

## IIFA mourns His Eminence Sheikh Dr. Othman Batikh, Tunisia's Grand Mufti and Representative Member

May Allah have mercy on you, our Beloved Mufti of Tunisia. "Every soul will taste death, then to Us you will all be returned" (Al-Ankabut: 57) "who, when faced with a disaster, say, surely to Allah we belong and to Him we will all return" (Al-Baqarah: 156) Indeed, a few are the firm scholars who dare to reveal their innovative ideas and creative judgments on issues and topics that the public considers prohibited from all innovation and prohibited from all ijtihad. Yes, a few of those scholars who do not pay attention to the arbitrary accusations that affect them in their intentions and loyalty as long as they are sincere in their judgments and opinions to their one God. Indeed, a Few are also those scholars who contemplate with infinite depth and accuracy the meanings of those blessed texts from the Noble Qur'an and the great prophetic guidance, and they seek refuge in the intentions scattered within them, and they utter the abundant sayings of past ancestors about them, in order to find effective solutions to the calamities and developments of the age. Yes, a few are the scholars whom God Almighty guides them to combine the reporting of God's judgment as obligatory at one time, and not as obligatory at other times. We believe that our deceased scholar, the late Sheikh Dr. Othman Batikh, who passed away on the morning of Tuesday 29 of

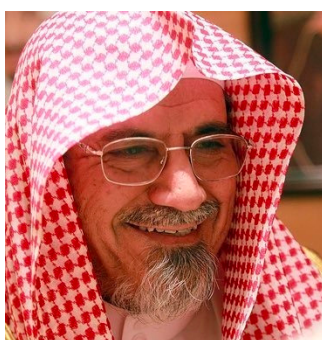


Rabi' al-Awwal 1444H, was rightfully one of those contemporary scholars whom we have mentioned some of their rare exploits and characteristics. He was, may God have mercy on him, a pinnacle of humility, an example of patience and unhurriedness, an example of dignity and calmness. Yes, he was a little talkative, thoughtful, sober in analysis, sober in criticism, deep in contemplation, and right in vision. His precise interventions and profound comments during the sessions of the Academy were welcomed and appreciated by everyone, as he combined in his analyzes the accuracy of the jurist who is also a faqih and the wisdom of the Faqih who is also a jurist. His successful analyzes of the issues were refined by those years he spent

assuming the judiciary in the Tunisian courts. In addition, his realistic Ijtihad regarding the crises all those years were rightful thanks to the years he spent as the Grand Mufti of Tunisia, contemplating and meditating on the appropriate and correct solutions to those crises. The departure of this venerable scholar is a moment of calamity, and a great event. The International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), the presidency, the secretariat, members and experts take advantage of this sad occasion to offer their sincere condolences to the honorable Tunisian people, leadership and people, and to the family of the deceased, his relatives and his admirers. We raise the hands of humility and supplication to the Noble Lord for our sheikh and our teacher to be covered with the vastness of his mercy, his great forgiveness, his great pardon, and that he will gather him on the Day of Judgment with the prophets, the truthful ones, the martyrs, the righteous, and those who are good companions. We also pray to God Almighty that will inspire his family and relatives patience, solace and contentment with what he has decreed. Surely to Allah we belong and to Him we will all return. On behalf of everyone

Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano  
Secretary General

## H.E. Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Humaid chairs 5th Meeting of IIFA Waqf Fund Board



The Board of Trustees of the IIFA Waqf Fund held its 5th meeting on Thursday morning, 17 Rabi al-Awal 1444, corresponding to 13 October 2022, chaired by H.E. Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Humaid, President of the Academy, in the presence of the Board members, Prof. Abdul Rahman Al-Atram, Chairman of Alinma Bank Sharia Board, Dr. Omar Zuhair Hafez, Professor of Economics at King Abdulaziz University, and Dr. Abdullah Muhammad

Al-Muthla, as representative of the IsDB. The President of the Academy opened the session by welcoming the participants and expressing his thanks and appreciation for their response and their support. The meeting then discussed the agenda items presented by Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, which included the minutes approval of the 4th previous meeting. The meeting also discussed an executive

plan such as the outline of the proposed mechanisms for the collection and acceptance of in-kind and cash donations for the Fund, as well as the Makkah apartment and how to benefit from it and its potential yield. After approving the minutes of the previous meeting, the Board of Directors welcomed the proposed implementation plan and discussed other proposals made by some members.

## Secretary General calls for Systematic Codification of Transactions' Rulings at Sharjah Conference



H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), participated in the Fourth Sharjah International Conference on Islamic Economy entitled "Codifying the Provisions of Islamic Financial Transactions: Application and Future Foresight" on Tuesday and Wednesday 8 and 9 Rabi' al-Awwal 1444H corresponding to 4 and 5 October 2022G, held under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Dr. Sultan bin Muhammad Al Qasimi, Member of the Supreme Council and Ruler of Sharjah, and organized by the Sharjah Center for Islamic Economics at Al Qasimia University in the Emirate of Sharjah, United Arab Emirates. This important international conference aims to identify the criteria for the success of codifying the provisions of Islamic financial transactions, presenting contemporary local and international practices and experiences in codifying the provisions of Islamic financial transactions, and the most important Shariah and legal problems for codifying the provisions of Islamic financial transactions and their solutions. His Excellency the Secretary General of the Academy delivered a keynote during the opening session, in which he expressed his thanks and appreciation to the Emirate of Sharjah, the Emirate of science, knowledge, culture and heritage, and its ruler, His Highness Sheikh Dr. Sultan bin Muhammad Al Qasimi, Member of the Supreme Council of the United Arab Emirates, for the generous of the care he gives to science and scholars, asking God to preserve His Highness and his brothers the rulers of the Emirates, and to perpetuate upon them and the honorable Emirati people the blessing of security, safety, stability and prosperity. His Excellency also expressed his thanks and gratitude to Al Qasimia University and its management, president, director and faculty members for their good selection of the topic of this conference, and the good preparation for it in terms of planning, organization and implementation. Then His Excellency touched on the topic of the conference and its importance in this era, saying: "Today we meet in the midst of this beautiful scientific edifice to discuss one of the issues of the times. It has become an urgent need to clarify and explain once for all the issue of codifying the provisions of Islamic Fiqh. We meet today to discuss an important chapter of our great jurisprudence. It is the chapter on financial

transactions in which diligence has become a religious obligation, and consolidating its rulings has become a modern necessity, and directing its issues, guiding its developments and rationalizing its variables has become a time interest, in order to preserve the supreme purposes of Shariah in money and business, the goal of circulation, the goal of development, the goal of clarity, the goal of stability, and an emphasis before that on what is characterized by the provisions of our shariah of wide flexibility, clear comprehensiveness, and a superior ability to achieve happiness for the human being immediately and in the future. It is in fact a confirmation that our great Fiqh can wisely cope with calamities, diligently follow-up events, and track developments. The choice of the ruler, of Fiqh rulings related to one of the five pillars of Islamic Fiqh (worship, marriages, transactions, felonies, policies), and the classification of those selected rulings based on a significant temporal interest, then formulating it in brief terms and codifying it in the form of arranged, numbered and classified legal articles



