a congruence between many of the goals of the Academy with the goals of the Ministry, which makes the Academy aspiring to closer cooperation and coordination between the two sides on many issues of concern to the Muslim Ummah. For his part, His Eminence Sheikh Dr. Awwad bin Sabti Al-Anzi expressed his great pleasure and happiness at visiting the Academy and meeting with His Excellency the Secretary General, where he conveyed to him the greetings of His Excellency the Minister Sheikh Dr. Abdullatif Al Al-Sheikh, and assured him of the Ministry's keenness to support and strengthen the bonds of cooperation and coordination with the Academy in all issues and topics that concern both sides, especially with regard to spreading the method of moderation, and rejecting extremism and fanaticism. He also praised the qualitative leap that the Academy has witnessed since His Excellency assumed the reins of leadership in the General Secretariat, and his aspiration for more achievements and successes for this great Islamic edifice under the leadership of a great scholar such as His Excellency the Secretary General. He concluded by saying: "I am honored today to have visited the headquarters of the Academy and met His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Sano to discuss aspects of cooperation between the Ministry

and the Academy. The meeting was filled with optimism and serious discussions to serve both sides under the directives of our wise leadership led by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, and His Royal Highness, the Crown Prince, and the follow-up of His Excellency the Minister of Islamic Affairs, Da'wah and Guidance Sheikh Dr. Abdul Latif Al-Sheikh. I was very pleased to hear of the blessed efforts of this great edifice, and we held discussions on many possible areas of cooperation. I thank His Excellency the Secretary General and his team for the great reception and warm welcome." The meeting was attended from the Ministry's Side by Mr. Rashid Abdullah Al-Rashoud, Director General of Foreign Relations and International Cooperation, Mr. Saleh Al-Tamimi, Media Officer at the Ministry, and Mr. Rashid Al-Jahni, Minister's Office – Jeddah Branch. On the part of the Academy, Mr. Mohamed Al-Mondher Al-Chouk, Director of the Cabinet Affairs Department, and Mr. Mourad TLiLi, Advisor to His Excellency the Secretary General for Media Affairs and Public Relations.



## IIFA and OIC's Women Development Organization sign an MoU in Jeddah

Considering the pivotal role played by the Women Development Organization (WDO) in promoting and supporting the efforts of Muslim women's participation in the development of Muslim peoples and the advancement of their countries through capacity-building and skills development, and based on the intellectual responsibility entrusted to the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) with regard to clarifying Islamic rulings on all issues and matters of concern to Muslims around the world, especially with regard to women's issues, in order to consolidate the Shariah rulings, and to correct the concepts and perceptions woven around their desired participation in nation-building, His Excellency Prof. Dr. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, and Her Excellency Dr. Afnan bint Abdullah Al-Shuaibi, Executive Director of the WDO in member states of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), signed on Thursday 12 Safar 1444H corresponding to 08 September 2022G, a Memorandum of Understanding at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. This agreement aims to develop a comprehensive plan to correct misconceptions about Islam's position on the legitimacy of women's participation in intellectual, social, economic, cultural and political activities and programs. It also aims to build a strong strategic partnership between the two institutions in the field of joint organization of conferences, seminars, and workshops on family issues in general, and women's issues in particular. Following the signing of the agreement, the Executive Director expressed her great pleasure in completing this important strategic partnership with the Academy, which would support the efforts of the member states of the OIC to enhance the status of women and enhance their role in advancing development and community building. She also praised the great scientific status and respectable global reputation that the Academy enjoys inside and outside the Muslim world, which would positively contribute



to facilitating the organization's work and easing its strategic plans in achieving the goals for which it was established. She also affirmed the organization's determination to make the most of the scientific resolutions and recommendations issued by the Academy on various women's issues and causes and concluded by expressing her aspiration for an urgent implementation of the provisions of this agreement in the near future. For his part, His Excellency the Secretary General welcomed Dr. Afnan and the accompanying delegation and congratulated her on assuming her new position and gaining the confidence of the member states of the OIC, wishing her every success in leading this important organ of the OIC. He also expressed his great pleasure at the signing of this strategic agreement between the Academy and the WDO, affirming his full confidence in the complementarity of the efforts of the two institutions in order to support and enhance awareness of the importance and necessity of Muslim women's participation in the efforts of building, progress and development of the Muslim peoples, based on the principles of our true religion that urged the two sexes to cooperate in righteousness and piety, and good deeds, and in compliance with the directives of our honorable Shariah that commanded both men and women to build the universe. He also affirmed the Academy's full readiness to harness all its scientific and intellectual capabilities to support the activities and programs of the WDO aimed at achieving comprehensive participation of

women in various aspects of life. In this context, he referred to the great intellectual efforts that the Academy has been making in the field of correcting concepts and combating abusive practices against women that violate the teachings of Islam and its pure values, through issuing resolutions and recommendations that clarify the provisions of Shariah in a clear scientific manner. The signing ceremony was attended from the WDO side by Dr. Abdul Mohsen Salem Al-Ajmi, Director of Financial and Administrative Affairs and Human Resources. On the part of the Academy, Ms. Sarah Badawi, Director of the Department of Family, Women, Childhood and the Elderly Affairs, Mr. Mohammed Al-Mondher El-Chouk, Director of the Cabinet Affairs Department, Dr. Abdel Fattah Abnauf, Director of the Planning, Development and International Cooperation Department, Dr. Alhagi Manta Drammeh, Head of the International Cooperation and External Relations Division, and Mr. Mourad TLili, Adviser to the Secretary General for Media and Public Relations Affairs. It should be noted that the Organization for the Development of Women in the Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation is a specialized organization established by a decision issued by the thirty-sixth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) with the aim of developing women, advancing their status, and building their capabilities and skills in member states, as they are an essential partner in the advancement, progress, renaissance and prosperity of Muslim societies.



