

IIFA and UAE Council for Fatwa Sign an MoC in Abu Dhabi

His Excellency Prof. Dr. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy and Dr. Omar Habtoor Al Darei, Director General of the Emirates Council for Fatwa, signed a memorandum of cooperation on Thursday 16 Rabi' al-Thani 1444H corresponding to 10 November 2022G in Abu Dhabi, in the presence of His Excellency Sheikh Abdullah Bin Bayyah, Chairman of the Council. This agreement aims to develop a comprehensive plan for the methodology of issuing fatwas and cooperation in the field of research and studies, organizing conferences and symposia, and exchanging publications and periodicals. Following the signing of the memorandum, the Secretary General expressed his great pleasure: "I am very happy and pleased to sign this agreement with a well-established fatwa institution headed by the scholar Sheikh Abdullah bin Al-Mahfud bin Bayyah, and whose members consist of the elite of eminent scholars of the United Arab Emirates distinguished by their commitment to the approach of moderation, tolerance and openness. I take this occasion to extend my gratitude to the UAE leadership and people for the continuous care and generous support extended to the Academy, and my highest appreciation to the UAE Council for Fatwa for its precious trust in the Academy, and its sincere desire to strengthen relations of cooperation, coordination



and partnership. Indeed, the Academy is an extension of the Fatwa institution in the Muslim world, and is not certainly a substitute for any of them, nor a competitor to any of them. Yet, it supports the national and regional fatwa bodies, and seeks to strengthen relations of cooperation and coordination with other distinguished fatwa institutions inside and outside the Muslim world, in order to avoid contradictions and inconsistencies in opinions and fatwas. Finally, we pray to Allah, the Noble Lord, to preserve for us and the Ummah His Eminence the Father, the scholar Sheikh Abdullah bin Bayyah, whom we consider to be one of the first remnants of the righteous ancestors in knowledge, Fiqh, and behavior, may God grant him long life, benefit us, the Ummah and the world from his knowledge and thought. And to all of you, the

eminent and virtuous members of the Council, all thanks and appreciation, and may God direct your steps, and preserve the security, prosperity, and stability of the United Arab Emirates." For his part, the Director General of the Council expressed his happiness for this occasion, saying: "This step comes within the strategy of the UAE Council for Fatwa to establish global strategic partnerships that stem from the Council's vision of "universalism and proactiveness in fatwas to consolidate human values," and in line with its endeavor to build partnerships that provide fatwas in a civilized manner based on spreading virtues, tolerance and respect for human beings, and upholding the values of moderation and openness to different cultures and peoples of the world". It is worth noting that the UAE Council for Fatwa is the official reference for fatwas in the United Arab Emirates by uniting efforts, visions, and goals to organize the work of government agencies, institutions and individuals related to fatwa affairs.



IIFA and the Supreme Council of Muslims in Germany Sign a MoU



HE Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, and Mr. Abdul Samad Al Yazidi, Secretary General of the Supreme Council of Muslims in Germany, signed a memorandum of cooperation between the two institutions, on Monday 20 Rabi' al-Thani 1444H corresponding to 14 November 2022G in Frankfurt, the Federal Republic of Germany. Following the signing of the memorandum, His Excellency stated, "We in the Academy seek, through this agreement, to enhance cooperation and coordination with the Supreme Council of Muslims in Germany, in appreciation and recognition of the distinguished role that this council plays in guiding and streamlining Muslims in Germany, and reaffirming our keenness to provide intellectual support to Muslim communities in order to enable them to adhere to the requirements of citizenship and residency while preserving their Muslim identity, and the values and principles of Islam. We also hope that, through this memorandum, we will be able to cooperate with the Council in providing fatwas and appropriate solutions to new issues, in a way that achieves the interests of those communities and contributes to their integration in their countries. In addition, we look forward to cooperating with the Council

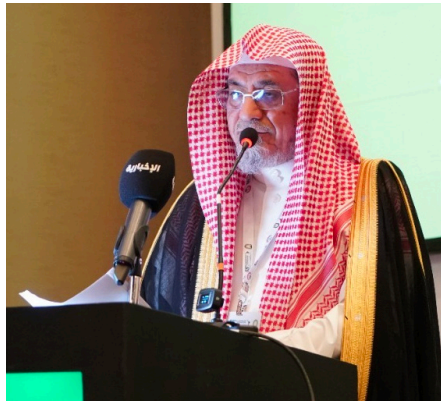
to organize training courses to train and supervise muftis, imams and preachers within Muslim communities in Europe, in a way that contributes to formation of a new generation of religious leaders capable of facing the challenges of the age in the tolerant spirit of Islam and working to promote the values of dialogue and coexistence and presenting the true image of Islam." For his part, the Secretary General of the Council stated, "This partnership is considered a quantum leap in the policy of the Supreme Council of Muslims in Germany to consolidate its relations with international Muslim organizations, and it will undoubtedly shorten long distances for the Supreme Council and its scientific body in the field of Fiqh, which in turn will contribute effectively to the establishment of a significant religious authority for Muslims in Germany. We also look forward, through this agreement, to achieving an intellectual and cultural transformation within the Muslim community in Germany, by encouraging Muslim citizens or residents to abide by the requirements of citizenship and residency, and to work to be real partners within the state, and to contribute effectively and positively in

building and advancing their society and human civilization in general, and to be an example of tolerance and peaceful coexistence between religions and races." The signing ceremony included welcoming speeches by Mr. Ayman Mazyak, President of the Supreme Council of Muslims in Germany, Mr. Daniel Holtingen, Commissioner of the Council of Europe in charge of combating anti-Semitism and Islamophobia, and Mr. Nadim Suleimanovich, Deputy Director of the Department of Religions and Foreign Policy at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Germany and Pastor Tharwat Qadis, President of the Abrahamic Forum in the Middle East and North Africa, and a member of the Evangelical Church in Germany. It should also be noted that the signing ceremony also included a lecture on "The Concept of Citizenship and the Question of Identity" delivered by His Excellency to the audience, in which he addressed the most important questions raised by Muslims in Western societies, pointing out that the rights and duties of citizenship do not conflict with the religious identity of the individual and that Muslims in Germany and Europe in general must contribute and participate actively in the process of civilizational construction, development and advance in their societies to be an element of positive enrichment and diversity that benefits their societies and countries in which they choose to live. The signing ceremony was attended by representatives of the Board of Directors of the Supreme Council, and Dr. Alhagi Manta Drammeh, Head of the International Cooperation Division, and Ms. Sarah Amjad, Director of the Family Affairs Department, along with a group of imams and political figures.



IIFA President and SG participate in 35th Latin American Muslims Conference

His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Abdullah bin Hamid, member of the Council of Senior Scholars, imam and Khatib of the Great Mosque of Makkah, and President of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), and His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, participated in the 35th International Conference of Muslims of Latin America and the Caribbean under the slogan "Muslims of Latin America Confronting the Phenomenon of Hatred", which is held from 24-26 Rabi' al-Thani 1444H, corresponding to 18-20 November 2022G, in the Brazilian capital, São Paulo. The opening ceremony of the conference began with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's speech of His Excellency the Minister Sheikh Dr. Abdul Latif bin Abdulaziz Al Sheikh, delivered on his behalf by the Undersecretary of the Ministry for Islamic Affairs, His Eminence Sheikh Awad bin Sabti Al-Anzi, then the speech of His Excellency the Representative of the President of the Republic of Brazil, Federal Representative Luis Marinho, in which he indicated that the Muslim community is one of the most integrated communities in society, emphasizing the importance and necessity of such conferences, and the importance of cooperation to reject hatred and establish tolerance, thanking KSA for its sponsorship of this conference, then the speech of the President of the Islamic Da'wah Center for Latin America and the Caribbean, Dr. Ahmed Ali Al-Saifi, about the dangers of the spread of the phenomenon of hatred and its negative effects on Latin American Muslims and the world in general. Then His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Abdullah bin Humaid, President of the Academy, delivered his speech in which he explained that the target groups of hate speech are often the weak or minorities, and it is important to differentiate between freedom of opinion, which is guaranteed to all, and