that is no more than a type of ijthad desired in this era, just as it is no more than a form of renewal desired in our contemporary reality, in order to prevent what we see today from contradictions and inconsistencies in the applications of many financial transactions in Islamic financial institutions. It is this ijthad and innovation that is known today as codifying. There is no doubt that disharmony, conflict and contradiction are prohibited in Shariah, and everything that leads to what is prohibited is also prohibited, which is what is known as the premise of the forbidden. In addition to the fact that the ruling of the ruler in our Shariah removes disagreement, and prevents discord and conflict, because his ruling is for the public interest, and therefore obedience to him is obligatory at all times". His Excellency mentioned

that our universities and intellectual centers constantly organize many conferences, forums and symposia in search of effective solutions to the problems of contemporary life, and in the hope of finding satisfactory answers to the many and varied challenges facing the Muslim Ummah, stressing that this conference "comes within the framework of transferring the issue of codifying from the realm of theory to the realm of practice, and from the realm of wishes to the realm of possibilities, by highlighting the foundations and pillars on which the codification of the provisions of contemporary financial transactions should be based in order to preserve the purpose of the order of the Ummah represented in the cohesion of its social fabric by strengthening its intellectual unity, consolidating its social solidarity, and unifying its visions in its directions and its relations, as well as strengthening its economic and developmental status. This great purpose requires the necessity to stay away from every thought or behavior that results in the occurrence of conflict, contention, hatred and contradiction in the society, and the requirement of this purpose is that harmony and concord prevail among the members of the society, and the quarrel and clash disappears". In conclusion, His Excellency expressed his hope that the conference would issue solid, mature and comprehensive recommendations that include clear lines and sound foundations that help achieve the long-awaited codification, as it will bring about effective solution that regulates contradictory applications in the field of the contemporary financial industry, and conflicting and incompatible applications of the provisions of transactions that are supposed to be harmonious, compatible and matched. His Excellency concluded by expressing the Academy's readiness to adopt the recommendations of this wonderful scientific conference, saying: "Your honorable Academy, the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, which today represents the largest Fiqh reference for the Ummah, looks at this conference of yours and all other scientific conferences that study the calamities of the age, and discuss the latest developments in worship, family issues, economics, social, education, and culture with much attention, reverence and appreciation, and attach great hopes to them in enabling the Academy to carry out its mission of presenting Shariah in a moderate manner by highlighting its advantages and its superior ability to achieve human happiness in this world and the hereafter, as well as confirming the validity of Shariah for every time and place. We have great hope that we will share with you the recommendations that your great conference will reach, which may pave the way for forthcoming Academy's resolutions on this important issue in this era."





## Academic Delegation from Japan pays a visit to the Academy



H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, had a meeting with an Academic delegation from Japan on 15 Rabiul' Awal 1444 corresponding to 11 October 2022. The delegation consisted of the Consul general of Japan and its Representative to the OIC, HE Shimmura Izuru, Prof. Hosaka Shuji, Director of the Institute of Energy Economics in Japan and Professor Ikehata Fukiko, Ritsumeikan University Japan. His Excellency renewed his welcome to the delegation and thanked them for the first visit of its kind by researchers and university professors from Japan to the Academy. He also expressed his gratitude and appreciation to the Consul General for coordinating this visit, and for his constant communication with the Academy, wishing him and the delegation success in their endeavors. Then he presented a brief overview of the vision, mission, programs and activities of the Academy, noting the lofty position that education, awareness and culture

enjoy within the activities and programs of the Academy, stressing the Academy's view of gender education as a sacred religious obligation that must be protected and the cornerstone for the advancement of nations and peoples and the building of nations and states; On this occasion, he referred to the efforts made by the Academy recently to persuade the authorities in Afghanistan to open girls' schools. For his part, Professor Shuki expressed his great appreciation for the efforts of the Academy in spreading the culture of moderation, tolerance, coexistence and harmony among peoples and societies, praising the good reputation that the Academy enjoys in the field of promoting dialogue and understanding between nations and civilizations. He also presented to His Excellency, Dr. Fukeko, a specialist in Islamic studies and international relations and interested in promoting interfaith dialogue, especially with regard to the issue of collective ijthihad, its theory and application within the Academy. Then Dr. Fukeko expressed his sincere thanks and great appreciation to His Excellency and the Academy, stressing the importance of this meeting, which provides her with an opportunity to dialogue with His Excellency and ask some important questions related to collective ijthihad, the development of consensus and the process of drafting the resolutions of the Academy, noting that she recently acquired one of His Excellency's books on collective ijthihad, which is the desired collective ijthihad in the light of contemporary reality. Then she asked His Excellency a number

of questions related to ijthihad in general and collective ijthihad in particular. His Excellency answered her various questions, clarifying the most important conditions that must be met by those who make ijthihad, and the importance of differentiating between Islam as a religion of mercy, guidance and openness, and the wrong practices committed in its name, and unacceptable behavior, stressing that violence, extremism, fanaticism and terrorism are all forbidden and unacceptable in Islam, because they are all a clear expression of the failure to persuade, and the lack of knowledge of the values and principles of Islam. His Excellency concluded the meeting by inviting the delegation to participate in the upcoming seminars and conferences of the Academy. The Meeting was attended by Mr. M. Al-Mondher El-Chouk, Director of the Cabinet, Ms. Sarah Badewi, Director of the Department of Family and Dr. Alhagi Manta Drammeh,



## Secretary General receives American Imam and Professor Muhammad Shafiq

His Excellency E Professor Moustapha Sano received on 15 Rabiul' Awal 1444 corresponding to 11 October 2022, Professor Muhammad Shafiq, executive director for Interfaith Studies and Dialogue Nazareth College in US, Mr. El Sayed Rizk Political Specialist and Ms. Sabah Jama Cultural Affairs Specialist from US consulate general in Jeddah. His Excellency greeted his guest and expressed his delight with the visit and also highlighted the importance of engagement and coordination between the Academy and Muslim educational and cultural centers within Muslim communities in the United States of America in order to coordinate with them the awareness efforts aimed at correcting the stereotyped image of the values and principles of Islam, and correcting misconceptions that claim a conflict between loyalty to religion and adherence to the requirements of citizenship and residence in these societies, whereas in reality there is neither conflict nor contradiction between them as one of the requirements of loyalty to religion is adherence to the regulations and laws that were established in order to achieve security, safety and stability for the individual and society. On this occasion, he pointed to the importance of preachers and imams spreading these authentic concepts about the relationship of citizenship with religion through their sermons, lectures, lessons and meetings with the new generation of Muslim communities in order to enhance their awareness of them and protect them from extremist ideas that provide contradictory texts. Then he concluded with the importance of concerted efforts and forces in order to sensitize



societies to the importance of raising boys and girls through instilling the values of love, mercy, honesty and justice in their souls, and completely avoiding all methods of intimidation, fear, skepticism and violence, as they are failed tools that plant fear, negativity, extremism, fanaticism and perversion in the souls of the youth instead of love, positivity and moderation. He drew attention to the importance of encouraging young people to engage in intellectual, social, economic, cultural and political activities that are offered to them by the countries in which they reside and whose nationalities they hold, in order to confirm their full affiliation and full integration into them. On his part Professor Shafiq thanked His Excellency for the opportunity to meet him despite his busy schedule noting the pivotal role of the Academy in enhancing the educational capacity of the Muslim education institutions in USA particularly he pointed out that the community faced challenges of identity and the discourse in terms of a simplified approach to

Fiqh to be embraced by the youth in order to properly counter the output of the social media. Therefore, Muslim communities in America look forward to the support of the Academy in filling this intellectual and reference void by publishing booklets that simplify the provisions and principles of Islam and answer the questions and concerns of young people in a modern, easy, attractive and convincing manner, away from complications and details. He also expressed his readiness to coordinate with a number of promising intellectual and scientific institutions and centers to build a strategic partnership between them and the Academy in the near future, especially the Fiqh Council of North America and the International Institute of Islamic Thought. The meeting was also attended by Mr. M. Al-Mondher El-Chouk, Director of the Cabinet, Ms. Sarah Badewi, Director of the Department of Family, Dr. Ismail Cebeci head of Encyclopedia Division, and Dr. Alhagi Manta Drammeh, Head of the International Cooperation.