## IIFA and Delhi-based Institute of Objective Studies sign an MoC

H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, signed with Prof. Muhammad Mansour Alem, President of the Institute of Objective Studies in India, on Thursday 03 Rabi' Al-Awwal 1444H corresponding to 29 September 2022G, a memorandum of strategic cooperation between the two parties. This memorandum aims to build a strategic partnership in the field of supporting the scientific and research capabilities and abilities of the two institutions, and to enhance cooperation and coordination in supporting and assisting Muslim communities outside the member states of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC). It also aims to promote moderation, spread a culture of moderation, tolerance and coexistence, and reject fanaticism, extremism, exclusion, violence, and hatred, through joint organization of conferences and seminars, holding workshops and training, exchanging publications and periodicals, and representing the two sides in the conferences and symposia that are held with the knowledge of each of them

in areas of common interest common between them. Commenting on this memorandum, His Excellency expressed his happiness at signing this agreement with a reputable scientific institution active in one of the countries in which the largest number of Muslim communities live, namely the Republic of India, which has a Muslim population of nearly two hundred million, expressing his hope that it will be the beginning of a new phase of solid and fruitful relations of cooperation between the Academy and the Institute to coordinate efforts and provide effective solutions to the problems of contemporary life, and in search of ways to address hatred, exclusion and abuse against Muslims in India. He affirmed the Academy's readiness to provide support and encouragement to the Institute and to harness all the scientific and intellectual capabilities of the Academy to serve the Muslims of India and Muslim communities in general. For his part, Prof. Mansour expressed his happiness with this historic achievement of his institution, as this partnership with the Academy



represents a high scientific and intellectual value and a qualitative addition to the Institute in developing its research and intellectual outputs to serve the issues of Muslims in India, adding that the Institute looks forward to active participation in the future in the scientific activities of the Academy, especially its Annual Session, in addition to benefiting from the resolutions and recommendations of the Academy and its various scientific and intellectual publications.

## Cameroonian Ambassador to KSA visits IIFA

His Excellency Mr. Iya Al-Tidjani, Ambassador of the Republic of Cameroon to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Permanent Representative of Cameroon to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), on Saturday 14 Safar 1444H corresponding to 10 September 2022G, visited the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. His Excellency the Ambassador was received by His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, who welcomed him and his delegation, and thanked him for this first visit to the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy. He also expressed to him the gratitude of Academy, and its great appreciation for the support and care it enjoys from the Government of the Republic of Cameroon, hoping that this visit will be an opportunity to inform His Excellency of the Academy's vision, mission, goals, projects, and five-year strategic plan, which includes a clear formulation of all activities and programs that the Academy hopes to implement during the next five years. His Excellency also expressed his gratitude to the Ambassador for the efforts he exerts to strengthen relations of cooperation and coordination between the member states of the OIC in general, and between the African Group countries in particular, praising the long and rich experiences of His Excellency in the diplomatic field and international relations, wishing for further compatibility, synergy, and integration strengthening the bonds of participation and communication. Then His Excellency presented his honorable guest with a brief overview of the qualitative changes that the



General Secretariat of the Academy is witnessing after assuming the duties of the Secretary General more than a year ago, requesting the permanent delegations to the OIC to appeal to their countries to continue to support the Academy, and to support its strategic plan in particular, to enable it to carry out its intellectual responsibility of promoting the approach of moderation, spreading the culture of moderation, tolerance, coexistence and harmony among followers of religions and sects, and rejecting extremism, fanaticism, terrorism and violence in all its forms. For his part, His Excellency the ambassador expressed his great joy and pride in this visit, which enabled him to witness the distinguished efforts of the Academy and its promising projects, wishing the Secretary General continued success in his duties, which is a source of pride and joy for every African. He also expressed his full readiness to strengthen relations of cooperation and partnership between the Academy and scientific institutions in Cameroon, and concluded the visit by recording his feelings in the honor book, where he said: "It is a pleasure to come today to visit the Academy, and I would like to extend my

sincere thanks to the Secretary General and his team for the respect and appreciation he has for the Republic of Cameroon. We had discussions with His Excellency on issues of common concern, and I appreciate the distinguished initiatives of His Excellency that aim to advance the Academy and enable it to play its important role as intellectual reference for the OIC Member States. I am pleased to assure His Excellency that I will provide him with all the support he needs to successfully accomplish his mission at the head of this body. I also highly appreciate his good efforts to strengthen relations of cooperation, coordination and partnership among the member states of the OIC, especially with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. My sincere thanks, and my highest appreciation to His Excellency and his team for their dedication to serving Islam and Muslims. At the end of the visit, the Secretary General gave the Ambassador and his companions a tour of the offices of the General Secretariat of the Academy and presented him with souvenirs.



## Permanent Representative of Somalia to the OIC visits IIFA



H.E. Prof. Dr. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), received on Wednesday 18 Safar 1444H corresponding to 14 September 2022G, at its headquarters in Jeddah, His Excellency Ambassador Ibrahim Adam Musa, the new permanent representative of the Federal Republic of Somalia to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and his accompanying delegation. He welcomed the honorable guest and congratulated him on his appointment as a permanent representative of Somalia to the OIC, wishing him success in his duties, and praising his keenness to consolidate and strengthen the bonds of cooperation between the Academy and the institutions and scientific centers in Somalia. He also stressed the full readiness of the Academy

to provide intellectual and Shariah support to the Somali authorities in their efforts to spread the culture of moderation, tolerance and coexistence, and to combat extremist ideology, fanaticism and terrorism. He also expressed the Academy's firm aspiration to cooperate with the great scholars of Somalia in order to promote moderation, reject fanaticism and extremism, and dismantle hate speech, violence and extremism, in order to protect young people from falling into the fallacies of the infatuated who shed blood, abuse honor, and attack public and private property in the name of religion falsely and slanderously. For his part, the ambassador expressed his happiness and pride in this first visit to the Academy since he took office, where he had the honor of meeting His Excellency the Secretary General and discussing with him the religious issue in Somalia and the best ways to support peace, reform and development efforts in Somalia. His Excellency also expressed his firm belief that deep intellectual change is the cornerstone of any radical change and reform in Somali society, and therefore cooperation with the Academy on this basis comes within the framework of these blessed efforts to benefit from the scientific and intellectual capabilities of the Academy to serve the agenda of peace and societal reform in the

Federal Republic of Somalia by spreading the culture of moderation, peace and tolerance and rejecting extremist and backward ideology and false religious concepts by organizing specialized scientific seminars and conferences inside and outside Somalia in cooperation and partnership with Somali authorities and scholars. The meeting was attended by His Excellency Mr. Abdul Rahim Othman Elmi, Deputy Permanent Representative of Somalia to the OIC, Mrs. Sarah Badawi, Director of the Department of Family, Women, Childhood and the Elderly Affairs at the Academy, Dr. Alhaji Manta Drammeh, Head of the Division of International Cooperation and External Relations at the Academy, and Mr. Mourad TLiLi, Adviser to His Excellency the Secretary General of the Academy for Media affairs and Public Relations.



