

IIFA Statement on Banning Afghan Women from Schools and Universities

Praise be to Allah, Lord of the worlds. Blessings and peace be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family and companions. As per the words of Allah in Surat Al-'Alaq (1-5) :

- 1) Read in the name of your Lord who created
- 2) Created man from a clot.
- 3 Recite, and your Lord is the most Generous
- 4) Who taught by the pen
- 5) Taught mankind that which they knew not.

In light of the hadith of the Prophet, PBUH, reported by Al-Tirmidhi on the authority of Anas Ibn Malik, may Allah be pleased with them, who said: (Seeking knowledge is an obligation on every Muslim, and the seeker of knowledge obtains prayers of forgiveness from everything, even from the whales in the sea). Realizing the duty of promoting virtue and preventing vice, as Allah the Almighty said: {You are the best nation produced [as an example] for mankind. You enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong and believe in Allah.} Aal-Imran: 110. Realizing the duty of stating the truth which Allah has taken upon the people of knowledge through His word, blessed be His name: {[Recall, O Muhammad], when Allah took a covenant from those who were given the Scripture, [saying], "You must make it clear to the people and not conceal it} Aal-Imran: 187. Realizing the duty of advising Muslim leaders and their public, as the Prophet PBUH said in the hadith reported by Imam Muslim in his Sahih on the authority of Tamim al-Dari, may Allah be pleased with them, who said: The Messenger of Allah PBUH said: Religion is true advice. The people asked; to whom should it be directed, O' Messenger of Allah? He replied: To Allah, his Book, his Apostle, Muslim leaders (public authorities) and Muslims in general. In view of all these facts, the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) would like to clarify the Sharia ruling regarding the suspension of girls and women's education in Afghan schools and universities: First of all, education of men and women is regarded a legal and religious obligation in Sharia, as evidenced by the verses of the Holy Qur'an and authentic hadiths of the Prophet, PBUH. There has been no significant disagreement recorded between Muslim scholars regarding this issue. The first verse that was revealed to the Messenger of Allah, PBUH, is considered the most remarkable and significant proof of this obligation, which states: {Read (O' Mohamed) in the name of your Lord, who created man from a clot} Al-Alaq: 1. The Almighty's word: {Read} is an order of reading for the Prophet, PBUH, and the order, as is known, necessitates an obligation according to the scholars of Fiqh and Usul. If the most noble Prophet was ordered to read out of obligation, then the entire Ummah is obliged to study, following his footsteps. There is no distinction in this matter between a man and a woman and between a boy and a girl. They are all instructed to read, and according to scholars' interpretation, reading in this verse means learning and studying. Similarly, the hadith of "seeking knowledge is an obligation on every Muslim" is an explicit and obvious proof indicating that Sharia necessitates to educate boys, girls and women at all times and places. Second, the preservation of the soul, religion and mind are some of Sharia's most important maqasid (objectives), and among the essential needs that the divine laws have repeatedly called to preserve by legitimate means and capacities. Education,



according to all scholars of the Ummah, is the most important means of preserving the soul, religion, and mind, as it enables men and women to understand their Lord and religion, as well as to know their rights and duties, and how to thrive on earth, performing the task of viceregency with sincerity and security. Education protects us against the perils of ignorance and prevents us from succumbing into superstitions and illusions. It is therefore considered one of the greatest acts of worship and the most important obligation for both men and women. Since Sharia maxims state 'if an obligation cannot be completed without itself, then it is itself an obligation' and 'the premise of an obligation is also an obligation', then Sharia considers education to be a legal and religious obligation because the obligation of preserving the soul, religion, and mind cannot be fulfilled without education; and also, because it is considered a necessary route for the obligation of preserving the soul, religion, and mind. On this basis, Sharia considers male and female education to be a duty since the preservation of Sharia's general and specific objectives, such as the preservation of the soul, religion, and mind, are particularly dependent on it. Furthermore, preventing boys and girls from acquiring an education is considered a violation of Sharia's general objectives and its more specific objectives, as mentioned therein. It is also considered a serious violation of the essential needs that disrupt life and causes its imbalance. All of these evil actions are considered haram in Sharia. Third, prohibiting girls and women from acquiring an education is a violation of the tradition of the Prophet, PBUH, and the tradition of the righteous predecessors, including the companions and their subsequent followers. The Ummah has never experienced such a violation throughout its long history, since it is reported that women used to attend the Prophet's meetings in which he used to teach all companions. The Prophet PBUH used to allocate days to teach women. The wives of the Prophet were among the greatest scholars of the companions, and they were the ones who taught many other companions as well as their followers, which makes prohibiting girls and women from learning unreasonable and repugnant. Fourth, the Ummah must be warned against being misled by false hadiths that are popular among the laity, particularly those fabricated ones that some so-called educated people rely on to justify keeping girls and women out of school. Among the most well-known of these fabricated hadiths is the one made up by the famous fabricator "Muhammad bin

Ibrahim al-Shami", which claims that the Prophet's wife, Ummuna Aisha, may Allah be pleased with her, said: (Do not gather women in rooms, and do not teach them to write, rather teach them Surat al-Nur and how to use the spindle). Therefore, using such false and misleading sayings as an evidence and argument to prevent or suspend the education of girls and women is equivalent to intentionally abandoning and rejecting what has been clearly established by the Qur'an, the Sunnah and Ummah's consensus. Finally, today's effective and specialized education methods implemented by modern systems, such as the division of educational stages into primary, intermediate, secondary and university levels, as well as the commitment to this educational division are considered legit interests that should be adopted to enable men and women to comply with the Sharia obligation of learning and studying. Accordingly, preventing girls and women from acquiring an education at any of these levels is an obvious arbitrariness and a grave transgression, according to Sharia. Based on all the above, the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) urges the Afghan government to reopen schools and universities for Afghan girls and women, in accordance with Allah's command, the Prophet's Sunnah, and as a commitment to the Ummah's consensus and mission at all times and places. The International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) calls on Afghan government to ensure that boys and girls can enroll in all levels of education and specializations that the Afghan people need at this critical juncture of their history in order to combat extreme poverty and ignorance, because poverty has no better weapon than education, and ignorance has no better remedy than an adequate education. The Ummah's scholars around the world remind the ruling authority in Afghanistan that empowering boys, girls, and women of Afghanistan to study and learn is a responsibility upon their shoulders, that will be questioned before Allah on the Day of Judgment. According to both Bukhari and Muslim, the Prophet PBUH said, "All of you are guardians and are responsible for your subjects. The ruler is a guardian of his subjects, the man is a guardian of his family, the woman is a guardian and is responsible for her husband's house, so all of you are guardians and are responsible for your subjects." Last but not least, the IIFA appeals to all OIC member states and charitable organizations around the world to support Afghan people by developing and maintaining their schools, institutes, and universities, through the construction and development of the infrastructures, logistics, facilities, and transportation that Afghan children, boys, girls, and women need in their quest of education. To conclude, May Allah's blessings and peace be upon our master Muhammad, his family and all his companions, and those who follow them with good deeds until the Day of Judgment.

Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano
Secretary General of the Academy

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Government Minister of Guinea leads a delegation visiting IIFA

His Excellency Mr. Abd al-Rahman Siki Camara, Minister of Government Affairs of the Republic of Guinea, visited on Tuesday 26 Jumada al-Awwal 1444H corresponding to 20 December 2022G, the headquarters of the Academy's General Secretariat in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Upon his arrival, His Excellency and the accompanying delegation were received by His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), who welcomed him warmly, and expressed his sincere thanks and appreciation for this first visit by His Excellency to the headquarters of the Academy. He also expressed his great gratitude and appreciation to the government of the Republic of Guinea for the constant care and continuous support the Academy has enjoyed since its inception to the present day, praising the distinguished good relations that exist between the Academy and Guinean institutions and scientific centers, led by the General Secretariat for Religious Affairs and the National Council for Fatwa. His Excellency concluded by expressing his aspiration to enhancing relations of cooperation, partnership and coordination between the Academy and all the scientific institutions and centers that work in the field of disseminating the approach of moderation and the culture of temperance, tolerance and coexistence between religions. For his part, His Excellency the Minister expressed his great happiness with this visit to this leading

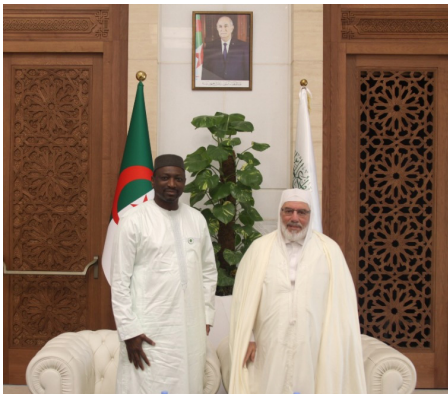


intellectual institution, which today has become one of the leading intellectual institutions that enjoy great respect and great appreciation in all parts of the world. He also added: "On the sidelines of the Guinean delegation's participation in the ministerial meeting of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) member states on combating corruption, I was honored by the fraternal visit to His Excellency the Secretary General of the Academy, accompanied by Mr. Billy Keita, Chief of Staff of the Ministry of Justice and Human Rights, and Mr. Ali Touré, Special Prosecutor at the Court for the Suppression of Economic and Financial Crimes of the Republic of Guinea, in order to convey to His Excellency the Secretary General the congratulatory message from His Excellency, the Head of State, the Transitional President of the Republic, Colonel Mamady Doumboya, and from the Prime Minister, the Head of Government, from the members of the Government, and from all the

people of Guinea, in appreciation of the precious confidence that the Member States of the OIC have placed in the person of Your Excellency to assume this prestigious position of responsibility." In conclusion, His Excellency expressed his great pleasure at what he heard from His Excellency the Minister, and his special pride in the congratulatory message conveyed by His Excellency from His Excellency the President of the Republic, praying to God Almighty to protect His Excellency, his government, and the Guinean people, and that the generous Lord help him to carry out the trust that he entrusted to him. Then, His Excellency gave his guest and the accompanying delegation souvenirs. The meeting was attended by His Excellency Mr. Nabi Soma, Chargé d'affaires of the Embassy of the Republic of Guinea in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and Mr. Mondher El-Chouk Director of the Cabinet and Protocol Affairs Department at the Academy.



Secretary General visits the Grand Mosque of Algiers



At the kind invitation of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, His Excellency Professor Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), paid an official visit to Algeria during the period between 16-19 Jumada Al-Awwal 1444H corresponding to 10-13 December 2022G, during which he met with a group of senior Algerian officials and religious leaders to discuss ways to strengthen relations of cooperation, coordination and partnership between the Academy and the renowned Algerian scientific and intellectual institutions. His Excellency started the tour by visiting the Grand Mosque in the capital Algiers, which is the third largest mosque in the world after the Two Holy Mosques, has the highest minaret in the world, and includes great buildings and corridors inspired by Andalusian architecture. Upon his arrival, His Excellency was received

by the Dean of the Mosque, His Eminence, the venerable scholar Mohammed Maamoun Al Qasimi, and his senior assistants, where he warmly welcomed His Excellency and thanked him for the visit, praising His Excellency's scientific status, in particular, and the position of the Academy as the largest scientific and Shariah reference in the current era. He also expressed his aspiration to strengthen cooperation and partnership relations between the Academy and the Algiers Mosque in the near future. During the meeting, the mosque management gave a detailed presentation to His Excellency the Secretary General and his accompanying delegation about this great Islamic landmark in terms of its unique architectural structure and the multiple and distinguished services it provides to worshippers throughout the week as well as visitors from all over the world. For his part, His Excellency the Secretary General expressed his great pleasure at visiting Algeria and the love and appreciation he has for its leadership and people, praising the historical achievements and rapid developments of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria in all fields, recalling the glorious history that the State of Algeria represents, and a unique model of sacrifice and struggle. He also expressed his sincere thanks and appreciation for the continuous support and care given to the Academy, noting in the meantime that it was the first country from the African continent to host one of the sessions of the Academy nearly ten years ago. Then His Excellency expressed his great pleasure at visiting the Grand Mosque of

Algeria, noting the tremendous work carried out by those in charge of the mosque in the field of promoting the method of moderation, spreading the tolerant values of our true religion and spreading the culture of moderation, tolerance and coexistence. At the end of his visit, His Excellency promised those in charge of the mosque to provide the mosque's library with publications and periodicals of the Academy. At the end of the meeting, His Excellency the Secretary General toured the Grand Mosque, where he was briefed on the facilities and departments of this great landmark and the religious services and educational programs it provides to Muslims in Algeria. The meeting was also attended by Mr. Rachid Bourkoua, Secretary of Foreign Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Algerian National Community Abroad, and Mr. Jawzy Lardjane, Head of Translation Division at the Academy.



President of Algeria's High Islamic Council welcomes Secretary General in Algiers

His Excellency Professor Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), visited the High Islamic Council in Algiers, on Sunday 17 Jumada al-Awwal 1444H corresponding to 11 December 2022G, as part of his official working visit to Algeria. Upon his arrival, His Excellency and his accompanying delegation were received by Dr. Abu Abdullah Ghulamallah, President of the Council and former Minister of Religious Affairs, along with His Eminence Professor Kamal Bouzidi, Algeria's member in the Council of the Academy, and a group of senior scholars and religious leaders in the Council and representative of the Algerian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. His Excellency the President of the Council welcomed His Excellency and thanked him for this historic visit, which is the first since the Secretary General assumed his duties, noting the great position that the Academy enjoys among the member states and peoples of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) as the first religious reference in the Muslim world, and he also expressed the Council's aspiration to enhance cooperation and coordination between the Council and the Academy in areas of common interest. For his part, His Excellency the Secretary General expressed his great pleasure and honor to visit the Supreme Islamic Council of Algeria, thanking its



president and his assistants for the good reception and warm welcome, noting the appreciated efforts made by the Council under the presidency of His Excellency Dr. Ghulamallah in the field of spreading moderation, tolerance and coexistence, and combating extremist ideology and fanaticism in the service of Islam and Muslims in Algeria. His Excellency also affirmed that the Academy is fully prepared to provide all kinds of doctrinal, scientific and intellectual support to the Council, out of its belief in the necessity of strengthening and supporting the tremendous efforts made by the leading religious institutions in the member states of the OIC in order for them to carry out their duties to the fullest extent and be beneficial

to Muslims in their respective countries. His Excellency added that the Academy is ready to conclude a long-term strategic partnership with the Council that enables it to involve its scholars and researchers in all sessions and conferences held by the Academy in order to benefit from its important outputs and wise resolutions, in addition to obtaining all scientific publications and periodicals of the Academy on a regular basis. His Excellency then presented His Excellency the President with a souvenir from the Academy. The meeting was attended by His Excellency Sheikh Abdullah Maqshoush, Advisor to the President of the Council, His Excellency Mr. Rachid Bourkoua, Secretary of Foreign Affairs at the Algerian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the National Community Abroad, and Mr. Jawzi Lardjane, Head of Translation Division at the Academy.