freedom of expression, which must be subject to many controls, the most important of which is respect for the rights of others and the protection of public security, and His Excellency stressed that hate speech is in complete contradiction with the values of tolerance and coexistence among all human beings. The first session of the conference was chaired by His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, and it discussed the topic "The Concept of Hatred in the West, Its Origin and Development". In his introductory speech to the session, His Excellency clarified that the phenomenon of hatred in all its forms and manifestations is contrary to the timeless principles of Islam and its sublime values that call for acquaintance, cooperation and coexistence among people regardless of their color, race, and belief, stressing that Islam has laid bright foundations that govern the Muslim's view of religions, beliefs, cultures, and races, the most important of which are: respect, acceptance, and avoiding insulting, cursing, and contempt. Therefore, it is appropriate for non-Muslims to treat Muslims in the same way, by avoiding

hatred, ridicule, and contempt. His Excellency also stressed that Islam's adoption of the principle of rejecting hatred and spreading moderation, tolerance and love among people is one of the reasons that led many non-Muslims to convert to this religion. His Excellency expressed his sincere thanks and great appreciation to the leadership and people of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for organizing such important scientific conferences in remote areas far from the Muslim world, hoping to convey its unique model of adhering to the method of moderation, and spreading moderation, tolerance, harmony, and peace among peoples. He also thanked the Ministry of Islamic Affairs Da'wah and Guidance in KSA, represented by His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Abdul Latif bin Abdulaziz Al Sheikh, for its constant care and keenness to call to the path of God with wisdom and good preaching, praying to God to crown the work of the conference with success and accomplishment. Then the participants in the session talked about the concept of the phenomenon of hatred, its causes, and its relationship to the phenomenon of Islamophobia. It is worth noting that this year's conference was held under the generous sponsorship of the Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Da'wah and Guidance in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and delegations, researchers, and specialists from about 100 countries participated in it.



IIFA and Al Maktoum College for Higher Education in Scotland Sign a Memorandum of Understanding



In an effort to strengthen relations of cooperation and partnership with academic and scientific institutions in the countries of Muslim communities, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), and His Excellency Dr. Abubaker Jaber Abubaker, Head of College and Vice-Chancellor of Al-Maktoum College of Higher Education at the University of Dundee in Britain, signed a cooperation agreement between the two parties on Saturday 18 Rabi' al-Thani 1444H, corresponding to 12 November 2022G, in the British capital, London, on the sidelines of the Al Baraka Forum for Islamic Economics. After signing the memorandum, His Excellency expressed his thanks and appreciation to His

Excellency the Principal of the College for coming to London to sign this memorandum, the first of its kind between the Academy and a promising higher education institution, praising the intellectual and academic role played by the College in spreading the tolerant teachings of Islam, and correcting the image of Islam and Muslims in the United Kingdom in particular, and in Europe in general. His Excellency also expressed the Academy's full readiness to provide all forms of intellectual and Shariah support to this college, which he described as distinguished, by providing it with the Academy's publications and periodicals, and enabling its faculty to participate in seminars and conferences organized by the Academy from time to time, especially those scientific forums that aim at spreading the values of moderation and fairness, and combating fanaticism and extremist ideology. For his part, His Excellency the Principal of the College expressed his pleasure and pride in signing this agreement with the Academy, which is today the most important Shariah and Fiqh reference for the Muslim Ummah, as it is the largest contemporary institution for collective ijtihad and its members represent all member states of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC). His Excellency added that the College is eagerly looking forward to a rich stage of academic and intellectual cooperation with the Academy on a number of issues and topics of concern to both parties, such

as supporting the values of peaceful coexistence and tolerance, spreading fraternity and harmony among people, and combating extremist ideology and confronting it in a convincing intellectual and peaceful manner. Then His Excellency the Principal invited His Excellency the Secretary General to visit the college in order to see the new Islamic studies programs that will be offered at the beginning of next year. The signing ceremony was witnessed from the side of the college by Dr. Alija Avdukic, and Dr. Muhammad Al-Saghir. From the side of the Academy by Ms. Sarah Amjad Bedawi, Director of the Family and Women's Department, and Dr. AlHagi Manta Drammeh, Head of the International Cooperation and External Relations Division.



The President of the University of Bahrain welcomes IIFA Secretary General in Manama

On the sidelines of his participation in the Bahrain International Forum for Dialogue, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), and his accompanying delegation visited the University of Bahrain in Sakhir, on Saturday 11 Rabi' al-Thani 1444H corresponding to 05 November 2022G. He and the accompanying delegation were received by Her Excellency Dr. Jawaher bint Shaheen Al-Madahka, President of the University, accompanied by her deputies. The President of the University expressed her thanks and gratitude to His Excellency and the accompanying delegation for allocating part of their time to visit the university in order to discuss ways to enhance cooperation and partnership relations between the two sides in a number of aspects of common interest. Dr. Al-Madahka emphasized the role of the national University in spreading and promoting Islamic culture, and ensuring that its curricula include the values of tolerance and the creation of an atmosphere of open dialogue, as it is an essential foundation in the formation of the culture of individuals and the identity of society and their ability to understand the various cultures and religions in the whole world, in addition to strengthening ties of cooperation with industry and business sectors, and their interest in excellence and innovation, encouraging scientific research, and adopting initiatives and projects in line with sustainable development plans. Her Excellency the President of the University concluded by expressing her



aspiration to develop scientific and intellectual cooperation relations with the Academy and to benefit mutually from the scientific and academic experiences that the two sides abound in. For his part, His Excellency the Secretary General expressed his great happiness with this visit and his gratitude and thanks to the President of the University for the good reception and warm welcome, praising the tangible achievements and rapid developments he witnessed during his visit to the Kingdom of Bahrain, wishing the Kingdom and its honorable people prosperity and security under its wise leadership. His Excellency also expressed his pleasure at the high scientific level reached by this prestigious university and the scientific results and achievements it has achieved since its establishment at the level of scientific research. He pointed out the aspiration of the Academy to conclude a strategic partnership with the university that would enable it to

recruit researchers from the various colleges and institutes of the university to participate in the Academy's sessions, seminars, and conferences, in order to study the problems of contemporary life in depth. His Excellency also indicated that the university, with its advanced research capabilities in various disciplines, can effectively contribute through experts, researchers and faculty members in various medical, scientific, social, financial, and economic issues that fall within the interests of the Academy. The meeting was attended from the University side by the Vice President for Information Technology Services, Administrative and Financial Affairs, Dr. Osama Abdullah Al-Jodar, the Vice President for Academic Programs and Graduate Studies, Dr. Muhammad Reda Qader, the Dean of the College of Arts, Dr. Abdul Aziz Muhammad Bulila, and the Head of the Department of Arabic Language and Islamic Studies, Dr. Dia Abdullah Al Kaabi. The meeting was also attended from the side of the Academy by Ms. Sarah bint Amjad Hussein, Director of Family Affairs Department, and Mr. Amjad Ibrahim Mustafa, Head of the Protocol Division.



Secretary General calls for Human Brotherhood committed to Global Stability and Prosperity



His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), participated in the Bahrain International Forum for Dialogue: "East and West for Human Coexistence" during Thursday and Friday 9-10 Rabi' al-Thani 1444H corresponding to 3 and 4 November 2022G, which was held under the patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of the Kingdom of Bahrain, and with the participation of His Eminence the Grand Imam, Professor Ahmed Al-Tayeb, Sheikh of Al-Azhar Al-Sharif, Chairman of the Muslim Council of Elders, and His Holiness Pope Francis, Pope of the Catholic Church, and in the presence of about 200 figures and leaders and representatives of religions around the world, as well as prominent intellectual and media figures. The forum was jointly organized by the Council of Muslim Elders, the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs in the Kingdom of Bahrain, and the King Hamad Global Center for Peaceful Coexistence. His Excellency expressed his great happiness to