## Guinean Chargé d'affaires in Riyadh visits the Academy

The Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), H.E. Prof. Koutoub Sano, received on Saturday morning, 14 Safar 1444 corresponding to 10 September 2022, at the Academy's headquarters in Jeddah, H.E. Mr. Naby Soumah, the new Chargé d'affaires of the Republic of Guinea in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The Secretary General welcomed his honorable guest and congratulated him on his appointment as Chargé d'Affaires of Guinea to the Kingdom, wishing him every success in his duties, praising his long experience in diplomacy and foreign relations during his years of service at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Guinea. His Excellency also expressed his great thanks and gratitude for the generous care and regular support that the IIFA has enjoyed from the Guinean leadership and people, hoping that his appointment as Chargé d'affaires will lead to the reinforcement of cooperation between the IIFA and the scientific, and religious institutions in Guinea, especially the institutions and centers concerned with the promotion of moderation, tolerance, coexistence and harmony among the followers of religions. Then, His Excellency presented to his guest a brief overview of IIFA's vision, mission, objectives, programs and activities, and the recent changes since taking over as Secretary General. His Excellency concluded



his speech by renewing his high appreciation and gratitude to the Government of Guinea, headed by President of the Republic and Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, Col. Mamady Doumbouya, for the kind reception and warm welcome during his recent visit to Guinea, praying to Allah the Almighty to protect them, grant them success and perpetuate the security and stability of the Guinean people. For his part, the Chargé d'affaires expressed his great pleasure and pride in his first visit to IIFA since taking office and conveyed to him the greetings of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Dr. Morisanda Kouyate, wishing him continued success and achievement in his duties, which is a source of pride and honor for every Guinean. He also expressed his aspiration to strengthen cooperation and partnership between the

Academy and the scientific institutions of Guinea, especially the Ministry of Religious Affairs, with which the Academy signed an MoU during his Excellency's visit. H.E. Nabi Soma, the Chargé d'affaires, wrote in the IIFA guestbook: "I had the honor of meeting H.E. Prof. Koutoub Sano, the Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy that he administers successfully and masterfully. I was really impressed during our conversation, and I was very happy with the developments and the leaps that I saw. I would like to say that the S.G.'s personality is a source of pride for me and for all Guineans because thanks to him, we feel that the image of the Republic of Guinea and the position of its people has been reinforced, and it has become more honorable and brilliant. May Allah protect him and grant him success". The meeting was attended by Mr. Amjad Ibrahim Mustafa, head of protocols at IIFA.



## Secretary General of Central Council of Muslims in Germany (ZMD) visits IIFA

His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), received in his office at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah on Wednesday 25 Safar 1444H corresponding to 21 September 2022G, His Excellency Mr. Abdassamad El Yazidi, Secretary General of the Supreme Council of Muslims in Germany. His Excellency welcomed the honorable guest, thanking him for his first visit of its kind of one of the most important Islamic councils in Muslim communities of Europe, and congratulated him on his recent re-election for a second term as Secretary General of the Council, wishing him and his colleagues further success in serving Islam and Muslims in Germany. His Excellency also assured his guest of the Academy's keenness to coordinate, cooperate and communicate with moderate Islamic institutions, councils and centers within the countries of Muslim communities, noting that the Academy is ready to harness all its scientific and intellectual capabilities to serve the issues of Muslim communities, and to provide effective solutions and satisfactory answers to calamities and issues that concern them, in the hope that they become a link between the Muslim world and their societies for the benefit and good of all. To achieve this, His Excellency expressed the Academy's readiness to conclude a cooperation agreement with the Council that would be the basis for fruitful cooperation and a strategic partnership between the two parties in various intellectual and scientific fields, in

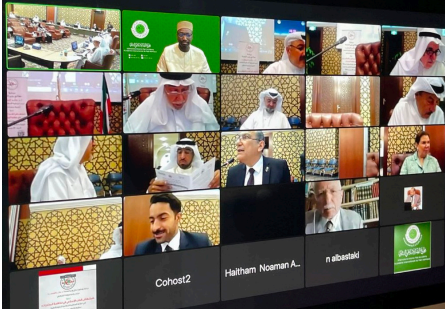


order to enable the Council to make maximum use of the Academy's wise resolutions that call for moderation, tolerance and coexistence, and adhere to the requirements of citizenship within societies. His Excellency concluded by welcoming the joint organization of conferences and seminars in partnership with the Council on various calamities and issues of concern to Muslim communities in the West in general and in Germany in particular. For his part, His Excellency Mr. Abdassamad El Yazidi expressed his great pleasure and great gratitude for this good opportunity to visit the Academy and meet with His Excellency the Secretary General, because of his and the Academy's global scientific reputation and wide appreciation inside and outside the Muslim world. His Excellency stressed the keenness of the Council and German Muslims in general to consolidate the bonds of cooperation and coordination with the Academy to serve a number of important goals at the same time, which is the development of the academic

staff of the Council including imams and preachers, and the organization of joint scientific seminars and conferences inside Germany for the benefit of all Muslims there, in addition to the participation of German Muslim religious scholars in the Academy's activities, especially in the Annual Session, and benefit from the rich and valuable scientific research that the Academy constantly issues. In this context, His Excellency extended an official invitation to His Excellency the Secretary General to visit the Federal Republic of Germany and closely review the conditions of Muslims there and to witness the great efforts made by the Council to serve the Muslims of Germany. The meeting was also attended by Mr. Mohamed Mondher Chouk, Director of the Cabinet Affairs Department at the Academy, Dr. Alhagi Manta Drammeh, Head of the International Cooperation and External Relations Division at the Academy, and Mr. Mourad TLiLi, Adviser to His Excellency the Secretary General for Media Affairs and Public Relations.



## Secretary General participates in IOMS Anti-Drugs Symposium



H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, the Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), participated, via video technology, in the international scientific symposium organized by the Islamic Organization for Medical Sciences (IOMS) on the topic "Awakening Islamic medicine in the fight against drugs" on Wednesday 25 Safar 1444H corresponding to 21 September 2022G at the organization's headquarters in the State of Kuwait. He delivered a keynote speech during the opening ceremony, which he started with thanks and praise to the Islamic Organization for Medical Sciences for its blessed efforts in the field of health awareness and the preservation of the human life. He also thanked the organizers of this important specialized symposium and for the good selection of its topic because of its profound and significant impact on young people inside and outside the Muslim world and protecting them from the pests that beset them and the conspiracies that are being hatched against them and aiming to blind them and prevent them from playing their basic and essential role in building

