

IIFA mourns the passing of founding member H.E. Prof. Abdul Wahab Abu Sulayman



Every soul will taste death. Then to Us will you be returned” Al-Ankabut: 57. “Who, when disaster strikes them, say, “Indeed we belong to Allah, and indeed to Him we will return.” Al-Baqara: 156. The General Secretariat of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy received the news of the passing of the great scholar, historian, and academic, our father, H.E. Professor Abdul Wahab bin Ibrahim Abu Sulayman, with hearts full of faith in Allah’s fate and destiny, comforted by the great rewards that the Almighty has reserved for the heirs of the prophets, who preached others with sincerity. His Eminence has educated generations of scholars and contributed to the Islamic library with significant works and extensive research on jurisprudence and its origins, as well as in history and civilization. His Eminence introduced the Ummah to Makkah, its holy mosque, university, library (birthplace of the Prophet PBUH), Al-Salaam Gate, and the significance of Islam in human history. His Eminence also discussed the Haram Library’s contribution to the modern literary and scientific renaissance. His Eminence was a founding member of IIFA and made notable contributions as a researcher, speaker, and rapporteur during

its numerous sessions and seminars until his passing. I can attest that he consistently reminded us of the importance of Islamic heritage and its treasures. His Eminence was always insisted that Islamic jurisprudence can keep up with modern developments and that collective Ijtihad should be used to manage calamities, rectify negative transformations, and rationalize reforms. In addition, His Eminence was such a generous companion, an honorable man, kind, modest, and a peacemaker, and his smile was never absent. His Eminence frequently renounced his opinion if he believed it to be at odds with the general consensus, and he always attempted to remain calm and approachable when debates raged, and directions diverged. The International Islamic Fiqh Academy, its Presidency, its Secretariat General, its members, and its experts mourn the deceased who passed away on Monday, 26th of the blessed Ramadan 1444, corresponding to Monday, April 17, 2023, and would like to extend its sincere condolences to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, and his Crown Prince, HRH Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, as well as to H.E. Sheikh Abdul Aziz bin

Abdullah Al Sheikh, Grand Mufti of Saudi Arabia and Chairman of the Council of Senior Scholars, and to the relatives of the deceased, his family, his students and the entire Ummah, asking Allah the Almighty to bestow upon him an abundance of His mercy, to cover him with His forgiveness and satisfaction, and to make his final resting place in the gardens of bliss in the presence of the Almighty Lord. May Allah the Almighty have mercy on you, O’ Abu Anas, and reward you in our name, in the name of the Ummah and its scholars, as He has rewarded teachers on behalf of their students; and may Allah the Almighty unite you with your scholarly brethren who came before you, so that you live among the prophets, the truthful, the martyrs, and the righteous, and these are the best of companions. On behalf of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy’s president, its members, and its experts.

H.E Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano.
Secretary General
International Islamic Fiqh Academy

Secretary General greets His Majesty, The King of Morocco in Rabat

At the generous invitation from the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs in the Kingdom of Morocco, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, was honored to greet His Majesty King Mohammed VI, King of Morocco, during his participation at the fourth session of the Hassaniya Lectures, which was presided over by His Majesty, Mohamad VI, may Allah assist him, the King on Wednesday 21 Ramadan 1444H, corresponding to 12 April 2023, at the Royal Palace in the capital, Rabat. The lecture was delivered by His Eminence Dr. Abd al-Rahman Ibrahim Zaid al-Kilani, Dean of the Faculty of Sharia at the University of Jordan, in which he discussed “The Purposes of the Noble Qur’an and Building Inclusive Human Commonalities”, based on the words



of Almighty in Surat al-Hujurat: “O people, indeed We have created you from male and female and made you peoples and tribes that you may know one another.” Al Hujurat : 12. It is worth noting that His Excellency, the Secretary General, has been attending Hassaniya Lectures for two decades, and previously delivered a historic lesson before His Majesty in 2004 entitled “Refuting Terrorism: Renewed Perspectives” based on the verse “And prepare against them

whatever you are able of power and of steeds of war by which you may terrify the enemy of Allah and your enemy and others besides them whom you do not know [but] whom Allah knows. And whatever you spend in the cause of Allah will be fully repaid to you, and you will not be wronged.” Al-Anfal: 60. Also he was previously honored to speak, on behalf of the scholars participating in the Hassaniya Lectures, before His Majesty, the King of Morocco, in 2008.