participate in this forum, and his honor to meet two great contemporary figures, the Grand Imam Dr. Sheikh Ahmed Al-Tayeb, and His Holiness Pope Francis, in his capacity as a member of the Muslim Council of Elders, stressing that "the holding of this forum in the Kingdom of Bahrain, represents a living and ancient model of coexistence and tolerance, which is a clear message to humanity, that the most effective solution to the tragedies, wars and conflicts that humanity is experiencing today lies in concerted efforts and integration of steps, in order to promote the values and principles of peace and coexistence, acceptance and recognition of others, and enabling them to practice their rituals and beliefs completely free. The desired way out of the exceptional circumstances that humanity is going through lies in the openness of followers of religions to each other, through deep respect and practical application of the pure values and noble principles that religions call for such as love, mercy, affection, cooperation, solidarity, and synergy. Therefore, the hope is that this forum, which includes a distinguished elite of all religions and beliefs, will come out with a practical application and a tangible program that will enable the achievement of what was expressed in the memorable Document on Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together of solid visions and solid ideas." His Excellency concluded by asking followers of religions to stop "fighting and reprehensible disputes, and instead they should cooperate in order to achieve

a sincere human fraternity, in which arms are not raised in the face of fellow human beings, and the honor and money of fellow human beings are not attacked. Thus, the happiness, survival and prosperity of humanity depends on the promotion of the values of human fraternity". His Excellency concluded his intervention by congratulating the Council of Muslim Elders for the successful choice of place and time of this forum, praising the Council's possession of many innovative and creative ideas that seek to achieve the principles stipulated in the "Document on Human Fraternity", which humanity cannot forget, as it is one of the rare documents throughout the history of Humanity that includes principles capable of putting an end to all the exceptional circumstances that humanity is going through. The forum was concluded under the generous patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of the Kingdom of Bahrain.



Secretary General participates in the Summit of the Al-Baraka Forum in London



At the kind invitation of Dr. Yousef Al-Khalawi, the Secretary General of the Al-Baraka Forum for Islamic Economics, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, participated in the Summit of the Al-Baraka Forum for Islamic Economics on Saturday and Sunday 18 and 19 of Rabi' al-Thani 1444H corresponding to 12 and 13 November 2022G, in London. Prof. Sano addressed the topic: "The importance of applying the mind for the advancement of the contemporary Islamic economy," stressing that "The true religion celebrates the mind greatly, as it is the source of assignment, the source of thought, the source of creativity and innovation, and the reference for inspiration and guidance. The evidence of Shariah's keen interest in the mind lies in the fact that it made preserving the mind one of the five legitimate purposes that the divine messages joined together to call for the necessity of preserving it, and protecting it from imbalance, because it is a necessary interest without which life cannot be straight (which are: the soul, religion, honor, reason, money). Therefore, using the mind, developing it, taming it, and elevating

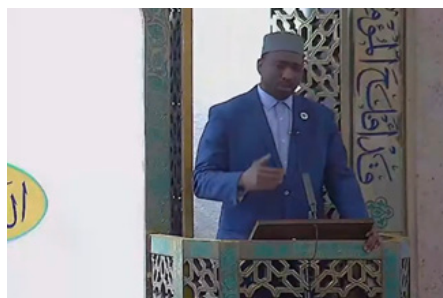
it is an Islamic principle that should not be disputed in its legitimacy and necessity. Rather, the understanding of the provisions of the Shariah in the Book, the Sunnah, and the narrations, all of this depends mainly on the necessity of applying the mind to reading, thinking, and contemplating". He also clarified that "the right mind cannot in any way oppose the correct text from the Book and the Sunnah or reject it in any way, which means that what is thought to be a conflict between text and reason is nothing more than a contradiction between a corrupt reason and a sound text on the one hand, or between a corrupt text with a sound reason on the other hand. The corruption of text is evident in its being a weak or a fabricated text, as is the case in the weak or fabricated hadith, both of them are corrupt text that contradict the right mind; as for the corruption of reason, it is manifested in the mind not adhering to the foundations and controls that guide it when examining the text as inference or deduction, and it contradicts the methods of thinking and analysis that lead it to a good understanding of what is meant by the correct text." Based on this, he called on scientific and research institutions and centers in the world in general and in the Muslim world in particular to "give more attention and care for creative and critical thinking through the rational and courageous implementation of reason in texts on the one hand and in facts and developments on the other hand in order to elicit and produce integrated scientific ideas capable of advancing the Islamic economy in a comprehensive manner, and its transformation into a parallel human economy that produces economic knowledge, directs economic calamities, and contributes to building a global contemporary and influential

human economy, away from all ideas that prohibit the implementation of the mind, and glorify imitation, repetition and consumption. The implementation of the mind today in order to build a creative Islamic economic thought that produces knowledge, and is not satisfied with consumption, but is creative in providing solutions and does not imitate existing ready-made solutions." He concluded by saying that those in charge of the Islamic economy should provide all forms of moral and material support in order to promote creative thought and encourage creative researchers, and not pay attention to the apprehensions of those apprehensive about the use of reason, its employment, and its development so that it plays its desired role alongside the eternal divine revelation. This summit is being held in London, UK, due to the promising prospects that this city enjoys in the field of Islamic finance, which made it the destination for the first global summit of the Al Baraka Forum in the Europe. The Forum was attended by Ms. Sarah Amjad Badewi, Director of the Department of family affairs and Dr. AlHagi Manta Drammeh, Head of the International Cooperation Division at the Academy.



Secretary General delivers the Friday Sermon at the Great Mosque of London

At the kind invitation of the management of the Islamic Cultural Center in London, UK, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, delivered the Friday sermon at the Great Mosque of London, on 17 Rabi' al-Thani 1444H corresponding to 11 November 2022G, in both Arabic and English, and its theme was "our duty to our nation." He began his sermon by reminding the worshipers that the entire universe belongs to God Almighty, that the whole earth belongs to God Almighty, and that man is responsible for building the universe, reforming it, and managing its affairs wherever he is and wherever he resides, emphasizing that God created us peoples and tribes to know each other. Hence, the countries in which we live and reside have rights that we must fulfill, and duties towards which we must adhere; Among the most important of these rights, we have to love them, protect them, preserve their security, stability, and prosperity, and cherish our belonging to them in recognition of their favor, bounties, and benevolence to us. If a Muslim takes a country as his homeland and his place of residence, he must fulfill the aforementioned rights, abide by its legislation, respect its laws, and stay away from everything that contravenes the regulations that have been established in order to protect him, care for him, provide job opportunities, and a decent life for him and his family. Then he explained that a British Muslim should be proud of being British and a Muslim at the same time, and he should love this country, which provided him with everything he needs of care, protection, and a decent living, and there is



no conflict between being a Muslim and British at the same time, for citizenship and religious affiliation are two things that do not contradict, conflict or oppose, but rather complement, support, and sustain each other. The country that you have chosen to live in, work in, make a living from its bounties and opportunities, and raise your children in it, does not conflict with your preservation of your religious identity. Islam is greater than being confined to one particular country or confining the Islamic presence to a particular country. Islam came to the entire world, and to the people of the earth as a whole. The Muslim must be a model in honesty, work, earnestness, and integrity. The Muslim must also raise his children a sound upbringing that makes them producers and good citizens, who contribute to building and preserving nations, and participate in their development, progress, and renaissance. He also called on the worshipers to stay away from violence, extremism, fanaticism, terrorism, and everything that harms nations and offends the reputation of Islam and Muslims. Islam is innocent of violence against children,

women, and animals, rather it is innocent of offending the environment. The Muslim is not violent, extremist, cursing, or insulting, rather he is merciful, honest, gentle, serious, and straight in his behavior and actions. He also made it clear that combating the phenomenon of Islamophobia does not come with violence, but rather by presenting Islam and its values in an objective and calm manner. Insulting the Prophet, peace and mercy be upon him, is not met with violence or screaming, but is met with serious organized work by introducing people to this Prophet and his biography. Humanity has never known in its history a great, merciful, loving, compassionate person like the Prophet Muhammad, who only fair-minded people know all the details of his life, and his biography. Then he prayed to God to protect the UK, and the whole world, from the scourge of wars, disasters, and strife. The Friday prayer was witnessed by large crowds that filled the mosque and its squares and surrounding roads, and their number was estimated at more than five thousand worshipers. It should be noted that the sermon received wide approval from the national and Islamic leaders in Britain, as it was extensively circulated and disseminated through social media platforms.



