

## 25th Session of the Academy starts in Jeddah under the patronage of HRH Prince Khalid Al-Faisal



On behalf of His Royal Highness Prince Khalid Al-Faisal, Advisor to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques and Governor of Makkah Al-Mukarramah Region, His Highness Prince Saud bin Abdullah bin Mansour bin Jalawi, Governor of Jeddah, patronized on Monday evening, 29 Rajab 1444 AH corresponding to February 20, 2023 G, the work of the twenty-fifth session of the Conference of the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy at the Hilton Hotel in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Upon his arrival, His Highness was received by HE Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Hussein Ibrahim Taha, HE Advisor at the Royal Court, member of the Council of Senior Scholars, Imam and preacher of the Grand Mosque, President of the Academy Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Abdullah



bin Humaid, HE Secretary General of the Academy Dr. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, and a number of Their Excellencies members and experts of the Academy, and dignitaries participating in the session. Upon his arrival of His Royal Highness, the royal anthem was played, then His Highness and the audience watched a documentary film that tells the origin, mission and vision of the Academy, then His Excellency the Secretary-General of the Academy delivered a welcoming speech

in which he expressed the thanks of the members of the Academy and its experts and their great gratitude to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the King, the government and the people for the unlimited support and care that the Academy has been enjoying since its establishment to this day. He also expressed their deep gratitude and sincere praise to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, and to his faithful Crown Prince, His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, may God protect them, for their special support for this session. He ended by saying "Here is the kingdom of knowledge, religion, humanity and pride, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, welcoming the heirs of the noble prophets. Here is the city of Jeddah rejoicing in the arrival of those entrusted by the Holy Creator to his religion, and their Prophet recommended them to report it, and here is the Ummah of Islam from everywhere waiting from those whom God has assigned to show effective solutions to the problems of contemporary life and its accumulated challenges, and satisfactory answers to the calamities and developments that have been descending on them, and crowding on their yard. Then His Excellency the President of



the Academy delivered his framing speech in which he explained that the current session of the Academy is diverse in terms of the number of participants, in terms of topics, and the volume of research submitted to it, and noted that the participants represent a group of the finest scholars and thinkers of the Ummah, and in terms of topics, it amounted to fifteen topics distributed on important topics in the calamities of worship, family challenges, societal issues, and education and

in business and finance. He concluded his speech by saying: "The hope is pinned on you, the scholars and experts, after God Almighty, to carry out, God willing, the duty of the clarification and explanation, which God took on the people of knowledge at all times and places "to show it to people and do not keep it secret", based on the book that God made an explanation of everything, guidance and mercy, and following the guidance of the best of God's creation, and a commitment to the approach of moderation, which was followed by the righteous Companions, the successor and their followers ." Then His Excellency the Secretary-General of the Organization delivered a speech in which he welcomed the guests and participants, and pointed out that the themes of this session are among the matters that impose themselves on the Islamic Ummah and its intellectual and religious centers, especially the Academy, and stated that the General Secretariat of the Organization affirms support for the journey and trajectory of the Academy, and calls on all Member States to support it in general. At the end of the ceremony, His Highness the Governor of Jeddah presented commemorative shields to the sponsors of the session, namely the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia represented by the Permanent Mission of the Kingdom to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, the branch of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Makkah Region, and the Al Baraka Forum for Islamic Economy. His Excellency the President of the Academy then presented a commemorative shield to His Royal Highness Prince Khalid Al-Faisal on behalf of the Academy, and handed it over to His Highness Prince Saud bin Abdullah bin Mansour bin Jalawi, Governor of Jeddah.



## Keynote of OIC Secretary General at the Opening of IIFA's 25th Session



HRH Prince Khalid Al-Faisal, Advisor to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques and Governor of Makkah Region His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Humaid, President of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy His Excellency Prof. Kotoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy His Excellency Dr. Saleh Al-Suhaibani, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia H.E. Sheikh Abdulla Saleh Kamel, Chairman of the Board of Al Baraka Islamic Economy Forum His Excellency Ambassador Mazen bin Hamad Al-Hamali, Director General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Branch in Makkah Region Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen Assalam alaikum wa Rahmat Allah wa barakatuh I am pleased to express my deepest thanks and appreciation to the International Islamic Fiqh Academy for its successful organization of its twenty-fifth session. Allow me to welcome all