Hon. PM of Malaysia hosts S.G. at Malaysian Consulate’s Iftar in Jeddah



His Excellency Honourable Dato Sri Anwar Ibrahim, Prime Minister of Malaysia, invited H.E. Prof. Dato. Dr. Koutoub Moustapha SANO, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, OIC, to an Iftar banquet on Thursday, 1st day of the blessed month of Ramadan 1444H, corresponding to 23th March 2023, at the headquarters of the Consulate General of Malaysia in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Upon His Excellency’s arrival at the General Consulate, the Malaysian PM held a meeting with him, during which he thanked him for accepting his invitation and expressed his delight in meeting him following their last meeting prior to the general elections in Malaysia. For his part, the Secretary General expressed his sincere congratulations and best wishes to His Excellency on becoming the 10th Prime Minister of Malaysia after a long struggle and a lot of sacrifice he made for the sake of the social justice, transparency and progress of Malaysia. He implored Allah,

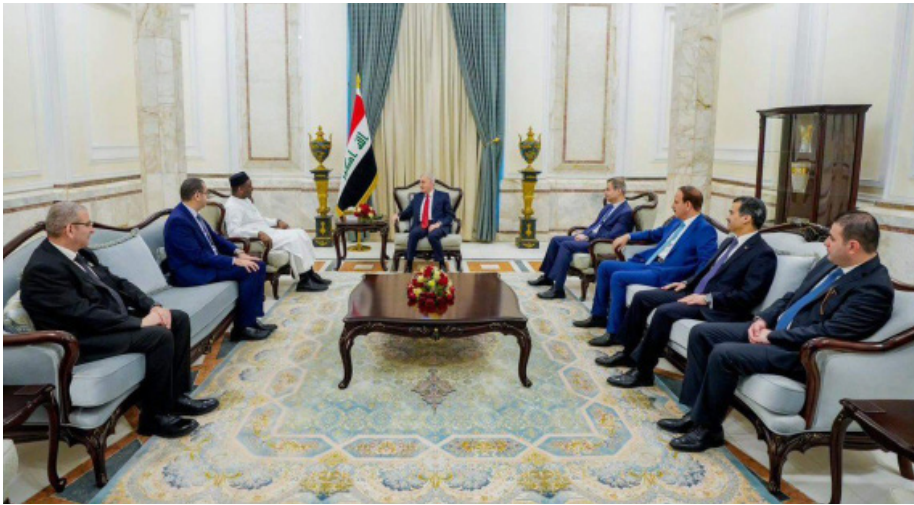
The Almighty, to grant him success and continuous trust and love of the Malaysian people. To the Secretary General His Excellency the Honourable Prime Minister is a blessing of Allah not only for Malaysia but also for the Ummah and the humanity. This is due to the fact that he has all the criteria of the visionary and exceptional leaders in terms of knowledge, honesty, decency, experience, expertise, trustworthiness and hard work. They then exchanged cordial conversations and discussed ways to strengthen cooperation, coordination, and partnership between the Academy and Malaysian scientific, intellectual, and religious institutions and centers. At the end of the discussion, the Honorable PM invited His Excellency to the Iftar banquet hosted by the Consulate General of Malaysia in honor of the Malaysian community living in Saudi Arabia. It is worth noting that the friendship between



both sides goes back three decades ago when the Secretary General had previously worked as a professor and deputy rector of the International Islamic University of Malaysia for sixteen (16) years, while the Prime Minister was then Deputy Prime Minister and the most prominent President of the University. Indeed, it was during his presidency that IIUM became an excellent international well-known and established institution of higher learning in the world. It is also worth noting that in recognition of his efforts and outstanding contributions to the advancement of education in Malaysia in general, and the development of the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) in particular, His Majesty, the late Sultan Ahmad Shah, may Allah have mercy on his soul, former King of Malaysia, awarded His Excellency the title of Datoship.