the future of Ummah and charting the features of a bright future for many generations of young men and women who bear the responsibility of preserving morals and the lofty principles that our true religion brought. He added that one of the rules that the Islamic Shariah brought is the preservation of the five supreme objectives expressed by Imam Al-Ghazali by saying, "The purpose of the Shariah from the creation of mankind is to preserve for them their religion, their soul, their intellect, their family, and their wealth. Anything that includes the preservation of these five principles, is a benefit, and anything that misses these principles is a corruption, and preventing them is a benefit." These purposes are known as the five necessities, and they mean preserving the religion, preserving the soul, preserving the mind, preserving offspring, and preserving money. Preserving the mind is one of the most important of these purposes, and it is one of the most important conditions of commissioning (Islam, reason and adulthood), as stated in the authentic hadith: "Three are not held responsible: the insane until he becomes sane, the person asleep until he wakes up, the child until he reaches puberty." Looking at the issue of drugs, we find that it mainly impairs the mind, and destroys it partially or completely, which makes its users in many cases descending to the level of animals. Therefore, no scholar or sane person doubts that it is forbidden to use it, trade in it, and promote and distribute it because of the negative consequences that it entails. He also made it clear that the effects of drugs do not stop at destroying the mind alone, but rather they extend to harming the rest of the other

four purposes, because the drug user does not care about his religion, does not care about his Creator, is not embarrassed by his disobedience, and is not ashamed of people seeing him commit his sins and crimes, which leads to the corruption of his religion. Its use may lead a person to steal, rape, cheat, and defraud to obtain money by any means to buy and use drugs, which harms the purpose of preserving money, and may even lead its abusers and addicts to murder or rape. Moreover, its effect on the purpose of preserving offspring is apparent, because its use, as it is medically established, weakens sexual ability, distorts fetuses and weakens jealousy in the addict to the point that he neglects his honor for the sake of drugs. He concluded by saying that the effect of drugs affects all the necessary purposes with harm and nullification, and that when we take a closer look, we find that drugs are more insidious and more forbidden than alcohol because it destroys the mind, destroys morals, corrupts religion, destroys money, spreads immorality and corruption, crushes dignity, destroys honor and chivalry, and fail security. It is in fact well-known that it is the most important means used by terrorists to blow themselves up and wear explosive belts in their operations. Accordingly, he called on all parties involved in the sensitisation and prevention process of the danger of drug use and addiction to intensify efforts, unite forces, coordinate visions and complete cooperation among peoples and nations in order to preserve the youth and protect our societies from this cancer that eats away at them.

## Secretary General meets with deanery of AbdulHamid AbuSulayman Kulliyah

On Friday 21 Muharram 1444H corresponding to 19 August 2022G, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), held a strategic meeting with the deanery of Abdul Hamid Abu Suleyman Kulliyah of Islamic Revealed Knowledge and Human Sciences (KIRKHS) at the International Islamic University in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The meeting started with a welcoming speech by Prof. Shukran Abdel Rahman, Dean of the Kulliyah, in which he expressed his sincere thanks to His Excellency for accepting the invitation to discuss aspects of possible cooperation and partnership between the Academy and AHS Kulliyah, considering its position among the university's colleges, as it is truly the heart of the university, and the ideal and applied model for the islamisation and integration, as it is considered the largest college in terms of the number of departments, students. He also expressed his personal desire, and that of his fellow deputies and heads of departments, to benefit from His Excellency's profound and rich experiences in the academia as well as in the political fields, as His Excellency had previously taught in this Kulliyah for sixteen (16) years, during which he held senior administrative positions at the university, the last of which was the position of the university's Deputy Rector for internationalisation and innovation. After leaving the university, His Excellency worked as Minister of Religious Affairs, Minister of International Cooperation, then Minister of Diplomatic Affairs and Diplomatic Adviser at the Presidency of the Republic of Guinea for twelve



(12) years, in addition to his current work as Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy. He concluded by expressing the college's aspiration for close cooperation with the Academy, especially in the field of research and studies, and the participation of the College's staff in conferences and seminars of the Academy from time to time. For his part, His Excellency delivered his speech expressing his great thanks, appreciation, and gratitude to his dear brother, the Dean of the College, and to his colleagues for this opportunity that enabled him to return again to this college, for which he carries so much love and many beautiful memories that are hard to forget. He also thanked the Dean in particular for his personal keenness to promote awareness of the idea of Islamisation of knowledge by teaching it and formulating courses in the light of its foundations and principles, as it is an important project to guide and rationalize science in order to become a tool for reconstruction and reform. He also thanked him for his keenness to implement the idea of integration between the sciences of the Islamic Revealed Knowledge and humanities by returning to the unique double

degree system that allows young people to combine specialization in one of the departments of the Revealed knowledge with one of the human sciences departments, stressing that this system is considered the ideal way to prepare a generation of intellectuals and scholars who are balanced in thought and behavior, combining authenticity and modernity, and capable of bringing about positive change in society. He then explained that the years of his work at the University as a professor and administrator were among the best years of his life in terms of psychological stability, devotion to critical thinking, writing and publishing, and serving the Muslim Ummah by participating in the education of a generation of young people who occupy today high leadership and administrative positions in their societies as a result of their excellence and superiority. He also made it clear that the years of his work in the political field were also an opportunity in which he increased his certainty of the possibility of positive change and reform if the intentions were sincere and the reasons for empowerment and influence were taken into account. He concluded by pointing out that his current work as Secretary General of the Academy, which represents the largest Shariah reference for the Ummah, and the greatest contemporary intellectual body, is another challenge and a good opportunity for him to harness his academic and political experience to achieve the desired reform and the desired change in thought and behavior in the service of Islam and the Ummah all over the world. Finally, he exchanged gifts with the Dean and took photos with the Deanery management.

## Secretary General launches Prof. AbuSulayman Day with a Memorial Lecture



His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), delivered the first annual memorial lecture on Monday, 02 Safar 1444H, corresponding to 29 August 2022G, at the Abdul Hamid Abu Sulayman Kulliyah of the Islamic Revealed Knowledge and Human Sciences at the International Islamic University in Malaysia, on the late great Islamic thinker, the late Prof. Dato' Abdul Hamid Abu Sulayman, in order to perpetuate his distinguished intellectual legacy, and in recognition of his outstanding scientific contributions to advance Islamic thought, correct concepts, and enable the Ummah to restore its civilizational position. The university's organization of this first scientific forum comes one year after the death of the late, as part of its endeavor to celebrate and recognize the immortal contributions of the late in the process of developing and upgrading the university through his distinguished management and direct supervision of the construction of the attractive integrated campus in the valley of Gombak in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, over the span of a decade. The university and the institute chose His Excellency to be the first eminent scholarly figure to launch this annual series for several objective considerations, the most important of which is the distinguished international scientific position of His Excellency in the field of intellectual reform, the call for moderation, and the dissemination of a culture of moderation, tolerance and coexistence, and the fact that he is one of the contemporary intellectuals who worked with him for years and was close to him, and had great confidence in him. The ceremony began with a welcoming speech by Prof. Shukran Abdel Rahman, Dean of the AHAS Kulliyah, in which he spoke about the merits of the deceased and the importance of reviving his rich intellectual heritage and spreading it continuously so that future generations who did not have the opportunity to meet and get to know him benefit from it. He also made it clear that the university and institute's selection of His Excellency to be the main speaker today is the most appropriate decision because of his abundance of thought, depth of intellect, and a wide international reputation in addition to his good personal knowledge of the late and his ideas, as he was one of those people who were close to him. Then Professor Emiretus Dato. Jamil Othman, Director of the International Institute of Islamic Thought for East and Southeast Asia, spoke praising the late and the Ummah's condolences on his loss and his passing, noting the importance of this occasion as a special academic event during which the IIIT seeks to spread the ideas of the late. He also expressed his great pleasure that His