## Secretary General calls for the Protection of Fatwa at Cairo Ifta Conference



At the kind invitation of Sheikh Dr. Shawqi Ibrahim Abdulkarim Allam, President of the Secretariat General of World Ifta Authorities and the Grand Mufti of Egypt, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), participated in the 7th International Dar Al Ifta Conference under the title "The Role of Ifta in Achieving Sustainable Development Goals" which was held on Monday and Tuesday 21-22 Rabi' al-Awal 1444, corresponding to 17-18 October 2022 in Cairo. His Excellency delivered the opening speech session of the conference expressing his thanks and gratitude to Egypt and its generous people and leadership, for holding this honorable conference on an important timely issue. He also expressed his great thanks to H.E. the Grand Mufti of Egypt for inviting the Academy to this wonderful event. His Excellency then spoke about the importance of fatwa in the lives of peoples, saying: "Allow me to express my appreciation and reverence for this luminous and bright constellation of eminent scholars of the Ummah who flocked to this blessed town. And allow me also to give my thanks and gratitude to our sheikh and brother, the Grand Mufti of Egypt, for inviting the International Islamic Fiqh Academy to participate in this wonderful scientific forum, which we consider to be an extension of the Academy's mission of presenting Shariah in a moderate manner and explaining its advantages, and its ability to achieve happiness and prosperity for man everywhere, and to confirm its validity for every time and place. It is well-established that fatwa was, is, and will remain the refuge of peoples and the refuge of nations in order to know Sharia provisions on calamities and developments. It is of utmost importance in shaping the contemporary Muslim mind, defining its identity, and its view of itself, its society, and the world around it. Therefore, it is not surprising that wisdom of the Lord and the clarification of the Sharia rulings are limited to a distinguished set of scholars who combine knowledge of Sharia with that of reality. It is not surprising that the practice of this honorable task remains sacred and sanctified throughout

history, based on its influence on perceptions, behaviors, and practices." His Excellency also said that fatwa issuance was at one time practiced in the corners of mosques, but today "is practiced through newspapers, magazines, radio stations, satellite channels, and web pages, just as today it is practiced through fixed phones, mobile phones, and electronic messages, short texts, e-mail, and other means of communication and communication developed, which increased their impact on individuals and societies quickly and deeply. However, it is unfortunate what we see today of frantic strife from incompetent people who are careless and neglectful of the believers' welfare, but rather they take it as a vehicle for false fame, a deluded popularity, and toxic ideological means to spread problems and social vices, economic and political unrest. The prestige, sacredness, and sanctity that was once for this industry is now at stake and perhaps in crisis, due to the distortion of the extremists, the impersonation of the unqualified, and the interpretation of the ignorant, which increased the Ummah's weariness, disunity, and dispersion!! It is indeed clear of all of us in this blessed conference that the destructive effects of the unjust, perplexing and wrong fatwas which were and still are a major reason for the actions of the misled of the Ummah's sons who rush in the midst of ignorance, and under the influence of



a sick psyche, to blow themselves up sometimes and innocent souls at other times, violate the honor of men and women on occasions, and destroy the infrastructures and superstructures of nations and peoples many times, in addition to what they spread of terror, panic and fear everywhere!! On the other hand, it is also not a secret that the good effects of sober and solid fatwas were and still are the refuge for the lost, the reference for the despondent, and the refuge for the penitents to whom religious truths and Shariah teachings are revealed, so they renounce destructive thoughts and engage in building nations. His Excellency stressed that the best remedy for contemporary intellectual afflictions lies in providing the necessary protection for this blessed profession and achieving decisive legal framework that protects the people and the country from the unjust and ambiguous fatwas

issued by those who are not into it. The best way to avoid the consequences of those who make lawful unlawful or vice versa, such as in contemporary financial transactions as a result of their inability to distinguish between fixed and intricate rulings regarding finance and business; so we believe that the safe and ultimate solution to the unrest and social turmoil that continues to ravage countries and peoples requires taking intellectual and security measures to put an end to those ominous and feverish fatwas that fuel extremist thoughts, glorify violence, praise fanaticism and terrorism, and call for war, killing and unjust aggression. His Excellency concluded by praising this conference and such similar activities to correct concepts and direct footsteps to restore prestige and sanctity of Fatwa-Making: "The fatwas should be conducted around for the sake of reunification, the closing of the ranks, the unification of the voice of the Ummah against calamities and critical issues, and putting an end to people's suffering from fighting, dispersal, and quarreling as a result of the spread of aberrant fatwas, at times, malicious, at times expiatory and at other times exploding!! This conference of yours is being held today to protect this blessed profession from the danger of tampering with the security of peoples and nations, and to unite efforts to defeat those who dare to attack it through satellite channels and modern social media. This honorable profession in the present era is at the hands of those who are vowed to continue spreading sedition in countries, destroying homes, sowing discord and hatred, and defaming God openly!! Your conference is being held to highlight that aspired role of fatwa in enhancing peoples' awareness of the importance of cooperation, integration and synergy in order to achieve the comprehensive development goals agreed upon by the nations of the earth and adopted by countries and regions, and to confirm that these noble goals are fixed principles and eternal values that are recognized and embraced by our blessed faith, noble Shariah, and our sacred religion." His Excellency's speech was well received and widely applauded, and many newspapers and websites published excerpts from his speech.





## IIFA and Al-Azhar University sign a Cooperation Agreement in Cairo



In order to make the best use of the expertise of the universities, institutes and scientific centers from within and outside the Muslim world, and to achieve intellectual convergence and enhance knowledge integration among the reputable scientific institutions in the OIC Member states, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Sano, Secretary-General of the Academy, and H.E. Prof. Salama Gomaa Ali Daoud, President of Al-Azhar University, signed a cooperation agreement between the two institutions, this morning, Tuesday 23 Rabi' Al-Awal 1444, corresponding to 18 October 2022, at the university's headquarters in Cairo. This new agreement aims to build a broad strategic partnership in the scientific, intellectual and research fields between the two institutions, especially in the field of joint studies and research on contemporary issues and calamities. It also focuses on strengthening the coordination and cooperation between the Academy and institutions and bodies that work in the field of awareness-raising and education, correcting false ideas, spreading moderate Islamic thought, and rejecting fanaticism, extremism, and terrorism.