Secretary General calls for Renewing the Content of Religious course



HE Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, participated in the second scientific conference of the College of Islamic Studies at Mohamed bin Zayed University for Human Sciences, entitled "Islamic Studies in the Universities: Towards Promoting the Values of Citizenship and Coexistence," from 28-30 Rabi' al Thani 1444H, corresponding to 22-24 November 2022G, in Abu Dhabi. UAE. In his intervention, he thanked the leadership of the university for organizing this important conference and for well choosing its title. Then he defined the Islamic Thought as "a human thought produced by Muslim minds aiming to achieve a link between the revelation and the changing and evolving reality, influenced by the social and cultural circumstances and the apparent economic and political conditions that affected the Islamic reality starting with those major changes and events after the death of the Prophet, Peace be upon Him, those great developments on the eve of the Islamic Ummah's contact with nations with ancient intellectual civilizations such as the Persians, Byzantines, Pharaohs and others, and ending with the successive challenges that continue to afflict reality to this day". He explained that there are "many generations from different scientific backgrounds and various intellectual starting points participated in formulating and refining this thought, and therefore it was not surprising that its content was a combination of ijtihad that was made by those generations in doctrinal issues (=al Mutakalima), Fiqh issues (= al Mutaqaqha), and educational issues (= the Sufis), all affected in their quest by their prevailing social and cultural conditions, and by their existing economic and political conditions". He pointed out that "the Islamic thought that produced the religious lesson was, before the ages of imitation, a lively and moving thought that welcomed every new and useful thing and was open to every wise and rational creativity. Therefore, it is not surprising that this religious lesson is a rich text that includes the facts of all intellectual discourse that the intellectual arena witnessed one day between Muslims and people of other religions, and it is not surprising also to find debates between those known in history as the Sunnis and the Shiites on the one hand, and between the Mu'tazila and the Sunnis on the other hand. In this abundant lesson, the reader will be aware of the heated debate between the sects of Sunnis, such as the Ash'aris, Maturdiyya, Murji'ah and Ahl al-Hadith, and between the Shi'ite sects of Zaydiyyah, Twelver Imamiyyah and Ismailis. And the examiner will also find an honest record of the Fiqh differences that the Fiqh arena also witnessed between the Sunni and Imami schools of thought on the one hand, and between the Sunni sects of the Hanafi, Maliki, Shafi'i, Hanbali, and Dhahiri schools on the other hand; And between the sects of the Imami sects of Jaafari and Zaydi on the third side; And in addition to this, it contains a faithful documentation of the the educational skirmishes between the Sufis and other people of

the Qibla on the one hand, and between the sects of the Sufis with each other on the other hand." Then he pointed out that "to enable the religious course today to provide rational guidance for the existing social and cultural conditions, and an honest settlement of the prevailing economic and political conditions requires a filtering of its issues, a revision of its topics, and then an addition to its fields. And by deciphering its issues, we mean the responsible dispensation of attention to the whole doctrinal, Fiqh and educational issues that there is no longer a need to pay attention to, considering that they are purely circumstantial historical issues that disappeared with the disappearance of the social and cultural conditions and the economic and political conditions that contributed to their formation and emergence. By revising its topics, we also mean the obligation to distinguish between fundamentals, branches, constants, and variables in doctrinal, Fiqh, and educational content, and to avoid confusion between them. And we mean by adding areas to its content, including it and grafting it with the calamities and challenges of the era, in order to root it, edit it, and direct it". And to achieve this, it is necessary to "enhance awareness among young people first that every opinion or thought that confiscates or contradicts the provisions of the texts and the authentic prophetic experience must be bypassed and dispensed with entirely, and secondly to enhance their awareness that what unites people



in general and worshipers in particular is more and greater than what separates them, and thirdly to enhance their awareness of the impact of social and cultural conditions, economic and political conditions on those events that the Islamic arena has known throughout history, and those conditions have disappeared and changed. Therefore, the contemporary reality does not need to be preoccupied with it, and to hold non-participants responsible for its consequences and effects, but to take it as a basis for controlling the relationship that should prevail between peoples and nations on the one hand, and between the worshipers themselves on the other hand." He concluded by calling upon the conference to adopt three methodological essences to update the doctrinal content of the religious course from ideas and concepts that prevent the promotion of the values of coexistence and tolerance. The first essence is represented in resorting to the provisions of the texts and the prophetic experience with regard to the Muslim's relationship with his God, his society, and the world around him, far from the fragmentary considerations within the Book and the Sunnah that were mentioned in the case of non-Muslims in general, and in the case of the People of the Book in particular, and to prevent the confiscation of many ambiguous texts based on interpretations outside the context and the reasons for revelation, and from striking the religious texts against each other without paying attention to the gradual approach and principles on which these texts are based, and at the same time preventing the irresponsible

and inaccurate employments of many clear Shariah terms with specific concepts, and with known and clear historical contexts, and on top of those terms: the term loyalty and disavowal, jihad, safety, governance, and ignorance, disbelief, tribute, guardianship, and so on. Accordingly, it is necessary to enhance awareness of the fact that the Shariah rulings related to security, safety, peace, jihad, administration, leadership, governance, and the judiciary are government rulings that individuals are not addressed with, and they are not concerned with, nor responsible for them, and awareness of the multiple and different levels of the actions of the great Prophet, including his actions as a prophet, his actions as an imam and ruler, his actions as commander-in-chief of the armed forces, his actions as a judge, and his actions as a mufti..etc... The second methodological essence is represented in overcoming the repetitive and automated narration of the prevalent historical differences and conflicts between Islamic sects, both of which are those that occurred during the occurrence of sedition between the companions, so people were divided into Sunnis, Kharijites, and Shiites, or were those differences that erupted between worshipers during the Umayyad, Abbasid, and Seljuk dynasties, so people were divided into Sunnis and Mu'tazila, then into Sunnis and Ahl al-Hadith, or those historic differences that took place between the people of hadith and the people of taste, acclamation, and others. These and other differences are purely historical differences that arose among the people of the nation as a result of social and cultural conditions that have passed and vanished, and because of economic and political conditions that have become extinct and ended. Therefore, there is no need to repeat them to the young people, rather it is appropriate to assure them that they are not responsible for what happened, because they did not live with those conditions that these events arose because of them, and they were not parties to them. Therefore, it is better for them to pay attention to their existing social and cultural conditions, and focus on their prevailing economic and political conditions, in order to provide guidance, settlement, and rationalization. As for the third methodological essence, it is represented in serious and responsible work in order to remove the difference in doctrinal and educational issues from the circle of truth and falsehood into the circle of right and wrong,"; Similar to the difference in Ijtihad in Fiqh issues, where the jurists refrain from describing their opponents with those mentioned descriptions. In this way, extremists are prevented from disbelieving the monotheists, chasing the worshipers, and blowing up the prostrators. It also prevents the terrorist groups from taking it as a large oasis in which they roam in order to desecrate the infallible blood, violate the guarded honors, and annihilate the preserved property, and it stops all the agitators and the so called learned from infiltrating through it to accuse individuals, rulers, scholars, societies, and states. And our basis for this is the saying of the Prophet, who divided the mujtahids in diligent matters into right and wrong, and allocated two rewards for the correct one, the reward for diligence and the reward for getting right, and for the wrong one only one reward. This saying did not differentiate between the mujtahids in doctrinal and educational issues and the mujtahids in Fiqh matters, which makes the distinction between them questionable.