Secretary General participates in Al-Maghili International Conference in Algiers



His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), participated in the opening ceremony of the Algerian International Forum "Imam Mohammad bin Abdel Karim Al-Maghili: Governance, Stability and Unity of African Societies", which was held under the high patronage of His Excellency the President of the Republic of Algeria, Mr. Abdelmadjid Tebboune, and took place in the Palace of International conferences "Abdul Latif Rahal" in the capital, Algiers, on Monday 18 Jumada Al-Awwal 1444H, corresponding to 12 December 2022G. Organized by the Ministries of Higher Education and Scientific Research and Religious Affairs and Awqaf in Algeria, this forum seeks to revive the march and role of Sheikh Al-Maghili in spreading Islam in the African continent and to highlight the values of dialogue, tolerance and moderation that characterized the moderate religious discourse of this Algerian scholar who was famous for scientific debates and travel

in the countries of the Muslim world and the African sub-Saharan. University professors and researchers specializing in the field of Islamic heritage from more than 20 countries, including Nigeria, Mali, Palestine, Senegal, Burkina Faso, Pakistan, India and Iraq, participated in this event. Participants in this international forum will focus over the course of two days on studying the intellectual, political and scientific aspects of Sheikh Imam Mohammad bin Abdel Karim al-Maghili al-Tlemsani (1425-1504), who is one of the great Algerian scholars in the 15th century (Gregorian calendar) and the prestigious position he enjoyed inside and outside his country during that period, especially in some African countries, such as Mali, Niger, and Nigeria, and some of his courageous historical stances towards important issues of his time and his moderate reformist vision. The programmed interventions during this scientific forum touched on several axes such as "Imam Mohammad bin Abdel Karim Al-Maghili: The Biography and the Journey", "The Liberal Reformist Dimension in Al-Maghili Thought and Its Regional and International Extensions", "Imam Al-Maghili's Political Thought: A Pioneering Project in State Building and Establishing the First Pillars of Good Governance", "Al-Maghili's Approach to Unity and Peace in Africa, Meaningful Messages and Good Advice in the Service of Humanity". His Excellency commented on the conference, saying: "The tribute of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria to a great scholar such as Imam Muhammad bin Abd al-Karim al-Maghili is an affirmation of the keenness of the wise Algerian leadership to perpetuate the

biography of a scholar who endured hardships to spread Islam in countries that could not easily be reached at that time. But the strength of will, composure, and a sense of responsibility to spread the message, were all sufficient to overcome all the difficulties. And the reader of his book which is called (Taj al-Din in what is obligatory upon Kings and Sultans) and what it contained of sincere and righteous advice are considered the foundations of what is known today as good governance and wise leadership, and it is possible to benefit from these graceful tips to enhance the meanings and values of justice, integrity, transparency and sincerity in leadership and management, considering the values of coexistence, tolerance, progress and development".

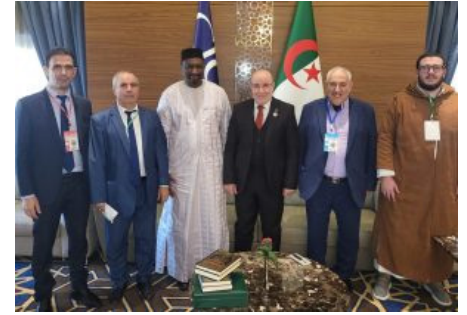


Algerian Minister of Religious Affairs and Awqaf receives IIFA Secretary General



His Excellency Dr. Youssef Belmehdi, Minister of Religious Affairs and Awqaf of the Republic of Algeria, received His Excellency Professor Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), in the Algerian capital, on Monday 18 Jumada Al-Awwal 1444H corresponding to 12 December 2022G, on the sidelines of His Excellency's participation in the Algeria International Forum about Imam Muhammad ibn Abd al-Karim al-Maghili. His Excellency the Minister welcomed the distinguished guest of Algeria, praising the global scientific reputation and the prestigious international position enjoyed by His Excellency Professor Sano, and his great continuous efforts in order to spread the noble values of Islam and its honorable Shariah, which calls for the promotion and consolidation of the concepts of moderation, tolerance, love and fraternity among peoples and religions, and the rejection

of all manifestations of hatred, fanaticism and violence. His Excellency also expressed the pride of the State of Algeria and all the member states of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) in the continuous efforts of the Academy to spread the true religion, reunite the Ummah, unify its voice, and elevate the status of Islam and Muslims in the world through positive civilized contribution and distance from violence, ignorance and backwardness. On this happy occasion, His Excellency affirmed the Algeria's keenness to strengthen the bonds of cooperation and coordination between the ministry and the Academy in all areas of common interest. For his part, His Excellency the Secretary General expressed his great pleasure and honor to visit the State of Algeria, thanking His Excellency the Minister for the good reception and warm welcome, praising the scientific activities and qualitative intellectual projects carried out by the Ministry under the leadership of His Excellency,



and affirming the full readiness of the Academy to conclude an exemplary strategic partnership in the field of spreading the approach of moderation and coexistence, as well as cooperation in the joint organization of scientific conferences and seminars on various issues and topics of concern to Muslims in Algeria. In the meantime, His Excellency expressed the Academy's aspiration to sign a cooperation agreement in order to make the most of the scientific, intellectual and research staff that are abound in the universities, institutes and scientific centers in Algeria in the sessions and seminars of the Academy. In conclusion, the two sides agreed to review the provisions of the proposed draft agreement in preparation for signing it in the coming days. The meeting was attended by His Eminence Dr. Kamal Bouzidi, Algeria's representative member at the Council of the Academy, and Mr. Jawzy Lardjane, Head of Translation Division at the Academy.

Secretary General receives Consul General of Nigeria in Jeddah

His Excellency Professor Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), received His Excellency Ambassador Mansour Gosimi Abdul Karim, Consul General of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in Jeddah, and his accompanying delegation, on Monday 25 Jumada Al-Awwal 1444H corresponding to 19 December 2022G at the headquarters of the Secretariat General of the Academy in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. His Excellency the Secretary General welcomed his honorable guest, thanking him for the visit, and expressing his appreciation and gratitude to the State of Nigeria for its support and care for the Academy since its inception to the present day. His Excellency also provided the guest and his accompanying delegation with a comprehensive overview of the activities of the Academy and the recent developments, noting in this regard the prestigious position and great respect that the Academy enjoys among the member states of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and outside it in the field of promoting the values of moderation, fraternity and peaceful coexistence between peoples and religions. His Excellency explained that a number of OIC member states have held sessions of the Academy in order to benefit from the outputs of those sessions to address some of the local issues that concern them in addition to other issues of concern to Muslims



around the world. His Excellency expressed his hope that the State of Nigeria will host one of the sessions of the Academy in the near future. For his part, His Excellency the Consul expressed his pleasure and honor to visit the Academy and his thanks and gratitude to His Excellency the Secretary General for the good reception and warm welcome to him and his accompanying delegation, stressing his keenness to establish strong and sustainable relations with the Academy and to benefit from it in addressing many local and regional issues that concern his country and the region. His Excellency also expressed his admiration and appreciation for the great and important developments that the Academy has witnessed at all levels since His Excellency assumed his duties as Secretary General of the Academy, praising the pioneering scientific and intellectual position that the Academy occupies

internationally and its pivotal role within the OIC as the first Fiqh reference for the Muslim Ummah. His Excellency concluded by welcoming the idea of holding one of the Academy's sessions in Nigeria in order to strengthen relations of cooperation and communication between the Academy and Nigerian official scientific institutions that are active in the field of spreading the values of tolerance, fraternity and peaceful coexistence between religions, and serving issues that concern Muslims in Nigeria in particular and in Africa in general. The meeting was attended by His Excellency Mr. Ismail Abdulquadir, Head of Chancery at the Consulate General, His Excellency Mr. Hassan Abu Bakr Khamis, Second Secretary at the Consulate General, Dr. Alhagi Manta Drammeh, Head of International Cooperation and External Relations Division at the Academy, and Mr. Mourad TLiLi, Advisor to His Excellency the Secretary General for Media Affairs.