The agreement also aims to jointly organize conferences and symposiums, hold workshops and training, exchange publications and publications, and represent the two sides in the conferences and symposia. After signing the agreement, the Secretary-General of the Academy expressed his great pleasure and honor to sign this important agreement with one of the oldest and most prestigious universities in the world, praising that glorious historical position of Al-Azhar Al-Sharif as a university of all fields, especially in scientific research, and in empowering generations of legal, social and natural sciences, His Excellency also stressed that the Academy is indebted to Al-Azhar Al-Sharif, both mosque and university, considering that most of its members and experts received their education directly from Al-Azhar or indirectly through Al-Azhar professors outside the Arab Republic of Egypt, noting in this regard his personal feeling of being one of those who received their preparatory education and high school at the hands of the Azharites in his country, before joining King Saud University in Riyadh. His Excellency concluded by expressing his aspiration that this agreement would enable the Academy to benefit from the expertise and capacities of this prestigious university, by receiving 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 fields. For his part, the Rector of the University expressed his thanks and gratitude to the Secretary-General for completing this agreement and for the appreciation, love,

and respect he has for Al-Azhar Al-Sharif both as a mosque and as a university, stressing his aspiration for the university, through its faculties, institutes and scientific centers, to harness all its capabilities to make this agreement a success, and to implement its provisions in an optimal manner. His Excellency also praised the prestigious scientific position and the great intellectual reputation that the Academy enjoys within and outside the OIC Member states, as a pioneering model for intellectual convergence among the Ummah's scholars, and for promoting cooperation and integration among its scientific institutions. The signing ceremony at the university's headquarters was attended by Prof. Dr. Mohamed Al-Mahasawi, former university president, Dr. Mohamed Abu Zaid Al-Amir, Vice President of the University for Lower Egypt, Dr. Mahmoud Siddik, Vice President for Graduate Studies and Research, and Dr. Mohamed El-Sherbiny, Vice President for Education Affairs And students, as well as Prof. Abdullah Mabrouk Al-Najjar, appointed member of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, Mrs. Sarah Amjad Hussein, Director of Family Affairs at the Academy, and Mr. Amjad Ibrahim Mustafa, Head of the Protocols Division at the Academy.



## Secretary General calls on Ifta Councils to raise awareness of Sustainable Development Goals at Global Ifta Conference in Cairo

The Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano participated in the first scientific session of the 7th Global Conference on Ifta and Sustainable Development Goals, on Monday, 21 Rabi' al-Awal 1444 corresponding to 17 October 2022, in Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt. His Excellency spoke about the role of ifta in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, starting by giving a brief summary of the reason for the formulation of the Sustainable Development Goals by the United Nations General Assembly, on the eve of its confirmation that most of the countries of the world will not be able to achieve the third millennium development goals by 2015. The eight development goals were (1) eradicate extreme poverty and hunger, (2) achieve universal primary education, (3) promote gender equality and empower women, (4) reduce child mortality, and (5) improve maternal health. (6) combat AIDS, malaria and other diseases, (7) ensure environmental sustainability, and (8) develop a global partnership for development. Given the global disparity in the implementation of these goals, the UN resolved in 2015 to call on countries around the world to work together to achieve the seventeen (17) goals by the year 2030. These goals, called the Sustainable Development Goals, focus on social development, economic development, environmental development, and political development. These seventeen goals take some of the previous development goals



and focus specifically on the environment. These goals outlined in the UN document include (1) poverty eradication, (2) hunger eradication, (3) health and well-being, (4) quality education, (5) gender equality, (6) clean water and sanitation, (7) clean and affordable energy, (8) decent work and economic growth, (9) industry, innovation and infrastructure, (10) reducing inequality, (11) sustainable cities and communities, (12) responsible consumption and production, (13) climate action, (14) underwater life, (15) terrestrial life, (16) peace, justice and strong institutions, (17) contracting for partnership to achieve the goals. His Excellency clarified that these and their previous objectives are all legitimate objectives from the Islamic perspective, since the principles of Shariah are considered eternal and fall within the generalities of the five objectives of Shariah for the preservation of the five known necessities (religion, being, offspring, mind and property)

that are addressed by the teachings of Islam through its general and special texts, which makes it necessary for the Ifta bodies to raise awareness and publicize these objectives, to encourage countries and peoples to work towards them and to avoid casting doubt on them. His Excellency concluded by pointing out that the Qur'an and Sunnah contain many warnings against poverty, misery, mediocrity, ignorance, inability, disease, corruption, injustice, and fanaticism, all of which indicate the importance of combating these phenomena that directly and indirectly hinder the achievement of the sustainable development goals. Moreover, the verses and hadiths that were mentioned urging hard work, justice, education, equality, hygiene, and others, all confirm the importance of the sustainable development goals and the efforts to achieve them. His Excellency's speech was very well received by the audience because of its clarity, detail and harmony of ideas.



## IIFA and Ibn Khaldun University sign a Cooperation Agreement in Istanbul



H.E. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), and Prof. Attaullah Arkan, President of Ibn Khaldun University in Istanbul, signed a cooperation agreement between the two institutions, on Thursday 25 Rabi' al-Awwal 1444H, corresponding to 21 October 2022G, at the university's headquarters in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey. This agreement aims to build a focused strategic partnership in the field of joint scientific studies and research on calamities and contemporary issues, as well as the joint organization of conferences and symposia,

in addition to the exchange of publications. Following the signing of the agreement, the Secretary General of the Academy expressed his happiness at signing this agreement with one of the emerging universities in the Muslim world in the field of intellectual, social, economic, legal and communication studies, praising the rapid developments and qualitative changes witnessed by the promising university, noting in this regard the quality of programs and scientific disciplines it offers. He concluded by expressing his aspiration that this agreement would be a good opportunity to benefit from the expertise and scientific capabilities of the university, by soliciting researchers from its various faculties and institutes to participate in the Academy's sessions, seminars and conferences. For his part, the President of the University expressed his great thanks and gratitude to His Excellency for the completion of this agreement between the two institutions and for the appreciation he has for this promising university, stressing his aspiration for the University, through its faculties, institutes and scientific centers, to harness all its capabilities to make this agreement a success, and to implement

its provisions in the proper manner. He also praised the scientific status of the Academy, and the respect that the Academy enjoys within and outside the member states of the OIC, as a pioneering model for intellectual convergence among the Ummah's scholars, and for promoting cooperation and integration among its scientific institutions. The signing ceremony was attended by Prof. Ali Yasali Mak, Vice President for Legal Affairs, Prof. Elaf Arkilt, Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Mr. Enas Yelman, Head of the Department of External Relations at the university, Dr. Ismail Jebaji, Head of Encyclopedia Division at the Academy, Mrs. Sarah Amjad Hussein, Director of Family Affairs Department, and Mr. Amjad Ibrahim Mustafa, Head of Protocol Division at the Academy.



## IIFA and Istanbul Zaim University sign a Memorandum of Cooperation

H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy (IIFA), and Prof. Ahmed Cevat Acar, President of Istanbul Zaim University, signed a strategic cooperation agreement between the two institutions on Monday 28 Rabi' al-Awwal 1444H, corresponding to 24 October 2022G, at the university's headquarters in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey. This agreement aims to cooperate in the joint organization of conferences and symposia, to hold workshops and training, and exchanging publications and periodicals. After signing the agreement, His Excellency the Secretary General expressed his feelings, saying: "I am happy to visit this promising young university, and happy to learn about its intellectual activities and distinguished scientific programs. Also I am happy to enable the Academy to make maximum use of the Academic staff that are abound in it by inviting them to



prepare research and studies for participation in the Academy's conferences and sessions. Finally, I am optimistic that this partnership will be a model for strong and solid cooperation relations between the Academy and the leading scientific, intellectual and research institutions in

the Muslim world." For his part, the President of the University expressed his great pleasure in concluding this historic agreement with the most important Fiqh institution in modern times, noting the pioneering and pivotal role played by the Academy in the field of unifying Ummah. He concluded by expressing his aspiration to activate the terms of the agreement in the near future for the mutual benefit of the two institutions.