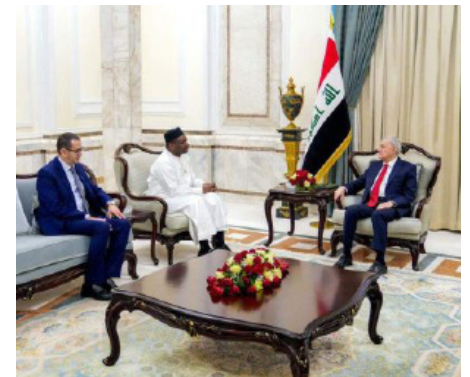
President of Iraq receives Secretary General at Presidential Palace in Baghdad



H.E. Mr. Abdul Latif Rashid, President of the Republic of Iraq, received H.E. Professor Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, and the accompanying delegation, on Sunday morning, 19th Ramadan 1444, corresponding to 9th April 2023, in the presidential palace in Baghdad. His Excellency, the President of Iraq, greeted the Secretary General and stressed the importance of scholars in spreading the culture of moderation and presenting moderate concepts and ideas in the

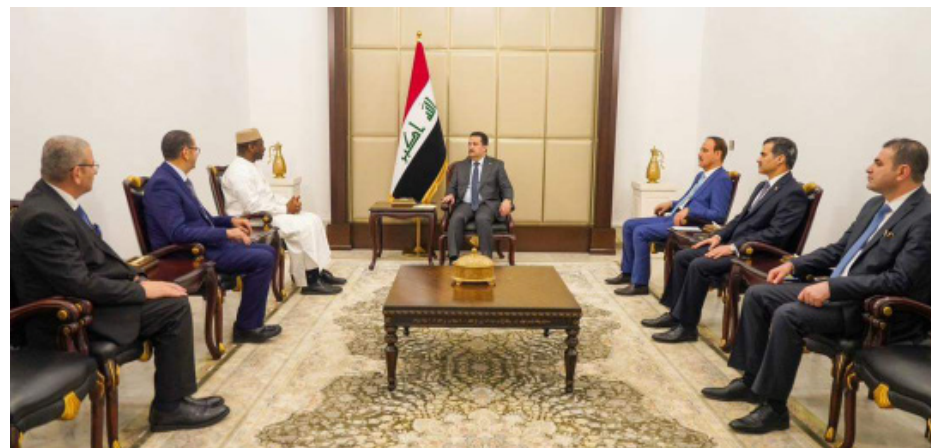
relations between religions and Islamic sects, also stressing the importance of confronting extremist ideas with moderate thinking through programs and practical projects, noting, in this regard, Iraq's readiness to provide the necessary support to the Academy, in achieving its objectives and endeavours. For his part, the Secretary General expressed his sincere thanks and appreciation to the President for allowing him and his delegation to visit Baghdad. His Excellency took this opportunity to express the aspiration of the

Academy that the Republic of Iraq should host one of the coming Academy sessions in Iraq, following the example of other OIC Member States. His Excellency the President welcomed this request and directed the head of the Sunni Waqf Diwan to work on it shortly. Among the attendees of the meeting were H.E. Mr. Mishaaan Al-Khazraji, Head of the Sunni Waqf Diwan, and H.E. Mr. Muhammad Samir Al-Naqshbandi, Consul General and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Iraq to the OIC, as well as Mr. Mohamed Adnan Al-Fihri, Director of Administrative and Financial Affairs at the Academy, and Mr. Amjad Ibrahim Mustafa, Head of the Protocols at the Academy.



Iraq's Prime Minister welcomes the Secretary General to the PM Office in Baghdad

H.E. Mr. Muhammad Shaya Al-Sawdani, Prime Minister of the Republic of Iraq, received H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, on Sunday 19 Ramadan 1444, corresponding to April 9, 2023, at the headquarters of the Ministers Council in Baghdad. During the meeting, both sides reviewed the general social and political conditions of the Arab and Islamic worlds, the main challenges facing the moderate Islamic discourse and the efforts for peace and rapprochement. The Iraqi Prime Minister said that the Iraqis have set an example in unity, cooperation, and fighting against takfirist groups, extremism, and terrorism, and have offered martyrs on behalf of the "free world" in eliminating the threat of terrorism. His Excellency also



affirmed that what Iraqis achieved resulted from their diversity and its transformation into a source of strength, peace, and brotherhood while praising the International Islamic Fiqh Academy's historical role in promoting Islamic unity, moderation, peaceful coexistence and openness. For his part, the Secretary General expressed his sincere thanks to the government and people of the Republic of Iraq and gave a brief overview of the Academy's vision, mission, objectives, and projects, praising the courageous human stance of Iraqi people in their war against extremist ideologies and terrorism, as well as the vital role and brave human stance of Iraqi scholars and intellectuals.