IIFA and US-based Family Watch International sign an MoC



Seeking to build strategic partnership relations with scientific and research institutions and centers active in the field of protecting and nurturing the family institution in modern societies, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy (IIFA), and Ms. Sharon Slater, President of the Family Watch International in Arizona, USA, signed a memorandum of cooperation between the two institutions, on Tuesday 26 Jumada Al-Awwal 1444H corresponding to 20 December 2022G at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. This agreement aims to build a strategic partnership based on strengthening cooperation and coordination between the two institutions in order to highlight the important and central role of the family institution in building and cohesion of society, and to provide effective solutions to the challenges facing the family institution, as well as work to coordinate efforts and positions against the various attempts that seek to eliminate the values and principles called for by religions and beliefs in order to preserve the family system, and the necessary interests agreed upon by all the divine religions, especially the preservation of offspring, and presentation through eternal traditional institutions, such as the institution of marriage and the institution of inheritance, through the organization of scientific programs and activities aiming to enhance the awareness of societies of the importance of family values and the necessity of consolidating them for future generations. The agreement also aims for the cooperation of the two institutions in the joint

organization of conferences and seminars, the establishment of workshops and training, the exchange of publications and periodicals, and the representation of the two parties in the work of conferences and seminars held by each of them in the field of common interest between them. After signing the MoU, H.E. the Secretary General expressed his great pride and pleasure at the completion of this important agreement for the two parties, praising the important role played by the FWI organization on the international scene through United Nations institutions and bodies in spreading awareness of the importance of the family institution, and the need to preserve it, in order to ensure the survival of the human species through reproduction, which is one of the purposes of the Shariah, namely the purpose of preserving the offspring, which is achieved by preserving the rest of the purposes of the soul, religion, mind and money, as none of these purposes can be preserved if the offspring are not preserved from the outset. He explained that any violation or manipulation of the concept of marriage, which means that sacred natural contract between a man and a woman, leads to the gradual eradication of the human race, and the obvious ensuing destruction and ruin. He added that the issued many decisions and recommendations in which it indicated the importance and necessity of preserving the family institution and caring for the rights of women, children and the elderly, and rejecting all attempts aimed at undermining or harming the family institution in general and the institution of marriage in particular. He concluded by expressing the Academy's aspiration to achieve all the goals stipulated in this agreement in the coming days. For her part, the President of FWI expressed her sincere thanks and appreciation to His Excellency the Secretary General for the kind reception and warm welcome, and she also expressed her great pleasure at the completion of this perfect agreement with the Academy, which is considered the first Fiqh reference in the Muslim world. She added that FWI, since its establishment at the

end of the nineties, has sought to protect and nurture the family institution in accordance with what all divine laws called for, and the subsequent practical plans and field programs to protect our societies from dissolution and erosion. She also stressed that major international partnerships, such as the partnership of FWI with the Academy, would strongly support joint international efforts to protect the family, women and children, by spreading awareness of the importance of family values and the integrity of all components of its institution on a wide international scale and the use of religious institutions of various divine religions to throw their weight to adopt these noble values and defend them for the sake of our future. The signing ceremony was attended by Mr. Greg Slater, Advisor to the President of FWI for Legal Affairs, Ms. Jenni Updike, Executive Assistant to the President of FWI, Dr. Abdul Qaher Qamar, Director of the Studies and Research Department at the Academy, Ms. Sarah Amjad Hussein, Director of the Women and Family Affairs, Dr. Alhagi Manta Drammeh, Head of the International Cooperation, and Mr. Mourad TLiLi, Advisor to the Secretary General for Media Affairs. It should be noted that the Family Watch International organization works to protect and promote the family as the basic unit of society at the international, national and local levels through education, family advocacy, and family humanitarian aid. FWI believes that this can be achieved by working to preserve and strengthen traditional marriage, protect the rights of parents, defend human life, support religious freedom, and protect the health and innocence of children.



Iraq's Permanent Representative to the OIC visits IIFA



H.E. Mr. Muhammad Samir Elnakshbandy, the new Consul General of the Republic of Iraq to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Iraq to the OIC, and his accompanying delegation visited, on Tuesday 05 Jumada al-Awwal 1444H corresponding to 29 November 2022G, the headquarters of the Academy in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. He welcomed and thanked him for the visit, congratulated him on his new position and wished him every success in his duties. He also took the opportunity to thank the Republic of Iraq for its continuous support to the Academy. He then gave the honorable guest an overview

of the activities of the Academy, its various programs, and the goals it seeks to achieve, especially with regard to combating extremism, intolerance, and terrorism, and promoting a culture of openness, acceptance of the other, and coexistence between followers of religions, beliefs. For his part, His Excellency the Consul General expressed his great pleasure and honor at visiting the Academy and his thanks and gratitude to His Excellency for the good reception and warm welcome, stressing his country's keenness to establish strong and sustainable relations with the Academy and to benefit from it in addressing many religious and intellectual issues that concern Iraqi society, foremost of which is the topic of combating extremism and terrorism, and promoting peaceful coexistence between races and religions. He also expressed his great appreciation for the tremendous efforts made by the Academy, praising in particular His Excellency's great keenness to unify the voice of the Ummah, and to spread the values of moderation and tolerance. He also expressed Iraq's desire to strengthen relations of cooperation and communication between the Academy, Iraqi scholars and

religious leaders of all denominations, in support of the efforts of the Government of Iraq in combating intolerance, extremism and terrorism. He concluded by presenting an official invitation from the Republic of Iraq to His Excellency to visit Baghdad as soon as possible and to meet with political leaders and religious figures there. The meeting was attended on the Iraqi side by the Deputy Consul, Mr. Muhammad Mustafa Kamel, and on the side of the Academy, Dr. Abdel-Fattah Abnauf, Director of the Planning and International Cooperation Department, and Mr. Mourad TLiLi, Advisor to His Excellency the Secretary General for Media Affairs.



IIFA participates in OIC's Celebration of International Day of Solidarity with Palestine



The General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) held its annual celebration to commemorate the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, which falls on November 29 of each year, at the headquarters of the Organization's General Secretariat in Jeddah on Wednesday, 13 Jumada I 1444H corresponding to 07 December

2022G. Mr. Mohamed Al-Mondher El-Chouk, Director of Cabinet, Protocol and Legal Affairs Department, participated in the celebration as a representative of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) and on behalf of His Excellency the Secretary General of the Academy. During the ceremony, the OIC Secretary General called in his speech for concerted efforts to revive the peace process under multilateral international auspices, in order to find a just, comprehensive and lasting solution to the question of Palestine, in accordance with international law, relevant United Nations resolutions and the Arab Peace Initiative. His Excellency the Secretary General expressed the OIC's condemnation of the Israeli occupation's policies based on building colonial settlements and called for strengthening joint international efforts to confront the occupation's policies and expose them to world public opinion. In his speech, the Secretary General also

condemned the illegal actions and practices committed by the Israeli occupation to change the character and geography of the city of Jerusalem, obliterate its Arab identity and desecrate its sanctities, violate the freedom of worship there, and attempt to isolate it from its Palestinian surroundings, pointing out that this constitutes a serious challenge that the international community must assume its responsibilities to address immediately. On this occasion, the Consul General of the State of Palestine, His Excellency Ambassador Mahmoud Al-Asadi, and the Permanent Representative of the State of Palestine to the OIC, His Excellency Ambassador Maher Al-Karaki, delivered a speech in this ceremony, in which the employees of the General Secretariat and subsidiary organs and a number of general consuls and representatives of member states accredited to the OIC participated.