## President of ICYF receives Secretary General of the Academy in Istanbul



His Excellency Mr. Taha Ayhan, President of the Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum (ICYF), received His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), and his accompanying delegation, on Friday 25 Rabi' al-Awwal 1444H corresponding to 21 October 2022G at the Forum's headquarters in Istanbul, the Republic of Turkey. He expressed his thanks and gratitude to His Excellency the Secretary General for visiting the Forum. He also expressed his aspiration to strengthen relations

of cooperation, partnership and coordination between the Academy and the Forum on all issues and questions related to Muslim youth around the world. For his part, the Secretary General expressed his gratitude to the President of the Forum and all his assistants for their appreciable efforts in guiding the youth and raising their awareness through activities, events and programs that help them preserve their Islamic identity, values, and traditions, as well as their pride in their belonging to the Ummah, noting the importance of adhering to the method of moderation and spreading the culture of moderation, tolerance, coexistence and harmony among young people. He also pointed out the importance of moving away from using intimidation and coercion methods when addressing young people, and instead instilling the values of love, honesty, uprightness, critical thinking, transparency, courage, love of creativity and innovation in them. Then the two parties discussed possible aspects of cooperation in light of the agreement of understanding signed by the

two institutions. Accordingly, His Excellency proposed to the Forum that the Academy intends to hold on "the family institution in the twenty-first century: Challenges and Prospects", noting that the symposium will dedicate an important part of its sessions to discussing the most important intellectual, social, economic, cultural and political challenges facing Muslim youth in the modern era. The president of the Forum welcomed the idea of jointly organizing the aforementioned symposium, and agreed that the staff from both parties will work on it at soonest.





## 24th Monthly Staff Meeting of the Academy

On Sunday 06 Rabi' Al-Awwal 1444H corresponding to 02 October 2022G, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the twenty-fourth monthly periodic meeting of the Academy's employees, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah. His Excellency began the meeting by welcoming the attendees and thanking them for their participation, then he touched upon the achievements, improvements and various projects that the Academy has achieved during the past twenty-four months since His Excellency assumed the duties of the Secretary General of the Academy, thanking everyone for their good cooperation and the efforts they exerted to perform their duties towards God and the Muslim Ummah, which we all serve. He also urged everyone to persevere in serious and distinguished work to achieve the



goals of the Academy, so that the coming year would be better than the previous year in terms of results. As usual, His Excellency then opened the way for all employees to freely express their opinions and suggestions and put forward their professional and social problems and issues for discussion so that they can be answered and solved professionally in order to achieve the principle of positive communication between His Excellency and the employees, and in an effort to achieve job

satisfaction and work environment motivating creativity and innovation. His Excellency listened attentively to the interventions and inquiries of the participants and stressed the need to show a spirit of tolerance and forgiveness among employees in order to preserve brotherly ties and cooperation between them, and to seek reward from God Almighty. Several decisions were taken from the meeting, the most important of which are: Communicate with the Academy's members and experts in order to suggest new topics for the upcoming Sessions of the Academy. Creating a database of researchers for the next Session in order to be used for the upcoming Sessions of the Academy. Agreeing on the names of the member states of the OIC nominated to host the next Sessions of the Academy.

## 43rd Periodic Meeting of Divisions' Heads

The General Secretariat of the Academy held its forty-third periodic meeting of division heads, headed by His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), on Tuesday 22 Rabi' al-Awwal 1444H corresponding to 18 October 2022G, via video technology from his residence in Cairo, Republic of Egypt. His Excellency opened the meeting, welcoming the attendees, thanking them for their keenness to attend these periodic meetings, and reminding and motivating them to continue to exert effort and continue work and diligence in achieving the goals of the Academy. Then His Excellency spoke about his participation in the Seventh International Conference for Fatwas in the Republic of Egypt, in which he delivered a speech at the opening session of the conference. His

speech was well received and well appreciated, and most newspapers and websites published excerpts of the speech on their pages. His Excellency also spoke about signing a joint cooperation agreement between the Academy and Al-Azhar University, which aims to build a broad strategic partnership in the scientific, intellectual and research fields between the two institutions, especially in the field of joint studies and research on calamities and contemporary issues. The meeting then discussed the items on the meeting's agenda, and the discussions resulted in a number of decisions being taken, including:

- Nominating two parties to correspond with them for partnership and cooperation with the Academy to hold a symposium: "The Family Foundation: Challenges and Prospects."
- Referring some of the Session's research

papers to the media and conference departments, for coordination and formatting, similar to the coordination and formatting of the printing division.

- Forming a scientific committee for the final review of the Session's research.



## 92nd Weekly Meeting of Departments' Directors

The Secretariat General of the Academy held its ninety-second weekly meeting for the directors of the departments headed by His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano on Monday 07 Rabi' Al-Awwal 1444H corresponding to 03 October 2022G at the headquarters of the General Secretariat in Jeddah. His Excellency



welcomed the attendees and thanked them for their participation in these meetings, then spoke about his participation in the Fourth Sharjah International Conference on Islamic Economics at Al Qasimia University entitled "Codifying the Provisions of Islamic Financial Transactions", which will be held in the United Arab Emirates – the Emirate of Sharjah under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Dr. Sultan bin Muhammad Al Qasimi, Ruler of Sharjah, and Member of the Supreme Council of the United Arab Emirates. Then His Excellency spoke about the recent contacts he had with His Excellency the President of the Academy and some of the parties that were requested to support the Academy for the next Session. 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:

- Preparing an integrated concept about the Annual Session program (the scientific sessions with their titles), with a proposal for the time period for each scientific session according to the topic, and the number of researchers in it. Preparing a list of important personalities who can be invited to participate in the Session from the list of entities with which the Academy has signed memoranda of cooperation. Preparing quotations for tickets for the participants in the Session, accompanied by a detailed report.

## 93rd Weekly Meeting of Departments' Directors



The Secretary General of the Academy, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Mustapha Sano chaired the 93rd weekly meeting of the directors of the Academy's departments on Monday 14 Rabi' al-Awal 1444, corresponding to 11 October 2022,

at the Secretariat General's headquarters in Jeddah. His Excellency opened the meeting by greeting and thanking the participants for their regular attendance, and then spoke about his participation in the 4th Sharjah International Conference on Islamic Economy in Al Qasimia University, under the title "Codification of the Rulings of Contemporary Islamic Financial Transactions". His Excellency expressed his gratitude and appreciation to the Emirate of Sharjah, the government, and people of the United Arab Emirates for their warm welcome and hospitality, and to Al Qasimia University and all the officials for the successful organization. The departments' meeting also discussed

the decisions of the previous meeting, to ascertain their progress, and issued several new decisions, including: Continue to send the ready-made research papers of the next session to their authors, as well as the deadline for submitting their presentations and draft presentations. Planning the next session's program (scientific sub-sessions with their titles), with a proposal for the timing of each, according to the subject and the number of researchers. Preparing the appreciation gifts that will be distributed to the participating guests at the 25th session.