His Excellency concluded his speech by looking forward to strengthening cooperation, coordination, and partnership between the Academy and the scientific, intellectual, and religious institutions and centers in the Republic of Iraq. The meeting was also attended by H.E. Dr. Mishaaan Al-Khazraji, Head of the Sunni Waqf Diwan, and H.E. Mr. Muhammad Samir Naqshbandi, Consul General and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Iraq to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation in Jeddah, as well as Mr. Mohamed Adnan Al-Fihri, Director of Administrative and Financial Affairs at the Academy, and Mr. Amjad Ibrahim Mustafa, Head of the Protocols.



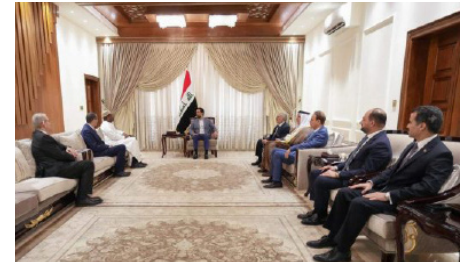
President of Iraqi House of Representatives receives the Secretary General



On Sunday, 18 Ramadan 1444, corresponding to 9 April 2023, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, H.E. Mr. Muhammad Al-Halbousi, received H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, at the House's headquarters in Baghdad. His Excellency expressed his deep thanks to the Iraqi government for its kind reception and warm welcome, as well as his utmost appreciation for the important role played by the Speaker of the House in the field of promoting national unity and reunification, through the enactment of laws and the drafting of specific legislations. His Excellency also praised the efforts of the Iraqi government in promoting the unity of the Iraqi people and fighting sectarianism. His Excellency presented the International Islamic Fiqh Academy as the largest

contemporary jurisprudential reference for the Muslim world, considering that its members are among the most eminent jurists of the Ummah, representing the eight Islamic schools of law. In this regard, His Excellency recalled that the Academy seeks to spread respect for mosques and differences, to appreciate Imams of different schools and to promote the ethics of difference and coexistence. His Excellency concluded his speech by expressing the Academy's thanks to the Iraqi leadership and people for their continuous support to the Academy, stressing his satisfaction at the signing of a memorandum of cooperation between the International Islamic Fiqh Academy and the Iraqi Fiqh Academy. For his part, the Chairman of the House's Council welcomed once again His Excellency and thanked him for this first visit of its kind, praising the important role played by the Academy in promoting cooperation, communication and rapprochement between the Ummah scholars from different Islamic schools and sects. He also expressed his wish to strengthen cooperation, coordination, and partnership with the Academy in various intellectual fields of common interest, especially in the field of the importance of endowments and their role in building nations and preserving their heritage. The President once again thanked the

Secretary General and the accompanying delegation for their visit to Iraq, stressing the importance of strengthening cooperation and continuous communication, coordinating the efforts of religious institutions to serve the interests of the Ummah and spreading a culture of moderation and balance among Islamic schools and sects in order to achieve the principles of peaceful coexistence, harmony and tolerance that the Islamic religion teaches us. The meeting was attended by H.E. Mr. Muhammad Samir Naqshbandi, Consul General and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Iraq to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation in Jeddah, and H.E. Dr. Abdul Wahhab Ahmed Al-Samarrai, as well as Mr. Muhammad Adnan Al-Fihri, Director of Administrative and Financial Affairs of the Academy, and Mr. Amjad Mustafa, Chief of Protocols.



Chairman of Shiite Waqf receives Secretary General of Academy in Baghdad



H.E. Dr. Haider Al-Shammari, Chairman of the Shiite Waqf of the Republic of Iraq, received H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, on Saturday 17 Ramadan 1444, corresponding to April 8, 2023, at the headquarters of the Waqf in Ataba, Kadhimiya, in the Iraqi capital, Baghdad. His Excellency expressed his sincere thanks and gratitude for the warm welcome he gave him, and to the Presidency of the Shiite Waqf Office for the endowments, and religious places throughout Iraq, especially in Kadhimiya, which His Excellency visited with the accompanying delegation. His Excellency then gave further insight into the International Islamic Fiqh Academy as the greatest contemporary jurisprudential authority for the Ummah, as its members are the Ummah's leading scholars and jurists