At the Abu Dhabi Peace Forum SG calls on religious leaders to promote tolerance

His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, participated in the 9th Assembly of the Abu Dhabi Forum for Peace, which was held this year under the title “Globalized Conflict and Universal Peace: Demands and Partnerships”, from 14 to 16 Rabi’ al-Thani 1444H corresponding to 8 to 10 November 2022G, in Abu Dhabi. In his intervention in the session titled “The Role of Religious Leaders in Achieving World Peace” he thanked the leadership and people of the UAE for hosting the Abu Dhabi Forum for Peace, and for its good sponsorship of this institution, which continues to promote peace in the world in general and in Muslim societies in particular. He also expressed his great gratitude to His Eminence Sheikh Abdullah bin Bayyah, for his bright ideas and wise vision which aims at combating thought that fuels the fire of conflicts throughout the world, spreads wars between followers of religions, and hijacks the values preached by Religions, namely peace, love, cooperation, unity, and acquaintance between peoples. He indicated that addressing these exceptional circumstances that humanity is going through requires that each of us do what we can to extinguish the fires and declare war on wars to achieve peace and security, and he added: “The desired role of religious leaders represented by imams, priests, monks, rabbis, and those in charge of educational institutions, is a great role because it is agreed that behind every extremism is thought, and behind every terrorism is thought, rather behind every radicalism and fanaticism is thought, and thought is the motivator, guide, and influencer on behavior and conduct. Therefore, religious leaders today must play their role in combating



extremist ideology, and rejecting speeches of hate, exclusion, and contempt, and they must stand as an impenetrable barrier against every thought or opinion that spreads fanaticism, extremism, and terrorism. They must work together to promote awareness of the prohibition of aggression against people, honor and wealth regardless their religions and faiths. And for a reason, the supplication of the prophet, Peace be upon him, in the Farewell Pilgrimage was addressed to all people when he said: [O people, your blood, your honor and your wealths are as sacred to you as the sacredness of this day of yours in this month of yours in this country of yours...] We must work to consolidate this”. In order to achieve this, he stressed the importance of revising school curricula to become curricula that spread the values of love, fraternity, tolerance, harmony, and peace, building bridges, and transcending the remnants of history. He also explained that religious leaders should enhance the awareness of their followers that the difference between human beings in their religions and beliefs is a universal, eternal norm that cannot be removed because of the Almighty’s

saying: ((Had your Lord so willed, He would have certainly made humanity one single community of believers, but they will always choose to differ. Except those shown mercy by your Lord—and so He created them to choose freely)). And for His saying, ((And one of His signs is the creation of the heavens and the earth, and the diversity of your languages and colors. Surely in this are signs for those of sound knowledge)). These texts mean that pluralism and religious, ethnic, and cultural diversity are a divine norm that cannot be ignored or removed from existence, and therefore cooperation, coordination and communication between religious leaders is necessary to enhance this understanding and consolidate it in minds and actions. He concluded by calling to work hard to transform the principle of tolerance and coexistence into a concrete practical behavior and a continuous daily practice, and to the need for adherence to religions as a factor of discipline and enlightenment that guides humanity to noble values and common lofty principles of love and fraternity, considering that the stability of the world will only happen by achieving those values and principles, because they represent the path of goodness to spread peace, security and safety in the entire world.



Secretary General warns against anomalous Fatwas at Shariah Scholars Conference

His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, participated on Wednesday 8 Rabi’ al-Thani 1444H corresponding to 02 October 2022G, via satellite communication technology, in the sessions of the Seventeenth Conference of Shariah Scholars on Digital Finance and Financial Inclusion, which was organized by the International Shariah Research Academy in Islamic Finance in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. In his intervention in the session entitled “The Role of Supervision Institutions and Islamic Banking Infrastructure in Promoting Digital Finance and Financial Inclusion,” he called on Islamic financial institutions to adhere to the resolutions and Shariah standards issued by contemporary Fiqh Academies regarding the emerging issues and developments of the contemporary Islamic financial industry, especially the emerging issues and developments related to digital financing and financial inclusion, through guidance, correction, and rationalization, given that these resolutions and standards are issued by a group of well-established scholars who meet the conditions of rightful Ijtihad, which makes their opinion accepted and considered. He also stressed that the predominance of complexity and entanglement over many contemporary financial calamities and developments makes the urgent need for a collective Ijtihad in which Shariah jurists integrate with economists and finance scholars in order to control the appropriate Shariah rulings tightly and soberly for these calamities and developments through which the objectives of Shariah are achieved in financial transactions, especially the



purpose of preserving money, the purpose of money promotion and circulation, the purpose of justice, and the purpose of constancy and clarity. His Excellency alerted to the danger of individual Ijtihad and abnormal fatwas in public matters, describing them as insufficient and hasty fatwas that are often dominated by emotion, impulsiveness in analysis and prohibition, in addition to that they do not fully encompass the issue, which makes them vulnerable to confusion and slippage. He clarified that his call for the need to refer to the Fiqh Academies to know the rulings of Shariah in contemporary financial calamities and developments does not mean a disparagement or belittling of individual Ijtihad and fatwas, but rather a confirmation and revival of the prophetic approach, may God’s prayers and peace be upon him, in dealing with calamities and developments about which no revelation was revealed. He used to gather the Companions and consult them, and he acted with the opinion reached in that particular calamity. The blessed ancestors of companions and the followers, used to adhere to the Ijtihad that today is marked as collective Ijtihad to deal with public calamities.

Therefore, individual interpretations and abnormal fatwas should be prevented in public issues, regardless of who issued them, in order to prevent chaos, conflict and contradiction between the practices of Islamic financial institutions. He concluded by praising the accuracy, sobriety, sturdiness, and strength of the resolutions issued by the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, because they represent the cream of effective Shariah opinions issued by the largest reliable scientific body for contemporary collective Ijtihad, as its members consist of the best contemporary scholars of the Ummah of well-established jurists and prominent experts in various fields of knowledge and science. It is worth noting that this annual conference organized by the International Shari’ah Research Academy in Islamic Finance (ISRA) has become today one of the most important scientific forums concerned with the study of calamities and developments in the Islamic financial industry, which called on His Excellency to express the full readiness of the Academy to present the recommendations of its conferences to the various sessions of the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy to consider its adoption and implementation.



Secretary General receives Nigerian Ambassador to KSA



HE Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, received His Excellency Mr. Yahya Lawal, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the OIC, on Sunday 12 Rabi' Al Thani 1444H corresponding to 06 November 2022G at the headquarters of the Academy in Jeddah. His Excellency the Secretary General welcomed His Excellency the Ambassador and thanked him for this first visit to the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy. He also expressed the gratitude of the Academy and its great appreciation for the support and care it has received since its establishment from the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, hoping that this visit will be an opportunity to inform His Excellency on the vision of the Academy, its mission, goals, projects, and its five-year strategic plan, which includes a clear illustration of all the activities and programs

that it intends to implement during the next five years. He also expressed his gratitude for the Ambassador's keenness to strengthen relations of cooperation and coordination between Nigeria and the Academy. He then gave the guest a brief overview of the qualitative changes that the Academy is witnessing after assuming the duties of the Secretary General, requesting the permanent representatives to the OIC to appeal to their countries to continue supporting the Academy, and support its strategic plan in particular, to enable it to carry out its intellectual responsibility of promoting the approach of moderation, and spreading a culture of moderation, tolerance, coexistence and harmony between followers of religions, and rejection of extremism, fanaticism, terrorism and violence in all its forms. For his part, the ambassador expressed his great pleasure at visiting the Academy and his thanks and appreciation to the Secretary General for the good reception and warm welcome, stressing his country's keenness to establish stronger relations with the Academy and to benefit from its extensive scientific expertise in the face of many religious, intellectual, and social issues that preoccupy Nigerian society and the West African region generally. He also expressed his hope to strengthen relations of cooperation between the Academy and Nigeria in the field of organizing joint scientific events inside and outside Nigeria, in addition to strengthening close cooperation between scholars and experts of the Academy and

Nigerian scholars in order to support the Nigerian government's efforts in the field of combating extremist ideology, terrorism, and intolerance. He also expressed his deep appreciation for the qualitative changes and remarkable developments that the Academy's General Secretariat is witnessing, both at the administrative level and at the scientific and intellectual level, praising His Excellency's great keenness to Unify the Ummah's voice and spread the correct concepts of the true religion. In conclusion, the Secretary General called on the Ambassador to mediate with the official authorities in order for the Nigerian government to host the next session of the Academy in Abuja. The Ambassador welcomed the request, promised to support it, and to communicate with the concerned authorities to provide all the necessary facilities and services to achieve this request. The meeting was attended by Mr. Mohamed Al-Mondher El-Chouk, Director of the Cabinet Affairs Department, and Mr. Mourad TLiLi, Advisor to the Secretary General for Media Affairs.