Excellency is the main speaker in this lecture because of his great stature and reputation, and accurate and broad knowledge of the late, as he was one of those people who were close to the late and knew him extensively and hoping that more lectures and meetings would follow to introduce the ideas of the late. Then His Excellency delivered his lecture, which he began by expressing his great thanks and gratitude to the university leadership and the IIIT for honoring him by giving the first memorial lecture of the annual lectures' series on the personality and ideas of the great late Professor Abdul Hamid Abu Sulayman. He also expressed his great happiness to be again in this great scientific edifice, in which he taught for nearly two decades, during which he encountered with a distinguished elite of academics and a good group of researchers and students and witnessed with the development of the university from a humble institution to a scientific center and a prominent academic edifice in Malaysia, Southeast Asia region, and the world. He explained that the distinguished intellectual and management contributions of the late were one of the pillars of the development and progress witnessed by the university throughout his tenure and management, praising the naming of this college after the deceased in appreciation of the clear imprints he left on all aspects of academic and intellectual life at the university, and as an expression of gratitude from the administrative and academic management of the university for this loyal and persevering thinker. He expressed his thanks, appreciation, and gratitude to the Malaysian government and people for the hospitality, honor and care they extended to the late, as they provided him with a calm atmosphere and great support in order to enable him to carry out the reforms and radical changes he made during the period of his tenure at the university. His Excellency also commended the mission of the International Institute of Islamic Thought as a leading intellectual institution that has contributed to reshaping the Muslim mind and its founders did not change their commitment and fulfilled their pledge to Allah, in accordance with God's saying in the Holy Quran: ((Among the believers are men who have proven true to what they pledged to Allah. Some of them have fulfilled their pledge with their lives, others are waiting their turn. They have never changed their commitment in the least)) Al-Ahzab: 23. Indeed they did not change, they were not affected by the turn of events, and they are still on the right path carrying the torch. Then His Excellency spoke about the academic life of the deceased in all its details, highlighting in particular his pioneering role in developing this university and strengthening its position among the most prominent universities in Malaysia and Asia in general. He also presented and analyzed during the lecture, the most important ideas of the deceased, which focused on an unprecedented accurate diagnosis of the crisis that afflicted the Ummah a long time ago, and represented in the acute intellectual crisis, which is the basis and responsible for the rest of the political, social, economic and cultural crises. His Excellency also shed light on the clear vision presented by the deceased for the treatment of the intellectual crisis, represented in addressing the roots of the crisis that created a precarious conflict between revelation and reason and between cause

and effect, and caused a schizophrenia between sciences by dividing them into religious sciences and worldly sciences, which today requires strengthening awareness of the importance of Islamic knowledge and the integration of sciences and values, to enable the nation to rise and to contribute seriously to building the faltering human civilization as a result of the Ummah's absence, backwardness and withdrawal. Then His Excellency explained what was distinguished by the deceased's presentation of educational reform, and its great impact on achieving the desired comprehensive renaissance for the Muslim nation and humanity in general, pointing out that the deceased considered education reform as the cornerstone and solid foundation from which all other reform projects should start, aiming to treat the intellectual crisis that stands as a valid reason for the Ummah's backwardness. The deceased believed that the correct parental upbringing of the child emanating from instilling the values of love, honesty, sincerity and courage in the child's soul at an early age as a substitute for fear and intimidation is the basic factor for preparing a confident, strong, working generation capable of positive contribution to the making of civilization and nation building. His Excellency pointed out the reasons for the deceased's focus in his intellectual propositions on reforming Islamic thought, treating the crisis of the Muslim mind, reforming education, as well as the need to stay away from domestic violence, the failure of imported solutions from outside the Muslim environment, the need to enhance awareness of the integration of sciences while avoiding separation between them, and the necessity of believing that there is no dissonance and opposition between correct transfer of knowledge and sound reason. His Excellency concluded his lecture by praising the great human side and the deep sincerity that distinguished the deceased, as he was a kind and generous father, loving to the Ummah, its youth and its people, and was always optimistic about a prosperous future for the Ummah, and that humanity's need for the message of Islam is increasing day by day, which dictates on us the duty of reform, guidance and direction. At the end of the lecture, His Excellency prayed for the companions of the deceased who preceded him to the heavens, and those who are still alive, praying to God to accept the deceased in the gardens of eternity, and to bless the living with health and wellness. The attendees enjoyed the accurate information contained in the lecture about the thought and vision of the deceased and requested that His Excellency repeat the experience by visiting the university in the future to deliver more lectures and lessons on this and other subject.



## 23rd Monthly Meeting of the Academy's Personnel

The General Secretariat of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), headed by His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, held on Sunday 15 Safar 1444H corresponding to 11 September 2022G, the twenty-third monthly periodic meeting of the Academy's employees, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. His Excellency welcomed the attendees and thanked them for their perseverance in their active participation in these important periodic meetings, then informed them of the royal approval from the Headquarters State, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, to hold the twenty-fifth Session of the Academy in Jeddah during next December. He also told the attendees that he informed His Excellency the Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) who welcomed the news, promising to provide the necessary support to the Academy to hold this Session in the best possible conditions. In this



context, His Excellency stressed the importance of all the Academy's employees to focus on working on the arrangements and work related to holding this Session and working together to ensure its success. As usual, His Excellency then opened the way for all employees to express their opinions and suggestions comfortably and present their professional and social problems and issues so that they can be answered and possibly solved with transparency and clarity in order to achieve the principle of positive communication between

His Excellency and the Academy's employees, in an effort to achieve the highest levels of quality and proficiency in all the business of the General Secretariat of the Academy. His Excellency listened attentively to the interventions and inquiries of the participants. The meeting made decisions, the most important of which are: Ensure that all research fulfills the requirements to be included in the research of the 25th Session, no later than the end of the current month September. Putting an analytical indexing to the Academy's Book of Resolutions on the Academy's website to facilitate access to information by visitors. Communicate with the concerned authorities in order to obtain the international standard number for the Academy's Book of Resolutions. Instructing the Financial and Administrative Affairs Department to prepare a comprehensive vision about the mechanism used to give rewards to employees who perform additional work after the end of official working hours, in accordance with the rules and regulations.