who represent the eight considered Islamic schools of law that Muslims follow today in all parts of the world, noting in this regard what the Academy seeks to glorify: mosques, respect for differences, the imams of different schools, and human rights. His Excellency concluded his speech by expressing the full readiness of the Academy to cooperate with the Waqf Diwan in everything that achieves the convergence, integration, coordination and rapprochement between scholars and thinkers of the Ummah, and he also expressed his aspiration to sign an agreement of cooperation and understanding between both sides in the future. On his part, the Chairman of the Waqf welcomed His Excellency once again and thanked him for this first visit of a Secretary general of the academy,



commending the important role it plays in promoting cooperation, communication and rapprochement among the Ummah's scholars of various Islamic schools and expressed his wish to strengthen cooperation, coordination and partnership with the Academy in various fields of common interest, especially in the field of raising awareness of the importance of awqaf and their role in nation building and preservation of their heritage. The meeting was attended by H.E. Mr. Muhammad Samir Naqshbandi, Consul General and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Iraq to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation in Jeddah, and His Eminence Dr. Abdul Wahhab Ahmed Al-Samarrai, as well as Mr. Muhammad Adnan Al-Fihri, Director of Administrative and Financial Affairs of the Academy, and Mr. Amjad Ibrahim Mustafa, Head of Protocol.

Sunni Waqf in Iraq and IIFA sign a cooperation agreement in Baghdad



As part of the efforts of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy to strengthen cooperation and partnership with the official scientific institutions and centers of the OIC Member States, H.E. Dr. Mishaa Al-Khazraji, Head of the Sunni Waqf Diwan in Iraq, and H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, signed a cooperation agreement on Sunday, 18 Ramadan 1444, corresponding to 9 April 2023, at the headquarters of the Waqf in Umm Al-Qura Mosque in Baghdad.

H.E. Dr. Al-Khazraji said after signing the agreement; “This agreement is part of the development of religious institutions at the local and international levels, focusing on religious discourse to serve the nation’s issues, spreading moderation and renouncing intolerance and extremism in order to achieve the preservation of the principles of peaceful coexistence, harmony and tolerance advocated by Islam, hoping that this agreement will be the beginning of close cooperation between the two institutions in areas of common interest.” For his part, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Sano expressed his joy and pleasure at this agreement, which expresses the firm and permanent willingness of the Academy to enter into strategic partnerships with leading intellectual, scientific and administrative institutions in the Islamic world, praising the efforts of the Waqf in the field of outreach and integration between the different

components of the Iraqi people and its leaders. The meeting was attended by members of the House of Representatives, the Iraqi Fiqh Academy and undersecretaries of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, including H.E. Mr. Muhammad Samir Naqshbandi, Consul General and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Iraq to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation in Jeddah, and Mr. Muhammad Adnan al-Fihri, Director of Administrative and Financial Affairs of the Academy, Mr. Amjad Ibrahim Mustafa, Head of Protocols.



Secretary General delivers a lecture at Al-Imam Al-Azzam Mosque in Baghdad

During his official visit to the Republic of Iraq, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, delivered a speech on Saturday evening, 17 Ramadan 1444, corresponding to 8 April 2023, in front of the crowds of worshipers at Al-Imam Al Azzam Mosque in Baghdad in which he explained in detail the wonderful meanings of the hadith narrated by Imam Muslim on the authority of Abi Malik Al-Ash’ari, who said: The Messenger of God, PBUH, said: “Purity is half of iman (faith). ‘Al-hamdu lillah (praise be to Allah)’ fills the scales, and ‘subhan-Allah (how far is Allah from every imperfection) and ‘Al-hamdulillah (praise be to Allah)’ fill that which is between heaven and earth. And the salah (prayer) is a light, and charity is a proof, and patience is illumination, and the Qur’an is a proof either for you or against you. Every person starts his day as a vendor of his soul, either freeing it or causing its ruin.” His Excellency explained that moral purity means the purity of the heart from all diseases that afflict it, including hypocrisy, gossip, backbiting, hatred, jealousy, deceit, lying, telling falsehood, perjury, and other diseases that are known as diseases of the hearts. By preventing the soul from committing sins that the noble Sharia, and in the Sunnah of the Prophet, PBUH,