the guests and participants of this blessed session, with God's help. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to His Royal Highness Prince Khalid Al-Faisal for his kind patronage of this session, and for his good endeavors to support the organization in general, and to support all its organs that work in the city of Jeddah. Ladies and Gentlemen. The jurisprudential and intellectual themes dealt with in this session are among the utmost necessities that have imposed themselves on the Islamic Ummah and its intellectual and religious centres, and on the International Islamic Fiqh Academy in particular. The issue of girls' education, which our true Islamic religion was a pioneer in the history of religions to resolve by achieving gender equality, is now on the table again because of the misconception adopted by some groups in this era. The Corona epidemic has also imposed a reality that mujtahids and scholars should respond to with fatwa, guidance and rationalization, as well as modern technology, especially social media, has imposed a new reality that must be dealt with wisely, all of which requires scholars and thinkers to respond appropriately to these challenges, and work to guide societies in a way that preserves their religion, and contributes to enhancing security and stability in the world. Excellencies, Eminences We in the General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation spare no effort in

supporting the Academy's endeavor and valuing its activities, reminding Member States of its support in general, and supporting its distinguished intellectual and jurisprudential projects in particular. Excellencies, Eminences Whoever does not thank people does not thank God. For this, we extend our sincere thanks to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, and his faithful Crown Prince, His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, may God protect them, for their keenness to provide all means of work and success for the Academy and the Organization. I would also like to thank His Excellency Dr. Saleh bin Humaid, President of the Academy, and His Excellency Dr. Koutoub Moustapha Sano for their tremendous efforts in running the Academy and striving to achieve its noble goals. I thank His Excellency Sheikh Abdullah Saleh Kamel, His Excellency the Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the Organization, and His Excellency the Director General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Branch in the Kingdom, for their support for this session, and I thank all Their Excellencies and Eminences for their attendance, and all the hidden soldiers who spent day and night to organize this session in the best possible way. Assalam alaikum wa Rahmat Allah wa barakatuh

## Keynote of IIFA President at the Opening of 25th Session



Praise be to Allah who taught man what he did not know, and peace and blessings be upon the Prophet who taught him the Book and wisdom, and upon his good family and, on his righteous companions, and their followers until the Day of Judgment. His Royal Highness, Prince Khalid bin Faisal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Advisor to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, Governor of the Holy Makkah Region, Your Excellency Mr. Hussein Ibrahim Taha, Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, Your Excellency Prof. Kotoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, Your Highnesses, Eminences, Excellencies, distinguished scholars, Honorable Audience, Assalam alaikum wa Rahmat Allah wa barakatuh I welcome all of you on this happy evening in the land of the Two Holy Mosques. I welcome you dear guests of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and I also thank you on behalf of the patron of this session, His Royal Highness Prince Khalid bin Faisal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Advisor to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, Governor of Makkah Region, may God protect him, for taking the trouble to travel in order to participate in this session, which is held after the end of a global pandemic during which we lost great scholars from the members and experts of the Academy. They departed from our mortal world, and joined the supreme companion after they left the Ummah good traces and good remembrance, may God have mercy on them, forgive them, and bless their resting place, and bring us together with them and those who preceded them by faith in the gardens of the Jannah in a seat of truth with a mighty king. Your Highness, Brothers and Sisters, This twenty-fifth session of the Conference of the Council of your esteemed Academy is a unique session in terms of its participants, in terms of its topics, in terms of the volume of research and studies submitted to it, they represent the finest scholars and prominent thinkers of the Ummah men and women, and of all the respected Islamic schools of

jurisprudence, and their number exceeds two hundred scholars belonging to more than fifty member states of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and Muslim communities; In terms of their topics, they amount to fifteen topics distributed on important themes in the calamities of worship, and important topics in the challenges of the family, sociology and education, and current topics in the developments of finance and business, and the amount of research, amounted to one hundred and sixty-five pieces. Dear Audience..... It is hoped that you, the scholars and experts, after God Almighty, will carry out during the next four days, God willing, the duty of the statement that God has taken on the people of knowledge at all times and places (To show it to people and do not conceal it), based on the book that God made an explanation of everything, guidance and mercy, and following the guidance of the best of the creation, the Prophet, the prayers of my Lord and His blessings be on him, and in commitment to the approach of moderation that was followed by the righteous ancestors of the honorable companions, may God be pleased with them, and the great followers, and the imams of ijti had, may God have mercy on them, when looking, deduction and inference, hoping from God, the glory of His praise, to open to you, and help you to bear the responsibility of reporting, and help you to provide effective solutions to the problems of contemporary life, guidance for calamities, directing developments, rationalization of the changing human reality, and the seeking inspiration from the Messenger of Allah, may God's peace and blessings be upon him: Whoever Allah repays with good will make them have deep understanding of religion, and teach them interpretation. Your Royal Highness, At the end of this brief speech, Your Eminences, and Excellencies, members and experts of the Academy, kindly request you to convey their greetings and thanks to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, King of the

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, may God protect them, for the continuous support, great and generous care, the Academy has received since its establishment to this day, may God reward them for us and the Ummah with the best reward, and may He perpetuate the blessing of security, safety, stability and prosperity on our beloved Kingdom, the leadership and people.