## 41st Periodic Meeting of Divisions' Heads



On Thursday 12 Safar 1444H corresponding to 08 September 2022G, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the forty-first periodic meeting of the heads of divisions, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah. His Excellency began the meeting by welcoming the attendees, thanking them for their participation, and recalling the importance of continuing to exert effort and to continue working and diligence

in order to achieve the goals and programs of the Academy. Then he touched upon the subject of his participation in the great occasion that God has bestowed upon him, the occasion of washing the Holy Kaaba, where he was among those chosen by the Saudi Royal Court to participate in this blessed annual occasion. On this occasion, His Excellency expressed his thanks and appreciation to the leadership and people of the headquarters country for the support and care the Academy has received since its establishment to this day. His Excellency also mentioned his recent visit to Malaysia and the cooperation agreements the Academy signed with a number of academic and research bodies, in addition to personally honoring him by delivering the Friday sermon at the International Islamic University in Malaysia in front of thousands of professors, students and visitors. Then His Excellency informed the attendees of the approval of the headquarters country, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, to hold the twenty-fifth session of the Academy before the end of the current year. In this context, he

called on everyone to exert maximum efforts, coordination and full cooperation in order to properly organize and manage this important event and achieve the desired goals. The meeting then discussed the provisions of the previous meeting's decisions, and issued several new decisions, the most important of which are: Setting a final date for the call for papers on the themes of the specialized symposium entitled: "The Family Foundation: Challenges and Prospects". The scientific committee to finish working on reviewing the research of the next Academy's Session (the 25th session) by the end of this September. Follow-up with Mufakirun Printing House to print 200 copies of the Book of Resolutions in Arabic, fourth edition (modified version) to be distributed and gifted to participants and guests in the 25th Session of the Academy. Planning ahead for a number of upcoming sessions and starting from now approaching the targeted host countries.

## 42nd Periodic Meeting of Divisions' Heads

His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), presided over the forty-second periodic meeting of the heads of divisions in the Academy, on Thursday 03 of Rabi' Al-Awwal 1444H corresponding to 29 September 2022G at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah. His Excellency started the meeting with praise to God Almighty, and prayers and peace upon the Noble Messenger, then welcomed to the heads of divisions, and thanked everyone for their presence, and reminded all of the importance of adhering to the dates of periodic meetings in the Academy and the necessity of holding them on their specified dates in order to achieve the objectives of the strategic plan of the Academy, and to accomplish the work of the General Secretariat in the fullest manner in general. His Excellency also reminded

the audience that the General Secretariat of the Academy will focus in particular during this coming period on good preparation for holding the twenty-fifth Session of the Conference of the Academy Council in the coming months and called on everyone to strengthen cooperation and integration between departments and divisions on a daily basis in order to remove all obstacles and difficulties and possible errors. The meeting then discussed the items on the meeting's agenda, and the discussions resulted in a number of decisions being taken, including:

- Begin to coordinate and edit the finalized research of Session in batches in preparation for printing them on time.
- Preparing a glossary of the members of the Academy for printing and distribution during the Session.
- Printing the final research papers that will be presented during the 25th



- Session individually according to the approved themes of the Session.
- Starting correspondence with the member states of the OIC to host the next five Sessions of the Academy (26, 27, 28, 29 and 30), in order to ensure early preparation for holding them.

## 89th Weekly Meeting of Departments' Directors

His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the 89th weekly meeting of the directors of the departments on Monday 16 Safar 1444H corresponding to 12 September 2022G at the headquarters of the General Secretariat in Jeddah. His Excellency opened the meeting by welcoming the directors of the departments, thanking them for their keenness to attend and contribute to the discussion of the various issues raised at the meeting. Then, His Excellency informed the meeting of the contact he had made with the Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the Organization Islamic Cooperation (OIC), His Excellency Ambassador Dr. Saleh Al Sehaibani,

regarding the delegation's support for the General Secretariat of the Academy in order to obtain local sponsors to finance some of the costs of the upcoming twenty-fifth Session, especially the financing of tickets, hotel and transportation costs. His Excellency informed the attendees of Dr. Al Sehaibani welcome to cooperate with the Academy in this matter, promising to do his best to communicate with the relevant authorities. 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:

- Holding the Board of Trustees of the Academy's Waqf Fund meeting on 19 September 2022.
- Forming a specialized committee consists of members from several departments

tasked with updating on a daily basis the list of participants in the Session, all their data, and the various work of the Session.

- Sending the completed research papers to the selected presenters and selecting the presentations dates according to a pre-set timetable.



## 90th Weekly Meeting of Departments' Directors



His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the ninetieth weekly meeting of directors of departments on Monday, 23 Safar 1444H, corresponding to 19 September 2022G, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat in Jeddah. His Excellency opened the meeting by welcoming the directors of the departments, thanking all employees for their commendable efforts in preparing for the

25th Session of the Academy. His Excellency took the opportunity to offer, on his behalf and on behalf of all the members of the Academy, condolences to our colleague, Mr. Moez Riyahi, on the death of his father-in-law, praying for the deceased's forgiveness and mercy. Then His Excellency spoke about the various contacts and meetings he had with His Excellency the Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), His Excellency the President of the Academy Council, and His Excellency the Saudi Permanent Representative to the OIC, all of which focused on mobilizing the necessary support for the success of the next Session of the Academy. In this context, His Excellency assured the attendees of the positive response and the full support he received from all of them, which heralds a successful and exceptional Session, God willing. Then a discussion of the items of resolutions issued by the previous meeting followed, and several new resolutions were issued, the most important of which are:

- Postponing the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Academy's Waqf Fund until the completion of the attendance of all members.
- Addressing the permanent Saudi delegation to the OIC to mediate with the concerned authorities in order to obtain permission to accept and collect donations for the Academy's Waqf Fund.
- Increasing the number of researchers for the 25th Session of the Academy from the African and Asian groups.
- Setting a date for a visit to the King Salman Center for Relief and Humanitarian Action to discuss ways to develop areas of cooperation between the two parties.
- Contracting with one of the publishing and printing houses in order to print the research papers submitted for the 25th Session of the Academy at affordable prices.