Director of Family Affairs participates in 20th Session of the IPHR Commission

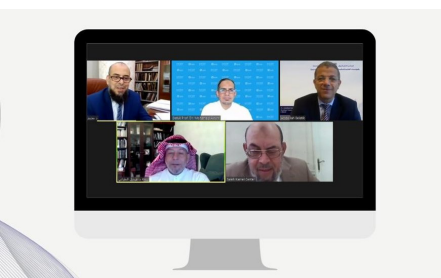
Ms. Sarah Amjad Hussain, Director of the Department of Family, Women, Childhood and Elderly Affairs at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), participated in the 20th session of the Independent Permanent Commission for Human Rights of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), which was held at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the OIC in Jeddah from 24 to 28 Jumada Al-Awwal 1444H corresponding to 18 to 22 December 2022G, in the presence of representatives of member states and observer states in the OIC, including their national human rights institutions, specialists from various relevant international and regional organizations, as well as senior staff of the OIC's general secretariat and the media. The session, which was inaugurated by His Excellency Mr. Hussain Ibrahim Taha, Secretary General of the OIC, began with the signing of a memorandum of understanding between the Commission and the Malaysian National Council for Human Rights, in addition to presentations by keynote speakers on the topic "The Right to Family Life...Islamic Perspective and Human Rights Perspective to Address Challenges facing the institution of marriage". The agenda of the conference included a number of sessions. The first session was entitled



"Efforts and Strategies to Protect the Institution of Marriage and the Family... an Islamic and Institutional Perspective." The second session was entitled "A Human Rights Approach to Protect the Institution of Marriage and the Family," while the third session was entitled "The Role of National Institutions and Religious actors in protecting the institution of marriage and the family." In her intervention during the first session of the conference, the Director of the Family Affairs Department at the Academy stressed the need to strongly preserve and protect the institution of the family in order to ensure the survival of the human race through reproduction, which is one of the purposes of Shariah, namely the goal of preserving offspring, which falls within the rest of

the purposes of preserving the soul, the religion, the mind and the money. She also clarified that none of these purposes can be preserved if offspring are not first preserved through marriage and that any violation or manipulation of the concept of marriage, that sacred contract between a man and a woman in all monotheistic religions, leads to the automatic elimination of the human race. She added that the Academy issued many resolutions and recommendations in which it indicated the importance and necessity of preserving the family institution and caring for the rights of women, children and the elderly, and rejecting all attempts aimed at undermining or harming the family institution in general and the institution of marriage in particular. Throughout the week, the commission held detailed discussions on all issues on the agenda of the session, including civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights in the member states of the OIC, and human rights violations in Palestine and India-occupied Jammu and Kashmir. The Commission will also hold regular meetings of its four working groups concerned with Palestine, women and children's rights, Islamophobia and Muslim minorities, and the right to development, where resolutions will be taken on developing a future plan of action for the Commission.

Dr. Mohamed Shoib chairs 19th meeting of CIBAFI's Scientific Accreditation Board



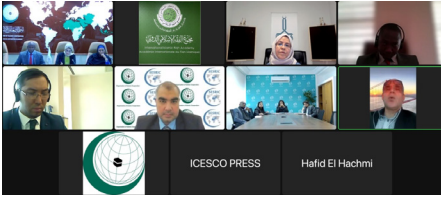
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CIBAFI 19th Accreditation Board (AcB) Meeting

His Eminence Dr. Mohamed Mustafa Ahmed Shoib, Supervisor of the Observatory of Fatwas and Reviews at the International

Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), representing His Excellency the Secretary General of the Academy, presided over the nineteenth meeting of the Academic Accreditation Commission of the General Council for Islamic Banks and Financial Institutions (CIBAFI), on Tuesday 26 Jumada Al-Awwal 1444H corresponding to 20 December 2022G, through Zoom technology, which is the last meeting for the year 2022G of the Scientific Board for Accreditation. The meeting began with the approval of the agenda for discussion and deliberation, and the approval of the minutes of the eighteenth meeting, then the Secretary General of the Council presented a report on the activities of CIBAFI during the last period, and professional

development initiatives were discussed. During the meeting, the Shariah audit portfolio (the third level) was approved, and the risk management portfolio evaluation report was discussed along with a number of other meeting items. The meeting was attended by His Excellency Dr. Abdelilah Belatik, Secretary General of the Council, His Excellency Dr. Faisal Al-Atabani from the Institute of Islamic Economics of King Abdelaziz University, His Excellency Prof. Akram Lal Al-Din, CEO of the International Shariah Research Academy in Malaysia (ISRA), His Excellency Dr. Mohamed Bores from the Saleh Kamel Center at Al-Azhar University, and Ms. Mariam Al-Daqqaq from CIBAFI.

Director of Family Affairs participates in OIC's Coordination Meeting on Family



Ms. Sarah Badewi, Director of the Family, Women, Childhood and Elderly Affairs Department at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), participated in the virtual coordination meeting held by the General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) to discuss ways and mechanisms for implementing Paragraph 4 of the Organization's para. No. 4 of the resolution no.4/48-C on women, children and the family in general, on Thursday 14 Jumada Al-Awwal 1444H corresponding to 08 December 2022G. The meeting, in which all the subsidiary bodies of the OIC participated, along with the

International Islamic University in Malaysia, discussed the organization's para. No. 4 of the resolution no.4/48-C, which requests member states to spread the values of Islam related to women, children and the family in general to highlight the true image of Islam and improve the conditions of children in the Muslim world. At the same time, the resolution requests the relevant OIC institutions in this regard to prepare, in coordination with the General Secretariat, a comprehensive and integrated document on Islamic values regarding women and children in order to build knowledge and awareness of these values and to counter the spread of misconceptions about Islam. During the session, the participants deliberated on the best ways to develop good and effective implementation mechanisms for this important resolution and the steps taken by all participating bodies, in addition to the relevant

department of the OIC's general secretariat, to implement the organization's resolution. In this context, all participants submitted their suggestions in this regard, each according to their position and specialization, and the director of the Family Affairs Department at the Academy presented to the meeting the five-year plan drawn up by the general secretariat of the Academy to enhance the awareness of member states and Muslim societies of the importance of spreading Islamic values that relate to the institution of the family and all its components, and the need to address all the challenges faced by the family institution, especially the institution of marriage, the institution of childhood, elderly, and people with special needs. The director also highlighted the seminars and conferences that the Academy intends to hold on various issues and topics related to the family institution.

26th Monthly Meeting of the Academy's Personnel

His Excellency Professor Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired, on Thursday 08 Jumada Al-Awwal 1444H corresponding to 01 December 2022G, the twenty-sixth monthly meeting for the employees of the Academy, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah. His Excellency started the meeting by welcoming the attendees, thanking them for their regular attendance at the periodic general meetings because of their direct impact on the work outputs and quality of the Academy. Then His Excellency spoke about his upcoming participation in the International Forum "Imam Mohammed bin Abdul Karim Al-Maghili: The Movement and the Stability and Unity of African Communities" in the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, which will be held under the auspices of the President of the Republic His Excellency Mr. Abdelmajid Tebboune on 12-

13 December 2022G. His Excellency then spoke about the importance of cooperation, integration and coordination among all employees, and working in a team spirit to complete all work related to the twenty-fifth session. At the end of the meeting, His Excellency praised the annual report of the activities of the Academy's General Secretariat, which was prepared by the Planning, Development and International Cooperation Department. The report is a comprehensive account of all the scientific activities such as conferences, seminars, scientific participations, and various visits and meetings with dignitaries that took place during the year. It also included a report on memorandums of cooperation and agreements that were concluded with the relevant authorities and institutions, the publications and periodicals that the Academy printed, and other works and activities of the Academy in 2022G. Then the meeting discussed the items



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

- Updating the list of participants in the session on a regular basis, specifying their occupations and nationalities.
- Studying the proposals submitted regarding filling the void in the newsletter after the completion of the members of the Academy.

99th Weekly Meeting of Departments' Directors

His Excellency the Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, chaired the ninety-ninth weekly meeting of the departments, on Monday 04 Jumada Al-Awwal 1444H corresponding to 28 November 2022G, at the headquarters of the Academy's General Secretariat in Jeddah. At the outset of the meeting, His Excellency welcomed the attendees, and thanked them for participating in the meeting, indicating that this meeting, and the upcoming meetings, will be joint between departments and divisions to follow up on the progress of work on the preparations for the twenty-fifth session of the Academy. Then, His Excellency spoke about his participation in the second scientific conference of the Faculty of Islamic Studies at the University of Mohamed bin Zayed for Human Sciences, entitled "Islamic Studies in Universities: Towards Promoting the Values of Citizenship and Coexistence," in which he participated with a lecture entitled "Islamic Studies and Modernizing the Religious teachings." His Excellency also extended his thanks and appreciation to the leadership of the university for organizing and holding this important conference and for the good choice of



its title, praising the major scientific achievements achieved by this promising university in a record period since its establishment, wishing it more brilliance and success, and the United Arab Emirates, leadership and people, more progress, prosperity and continuous security and safety. Based on the values of the Academy that call for cooperation, integration, solidarity, synergy and support among the employees and helping each other in order to achieve the desired results by completing the activities and programs, His Excellency urged everyone to cooperate between departments and divisions with the aim of making the twenty-fifth session a success, which will be held for the first time

under the preparation and full supervision of the General Secretariat of the Academy. Then the meeting discussed the items of the decisions issued by the previous meeting, and several new decisions were issued, the most important of which are:

- Updating the list of participants in the session and classifying them according to members, experts, and companions separately in English according to passports, while ensuring that members' passports are completed in preparation for sending them in their final form to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- Displaying samples of the gifts proposed by the Gifting Committee to be presented to the guests of the twenty-fifth session for discussion.
- Organizing a professional training course for employees specialized in photography with the aim of developing capabilities in the shortest possible time to benefit from it in documenting the work of the session and the rest of the activities of the Academy

2nd Joint Weekly Meeting of Departments and Divisions



His Excellency Professor Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the second joint weekly meeting of the departments and divisions of the Academy, on Wednesday 20 Jumada al-Awwal 1444H corresponding to 14 December 2022G, at the headquarters of the Academy's General Secretariat in Jeddah. At the beginning of the meeting, His Excellency welcomed the attendees, and thanked them for participating in the meeting, explaining that this meeting is an extension of the series of meetings

that started at the end of November, which will be joint between departments and divisions to follow up on the progress of work on preparations and arrangements for the twenty-fifth session of the Academy, and it will continue until the session is held. Then he talked about the official visit he recently made to the Republic of Algeria at the official invitation of the authorities there, where he participated in the International Scientific Forum of Imam Mohammed ibn Abd al-Karim al-Maghili, where he met on the sidelines of the conference with the Algerian Minister of Religious Affairs and Awqaf, His Excellency Dr. Youssef Belmehdi. During the visit, he also met with the President of the Supreme Islamic Council in Algeria, His Excellency Dr. Bouabdallah Ghoulamallah. He also visited the Grand Mosque of Algiers and met with the Dean of the Mosque, His Eminence Sheikh Mohammed Mamoun Al-Qasimi Al-Hassani and his assistants. In this context, His Excellency praised the high level of the Algerian official religious institutions,

praising the efforts made by these institutions in spreading the method of moderation and the culture of moderation and tolerance. His Excellency also thanked, on this occasion, His Eminence Dr. Kamal Bouzidi, representative member of Algeria in the Council of the Academy, and Mr. Jawzy Lardjane, Head of Translation Division at the Academy, for the facilities they provided and overcoming the difficulties, which had a great impact on achieving the goals of the visit. Then the meeting discussed the items of the decisions issued by the previous meeting, and several new decisions were issued, the most important of which are:

- Start printing the session's research and sending it to the Academy's members.
- Formation of a scientific committee to review the draft resolutions related to the topics of the session.
- Formation of a technical committee to print the session's research inside and outside the Academy.

3rd Joint Weekly Meeting of Departments and Divisions

His Excellency Professor Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the third joint weekly meeting of the departments and divisions of the academy, on Monday 25 Jumada al-Awwal 1444H corresponding to 19 December 2022G, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah. At the outset of the meeting, His Excellency welcomed the attendees and thanked them for participating in the meeting, praising the various efforts made to ensure the success of the session through good preparation. Then His Excellency informed the attendees of the issuance of the royal approval to hold the session in the second half of February 2023G in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. On this occasion, His Excellency expressed the Academy's gratitude

and appreciation to the headquarters country, its king, government, and people for the continuous support of the Academy. In this context, His Excellency urged all employees to redouble efforts to accomplish all work requirements for the session, intensify cooperation and coordination between departments and divisions, and ensure that all tasks assigned to them are well executed within the specified deadlines. Then the meeting discussed the items of the decisions issued by the previous meeting, and several new decisions were issued, the most important of which are:

- Adopting the date of the second half of February 2023G as the official date for the Academy's session.
- Begin sending the list of members of the Academy to the Saudi Ministry of Foreign



Affairs to request visas to attend the session.

- Inviting dignitaries from inside and outside the Kingdom to attend the opening ceremony of the session.
- Updating members' information on the Academy's website on a regular basis.

4th Joint Weekly Meeting of Departments and Divisions

His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the fourth joint weekly meeting of the departments and divisions of the Academy, on Monday 02 Jumada II 1444H corresponding to 26 December 2022G, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah. His Excellency opened the meeting by welcoming the attendees and thanking them for their active participation in the regular meetings of the Academy, praising in particular the efforts made by the Research Review Committee and the Printing Committee, formed to handle the work of the 25th Session, which completed its duties recently. He also thanked Dr. Ismail Cebeci, Head of the Encyclopedias and Dictionaries Division for completing his work on assembling the book of members of the Academy. His Excellency also briefed the meeting on the



issuance of the final approval of the Emirate of Makkah Al-Moukarrama for the date of the Session from 19 to 25 February 2023G in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. In light of this decision, His Excellency directed the establishment of eight specialized committees to undertake all the requirements of the Session, defined the tasks of each committee, and appointed a chairperson and members for each one of them and urged everyone to cooperate and coordinate on a

regular basis to ensure the success of the Session. Then the meeting discussed the items of the decisions issued by the previous meeting, and several new decisions were issued, the most important of which are:

- Adopting the date of 19 to 25 February 2023G, as the official date for holding the Academy's Session.
- Establishment of eight specialized committees to handle all the work of the Session until its completion.
- Asking the committees to submit daily reports on the progress of their work.
- Start addressing dignitaries to attend the opening ceremony of the Session.
- Translating the Session's brochure into English and French in order to distribute it to the attendees during the Session.

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 Sheikh Rajab Bayouhd Al-Tamimi

His Eminence Sheikh Rajab Bayouhd Al-Tamimi was born in the city of Hebron in Palestine in 1922G and spent his childhood there. He traveled with his father to Cairo and there he began his academic career in Al-Azhar Al-Sharif and completed memorizing the Noble Qur'an. His Eminence obtained a high degree (Bachelor's degree) in 1944G, after that he began to specialize in Shariah judiciary, and he obtained a doctorate degree in 1946G at Al-Azhar Al-Sharif. He was a representative member for Palestine in the International Islamic Fiqh Academy in the foundation stage. He also held other important positions, including: he joined the Shariah judiciary and worked as

a clerk at the Jaffa Shariah Court in Palestine until the Zionist occupation in 1948G, after which he returned to his hometown, Hebron, and worked in education and was a teacher of Arabic and Islamic studies. In 1955G, he moved once again to the Shariah judiciary and worked as the head of the clerk in the Jerusalem Shariah Court, after that he worked as a Shariah judge in various courts. He also worked as a teacher in the Ibrahim Mosque, he was a member of the Shariah Court of Appeal, a member of the Awqaf Council, a member of the Supreme Islamic Authority, a member of the Muslim World League, and the Grand Mufti of the Palestinian Forces. His Eminence died in 1996G in Hebron.



His Eminence Dr. Tijani Saboun Mohammed



His Eminency Dr. Tijani Saboun Mohammed was born in the city of Absha (Chad) in 1952G, he obtained a double honor bachelor's degree (Arabic-French) (1975G) and a double honor general diploma (1976G) in educational sciences from Ain Shams University in Cairo. He also obtained a diploma in in-depth studies in History from King Faisal University in N'Djamena (2010G), a higher diploma in diplomatic studies from the National Center for Diplomatic Studies at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sudan (2016G), and he obtained a doctorate degree in modern history from Omdurman University in Sudan (2017G).