Your Royal Highness, great thanks and gratitude for your blessed honor and generous patronage of this session on behalf of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, may God protect you and reward you, abundantly. Finally, on behalf of all of you, I renew my thanks and gratitude to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia represented by its Permanent Representative to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and its branch in Makkah Al-Mukarramah Region, for its generous support for this session, and expressed the Academy's thanks to the Chairman of the Al Baraka Forum for Islamic Economy, Sheikh Abdullah Saleh Kamel, for his generous support for this session, may God reward him with the best reward. I would like to thank my dear brother, His Excellency Mr. Hussein Ibrahim Taha, Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, for his continuous support to the Academy, and to His Excellency my dear colleague, Prof. Dr. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, and to all the employees of the Academy for their hard work in the outstanding preparation and wonderful organization of this session. To all those who attended, participated and contributed to the success of this session, thanks and appreciation, may God help us all to what is good for our religion and our world. May Allah bless our master Muhammad, his family and all his companions.

## Keynote of IIFA Secretary General at the Opening of 25th Session



Praise be to Allah, the One on Who all depend Who did not beget and was not begotten, and peace and blessings be upon the Prophet of compassion and mercy, and upon his companions, the followers and their successors until the Day of Judgment, His Highness Prince Saud bin Abdullah bin Mansour bin Jalawi, Governor of Jeddah, and representative of His Royal Highness Prince Khalid Al-Faisal, Advisor to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, Governor of Makkah Region, Your Excellency Mr. Hussein Ibrahim Taha, Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Abdullah bin Humaid, Advisor at the Royal Court, Member of the Council of Senior Scholars, Imam and preacher of the Grand Mosque, and President of the Academy, His Excellency Sheikh Abdullah Saleh Kamel, Chairman of the Board of Al Baraka Forum for Islamic Economy,



Your Excellency Dr. Saleh Al-Suhaibani, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, His Excellency Ambassador Mazen bin Hamad Al-Hamali, Director General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Branch in Makkah Region Your Highnesses, Excellencies and Eminences, Assalam alaikum wa Rahmat Allah wa barakatuh Four years, during which humanity suffered colors of calamities, sorrows and pains that it had never known before, and humanity experienced in the midst of it forms of challenges and changes that it had never experienced, but under which the world witnessed types of calamities and developments that it was never familiar with. Yes, years made absent from our world great jurists and great experts, who were dedicated to the service of this Council, and were devoted to God in their sober jurisprudence during its various sessions. They did not get tired of clarification and explanation, and they did not tire of rooting and writing, may God have mercy on them and dwell them in the vastness of His paradise. Honorable Audience Here is the kingdom of scholarship, knowledge, religion, humanity and chivalry, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, welcoming the heirs of the noble prophets, and here is the guarded city of Jeddah rejoicing in welcoming those entrusted with their religion by the Holy Creator, and their prophet recommended them to report it. The Ummah of Islam is waiting from everywhere for those whom God has entrusted to show effective

solutions to the problems of contemporary life and its accumulated challenges, and satisfactory answers to the calamities and developments that have been descending on them, and crowding on their arena. Your Highness The Academy seizes this historic occasion to renew its permanent praise and great gratitude to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, King of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and to his faithful Crown Prince, His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Prime Minister for the constant and great care it receives, and in particular their generous support for this session through its Permanent Delegation to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and the branch of its Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The Academy also expresses its deep appreciation to His Royal Highness Prince Khalid Al-Faisal for his patronage of this session, represented by Your Highness, and also expresses his great gratitude to His Excellency Sheikh Abdullah Saleh Kamel for his generous support for this session.

Excellencies, Eminences, thank you very much for the hardships you endured to participate in this session. May Allah make that in your good deeds scale. Honorable Audience In conclusion, may God bless us with the abundance of His mercy, understand us as Solomon (peace be upon him) understood, and bless us with His guidance.