25th Monthly Meeting of the Academy's Personnel



On Sunday 12 Rabi' al-Thani 1444H corresponding to 06 November 2022G, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the twenty-fifth monthly periodic meeting of the Academy's employees, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah. His Excellency started the meeting by welcoming the attendees and thanking them for their participation. Then he referred to the outcomes of the recent working visit that he and his

accompanying delegation made to the Kingdom of Bahrain, where His Excellency participated in the Bahrain International Forum for Dialogue between East and West for Human Coexistence, which was organized by the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs in the Kingdom of Bahrain in cooperation with the Muslim Council of Elders. He also visited the University of Bahrain, during which he discussed with the university's presidency possible aspects of cooperation between the Academy and the University. His Excellency explained that the two parties agreed to sign a memorandum of understanding between the two institutions in the near future to achieve common goals and to enhance areas of cooperation between them. Then His Excellency touched on the topic of the 25th Academy's session and the new tasks related to it, urging everyone to continue the serious and diligent work in order to prepare for it and manage it in the best possible manner. He then called on the

attendees to express their opinions, present their suggestions, and discuss the issues and problems they face while carrying out their duties, reminding everyone to feel free and not hesitate to raise any topic they deem useful to the Academy and the employees, assuring every one of his constant readiness to listen to them and support them by finding appropriate solutions to their problems and adopt their constructive suggestions and initiatives. Several new decisions were issued by the meeting, the most important of which are:

- Expedite the payment of the dues of the translators who have completed the work assigned to them.
- Considering the possibility of calculating vacation days in return for the additional work assigned to the employee.
- Considering the possibility of texturing the residence permits of the Academy's employees on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to take advantage of the privileges offered by this procedure.

44th Periodic Meeting of Divisions

The Academy held its forty-fourth periodic meeting of division heads, headed by HE Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, on Thursday 02 Rabi' al-Thani 1444H corresponding to 27 October 2022G, at its headquarters in Jeddah. He welcomed the attendees and reminded that the Academy will focus in particular during the coming period on the groundwork and good preparation for holding the Academy's twenty-fifth session, calling for strengthening and intensifying cooperation and integration between all divisions and departments, and suspension and postponement of any other work inconsistent with the work of the session. He then spoke about his working visit to the Republic of Turkey, where he participated in



the 12th session of the Information Ministers Meeting of the OIC, in addition to signing two strategic cooperation agreements with Ibn Haldun University in Istanbul and Sabah Al-Din Zaim University in Istanbul, and a visit to the headquarters of the Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum in Istanbul. Then the attendees discussed the

items on the meeting's agenda, and the discussions resulted in a number of new decisions, including:

- Writing to some Member States to host the next five Academy's sessions.
- Finishing as soon as possible the Academy's new corporate video.
- Setting the date of the "Family Foundation" symposium during January 2023 and the "Wills" symposium during February 2023.
- Rejecting any new research papers for the 25th session of the Academy after the predetermined deadlines have passed.
- The necessity of documenting and archiving all the documents and correspondences of the departments in order to preserve the memory of the Academy.

45th Periodic Meeting of Divisions

His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the forty-fifth periodic meeting of the heads of the divisions of the Academy, on Thursday 16 Rabi' al-Thani 1444H, corresponding to 10 November 2022G, via video technology from his residence in Abu Dhabi, the United Arab Emirates. His Excellency opened the meeting by welcoming the heads of divisions and thanking them for their appreciated efforts in accomplishing the tasks entrusted to them, then he noted the necessity of intensifying these meetings and perhaps even merging them with the rest of the periodic meetings, in order to ensure good preparation for the next session, and the importance of informing the heads of divisions periodically of all developments and issues related to the session, which are



supposed to be completed in a timely manner. His Excellency then spoke about the subject of his working visit to the United Arab Emirates, where he is participating in the ninth meeting of the Abu Dhabi Peace Forum, which is being held this year in Abu Dhabi, in the presence of more than 500 international political, religious, intellectual, and media personalities. He also talked about the

cooperation agreement concluded by the Academy with UAE Council for Fatwa on the sidelines of the forum. Then the attendees discussed the items on the agenda of the meeting, and the discussions resulted in a number of new decisions, including:

- Sending letters of thanks and appreciation to the UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the UAE Council for Fatwa and the Abu Dhabi Peace Forum for their hospitality and honoring of the delegation headed by His Excellency the Secretary General.
- Addressing the UAE Council for Fatwa regarding hosting the next session of the Academy in the UAE capital, Abu Dhabi.
- Expedite the preparation and coordination of the Academy's Biographies book so that it can be printed on time for distribution during the Academy's 25th session.

96th Weekly Meeting of Department Directors

The International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) held its ninety-sixth weekly meeting for the directors of departments, on Monday 06 Rabi' al-Thani 1444H corresponding to 31 October 2022G, headed by His Excellency Professor Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat in Jeddah. At the beginning of the meeting, His Excellency welcomed the attendees, thanking them for their keenness to attend these weekly meetings, reiterating that these meetings will be dedicated to discussing the twenty-fifth Session and the new work related to it. His Excellency also spoke about the latest developments regarding the date of holding the Academy's Session, which will be

held soon as the necessary financial support has been secured. He also directed the departments to follow up on the tasks entrusted to them and complete them in the required manner so that the Session achieves its desired goals and objectives. The meeting then discussed the items of the previous decisions, and several new decisions were issued, the most important of which are:

- Sending a telegram of condolences to the Tunisian delegation at the OIC and to the Tunisian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the death of the member of the Academy, the Grand Mufti Sheikh Othman Batikh.
- Completing the preparation of the concept for the Session's 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.

- Sending the finished and edited research papers to the Academy's members so that they can review them in a sufficient period before the Session is held.

97th Weekly Meeting of the Department Directors

His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), presided over the 97th weekly meeting of the departments, on Monday 11 Rabi' al-Thani 1444H corresponding to 07 November 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 participating, stressing that these meetings will be to follow up the progress of work on the preparations for the twenty-fifth session of the Academy. Then His Excellency spoke about his participation in the Bahrain Forum for Dialogue "East and West for Human Coexistence," which was organized by the Muslim Council of Elders under the royal patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of the Kingdom of Bahrain, which was held at the Isa Cultural



Center in Manama with the participation of a number of prominent intellectual figures and representatives of religions from different countries of the world. The holding of the Forum in Bahrain is an affirmation of the status of the kingdom as a living model of coexistence, acceptance, and recognition of the other and

enabling them to practice their rites and beliefs freely. Then His Excellency spoke about the preparations for the twenty-fifth session, where the departments submitted detailed reports on the latest developments related to the session's work and what has been accomplished. Then the meeting discussed the items of decisions issued by the previous meeting, and several decisions were issued, the most important of which are:

- Sending the finished and edited research papers to the Academy's members so that they can read them in time.
- Sending letters of thanks to the President of the University of Bahrain and the President of the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs for the warm welcome and generous hospitality, and a draft cooperation agreement to the university of Bahrain.

98th Weekly Meeting of Department Directors



HE Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, chaired the ninety-eighth weekly meeting of the departments of the Academy, on Tuesday 21 Rabi' al-Thani 1444H corresponding to 15 November 2022G, via video technology from his residence in Frankfurt,

Germany. He welcomed the attendees, thanking all for their efforts in preparing for the twenty-fifth session of the Academy. Then he thanked the Financial and Administrative Affairs Department for its commendable efforts in preparing the annual financial report and the general budget of the Academy, which received distinguished praise from the financial oversight committee of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC). Then he talked about the visits he is currently making to both Britain and Germany, where he participates in the first annual meeting of the Al Baraka Forum in the British capital, London. He also talked about the two cooperation agreements concluded by the Academy on the

sidelines of the visit with Al Maktoum College for Higher Education at the University of Dundee in Britain, and the Supreme Council of Muslims in Germany. The meeting then discussed the items of the decisions issued by the previous meeting, and several new decisions were issued, the most important of which are:

- Accelerate the adoption of the estimated cost of the media coverage of the session, after comparing it with three offers.
- Preparing a concept for the site about the possibility of uploading the journal of the Academy for viewing, while striving to update and develop it continuously.