His Eminence Dr. Tijani Saboun has held a number of important positions, including: Member of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy for Chad since 19 November 1984G, Advisor to the Foreign Affairs and International Relations Committee of the National Assembly of Chad since 2018G, Professor of Translation at King Faisal University in N'Djamena since 2021G,

Senior Advisor at the Chadian Embassy In Sudan (2010-2017), Director of Human Resources in the National Assembly in Chad (2008-2010), Director of the Administrative and Technical Departments in the National Assembly in Chad (2006-2008), Adviser to the Communications and Human Rights Department at the Prime Ministry in Chad (1993-1995), a specialized translator in the National Assembly Chad (1995-2005), Professor of Translation at the Higher Institute of Educational Sciences in N'Djamena (1987-1990), Director of Arab Education and Chad's representative to the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (1982-1987), Director of the Office of the Secretary of State in Public Health, Labor and Social Affairs (1976-1978), director of Felix Aboy High School (1979-1981), member of the institutional technical committee charged with preparing the constitution (1995), and member of the National Human Rights Committee (1994 AD).

His Eminence Dr. Saif Rashid Al-Jabri



His Eminence Dr. Saif Rashid Al-Jabri was born in 1960G in Dubai, he obtained a bachelor's degree in Islamic studies at the College of Arts from the UAE University, and a master's and doctorate in fundamentals of religion in interpretation and

the sciences of the Qur'an. His Eminence is a former member for the United Arab Emirates in the International Islamic Fiqh Academy. He also held several important positions, including: Director of the Ifta and Research Department in the Department of Islamic Affairs and Charitable Activities, Director of Counselling and Guidance Department in the Department of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs, Vice-Chairman of the Committee for Preparing the Unified Sermon in the United Arab Emirates, member of the Higher Committee for Hajj in the Authority of Islamic Affairs and Awqaf, preacher of the Department of Preaching and Guidance in the Armed Forces, member of the Advisory Council of Imam Malik

College of Shariah and Law in Dubai, member of the Arab Family Organization, member of the Rashid Center for Childhood Care and Treatment, member of the Board of Directors of the Emirates Association for the Gifted, and member of the Emirates Writers Union. His Eminence participated in a large number of international scientific conferences in various fields of Islamic studies and in different regions of the world, and he has several publications in different fields. Currently, he is the president of the Union of Arab Academics and Scholars, a professor at various universities, a legal shariah notary authorized by Dubai Courts, a family counsellor, and a member of various associations.

His Eminence Professor Rashid Kucek

His Eminence Professor Rashid Kucek was born in Antalya, Turkey in 1947G. He graduated from the Imams and Preachers High School in Antalya in 1966G, and from the Higher Institute of Islamic Sciences in Konya in 1970G. He obtained a doctorate degree on "The Concept of Love in the Qur'an and Sunnah: Especially Love for God" from the Institute of Social Sciences at Marmara University in 1984G. His Eminence was Turkey's representative member in the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy from 2012G to 2015G. He also held other important positions, including: he worked as a teacher and administrator for four years at the High School of Imams and Preachers in Antalya, and as a teaching assistant in the Department of Hadith and Islamic Ethics at the Higher Institute of Islamic Sciences in Erzurum



(1975G), after that he was appointed at the Higher Institute of Islamic Sciences in Istanbul (1981G). After the transformation of the Istanbul Higher Institute of Islamic Sciences into the Faculty of Theology of Marmara University in 1982G, he worked for many years in this college as a professor in the Department of Hadith, and was promoted to Associate Professor in 1997G, Professor in 2003G, then he was appointed Dean of the same college (2007G – 2011G), President of The Supreme Council for Religious Affairs in the Turkish Presidency of Religious Affairs (2011G-2014G), and Head of the Islamic Research Center (ISAM) of the Turkish Religious Waqf (2014G-2022G). In addition to that, he contributed to the establishment and membership of many Awqaf, associations and civil society institutions. His Eminence passed away in 2022G in Istanbul.

His Excellency Dr. Hamda Said



His Excellency Dr. Hamda Said was born in 1940G in Nabeul, Republic of Tunisia, obtained the "Ahlia" in 1959G, and the educational attainment in both parts in 1962G, a bachelor's degree in Shariah and Usool in 1966G, and in 1987 he obtained a doctorate degree in Fiqh, its origins and purposes for a dissertation entitled "The Conflict between Shariah Evidence and Scholars' Methodologies in Reconciling Them." His Excellency was a representative member for Tunisia at the council of the International

Islamic Fiqh Academy from 2013G to 2016G. He also held other important positions, including: he was university lecturer in Usool, Fiqh, and judiciary in both its theoretical and applied parts in 1989G, and some other jobs and tasks were entrusted to him, including an imam khatib at the market mosque in Beni Khair (2011G), and the president of the regional Quranic association in Nabeul (2011G). 2011 AD). His Excellency was the Mufti of the Republic of Tunisia between 2013G and 2016G.

His Eminence Dr. Othman Muallem Mahmoud Sheikh Ali

His Eminence Dr. Othman Muallem Mahmoud Sheikh Ali was born in 1962G in Somalia, he obtained a bachelor's degree in 1407H (1987G), a master's degree in 1411H (1991G), a doctorate degree in 1416H (1996G) from the College of the Holy Qur'an at the Islamic University of Medina, and he attended various courses in Language, Tafsir, logic, proofreading, and correspondence literature at the Academy of the Arabic Language in Makkah Al-Mukarramah. His Eminence is a member for Somalia at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy since 03 November 2019G. His Eminence also worked

as a collaborating teacher at Al-Madinah International University in Malaysia, Al-Imam Al-Marwazi University in Somalia, and taught a number of shariah subjects, including: creed, Fiqh, fundamentals of Fiqh, Tafsir, and the sciences of the Qur'an. He is a shariah researcher at the Center for Qur'anic Studies at the King Fahd Academy for the Printing of the Noble Qur'an in Madinah since 1420H (1999G). His Eminence participated in scientific conferences in various fields of Islamic studies, and he has several publications in different fields



His Eminence Sheikh Dr. Ali Ahmed Al-Salus



His Eminence Sheikh Dr. Ali Ahmed Al-Salus was born in 1934G in Egypt, he obtained a Bachelor's degree from the Faculty of Dar Al-Uloom at Cairo University (1957G), a postgraduate diploma (1969G), a Master's degree (1969G) entitled "Fiqh of Imami Shi'a: Points of Controversy Between It and the Four Schools", and a doctorate degree (1975G) in comparative Fiqh and its Usool, entitled "The Impact of the Imamate on Jaafari Fiqh and its Usool." His Eminence was an appointed member to the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, and he also held many other important positions, including: He worked in education sector in Egypt, the Institute of Teachers in Kuwait, the University of Al-Mustansiriya in

Iraq, and as a professor of Fiqh and Usool at the College of Shariah in Qatar University. His Eminence was a member of the Islamic Fiqh Academy of the Muslim World League in Makkah Al-Mukarramah, the first vice-president of the Academy of Shariah Jurists in America, one of the trustees of the Qatar Islamic Center in London, and head of the Shariah Commission for Rights and Reform in Egypt. His Eminence participated in a large number of international scientific conferences in various fields of Islamic studies in different regions of the world, and he has several publications in different fields. He is an emeritus professor at Qatar University and devotes himself to da'wah and research.