## 94th Weekly Meeting of Departments' Directors

His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the ninety-fourth weekly meeting of the directors of the Academy's departments on Wednesday 23 Rabi' al-Awwal 1444H, corresponding to 19 October 2022G, via video technology from his residence in Cairo, the Republic of Egypt. His Excellency began the meeting by welcoming the attendees, thanking them for their keenness to attend these weekly meetings. His Excellency then spoke about his participation in the Seventh International Conference of Dar Al-Ifta under the title "Fatwa and Sustainable Development Goals". His Excellency delivered a speech at the opening session of the conference, in which he expressed his thanks and gratitude to the Republic of Egypt and its good people, leadership and people, for holding this honorable conference on an important topic of the hour. He also expressed his great thanks and great appreciation to His Eminence Sheikh Dr. Shawqi Ibrahim Abdel Karim Allam, Head of the General Secretariat for Fatwa Institutions and Bodies in the world, and the Grand Mufti of Egypt. In his speech, His

Excellency pointed out the importance of the fatwa and its impact on the lives of peoples, as it is a haven for peoples and a refuge for nations in order to know the provisions of Shariah in calamities and developments. He also explained that the impact of the fatwa on individuals and societies has become fast because it is exercised through modern means, calling on states and concerned people to provide the necessary protection to issue fatwas, and to confront abnormal and corrupt fatwas. He also called for concerted efforts and integration of moves among the fatwa's people to achieve unification, unite the word and unite the ranks in the face of the Ummah's calamities and major fateful issues. His Excellency also spoke about signing a cooperation agreement between the Academy and Al-Azhar University, hoping to benefit from the distinguished expertise and experiences of this great scientific university in the scientific, intellectual and research fields, as it is one of the oldest and most prestigious universities in the world. Then the meeting discussed the items of the previous meeting's decisions, to ascertain the extent of their achievement. Several decisions were issued by

the meeting, the most important of which are: Continuing to send the rest of the finished research papers to the exhibitors for the Session's research, while setting a date for sending the proposals along with the presentation projects. Sending a letter of thanks to the attendees of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Academy's Endowment Fund, with the minutes attached in its final form. Reviewing the approximate cost of media coverage of the Session received from the Media Department and making comments on it. Starting the preparation of the discretionary gifts presented to the guests participating in the twenty-fifth Session.



## 95th Weekly Meeting of Departments' Directors

His Excellency Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the ninety-fifth weekly meeting of the directors of the Academy's departments on Monday, 28 Rabi' al-Awwal 1444H corresponding to 24 October 2022G, via video technology from his residence in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey. His Excellency opened the meeting by welcoming the attendees, thanking them all for their perseverance in attending these important meetings and calling on everyone to work on accomplishing the tasks entrusted to them, especially the tasks related to the organization of the twenty-fifth Session of the Academy. In this context, he informed the meeting of the contacts he made with officials in the headquarters country in order to mobilize support and assistance for this Session. Then His Excellency touched on the subject of the working visit that he and the delegation accompanying him are currently making to the Republic of Turkey,



where he participated in the work of the 12th session of the Information Ministers' Meeting of the Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), and on the sidelines of the visit, he carried out many other activities, where he signed two strategic cooperation agreements with Ibn Khaldun University and Sabah al-Din Zaim University in Istanbul. He also met with the President of the Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum in Istanbul. The meeting resulted in the two sides agreeing to jointly organize a symposium

"Family Foundation in the 21st Century:

- Challenges and Prospects" in Istanbul during the coming period. Then the meeting discussed the items of the previous meeting's decisions and several new decisions were issued, the most important of which are:
- Sending the finished research papers of the twenty-fifth Session to the delegated and appointed members of the Academy.
- Updating the list of participants in the twenty-fifth Session of the Academy with the addition of the official capacity of each participant.
- Providing the Academy's Media Department with new computers to enable it to carry out its tasks without any delay.
- Holding daily meetings for all the subcommittees responsible for organizing the 25th Session of the Academy in order to be prepared fully and early.



## Rays of Light on the Lives of the Academy's Scholars (7)

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 Sharia, 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 bin 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. Hassan Ali Al-Shadhily



Born in Assiut Governorate, Upper Egypt, in 1925, H.E. Prof. Hassan Ali El-Shadily graduated from the Faculty of Sharia at Al-Azhar University in 1950, obtaining a bachelor's from the Sharia judiciary in 1952, a teaching license in 1953, a diploma in legal sciences in 1955, a master's degree in 1966, and a PhD in comparative jurisprudence from the College of Sharia and Law in 1968. His Eminence has held several positions mainly as an expert at the Kuwaiti Fiqh Encyclopedia, Deputy President of the Ifta Council, Chairman of General Affairs Committee, teaching at the Faculty of Sharia and Law at Al-Azhar, Ain Shams and Minya universities, as well as at Teachers College in Libya. His Eminence has served as the Head of

Shariah Dept at the Faculty of Sharia in Kuwait University then as its Dean, Head of Comparative Jurisprudence at the High Judicial Institute of Al-Imam University in Riyadh. His Eminence authored many works, notably: History of Islamic Legislation, Fiqh Theories, Crimes and Hudud, Islamic Economy and the State's Financial Resources and its External Relations, Usul Al-Fiqh, Rulings on Human Organ Transplantation, The Right of the Fetus to Life, The Beginning and End of The Human Life, Birth Control, Cloning, and Genetic Fingerprinting. Prior to his death in 2018, His Eminence served as a member of al-Azhar's Islamic Research Academy and as an expert member at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy.

### His Eminence Sheikh Abdul Qadir bin Muhammad Al-Ammari

Born in 1935 in Yemen, H.E. Sheikh Abdul Qadir bin Muhammad Al-Ammari began his studies at Sharia Department at the Faculty of Law at the University of Khartoum and graduated in 1957. His Eminence served various important positions, including as a judge in Yemen, and in the Sharia Court of Qatar, as well as a Vice-President of the Court of Appeal in Qatar. His Eminence has also been a member of the Sharia Supervisory Board at Qatar's Islamic Bank and International Islamic Bank, His Eminence published several articles in Qatari newspapers and Arab magazines dealing with contemporary issues from a Sharia



perspective, including financial transactions as well other issues. His Eminence published many works, notably: For the sake of peace, Useful Tips for a Happy Marriage, Allah permitted selling and forbade usury, Traffic Accidents, Qur'anic Reflections, Rewards of the Merciful in the month of Ramadan, Women... Equal Parts of Men, Bay Wafa, Tawaruq, and Aynah, Islam is Hanafiya, Message of the Judiciary in Islam, Fatwas for Contemporary Muslims, Contemporary Financial Issues. Prior to his death in 2021 in Qatar, His Eminence also served as an expert member for the International Islamic Fiqh Academy.

### His Eminence Sheikh Qadi Mujahid Al-Islam Al-Qasimi

Born in 1936 in Bihar, India, His Eminence Sheikh Qadi Mujahid al-Islam al-Qasimi began his studies in 1951 at Dar al-Ulum of Deoband, graduating in 1955. His Eminence served various important positions notably as a lecturer at Al-Rahmaniya University in the city of Munger in Bihar, as well as its Sharia judge and director of its religious affairs. His Eminence collaborated with prominent scholars and leaders to establish the All-India Personal Status Authority. His Eminence has been a member of the Arab Scientific Academy in Damascus, and received several awards, such as the Shah Wali Allah Dhlawi

Award from the Institute for Objective Studies in New Delhi, Sheikh Abi al-Hassan Ali al-Nadawi Award from the American Muslim Association. His Eminence authored many books in Arabic and Urdu, mainly: Waqf, Judiciary System in Islam, Contemporary Fiqh Issues, Fiqh of Problems, Animal Slaughters, Analysis of Sinwan Qada book, Share'e Fatwas in Two Volumes, On Ushr and Zakat, Faskh wa Al Tafriq, The Guardianship of Marriage, Installment Sales, Fiqh Research, Ethics of Judiciary. Prior to his death in 2002 in India, His Eminence also served as an expert member at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy.