Rays of Light on the Lives of the Academy's Scholars (9)

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 Honourable Judge Muhammad Badr Al-Minyawi

Born in 1931 in Egypt, H.E. H. Judge Muhammad Badr Al-Minyawi graduated from both the Sharia faculty of Al-Azhar University and Cairo University in the same year in 1953. His Eminence obtained a master's degree in law and a diploma in Sharia. His Eminence has held a number of important positions, including various high-level positions in the Public Prosecution Service since March 1954, until becoming Deputy Prosecutor General in 1984. His Eminence worked as Head of the Judicial Inspection in October 1984 and as Deputy Prosecutor General in the Ismailia Court of Appeal Department in November 1988. His Eminence reached the rank of Vice President of the Court of Cassation in June 1984, and then became Attorney General in July 1990, until his retirement in October 1991. His Eminence was a member of the Supreme



Council of Al-Azhar, a member of the League of Islamic Universities, of the Islamic Council of Appeal and Relief, of the committees of the Islamic Affairs Supreme Council, of the Academy of Scientific Research and Technology, of the National Center for Social and Criminological Research, of the National Council for Islamic Affairs, as well as a member of the Sheikh Saleh

Kamel Center for Islamic Economics at Al-Azhar University, of the Human Rights Association and the Association of Appellate Court Counselors. His Eminence participated in numerous judicial and Islamic research projects in several institutes, universities, and centers, and was also a member of their faculty, frequently participating in the supervision of doctoral theses. His Eminence lectured at the National Institute of Judicial Studies, the Cairo Police Academy Institute and the Institute of Defense Scholars. His Eminence was also an active member of the Islamic Charitable Association and chaired its legal committee. Prior to his death in 2003, H.E. Judge Muhammad Badr Al-Minawi was an elected member of the Al-Azhar Al-Sharif's Islamic Research Academy, and an expert member of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy.

His Eminence Prof. Ibrahim Kafi Donmez

Born in Izmir, Republic of Turkey, in 1951, H.E. Prof. Ibrahim Kafi Donmez completed his studies at the Istanbul Higher Islamic Institute in 1974, graduated from the Faculty of Law of Istanbul University in 1976, and then completed his doctoral dissertation in 1981 at the Faculty of Islamic Sciences of Atatürk University, titled: "The Concept of Usul in Islamic Jurisprudence and its Methodological Differences among Muslim Jurists in the 8th Century." His Eminence has held many important positions, including as a member of the theological faculty of Marmara University until his retirement in 2010, and then as dean between 1994 and 1997. In 1996, His Eminence was chosen as the representative of Marmara University in the Council of the League of Islamic Universities. Between 1983-1986, His

Eminence was a faculty member at Algerian universities, including the University of Algiers, Prince Abdul Qadir University, and the University of Annaba. Between 1997-1998, His Eminence was a visiting professor at the International Islamic University of Malaysia and was also a member of the scientific committee for jurisprudence in the Islamic encyclopedia of Turkish Endowments as well as chairman of this committee. His Eminence was the founding president of Istanbul University from 2010 to 2018 and is currently a faculty member at the same university and has also been a board member at the Islamic Research Center (iSAM). In addition to being an expert member, His Eminence had also served a representative member of the Republic of Turkey in 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 Uloom 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 Mutha 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. Abdul Razzaq Wardak

Born in Afghanistan in 1941, H.E. Dr. Abdul Razzaq Wardak obtained a bachelor's degree from Dar al-Uloom al-Arabi School in Kabul, a bachelor's degree from the Faculty of Sharia at Kabul University, and a master's degree in the Foundations of Islamic Jurisprudence from the Faculty of Sharia and Law at Al-Azhar

University. His Eminence has been a member of the curriculum and textbook design committee for Sharia schools, a member of the Afghan University Entrance Examination Committee linked to the Ministry of Higher Education. His Eminence has been responsible for the training of judges and prosecutors on the Judges' Rotation Committee

and continues to teach at the Shariah College of Kabul University, in addition to many other senior positions at Kabul University. His Eminence is the author of a number of books and translations. As a member of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, H.E. Dr. Abdul Razzaq Wardak has represented Afghanistan since September 13, 2012.

His Eminence Sheikh Dr. Konate Arna



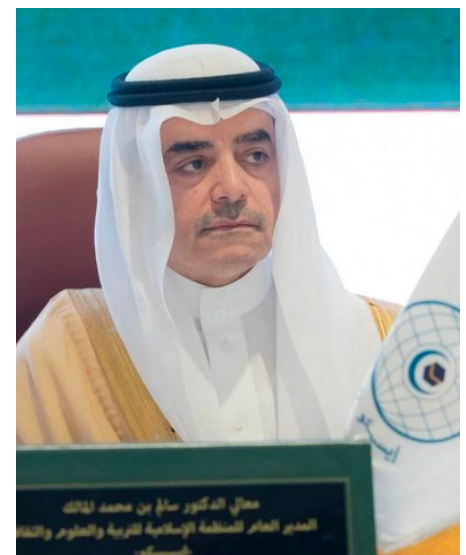
Born in 1978 in Côte d'Ivoire, H.E. Sheikh Dr. Konate Arna obtained a bachelor's degree from the Faculty of Sharia and Islamic Studies of the Islamic University of Niger in 2000, a master's degree from Dar Al-Hadith Al-Hasaniyah in the Kingdom of Morocco in 2004, and a Doctorate from the Faculty of Letters and Humanities of the Abd al-Malik al-Saadi University in the Kingdom of Morocco in 2008. His Eminence has held many important positions, including Director General at the International Training Institute for Imams and Preachers in Africa, Head of the Department of Higher Education, Training and Scientific Research at the Supreme Council of Imams, Research Professor at the Institute of History, Arts and African Archaeology at the Felix Houphouët

Boigny Kokodi University in Abidjan, Professor of Islamic Jurisprudence and Religious Dialogue at the International Training Institute for Imams and Preachers, and Professor of Arabic Language at the History Division of the Felix Houphouët University, and Deputy Director General of the International Training Institute for Imams and Preachers in Africa. His Eminence has participated in numerous scientific conferences in various countries, and has written numerous research articles in different Islamic studies journals, as well as many books in different fields. His Eminence is currently the Vice President of the Islamic University of Africa. As a member of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, H.E. Sheikh Dr. Konate Arna has represented the Ivory Coast since March 22, 2015.

His Excellency Dr. Salem bin Mohammed Al-Malik

Born in 1960 in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, H.E. Dr. Salem bin Mohammed Al-Malik earned a master's degree in Health Administration and Policy from Harvard University, a Certificate in Executive Medical Administration and a Diploma in Medical Administration from the American College of Executive Physicians. His Eminence has served on the Board of Directors of the Saudi Red Crescent Authority, Al-Aghar Group and numerous international institutions, as well as a consultant to the World Health Organization and the U.S. Commission on Accreditation of Global Health Facilities, as well as to a number of international and health care organizations. Prior to his appointment as Director General of the World Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO), His Eminence served as Advisor and General Supervisor of the General Department of International Cooperation, Advisor to the Minister

of Education for Health Affairs at the Ministry of Education in Saudi Arabia, and Secretary General of the Saudi National Committee for Education, Culture and Science. In addition to his work as a consultant in Allergology and Immunology at the King Abdulaziz Medical City in the National Guard, His Eminence has served as the Head of the Knowledge Industries Sector at the Saudi General Investment Authority and headed the Knowledge Industries Strategy Development Team, the Deputy Executive Director (Medical Director) of the Central Region Medical Services in the National Guard Health Affairs. His Eminence is considered a leading expert in creating strategic partnerships and collaboration with international organizations, due to his initiatives at the educational, cultural and health levels. His Eminence is the author of seven books and is also known as an accomplished poet.