## 91st Weekly Meeting of Departments' Directors

The General Secretariat of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) held its ninety-first weekly meeting for the directors of the departments headed by His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano on Monday 30 Safar 1444H corresponding to 26 September 2022G at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah. At the beginning of the meeting, His Excellency welcomed the attendees and thanked them for their commitment to participate in the weekly meetings, reiterating that these meetings will be about following up on the latest developments in preparations for the twenty-fifth Session of the Academy, and discussing mechanisms of cooperation between the departments of the Academy for the success of the Session. His Excellency then spoke about the visit of His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Saleh Bin Humaid, advisor at the Royal Court, member of the Council of Senior



Scholars, Imam and Khatib of the Grand Mosque, and President of the Academy on Sunday evening to the Academy, where he presented to His Excellency a summary of the latest preparations and procedures related to the Session and discussed with him the most important proposed steps for holding it. His Excellency the President expressed his thanks to the Secretary General, wishing him and his team success in holding the Session as soon as possible.

Then His Excellency discussed the items of decisions issued by the previous meeting, to ascertain the extent of their achievement. Several new decisions were issued by the meeting, the most important of which are:

- Communicate with the members of the Academy to nominate some researchers who hold a PhD to contribute with research papers to the Academy's forthcoming session.
- Sending the Academy's publications to the scientific bodies and institutions with which the Academy has signed cooperation agreements and memoranda of understanding.
- Searching for local printing houses to get quotations in order to know the cost of printing the research papers of the twenty-fifth Session, attaching a report to it, and submitting a report on the media coverage of the Session.

## Rays of Light on the Lives of the Academy's Living Scholars (6)

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 Prof. Muhammad Jabr Al-Alfi



Born in 1934 in Egypt, H.E. Prof. Muhammad bin Gabr Abdah Al-Alfi obtained a bachelor's from the Faculty of Sharia and Law at Al-Azhar University in 1959 - 1960, and a bachelor's in law at Ain Shams University in Cairo in 1960, and two postgraduate degrees in Sharia in 1962 and in public law in 1964 at the Faculty of Law at Cairo University, a master's in history of law and social systems at the Faculty of Law, University of Paris in 1968, and obtained a doctorate in Islamic studies from the Faculty of Letters of the Sorbonne, Paris, in 1972, and a state doctorate in law at the University of Paris in 1973. His Eminence is an expert member at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy and

has served in many other important positions, including teaching at several universities (Al-Azhar University, Paris University, Kuwait University, Emirates University, Yarmouk University, and Imam Muhammad bin Saud Islamic University). His Eminence is also a member of the Assembly of Muslim Jurists in America, a member of the scientific committee of the Encyclopedia of Fiqh in Kuwait, a member of the Saudi Fiqh Association, a member of the Islamic Charitable Society in Cairo, and a researcher at the Islamic Organization for Medical Sciences in Kuwait. His Eminence authored several books on various jurisprudential topics.

### His Eminence Prof. Abdelrahman Yousri Ahmad

Born in 1940, H.E. Prof. Abdelrahman Yousri Ahmad obtained a bachelor's in pure economics from the Faculty of Commerce at Cairo University in 1960, and a doctorate in economics from St. Andrew's University in UK in 1968. His Eminence is an expert member of the Academy and has held many other important positions, including teaching at the Universities of Alexandria, Beirut, King Abdulaziz in Jeddah, Umm Al-Qurra in Makkah, the World Institute of Islamic Economics at the Islamic University in Islamabad and the Islamic Research and Training Institute at the Islamic Development Bank, Stockholm University in Sweden, Yarmouk University in Jordan, Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences at Imam Muhammad



bin Saud University in Riyadh, Faculty of Islamic Studies and Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani University at Qatar Foundation. His Eminence has previously served as Head of the Department of Economics at the Faculty of Commerce at Alexandria University, Director General of the International Institute of Islamic Economics at the International Islamic University in Islamabad, and member of the Economic Research Council at the Academy of Scientific Research and Technology. His Eminence is the author of several articles and publications in economics and Islamic economics and is currently a professor of Economics at Alexandria University.

### His Eminence Prof. Shawky Ahmed Donia

Born in 1941 in Egypt, H.E. Prof. Shawqi Ahmed Donia obtained a bachelor's in Economics in 1967, a master's in Economics in 1975 and a doctorate in Economics in 1982 from Al-Azhar University's Faculty of Commerce. His Eminence is an expert member of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, in addition to his various positions, including as assistant and then associate professor at the National Management Institute of in Cairo, assistant professor at the Department of Islamic Economics at Imam Muhammad bin Saud University in Riyadh,

associate professor then full professor at the Department of Islamic Economics at Umm Al-Qura University in Makkah, and Head of the Department of Economics at Al-Azhar University, then Vice Dean and later Dean of the Faculty. His Eminence is currently working as a full-time professor at Al-Azhar University's Faculty of Commerce for Boys in Cairo. His Eminence has participated in many international conferences, supervised dozens of academic theses in Islamic and contemporary economics, and published many books on Islamic economics.



### His Eminence Prof. Khalifa Babeker Al-Hassan

Born in 1941 in Sudan, H.E. Prof. Khalifa Babeker Al-Hassan obtained a bachelor's in Islamic Law from Khartoum University in 1965, a master's in 1968, and a doctorate in 1972 in Islamic Jurisprudence from Al-Azhar University's Faculty of Sharia and Law, entitled "Ijtihad by opinion according to the Hejaz school of jurisprudence". His Eminence is an expert member of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, and has held various positions, including as Head of Sharia Department at the University of Khartoum, Head of Sharia Department at the United Arab Emirates University, Head of Sharia Department at

the Dubai College, professor at the Faculty of Sharia and Islamic Studies at the University of Sharjah, Dean of the Faculty and professor of Ussul Fiqh at Imam Malik Institute of Sharia and Law in Dubai, professor and Head of the Department of Sharia at the Faculty of Law at the University of Khartoum, member of the Sharia and Fatwa Council in the Republic of Sudan, member of the Scientific Committee of the Zayed Encyclopedia for Fiqh Maxims, member of the Islamic Fiqh Academy of Sudan. His Eminence has participated in many international and regional conferences, seminars, and workshops on various fields.