## H.E. Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Humaid unanimously elected as Chairman of the IIFA's Council



On Monday morning, 29 Rajab 1444 AH corresponding to 20 February 2023 G, the organizational meeting of the designated members of the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy representing the fifty-seven (57) member states of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) began, in the presence of appointed members of the Council representing a number of organizations and countries of Muslim communities. The Council was presented with the agenda of the twenty-fifth session of the Conference of the Council of the Academy, including the election of a President of the Council, the election of vice-chair, the election of members of the Bureau, the appointment of a general rapporteur for the session, the election of the heads of the units of the Academy, the adoption of the programme and sessions, and the briefing of the Council on the statements issued by the General Secretariat of the Academy and the recommendations

### General Rapporteur of the session



Dr. Thaqeel bin Sayer Al-Shammari

of the specialized seminars organized by the General Secretariat during the past four years. The members of the Council of the Academy unanimously approved the re-election of His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Abdullah bin Humaid, President of the Academy, in appreciation of what the headquarters country, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, provides as king, government, and people, to this scientific edifice through His Excellency's tireless pursuit of the wise leadership to continue support and care, as well as what His Excellency represents as a model of moderation and high morals, may God protect him, and perpetuate the blessing of security, safety, stability and prosperity on the headquarters state. The following eminent persons were also elected as Vice-Presidents of the Academy: Dr. Hamdati Shabihna Maelainin as Vice-Chairperson representing the Arab Group, Dr. Omar Jah as Vice-Chairperson representing the African Group, and Dr. Datuk Haji Wan Zahidi Bin Wan Tah as Vice-Chairperson representing the Asian Group. The following eminent persons were elected as members of the Bureau, that the Arab Group was represented by Dr. Ahmed Al-Haddad, representative of the United Arab Emirates, and Dr. Ajil Al-Nashmi, representative of the State of Kuwait. On behalf of the Asian Group, Dr. Murtaza Badr, representative of the Republic of Turkey, and Dr. Mehmet Taqi Osmani, representative of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. On behalf of the African Group, Dr. Aboubacar Doucouré, representative of Burkina Faso, and Dr. Tijani Saboun, representative of the Republic of Chad. His Eminence Dr. Thaqeel bin Sayer Al-

Shammari, representative of the State of Qatar, was appointed Rapporteur General of the session. The following eminent persons were elected as heads of the units of the Academy: His Excellency the President of the Academy as Head of the Fatwa Division according to the system, His Eminence Prof. Dr. Ali Gomaa, Representative of the Arab Republic of Egypt, Head of Studies, Research and Islamic Heritage, and His Eminence Dr. Abu Bakr Idris Mega: Head of the Division of Rapprochement between Sects His Eminence Dr. Abdullah Al-Maarouf Shah Alam: Head of the Translation and Publishing Division, His Eminence Dr. Kahlan Al-Kharusi: Head of Encyclopedias and Dictionaries, His Excellency Dr. Muhammad Al-Khalailah: Head of the Legislation Division, His Eminence Dr. Konaté Arna: Head of the Planning and Follow-up Division, and His Eminence Dr. Muhammad Al-Bashari: Head of the Dialogue with Followers of Other Religions and Cultures. His Excellency the Secretary-General then presented to the Council the statements issued by the General Secretariat in consultation with His Excellency the President of the Academy, and also presented to the Council the recommendations of the specialized seminars organized by the General Secretariat after the twenty-fourth session, and the Council took note of this. His Excellency noted that this session is the largest session in the history of the Academy in terms of the volume of topics and research, and in terms of the number of participants. He pointed out that nearly 300 scholars from all over the world participated to discuss 165 research papers on 15 topics of interest to the Muslim Ummah and Muslim communities. His Excellency the Secretary-General concluded his presentation by expressing his sincere thanks, great appreciation and gratitude to the leadership and people of the headquarters State for the great facilities and distinguished services enjoyed by the General Secretariat at all levels. He also expressed his special thanks to His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Abdullah bin Humaid for the guidance and care given to the General Secretariat, may God prolong his life, and benefit the Ummah with his knowledge and morals. After that, His Excellency the President of the Academy announced the conclusion of the procedural meeting of the Council, and thanked the members for their confidence in the headquarters country, its leadership, its people and in its person, asking God to help him to deserve this trust, and to assume responsibility.

## Elected Vice-Presidents of the Academy



Dr. Datuk Haji Wan Zahidi Bin Wan Tah as Vice-Chairman representing the Asian Group



His Eminence Dr. Omar Jah, Vice-Chairman representing the African Group



His Eminence Dr. Hamdati Shabihna Ma Al-Enein as Vice President representing the Arab Group

## Elected members of the Bureau of the Academy



Arab Group  
Dr. Ajeel Al-Nashmi, Representative of the State of Kuwait



Asian Group  
His Eminence Dr. Muhammad Taqi Usmani, Representative of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan



African Group  
H.E. Dr. Aboubacar Doucouré, Representative of Burkina Faso



Arab Group  
His Eminence Dr. Ahmed Al-Haddad, Representative of the United Arab Emirates



Asian Group  
His Eminence Dr. Murtaza Badr, representative of the Republic of Turkey