His Eminence Dr. Muhammad Suleiman Al-Ashqar



Born in Nablus, Palestine, in 1930, H.E. Dr. Muhammad Suleiman Al-Ashqar completed his high school in Nablus in 1944, he went to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and worked in primary education. In 1372H, he was appointed as the head of Dar Al Iftaa's library in Dakhna region, but he continued his studies at the Sharia Institute and College in Riyadh until he graduated in 1376 with the first honors, and he got to know his revered sheikhs. His Eminence was an expert of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy. His Eminence held a number of other important positions, including: Teaching at the Shaqraa Scientific Institute, which he was assigned to administer in 1377, at the Islamic University of Madinah for two years, and then went to Kuwait, to become the head of the library of the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs for twelve years (1385-1397 AH), During this period, His Eminence obtained a master's degree and a doctorate from

the Faculty of Sharia at Al-Azhar University, and then went to Jordan, where he devoted himself entirely to research and writing, and during this period, he participated in a few jurisprudential conferences and seminars. His Eminence is the author of many books, the most important of which are: The Acts of the Messenger, PBUH: Their Meaning in the Proofs of Shari'a, Usul al-Fiqh for Beginners, Interpretation of Fath al-Qadeer (which is a brief interpretation of al-Shawkani), Fatwas and Methods of Ifta, Alphabetical Indexing and Lexical Arrangement, Jurisprudence of al-Mughni by Ibn Qudamah, Indexing Bidaya wa Al-Nihaya by Ibn Kathir, How to Embrace Islam (a summary for preachers), Istisna'a Contract, Loan Etiquette, Money and Currency Fluctuations, as well as the Maintenance of Leased Property and its Dependence on the Lessor and Lessee. His Eminence passed away in 2009.

His Eminence Prof. Muhammad bin Ahmed Al-Saleh

Born in 1361/1942 in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, H.E. Prof. Muhammad bin Ahmed Al-Saleh graduated from the Sharia College in Riyadh in 1380/1960 and obtained a master's degree in Comparative Jurisprudence from the Sharia Faculty of Al-Azhar Al-Sharif in 1389/1969, and a Ph.D. degree in Comparative Jurisprudence from the same university in 1395/1975. His Eminence has held many other important positions, including as an expert at the Institute of Management and an expert at the Muslim World League's Islamic Fiqh Council in Makkah, a member of Al-Azhar's Islamic Research Academy, a member of the Scientific Council of Imam Muhammad



bin Saud Islamic University, a member of the Graduate Studies Conferences in Al-Azhar, a participant in the conferences of the Supreme Council of Islamic Affairs in Cairo, member of the research and publication committee of Al-Imam University and member of the committee of introduction to Islam, chairman of the committee of children's stories, and supervised dozens of masters and doctoral theses inside and outside Al-Imam University, in addition to jury membership in several dissertations, His Eminence has participated in numerous international and local conferences and seminars. His Eminence is the author of several books in different fields.

His Eminence Dr. Naji bin Muhammad Shafiq Ajam

Born in Aleppo in the Syrian Arab Republic in 1360/1942, His Eminence Dr. Naji bin Muhammad Shafiq Ajam studied in the schools of Aleppo, including the Sharia High School, until graduating from Al-Ma'moun High School in 1962, and then joined the Sharia Faculty at the University of Damascus, obtaining a bachelor's degree in 1966. His Eminence then worked at several universities in Saudi Arabia, where he further studied with leading sheikhs, before moving again to Egypt to obtain a doctorate from the Faculty of Sharia and Law at Al-Azhar University in Cairo in 1977, with honors. His Eminence has held many other positions, which includes spending more than twenty-five years on the faculty of Imam Muhammad bin Saud Islamic University, Medina Islamic University, King Abdulaziz University, the Faculty of Humanities, the Department of Islamic Studies in Jeddah, supervised a number of master's and doctoral dissertations at Umm Al-Qura University in Makkah and other institutions, and served as chairman of the Department of Islamic Studies. He served as an advisor in this department for 15 years and chaired the graduate program

committee. His Eminence was also the Imam of its University Mosque for over ten years, in addition to preaching sermons in several mosques in Jeddah. His Eminence has served as a Sharia advisor on awqaf and investment systems at the Fakihi Center for Research and Development, as an arbitrator in the field of endowment research at the Islamic Training and Research Institute of the Islamic Development Bank, and as an expert in the drafting of endowment deeds and their interpretation in Sharia courts. His Eminence is the author of many works, including: the general calamity and its impact on the evolution of rulings, the system of work and workers in Islam, the jurisprudence of inheritance and the division of inheritance in Islam, the effect of the money value's variation on the rights and obligations of people, rulings on the penalty clause in contracts, the easy Islamic jurisprudence with its contemporary applications on the four schools of law. Prior to his death in 2006, His Eminence was an expert member of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy and participated in its sessions for more than ten years.



His Eminence Sheikh Muhyiddin Qadi



Born in 1929 in Tozeur, Tunisia, H.E. Sheikh Mohieddin Kadi, may Allah rest his soul, studied under the sheikhs of the branch of Al-Zaytouna University in Tozeur, and from the Great Mosque of Tunis, from which he obtained a bachelor's degree. His Eminence has held many important positions, including as an Imam-Khatib at the University of Al-Mihras in Tunis and at the Islamic Center of Saleh Kamel in Beheira, member of the Supreme Islamic Council and director of the Supreme Sharia Institute. His Eminence also taught Arabic language and literature in the secondary institutes of Monastir, Menzel Bourguiba, Carthage and Rades until he was assigned to teach jurisprudence and Maqasid

Al-Sharia at Al-Zaytouna. His Eminence is considered one of the most competent jurists of the Maliki school of law and has been involved for many years in religious platforms and forums in Tunisia and abroad, such as the Forum of Islamic Thoughts in Algeria and Al-Hassaniya Lectures in Morocco in addition to other host countries of IIFA sessions, as well as France on awareness mission to the Tunisian migrant community. Prior to his death in 2018, His Eminence was a member of numerous organizations and commissions (including that of the City Council with two seats for two sessions). His Eminence is decorated with the Republic Medals for Educational Merit.

His Eminence Dr. Ibrahim Al-Maiman

Born in 1969 in Al-Madinah Al-Munawarah, H.E. Dr. Ibrahim Al-Maiman obtained a bachelor's degree from the Faculty of Sharia at Imam Muhammad bin Saud Islamic University, as well as a master's degree entitled "Rulings on Abortion according to Islamic Fiqh" and a PhD on the book of Al Bayaan by Al-Omrani Al-Shafi'i, from the same university. His Eminence is an expert member of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, and has also held other important positions, including Deputy Dean of Imam Muhammad bin Saud Islamic University for Scientific Institutes Affairs, Advisor to the Director of Imam Muhammad bin Saud Islamic University, Head of the Intellectual Awareness Unit at Imam Muhammad bin Saud Islamic University, and member of the Advisory Committees and the



Advisory Committee of Prince Muhammad bin Nayef Care and Counseling Center, Deputy Director of the Center of Excellence for Research in Jurisprudence of Contemporary Issues for Scientific and Research Affairs, Secretary of the Board of Trustees, part-time consultant to the General Administration of Intellectual Security at the Ministry of Interior, and Assistant Dean of Admissions and Student Affairs for Admissions Affairs at Imam Muhammad bin Saud Islamic University, and Supervisor of Graduate Studies at Qassim University. His Eminence has participated in numerous international and local conferences and seminars, has written several books in different fields, and is currently a professor at Imam Muhammad bin Saud Islamic University in Riyadh.

His Eminence Dr. Muhammad Mahmoud Al-Jammal

Born in 1972 in Egypt, H.E. Dr. Muhammad Mahmoud Al-Jamal obtained a B.A. in Sharia and Law in 1996 from the Faculty of Sharia and Law at Al-Azhar University, as well as an M.A. in Comparative Jurisprudence in 2002 and a Ph.D. in the same department in 2005. His Eminence has served as an expert member at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy and has also held numerous positions including: Associate Dean for Student Affairs in the College of Islamic Studies - Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Head of the Department of "Fiqh and Society", Head of the Department of "Contemporary Jurisprudence" in the same college, and Head of the Student Affairs Committee, Chairman of the Admissions Committee for new students applying to the major "Contemporary Jurisprudence", Member of the Admissions Committee for new

students applying to the major "Contemporary Jurisprudence", Member of the Scholarship Committee for students in the College of Islamic Studies at Hamad Bin Khalifa University, and Chairman of the Committee for the creation of a children's website on the Holy Quran, Chairman of the Investigation Committee at the College of Islamic Studies, Member of the "Prophet's Digital Seerah" project, Member of the Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development, and Member of the Editorial Board of several scientific journals. His Eminence has participated in numerous international and local conferences and seminars and has written several books in different fields. He is currently a professor at both Al-Azhar University and Hamad bin Khalifa University.



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