## His Eminence Sheikh Dr. Ibrahim Fadel Al-Dabbu

Born in the city of Hit, Anbar Governorate, Iraq, in 1937, H.E. Sheikh Dr. Ibrahim Fadel Al-Dabbu obtained a bachelor's in Sharia and Islamic studies at the Imam College in Baghdad, a master's and a PhD in Islamic Studies in 1973 and 1993 from the University of Baghdad, respectively. His Eminence held various positions mainly teaching as an assistant at the College of Arts at the University of Baghdad, a professor in the College of Arts at the University of Applied Sciences in Amman, then as a lecturer at Faculty of Arts at the University of Bahrain. His Eminence is the author of several books, notably: Mudarabah Contract, Partnerships in Wujooth or Mafalis, Implications for the Partnership in Debt, Shariah Ruling on Profits from Saving Funds,

Impeachment Contract: A Comparative Study, Trust, Murabaha, Trusteeship, , and Partnership Contracts, Partnership in "Innan" according to Islamic jurisprudence : A Comparative Study, Examples of Islamic Financial Transactions, Illegal Practices by the Lessee, Conducting Contracts by Modern Devices of Communication, Al-Sallam and its Contemporary Applications, Banks and the Society's Need for them, Murabaha for the Purchase Orderer, Tawarruq : its reality and types, Guarantee of benefits in Islamic jurisprudence and civil law, Islamic economics in theory and practice. Prior to his death in 2011 in Manama, Bahrain, His Eminence also served as an expert member at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy.



## His Eminence Dr. Omar bin Suleiman bin Abdullah Al-Ashqar



Born in 1940 in Barqa village in Nablus, Palestine, H.E. Sheikh Dr. Omar Al-Ashqar has been forced to leave Palestine, obtaining his BA from the Faculty of Sharia at Imam Muhammad bin Saud Islamic University, and an MA and PhD from the Faculty of Sharia at Al-Azhar University in 1980. His Eminence held various positions, mainly as a lecturer at the Faculty of Sharia at Kuwait University, a professor at the Faculty of Sharia at the University of Jordan, and Dean of the Faculty of Sharia at Zarqa University. His Eminence is the author of several works notably: Women among the Advocates of Islam and Progress, Characteristics of the

Islamic Personality, Towards an Authentic Islamic culture, A Tour around the Gardens of Scholars and other Life Events, Qiyas (Analogy) between its Supporters and Opponents, Divine law And Not Djahiliya Laws, Fasting in light of the Quran and Sunnah, Purposes of Divine Worship, Ruling on the Participation in Ministries and Parliamentary Councils, The Fundamentals of Beliefs, Names and Attributes of Allah according to Ahlu Sunna wa Jamaah. Prior to his death in 2012 in Amman, Jordan, His Eminence also served as an expert member at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy.

## His Eminence Prof. Muhammad Othman Shobeer

Born in 1949 in Palestine, Prof. Muhammad Othman Taher Shobeer obtained a bachelor's in Sharia in the University of Jordan in 1973, a master's in 1975, and a doctorate from the Faculty of Sharia and Law at Al-Azhar University in 1980. His Eminence worked as a professor in several universities, such as the University of Sharjah, University of Qatar, University of Jordan, Kuwait University, and King Saud University, and served important positions, mainly as an expert member at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, a member of the Sharia Council of the Accounting and Auditing Organization for Islamic Financial Institutions

(AAOIFI), and a member of the Scientific Committee of the Kuwait Fiqh Encyclopedia, Head of the Department of Jurisprudence and Legislation at the University of Jordan, Head of the Department of Jurisprudence and its Fundamentals at the Shariah College in Qatar University, Member of the Advisory Committee for Sharia Consultations in Jordan, Visiting Professor at the Islamic University of Shinta Bayram - Kerala - India, and Visiting Professor at the University of Islamic Sciences, Malaysia. His Eminence participated widely in international and local conferences events, and authored several books in various topics.



## His Eminence Prof. Muhammad Akram Laldin



Born in 1965 in Malaysia, H.E. Dr. Muhammad Akram Laldin obtained a bachelor's in Fiqh and Sharia from the University of Jordan, and a doctorate in Usul al-Fiqh from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, entitled "The Theory of Urf and its Application in Islamic Jurisprudence." His Eminence served important positions, mainly as a lecturer at the College of Revealed Knowledge and Human Sciences, International Islamic University in Malaysia, a visiting assistant professor at the University of Sharjah, Executive Director of the International Academy for Sharia Research in Islamic Finance (ISRA), and a lecturer at the International Center for Education in Islamic Finance in Malaysia (INCEIF).

His Eminence served also as an expert and advisor in many local and international professional bodies, and as a member of many local and international Sharia boards, including the Shariah Advisory Board of the Central Bank of Malaysia, Chairman of the Sharia Supervisory Board of the Malaysia Employees Provident Fund, and a member of the Board Sharia advisor for the International Islamic Financial Market in Bahrain, and a member of the Shariah Supervisory Board of the Labuan Financial Services Authority. His Eminence is the author of several books and research papers and participated in international and local conferences events in the Islamic financial industry.



## His Excellency Dr. Ahmed Muhyidin Ahmed

Born in 1956 in Sudan, Dr. Ahmed Muhyidin Ahmed obtained a bachelor's in Economics in 1979 at Omdurman Islamic University in Sudan, a master's in Jurisprudence of Transactions in 1984, and a PhD in Islamic Economics in 1989 at Umm Al-Qura University in Makkah, respectively. His Eminence served several important positions, mainly as the Head of the Banking Research and Studies Department at Dallah Al Baraka Group in Saudi Arabia, Assistant Secretary General for Economic Affairs at the Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Pakistan, Secretary General of the World Zakat Fund, Secretary General of the Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture, Head of Research and Studies Department in Iqra Waqf Fund, Head of Sharia Research and Studies at Dallah Al Baraka Group, Member of the Sharia Supervisory Board, Sharia Consultant, Member of the Board of Directors, and Member of the Executive Committee, Member of the Academic Committee, Chairman of various Shariah Supervisory Board in Islamic banks and companies, internationally.



His Eminence is the author of many works, including Islamic investment in the global market, stock markets and their development, implications in the Islamic economy, Fatwas on Murabaha, Musharaka, Mudaraba, Istisna, banking and leasing services, Research on Islamic finance, Establishing Infrastructure Projects according to the BOT model, Banking Applications of Tawaruq Contract and its effects on the course of Islamic banking, the negatives of existing stock markets in Arab countries, a Sharia model law for a stock market, Sharia criteria for establishing conventional banks' Islamic branches and windows, Procrastination in the payment of debts, bank financing, the Role of Awqaf in financing graduate studies, Risks in Islamic banking, diminishing musharaka, Islamic financial instruments, Role of currency speculation in the collapse of Southeast Asian markets, the Role of the central bank in Islamic banking, Challenges facing Islamic banks, Prior to his death in 2020, His Eminence also served as an expert member of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy.