African Group  
Dr. Tijani Soboun, Representative of Chad

## Elected Heads of the Divisions of the Academy



His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Abdullah bin Humaid, Chairman of the Fatwa Division



His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Vice President of the Fatwa Division



H.E. Dr. Mohammed Al-Khalailah: Head of the Legislation Division



Prof. Ali Gooma, Head of the Division of Studies, Research and Islamic Heritage



His Eminence Dr. Abu Bakr Idris Mega: Head of the Division of Rapprochement between Schools



His Eminence Dr. Abdullah Al-Maarouf Shah Alam: Head of the Translation and Publishing Division



Dr. Kahlan Al-Kharusi: Head of Encyclopedias and Dictionaries



Dr. Konaté Arna: Head of the Planning and Follow-up Division



Dr. Mohammed Al-Bashari: Head of the Division of Dialogue with Followers of Other Religions and Cultures

## Statement of IIFA Council concerning the Turkey-Syria Earthquake



Praise be to Allah, Lord of the Worlds, and prayers and peace be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family and all his companions. And after: With hearts full of faith in God's decree and destiny, and hearts of consolation surrender to the command and will of the Lord, the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, emanating from the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), expresses its deep sorrow and melancholy for the devastating earthquake that killed tens of thousands in the Republic of Turkey and in the Syrian Arab Republic, praying to God to accept those who died in the martyrs, and to grant

those who were wounded a speedy recovery, and to inspire their families and relatives patience and solace, for we belong to God and to Him we return. In the face of this tragic and horrific humanitarian situation, the Council of the Academy expresses its sincere condolences to the families of the two brotherly peoples, praying to God Almighty to be kind to them and to help them overcome the devastating effects of this disaster. The Council of the Academy, while affirming its full solidarity with the two noble peoples, calls on the nation and the human community to provide them with the relief and

assistance they need through official channels.

On this occasion, it commends the relief efforts made by the Government of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, in particular, and his brothers, Their Highnesses and Excellencies, the leaders of the OIC Member States in general, may Allah expedite the removal of the effects of this affliction sooner rather than later. May Allah bless our master Muhammad, his family and companions. Jeddah on: 3 of Sha'ban 1444 Corresponding to 23 February 2023 Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy

## Statement of IIFA Council denouncing Holy Quran Burning in Sweden, Denmark, and elsewhere



Praise be to Allah, Lord of the Worlds, and prayers and peace be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family and all his companions. The Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) condemns in the strongest terms the burning of copies of the Book of Allah by extremists in Sweden, Denmark and elsewhere. The Holy Quran. This is an expression of their hidden hatred against a religion followed by nearly two billion people in the world, and an affirmation of the

growing disease of Islamophobia in their thought and behavior. Proceeding from its Islamic position as the supreme jurisprudential authority of the Islamic Ummah, and from its sense of the duty of the scholars who advise, and in order to preserve the long-standing relations between Muslims and all societies, and in defense of world peace, and in an effort to consolidate harmony among peoples, the Council of the Academy reaffirms that such irresponsible acts and demagogic acts have not and will not undermine the sanctity of the Holy

Qur'an. It is the glorious book whose verses are not hypothetical revealed from the All-knowing, falsehood does not come from its hands or from behind it. It was revealed for guidance to the pious, exhortation to the believers, and guidance to all people. The Council affirms that these mob acts will not budge the status of the Holy Qur'an in the hearts of Muslims, but rather increase their strength and affirmation. The Council reiterates its call on States, institutions and international organizations to strengthen cooperation and coordination in order to confront irresponsible acts that disregard sanctities and religious symbols, and to work together to issue international resolutions criminalizing such acts practiced under the pretext of freedom of expression. The Council also calls on Islamic States and organizations to file lawsuits in the competent domestic and international courts against anyone who attempts to commit such crimes against Islam, its Prophet and its symbols. May Allah bless our master Muhammad, his family and companions, and those who follow him with charity until the Day of Judgment.

Jeddah on: 3 of Sha'ban 1444  
Corresponding to 23 February 2023  
Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy

## Closing of 25th Session of IIFA in Jeddah



The Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy concluded the work of its twenty-fifth session on Thursday evening, 03 of the month of Sha'ban 1444 AH corresponding to February 23, 2023 G in Jeddah, under the chairmanship of His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Abdullah bin Humaid, President of the Academy. The ceremony began with the recitation of verses from the Holy Quran, and then His Eminence Sheikh Dr. Thaqail bin Sayer Zaid Al-Shammari, General Rapporteur of the session, presented a summary of the most important resolutions and recommendations issued by the Council in this session, totaling seventeen (17) decisions and



recommendations, and His Eminence explained that the session issued resolutions on the ruling on education, both religious and secular, for males and females in Islam, and on the impact of the Corona pandemic on the provisions of worship, family and felonies. It also included the impact of the Corona pandemic on the provisions of worship, transactions, contracts and obligations, on the phenomenon of reading in prayer in non-Arabic, on the explanation of the ruling on praying behind the telephone, radio and television, on the provisions and controls of social media, and others. He also explained that the session postponed the issuance of decisions on wills and their role in combating poverty in societies, on abortion due to rape, on modern mental illness and its impact on eligibility in Sharia, on composite and hybrid sukuk and on letters of guarantee and documentary credit. Then His Excellency Ambassador Dr. Saleh bin Hamad Al-Suhaibani, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, delivered a

speech in which he stressed the continuation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, under the leadership of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, and his faithful Crown Prince, His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, may God protect them, in



providing all forms of support to the efforts of the blessed Academy. He pointed out that this support from the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the Academy comes from the keenness of the wise leadership on the importance of unifying the word of the Ummah,, and integrating the efforts of scholars and jurists for the benefit of Islam and Muslims in various parts of the world. He added, "This support also comes from the Kingdom's sense of the importance of the Academy and the heavy burdens it undertakes and the great service it provides to Muslims in various parts of the world in order to direct their intellectual, scientific and jurisprudential approaches and bringing them closer together in this field." He expressed his hope that the results of this session, held under challenging regional and international circumstances, will embody "the ability of Sharia to find solutions and address



all emerging issues, calamities and problems of the age with a bright jurisprudential vision and in creative ways based on moderation and so as to achieve the interests of people and serve security and stability in all Islamic countries In accordance with the supreme objectives of Islamic law, and to achieve intellectual integration between the various Muslim scholars and jurists in this regard." He pointed out that «hopes are pinned on the scholars to present Islamic law in a presentation that rids it of the impurities attached to it by some extremist groups, and highlights its precious advantages and values and shows its



unique ability to address contemporary problems and to achieve human happiness and happiness in this world and the hereafter, and to confront the new methods of atheism and deviation that have begun to invade some of the Ummah's youth and consider how to make use of the modern technical revolution». His Excellency Dr. Yousef bin Hassan Al-Khalawi, Secretary General of the Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture, delivered a speech in which he expressed the pride of the Al Baraka Forum for Islamic Economy in the close cooperation and strategic partnership that resulted in the successful holding of this session, stressing the forum's readiness to strengthen cooperation and partnership relations with the Academy in order to enable it to carry out its grave intellectual responsibility in dealing with challenges, calamities and developments. He praised the importance of teamwork, meticulous planning, and integrated preparation, and the impact of all of this on the sustainability and success of Islamic





work, and concluded his speech by congratulating the Academy on the success of the conference and achieving its objectives. Then His Excellency Prof. Dr. Kotoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, read two statements issued by the Council of the Academy, and the first statement included an expression of the full solidarity of the nation's scholars and intellectuals with the peoples of Turkey and Syria after the devastating earthquake that struck the two countries, calling on the Islamic Ummah and the



humanitarian community to provide them with the assistance they need through official authorities and reliable relief institutions. The second statement included a denunciation of what the world has witnessed recently of the burning of copies of the Holy Quran by some extremists in Sweden, Denmark and others. The statement condemned in the strongest terms that demagogic behavior towards a religion followed by nearly two billion people in the world, stressing that such reckless actions did not and will not affect the sanctity of the Holy Qur'an, and will not budge the status of the Holy Qur'an in the hearts of Muslims, but rather increase its strength and love. He called on states, institutions and international organizations to strengthen cooperation and coordination in order to confront all forms of behavior that despise sanctities and religious symbols, and to issue international resolutions criminalizing heinous acts under the pretext of freedom of expression and others, and to file lawsuits in the competent courts against anyone who is tempted to commit such crimes against Islam, its Prophet and its symbols. His



Excellency then read two cables of thanks and appreciation from the Council submitted to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, King of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and to the Crown Prince, His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman, Prime Minister of Saudi Arabia, in an expression of the thanks of the Ummah's scholars and intellectuals to the leadership and people of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for its



continuous support for the Academy since its establishment to this day, and for its support in particular for this session, and the two cables included praise for the great interest of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques and his wise government in Islamic affairs, defending the causes of the Ummah, and honorable service to the Two Holy Mosques and the holy sites, and also included praising the comprehensive renaissance witnessed by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia under the wise leadership of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, which elevated the Kingdom to the ranks of developed countries. His Excellency also read a cable of thanks and appreciation addressed to His Royal Highness Prince Khalid Al-Faisal to express their thanks for his generous patronage of this session, and his delegation to the Governor of Jeddah, His Highness Prince Saud bin Abdullah bin Jalawi, for the opening of its work. Then His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Abdullah bin Humaid, Chairman of the Council of the Academy, delivered the closing speech, in which he