His Eminence Dr. Abdul Kabir Al-Alawi Al-Madghari

His Eminence Dr. Abd al-Kabir al-Alawi al-Madghari was born in Meknes, Kingdom of Morocco in 1942G, and he combined the study of law and Islamic sciences, where he obtained a baccalaureate degree (high school) from al-Qarawiyyin, then a bachelor degree in legal sciences from the Faculty of Law affiliated to Mohammed V University in Rabat, then a master's degree in Human Sciences from Dar Al-Hadith Al-Hasaniyah, before obtaining a doctorate in Islamic sciences, on the subject of "The Abrogator and the Abrogated in the Holy Qur'an." His Eminence was a designated member of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy. He also held other important positions, including: Professor of Higher Education at the Faculty of Shariah of the University of Al-Qarawiyyin in Fez, Professor Lecturer at the Faculty of Arts and Human Sciences of the University of Sidi Muhammad bin Abdullah in Fez, and Professor at the Mawlawi

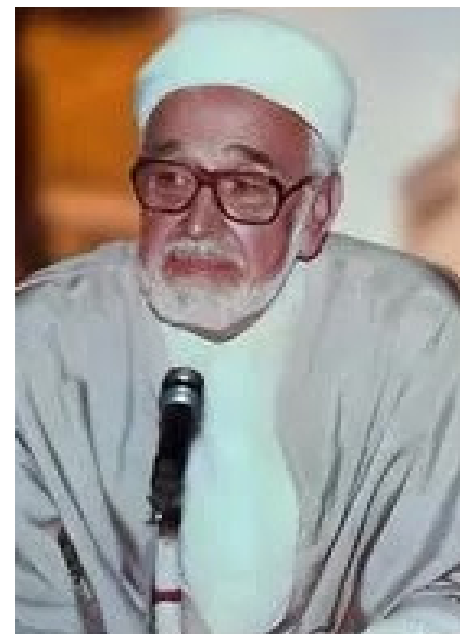


Institute in Rabat affiliated with the Royal Palace, in which princes and princesses are taught. He also practiced law, and held the position of Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs between 1985G and 2002G; He was also a member of the Advisory Council for Human Rights, the Scientific Council of Fez, the Association of Moroccan Scholars, the National Committee for Education Reform, the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs in Cairo, the Committee for the Review of the Personal Status Code, the committee assigned by the Organization of the Islamic Conference to establish the statute of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, and the strategic view group on the Russian Federation and the Muslim world, and the Al al-Bayt Academy of Islamic Thought in Jordan. He was the general manager of the Beit Mal Al-Quds Al-Sharif Agency of the Jerusalem Committee. His Eminence passed away in 2017G in Rabat.

His Eminence Sheikh Moustapha Kamal Al-Tarzi

His Eminence Sheikh Al-Mun'im Al-Mabrou, Mustafa Kamal Al-Tarzi, was born into a family of Turkish origin in the city of Tunis in 1921G. He graduated from Al-Zaytouna Mosque in Shariah Sciences in the specialty of the Hanafi school of thought. His Eminence was an expert at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy. His Eminence also held many other important positions, including: he was the first to manage the Department of Religious Rites in the Prime Ministry since its establishment, and he supervised the Al-Hidaya magazine, of which the first issue was issued in Ramadan 1395H / 1973G. He was surrounded, in his great project, by a group of scholars, men of letters, writers, and jurists in particular: Sheikh Muhammad al-Taher bin Ashour, Sheikh Ali bin al-Khouja, Sheikh al-Bashir al-Naifer, Sheikh al-Hadi Belqadhi, Sheikh al-Moukhtar al-Sallaami, Sheikh Moustapha al-Mouaddib, and other distinguished scholars. He

taught at a number of secondary institutes as well as at the Zaytouna College of Shariah and Usool for a period of time, joined the counseling and guidance plan in Islamic education, and assumed several lofty responsibilities. In 1976G, His Eminence was elected a member of the Executive Committee of the African Islamic Coordination Council, and he was elected a member of the Supreme Islamic Council of the Islamic University of Medina in 1979G, and Secretary General of the World Islamic Association of Reciters at its founding in 1980G. Sheikh Al-Tarzi also assumed the role of Imam at Al-Ahmadi Mosque in Al-Marsa district. His Eminence, participated in numerous scientific forums in Jakarta, Vienna, Brussels, Istanbul, Algeria, Dubai, Doha, Kuwait, Mecca, Medina, Tashkent, and Samarkand, and he has several publications in different fields. His Eminence died in 2000G in Tunisia.



His Eminence Sheikh Dr. Mohammed Saeed Ramadan Al-Bouti

His Eminence Sheikh Dr. Mohammed Saeed Ramadan Al-Bouti was born in 1929G - 1347H in Turkey. He joined the Manjak Mosque with Sheikh Hassan Habankah Al-Maidani after finishing primary education, and in 1953G he completed his studies at the Institute of Islamic Guidance, he obtained a bachelor's degree in Shariah from the Faculty of Shariah in Al-Azhar in 1955G, he obtained a diploma in education from the College of Arabic Language at Al-Azhar in 1956G and was appointed as a teacher of religious education in Homs in 1958G. He became a lecturer at the Faculty of Shariah at the University of Damascus, and then obtained a doctorate degree in Fiqh and its origins and the thesis was on (Controls of Interest in Islamic Shariah), for which he won first class honors with a recommendation for exchange. His Eminence is an expert at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy and also held many other



important positions, including: he was appointed in 1965G as a teacher at the Faculty of Shariah at the University of Damascus, then an assistant professor, then a professor, and he was appointed in 1975G Vice Dean of the College, then in 1977G he was appointed Dean, then Head of the Department of Beliefs and Religions. He remained a lecturer until the last moment of his life as a retired and contracted with the university. His Eminence was a member of the Accounting and Auditing Organization for Islamic Financial Institutions, a member of the Noor al-Islam Society in France, a member of the Taba Foundation in Abu Dhabi, a supervisor of scientific activity at the Umayyad Mosque in Damascus, a member of the Supreme Council of the Oxford Academy, and a member of the Royal Society for Research in Islamic Civilization in Amman. He won many awards and he has several publications in different fields. He passed away in 2013G in Damascus.

His Eminence Sheikh Dr. Ikrimah Saeed Sabri



His Eminence Sheikh Dr. Ikrimah Saeed Sabri was born in the city of Qalqilya in Palestine in 1938G, and he joined the University of Baghdad to graduate from it in 1963G with a bachelor's degree in Shariah and the Arabic language, and in 1989G he obtained a master's degree in Shariah from An-Najah National University in Nablus, then he obtained a doctorate degree from Al-Azhar University in Egypt in Fiqh in 2001G, and the subject of the thesis was "The Islamic waqf between Theory and Practice." He was a Palestine representative member at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy. His Eminence also assumed other important positions, including: He began his working life as a teacher at Al-Aqsa Islamic Secondary School (formerly the Islamic Scientific Institute), and after the June war of 1967G, he took over the management of Al-Aqsa Islamic Secondary School. His Eminence held a number of positions,

including Director of Preaching and Guidance in the West Bank, Director of the College of Islamic Sciences / Abu Dis, and General Mufti of Jerusalem and its environs and the Palestinian lands. His Eminence has a remarkable activity in scientific and social events, as he is the founder and president of the Council of Scholars and Preachers in Palestine in 1992G, the head of the Supreme Fatwa Council in Palestine, the Khatib of Al-Aqsa Mosque, a founding member of the Association of the International Islamic Mosques Conference in Makkah Al-Mukarramah, a founding member of the Academy of Shariah Jurists in America, and a president and member in various other committees. He was elected president of the Supreme Islamic Authority in Jerusalem in 1998G. His Eminence participated in a large number of international and local conferences and seminars, and he has several publications in different fields.

His Eminence Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sanad

His Eminence Dr. Abd al-Rahman al-Sanad was born in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and he obtained a bachelor's degree from Imam Muhammad bin Saud Islamic University in the College of Shariah and from King Saud University in computer science, a master's degree in comparative Fiqh at Imam Muhammad bin Saud Islamic University, and a doctorate in comparative Fiqh at Imam Muhammad bin Saud Islamic University at the Higher Institute for the Judiciary with the title "Provisions of Information Technology". His Eminence is an expert at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy. He also held other important positions, including: Director of the Islamic University in Madinah, Dean of the Higher Institute for the Judiciary, Dean of Distance Education at Imam Muhammad bin Saud Islamic University, a teacher at the Grand Mosque in Makkah Al-Mukarramah, and the

Prophet's Mosque in Medina, a member of the Saudi Fiqh Association, and a member of the Committee for Preparing the Electronic Commerce System at the Ministry of Commerce, Head of the Comparative Fiqh Department at the Higher Institute of Judiciary at Imam Muhammad bin Saud Islamic University, a member of the Working Group on Informatics Rulings on the National Plan for Information Technology Project, a member of the Committee for Preparing the Electronic Signatures System at King Abdelaziz City for Science and Technology, and currently he is the Chairman General of the Commission for the Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice with the rank of minister in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. His Eminence participated in a large number of international and local conferences, seminars and workshops, and he has several publications in various fields.



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