## His Eminence Dr. Hani Suleiman Muhammad Al- Ta'imat

Born in 1957 in Jordan, Dr. Hani Suleiman Muhammad Al-Ta'imat obtained a bachelor's degree from the Faculty of Sharia at the Islamic University of Madinah in 1980, a master's in jurisprudence and legislation at the University of Jordan in 1987, and a doctorate in Islamic law at Cairo University, Dar Al Ulloom in 1991, entitled "Abandoning of Rights and their Inheritance in Sharia." His Eminence is an expert in the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, and various important positions, mainly as Secretary-General of the Ministry of Awqaf, Islamic Affairs and Holy Places in Jordan, Dean of the College of Sharia and

Islamic Studies at UAE University in Abu Dhabi, and Deputy Dean of the College Sharia, Head of the Department of Fiqh and its Fundamentals, Head of the Department of Sharia and Islamic Studies at Mutah University, teaching at Nizwa College of Education in the Sultanate of Oman, Member of the Youth Higher Council in Jordan, Member of the Foundation for the Development of Orphans Funds in Jordan, as well as a Member of the Editorial Board of several scientific journals. His Eminence has participated in a large number of international and local conferences and events and is the author of several books in various fields.



## His Eminence Dr. Ahmed Mohamed Ahmed Bakheet



Born in 1961 in Egypt, H.E. Dr. Ahmed Muhammad Ahmed Bakheet obtained a bachelor's in Sharia and Law from the Faculty of Sharia and Law, Al-Azhar University Branch in Assiut in 1984, and a master's in Comparative Jurisprudence from the Department of Comparative Jurisprudence in 1991, and a state doctorate in Comparative Jurisprudence on "Liability in Traffic Accidents" in 1996, from the same university. His Eminence served various positions, mainly as a lecturer in Sharia at the Law Faculty of Beni Suef, as well as in many other Egyptian faculties and universities, including the Training Institute for Preachers of the Egyptian Ministry

of Awqaf, associate professor at the College of Education at UAE University, an active fellow of the Institute of Judicial Studies of the Ministry of Justice and Islamic Affairs in Saudi Arabia, a member of the Scientific Society for Political Economy and Legislation, a member The Scientific Society of International Law in Egypt. His Eminence is currently an Associate Professor of Islamic Studies in the Department of Arabic Language and Islamic Studies at the Arts College of the University of Bahrain. His Eminence has participated in a large number of international and local conferences, events, and authored several publications in various fields.

## His Eminence Dr. Rafiq Younis Al-Masry

Born in 1942 in Damascus, H.E. Dr. Rafiq Younis Al-Masry grew up and received his education in the Syrian capital, obtaining a bachelor's in Commerce (Accounting Division), at the University of Damascus, at the Faculty of Commerce in 1965, a PhD in Development Economics from the University of Rennes in France in 1975, entitled "The Islamic Development Bank: A New Attempt on Usury, Interest and Banking." His Eminence served various important positions, mainly at the Ministry of Finance in Syria, Secretary of the Board of Directors and the Administrative Committee and Director General, Chairman of the Accounts Department, and the head of a committee to set the accounting system. His Eminence has been a professor and assistant head of the Accounting Department in the Industrial Bank, Head of the Credit Department and the Studies and Planning Department in the General Administration of the same bank, a member of the International Association of Islamic Economics in London,

and a researcher at the Islamic Economics Research Center at King Abdulaziz University. His Eminence authored a number of publications and studies, the most important of which are: the Economic Miracle of the Qur'an, Fiqh of financial transactions, Origins of Islamic economics, Origins of usury, installment sale: a jurisprudential and economic analysis, gambling, competitions and prizes, science of inheritances: an analytical approach, Risk and insurance: Is commercial insurance permissible according to Sharia? Economics and Ethics, Research in Zakat, Research in the Fiqh of Financial Transactions, Endowments in Fiqh and Economics, Economic Research, Islam and Money, Islamic Banks, Contributions of Jurists to the Basic Assumptions of Economics, Islamic Economics, Islamic Economic Thought, and Fundamentals of Islamic Economics. Prior to his death in 2021 in Syria, His Eminence also served as an expert member at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy.



## His Eminence Dr. Sami bin Ibrahim Al-Suwailem

Born in 1965 in Saudi Arabia, H.E. Dr. Sami bin Ibrahim Al-Suwailem obtained a bachelor's from King Saud University in Riyadh in 1987, a master's degree from Southern Illinois University in the United States in 1990, and a Ph.D. in Economics from Washington University in St. Louis in 1995. His Eminence is an expert member at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, and has served various important positions, including as the Chief Adviser at Al Rajhi Bank in 1995, then in 1998, became Director of the Research and Development Center in the Shariah Group of the same Bank, then joined the Islamic Development

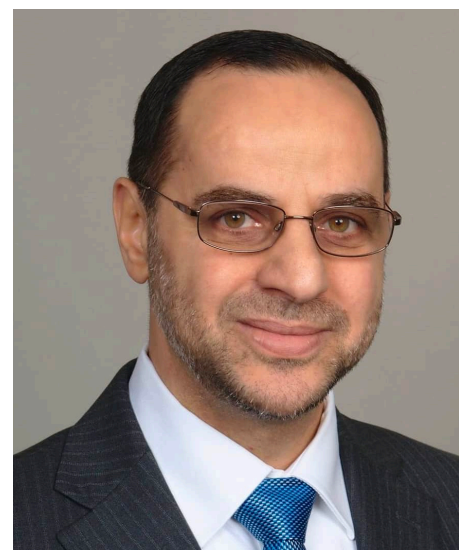


Bank Group in 2004, and is currently working as Deputy Director of the Islamic Institute for Research and Training, and has authored and published many books and scientific research in Islamic economics and finance, a member of several professional committees specialized in Islamic economics, including the Islamic Fiqh Council of the Muslim World League, and the Financial Services Council of the Islamic Endowment Economics Committee at the Ministry of Islamic Affairs, and the World Organization for Islamic Economics and Finance.

## His Eminence Dr. Abdulbari Mashal

Born in 1966 in Syria, Dr. Abdulbari Mashal obtained a bachelor's in 1988, a master's in 1992 and a Ph.D. in 2002 in Islamic economics, at the College of Sharia of Imam Muhammad bin Saud Islamic University. His Eminence served important positions, mainly as Chairman and member of the Sharia supervisory boards of a number of Islamic banks and financial institutions, member of the Fiqh Council of North America, USA, expert in the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, member of the Governance and Ethics Council at AAOIFI, and member of the joint working group between AAOIFI and the Services Council on the Sharia Governance Model for Financial Institutions, Member of the Sharia committees in the Accounting and Auditing Organization

for Islamic Financial Institutions, corporate governance expert at the Center for International Projects at the American Chamber of Commerce, a permanent expert in the Shariah Board of Supervision and Classification in Bahrain, a certified trainer at the General Council of Islamic Banks and Financial Institutions, an honorary fellow and an arbitrator at the Islamic Center for International Reconciliation and Arbitration Agency in the UAE, and the founder and managing partner of Raqqa, a Shariah auditing and Islamic financial advisory firm, with training and advisory experiences. His Eminence participated in a large number of international and local conferences and events, and authored several books on Islamic economics, banking, and contemporary economic transactions.



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