expressed his thanks and praise to the Holy God for enabling the Council to conclude the work of the twenty-fifth session, praising the good results reached in accordance with the scientific path and the ijthad consideration, which is based on a firm basis of scientific research and sober analysis and keenness to enable Muslims to face emerging problems by providing appropriate solutions that emanate from Sharia and respond to the needs of the times through authentic ijthad. He pointed out that "Shariah has met the needs of people at



all times and places because of its flexible principles and rules aimed at achieving interests and warding off evils, which are taken from the legal texts of the Qur'an and Sunnah," he also stressed that "Islamic law is still and will remain in its full vitality and richness and it is capable of making humanity happy when it is put into practice." He pointed out that «it has become necessary to specialists to converge at the doors of the treasures of Islamic jurisprudence through this Academy, and to work with vigor to serve the Ummah, and to serve all humanity by extracting



jurisprudential investigations that deal with people's lives, and address their problems and display them in renewed robes according to the methodology followed in scientific studies without fanaticism in opinion or victory of a doctrine with the preponderance of valid opinions to the requirements of the age and the requirements of life in accordance with the legal principles and rules." He pointed out, may God protect him, that «the importance of Islamic jurisprudence in our Islamic societies is reflected in the fact that it deals directly with the life of the individual, family and society and deals with relations with non-Islamic societies, as well as that it works to issue fatwas, research and studies taken from the principles of the true religion and consistent with the development of life.» The ceremony concluded with a brief documentary presentation of the sessions of the Conference, and taking memorial photos of the participants in the Conference with His Excellency the President of the Academy, His Excellency the Secretary General, members of the Academy and its experts.



## Resolutions and Recommendations of the Academy's 25th Session in Brief



Under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Khalid bin Faisal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Advisor to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques and Governor of Makkah Region, the twenty-fifth session of the Conference of the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy was held during the period between 29 Rajab and 3 of Shaaban 1444 AH corresponding to 19-23 February 2023G at the Hilton Hotel in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The session was inaugurated by His Highness Prince Saud bin Abdullah bin Mansour bin Jalawi, Governor of Jeddah, on behalf of His Royal Highness Prince Khalid Al-Faisal, in the presence of His Excellency Mr. Hussein Ibrahim Taha, Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Abdullah bin Humaid, Advisor at the Royal Court, Member of the Council of Senior Scholars, Imam and preacher of the Grand Mosque, President of the Academy, and His Excellency Prof. Dr. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, with the participation of nearly three hundred (300) scholars from more than sixty-five (65) OIC Member States and Muslim Communities have come from more than sixty-five (65) OIC Member States and Muslim Communities. Over the course of four days, His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Abdullah bin Humaid, President of the Academy, chaired the sessions of the session, which amounted to fifteen



(15) sessions, in order to discuss one hundred and sixty-five (165) research papers prepared by the members of the Academy and its experts on the most important calamities and contemporary developments that await the Islamic Ummah and the world from the Academy to issue solid decisions and sober recommendations that

include a full statement of the provisions of Sharia in them. Praise be to Allah, the Council, after listening to the summaries of the research submitted to the session, and the deliberations and discussions that took place around it, was able to issue seventeen (17) resolutions in addition to its previous two hundred and thirty-eight resolutions, bringing the total resolutions of the Academy to two hundred and fifty-five (255) resolutions. One of the most important



resolutions and recommendations of the Council is a resolution on the statement of the ruling on education, both religious and secular, for males and females, as it decided that education, both religious and secular, is a legitimate right for males and females over the family, society and the state, as determined by the legal texts and the Ummah has agreed throughout the ages that they must be educated, which makes depriving either of them of any kind of useful education contrary to Sharia. The Council recommended responding to abnormal fatwas that violate the Qur'an, Sunnah and consensus that prevent girls from teaching and learning, and also recommended addressing all problems and obstacles that may prevent them from being able to teach and learn, praising the OIC Member States that have made the education of boys and girls a pillar of their renaissance and progress. The Council also issued



important resolutions on the provisions of the emerging Corona pandemic and its impact on worship, family, felonies, transactions, contracts and obligations, and also issued a resolution on the phenomenon of prayer in non-Arabic, which has recently begun to spread in some member states of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and the countries of Muslim societies, where it decided that it is not permissible to pray in non-Arabic, and the invalidity of prayer with translations of the meanings of the Holy Qur'an, and translations of the meanings of the obligatory remembrances (adhkar) in prayer. He called on the rulers of the OIC member