### His Eminence Dr. Abdulatif Mahmoud Ibrahim Aal Mahmoud



Born in 1946 in Bahrain, H.E. Dr. Abdulatif Mahmoud Ibrahim Aal Mahmoud obtained a bachelor's in Shariah in 1971 and a master's from Al-Azhar University's Faculty of Shariah and Law in 1973 and obtained a General Diploma in Education from Ain Shams University's Faculty of Education in 1975, then joined Al-Zaytuna University and obtained a State Doctorate on the subject of "Social Insurance in the Light of Shariah" in 1984. His Eminence is an expert member of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy and has held other important positions, including teaching at the Teachers Higher Institutes in 1973, then at the Faculty of Science,

Arts and Education at the University of Bahrain, and then as an associate professor and head of the Department of Arabic and Islamic Studies at the same university until 2005. His Eminence participated in the development of Islamic finance in Bahrain since its inception in 1978 and has been a member of Shariah Supervisory boards in several Islamic banks and insurance and reinsurance firms. His Eminence is the author of books on insurance, education, Islamic studies and research and has participated in several conferences and seminars on jurisprudence, education, economics, Islamic thought, society and culture.

### His Eminence Prof. Hassan Wasfi Chamsi-Pasha

Born in 1951 in Syria, H.E. Prof. Hassan Wasfi Chamsi-Pasha studied medicine at the University of Aleppo, graduated in 1975 and obtained a higher degree in internal diseases and cardiomyopathy from the University of Damascus, then pursued specialization in Britain. His Eminence stayed in London and Manchester Preston for a decade and then moved to Saudi Arabia in 1988 as a consultant cardiologist. His Eminence is an expert member of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy and has held other important positions, including as Board Member of the Saudi Society of Cardiology,



member of the British Heart Association, member of the International Society of Vascular Diseases, member of the American Society of Intensive Care Physicians, member of the British Dietetic Association, member of the British Thoracic Society and member of the British Food Diseases Society. His Eminence has participated in many international cardiology conferences, chaired many scientific sessions, and given many lectures and symposia in the medical field. His Eminence also authored several books on cardiology, health, prophetic medicine, medical-fiqh issues, medical ethics, literature, education, and history.

### His Eminence Prof. Muhammad Abdul Ghaffar Al-Sharif



Born in 1953 in Kuwait, H.E. Prof. Muhammad Abdul Ghaffar Al-Sharif obtained a bachelor's in Statistics and Economics from the Faculty of Commerce and Political Science at Kuwait University (1975), a master's in Dawah and Hisbah from the Higher Institute of Islamic Dawah in Madinah (1983), and a Doctorate in Comparative Jurisprudence from the Islamic University in Madinah (1986). His Eminence is an expert member of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy and has held other important positions, including as an expert at the Islamic Fiqh Academy in India,

member of the Muslim World League, member of Sharia Standards Council in Bahrain, head of Sharia Committee in the Special Committee for the Promotion of Moderation and Refutation of Extremism in Kuwait, and member of the Board of Directors of the European Academy for Islamic Culture and Sciences in Belgium. His Eminence is also a professor at the Faculty of Sharia and Islamic Studies at Kuwait University, former Secretary General of Awqaf in the State of Kuwait, former Dean of the Faculty of Sharia, and has participated in several international and regional events.

### His Eminence Dr. Ali Ahmed Nadwi

Born in India in 1954, H.E. Dr. Ali Ahmad Nadwi obtained the universal certificate (alamiya) from Dar Al Uloom affiliated to India's Nadwatul Ulama, a bachelor's from the Faculty of Dawah and Theology at Islamic University in Madinah, and master's and a doctorate from Umm Al-Qura University in Makkah. His Eminence is a member of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy and has worked as a senior advisor to the Shariah Council of Al-Rajhi Company for Banking and Investment. His Eminence was awarded the



King Faisal Prize in the category of Islamic Studies, in recognition of his remarkable academic work related to legal maxims (al-Qaawi'd alfiqhiya). His Eminence is the author of several books on maxims of jurisprudence and has participated in numerous international conferences and symposia. Among other things, His Eminence has a keen interest in Arabic literature, translation, biographies of Islamic figures, and following up on Arabic and alternative medicine. His Eminence is currently an assistant professor at King Abdulaziz University.

### His Eminence Prof. Jassim Ali Salem Al Shamsi

Born in 1956 in Dubai, H.E. Prof. Jassim Ali Salem Al Shamsi completed his university studies in Egypt at the Faculty of Law of Ain Shams University, where he obtained a master's degree and later a doctorate entitled "A Comparative Study of Egyptian, French and UAE Civil Law". His Eminence is an expert member of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy and has held several important positions, including as assistant professor at the Faculty

of Sharia and Law in 1990, associate professor since 1996, then professor since 2001, and Dean of the Faculty of Law at the UAE University, respectively. His Eminence is currently the chairman and member of several Sharia Supervisory Boards in Islamic banks and financial institutions, as well as the Supreme Sharia Council of the UAE Central Bank. His Eminence is also the author of several books on law.



### His Eminence Prof. Muhammad Abdul Rahim Ali Sultan Al Ulama



Born in 1960 in Dubai, H.E. Prof. Muhammad Ali Sultan Al-Ulama obtained a bachelor's from the Faculty of Shariah at the Islamic University of Madinah in 1984, and his master's in Fiqh from Umm Al-Qura University in Makkah in 1991, entitled "Rulings of Human Permission under Islamic Jurisprudence", and then a doctorate from the same university in 1998, entitled "Al-Rafi's book Al-Muharir on the Shafi'i Jurisprudence: Study and Analysis." His Eminence is an expert member at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy and has held other important positions, including

as an expert member at the Islamic Fiqh Council of the Muslim World League, Scientific Director of the Faculty of Islamic and Arabic Studies at UAE University, Editor-in-Chief of the Horizons of Culture and Heritage Magazine, Dubai Journal of Islamic and Arabic Studies, member of the Organizing Committee of the Dubai International Holy Qur'an Award and Head of the Qur'anic Sciences Unit. His Eminence is also a member of several Ifta and Sharia Boards of Islamic Financial Institutions and Takaful Companies, as well as the author of several books in various fields of jurisprudence.

## His Excellency Prof. Abdel Nasser Musa Abu Al-Basal



Born in Jordan in 1964, H.E. Dr. Abdel Nasser Musa Abu Al-Basal obtained a bachelor's in Sharia and Law from the United Arab Emirates University in Al-Ain in 1985, and a master's in Jurisprudence and Legislation at the Faculty of Sharia at the University of Jordan in 1988, and a state doctorate in Jurisprudence and Sharia Policy from Al-Zaytuna University in 1992. His Excellency is an expert member of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy and has served important functions, including as Minister of Awqaf, Islamic Affairs and Holy Places in Jordan, Chairman of the Awqaf Council, Dawah and Guidance Council, Zakat Fund Board, Hajj Fund Board of Trustees, as well as a member of the

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