States to punish ( ta'zir ) all those who call or pray in non-Arabic, and also called on the fatwa bodies, scholars, imams and preachers to show the seriousness of this phenomenon, which is behind suspicious anti-Islamic parties and organizations with the aim of spreading sedition among Muslims by stirring up ethnic and racial strife and tearing the unity of Muslims. With regard to praying behind the telephone, radio and television, the Council decided that it is not permissible, whether the person praying is near or far, because of the imbalance in the conditions for following the union of space and time between the imam and the follower, the ability of the follower to see his imam or see the one who sees the imam, to hear direct takbeers, and the interruption of subordination, in addition to the many evils that this entails, including the invalidation of the pursuit of the congregation and disruption of the rationale behind having mosques. With regard to modern social media



and the controls for their use, the Council decided on the sanctity of transmitting, broadcasting, publishing and recording evil through these and other means, as well as the sanctity of spreading false news, rumors and everything that harms society in its security, stability, and the integrity of its religion, belief, and morals, and stressed that



denying vice through these means is restricted by observing the conditions, the most important of which is the realization of the interest of denial, and that the denial of the vice does not lead to a greater evil, and that the denial does not infringe on the authority of the guardian. The Council recommended avoiding the use of these means while driving by vehicles such as cars and others because of the consequent disasters such as traffic accidents, and also recommended to stay away from using them during the performance of some



acts of worship such as circumambulation (tawaf), saa'i and others because of the preoccupation and distraction from worship. With regard to the issue of foundlings and persons of unknown parentage, the Council decided that their care is a responsibility of the State when there is no sponsor for them, and also decided that it is permissible to attribute children of unknown parentage to those who claimed it if he is not belied by sense or reason, and it is also permissible to attribute to those who are proven to be his children in one of the ways of proof considered by Sharia, and affirmed that the person whose paternity is



proven to be required to support him and carry out his care. It also decided that the foundling and the unknown parentage should be given a good name, a good surname, and the nationality of the country in which they were found, noting that all the inalienable religious and civil rights of others are fixed for them, and called on the rulers to punish all those who disgrace them, or degrade them in a way that is deterrent. The Council recommended that it is not permissible to hand over a foundling and of unknown parentage to non-Islamic parties or unsafe persons, and that

whoever picks up a foundling or of unknown parentage should be breastfed by his wife, or breastfed by those who are forbidden to marry, such as his daughters, so that he feels at the time of realizing that he has parents to shelter to, care for him, and love him. On the phenomenon of street children, child beggars and children in forced labour, the Council decided that children should not be left to use public streets as their



permanent or temporary residence, or as a source of livelihood, nor should children be used to beg in the streets, in offices and in homes. They may not be employed in hard work that endangers their lives and deprives them of their rights to education, health and care. The Council called on scholars, imams, and preachers to promote awareness of the sanctity of child labour in hard work in mines, factories, offices and homes. With regard to the implementation of the objectives



of Sharia in transactions, the Council called on scholars, Sharia bodies and committees in Islamic financial institutions to take into account the implementation of the objectives when ijihad in contemporary financial issues, and developments, while adhering to important Sharia controls such as not violating the purposes that are stronger than the considered Sharia evidence, taking into account the types and ranks of objectives, taking into account the five objectives of the overall Sharia when implementing the purposes of transactions, employing the legitimate purposes of financial transactions in drafting and interpreting contracts and modern financial transactions, and resolving the disputes arising from them due to pandemics and emergency circumstances in the



light of the purposes of financial transactions such as currency, clarity, and stability, as well as the importance of working with Sharia purposes to verify the realities of contemporary transactions, and their non-fictitiousness. With regard to the issue of sex change, the Council stated that what is called today sex reassignment, which means the transformation of a male into a female, or the transformation of a female into a male, is forbidden by law because it is a change of God's creation. The legal rulings relating to male and



female religious and civil duties and rights remain fixed for each of them as they were before one of them ostensibly transformed himself from male to female or from female to male, especially with regard to the provisions of custody, alimony and inheritance, because the conversion of himself into a female or male is not a real change, but rather an apparent change as decided by doctors, and has no effect on the rulings established before one of them commits this act. The Council called on governments and States to prevent the conduct of such operations, to raise awareness of their dangers and their destructive consequences for



the perpetrator and societies, and to direct people who have disorders or obsessions with gender identity for psychological or other reasons to seek treatment. There are important resolutions and recommendations on the role of Islamic social financing mechanisms in supporting humanitarian work to relief the afflicted by disasters and crises, and the provisions of contemporary applications of the changing debt. You can view all the resolutions and recommendations of the session through the Academy's website. Allah is the Grantor of success.

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