such as injustice, transgression, aggression, hypocrisy, pride, and so on, considering that the forbidden things are all considered impurities and obscene, then they should be purified by repentance to Allah, and abandoning those sins. As for physical purity, His Excellency explained that it means the purity of the body, food, drink, dwelling, and clothing from all dirt, and impurities, in order to preserve the soul from what threatens its safety and ability to comply with the command of his Lord, to avoid His prohibitions. His Excellency clarified that Sharia has explained to us how to achieve both types of purification referred to above in an original and accurate manner, and he mentioned a number of prophet’s supplications that help purify the heart from the diseases that afflict it, including: “O God, purify my heart from hypocrisy, my action

from vain show, my tongue from falsehood and my eyes from wrongful glances, for Thou knowest the surreptitious looks of the eyes and what is concealed in the breasts”. His Excellency stressed that Muslims should persevere in these supplications, and avoid falling into diseases of the heart, by avoiding all sins of the heart. His Excellency pointed out that physical purity also means hygiene by using water in order to remove dirt and impurities. Islam has chosen to achieve this type of purification by means of ablution, ghusl, toothpicks, and what is known as Sunnan Al-Fitrah (Sunnahs of natural instinct), such as clipping nails, plucking armpits, shaving the pubic hair, istinja (washing the knuckles), trimming the moustache, and others. His Excellency concluded by saying that purification is considered a part of faith if both of the aforementioned types are achieved in it, which means that a Muslim must strive to be morally pure by avoiding diseases of the heart and soul, and physically pure by persevering in removing impurities and dirt from his body, food, beverage, house, and clothes. His Excellency’s speech received great praise from the worshipers, and the meeting was moderated by H.E. Sheikh Allama Dr. Ahmed Hassan Al-Taha, the chief scholar of the Iraqi Fiqh Academy.

IIFA and Iraq Fiqh Council sign an MoC in Baghdad



Considering IIFA's objective to strengthen cooperation and integration with collective ijtehad institutions within the OIC Member States, and considering the scientific status of the Iraq Fiqh Council, including its prestigious scholars active in Dawah and fatwa and given IIFA's endeavor in approaching religious institutions in the face of calamities and developments by drawing inspiration from Islam in strengthening the bonds of solidarity among the jurists and scholars of the Ummah, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, IIFA's Secretary General, and H.E. Prof. Ahmed Al-Taha, President of the Iraqi Fiqh Council, signed a Memorandum of Cooperation on Saturday, 17 Ramadan 1444, corresponding to 8 April 2023, in the Iraqi capital, Baghdad. This MoC aims to develop a comprehensive plan for the methodology of issuing fatwas that Muslims need on the frequently asked questions and topics that should be addressed. Scholars and researchers in Islamic sciences are encouraged to address various issues and developments and deal with them in a way that combines tradition and modernity. The memorandum also aims at strengthening cooperation and continuous communication and coordination between the two institutions in organizing conferences and seminars, holding workshops, and training courses, exchanging publications, and representing both parties in conferences and seminars organized by each in areas of common interest. After the signing of the MoC, the Secretary

General expressed his great joy by saying: "I am very pleased to sign this memorandum in this ancient country, in this holy month, with a well-established ifta institution, headed by His Eminence Sheikh Ahmed Hassan Al-Taha, may Allah protect him, and whose members are distinguished as among the most eminent Iraqi scholars, known for their commitment to moderation and balance. I take this good opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the leadership and people of the Republic of Iraq for the constant attention and support given to the Academy, as well as my deepest appreciation to the Iraqi Council for its valuable trust in the International Islamic Fiqh Academy and its sincere willingness to strengthen the relations of cooperation, coordination and partnership, which it considers a concrete and necessary action for an important historical stage for the Ummah in which the honor of serving the Sharia has transcended the limits of individual and regional efforts, and crossed political boundaries in the largest contemporary organization of collective ijtehad on the one hand, and collective fatwas on the other, in the belief of the leaders of the Islamic world that collective ijtehad is the closest to the correctness, the most reliable and the wisest. We sincerely believe that the Council is an extension of the fatwa councils and Sharia councils in the Islamic world, that it does not replace or compete with any of them, but supports national and regional institutions and fatwa bodies, and seeks to strengthen cooperative and coordinating relations with other distinguished fatwa institutions in the Islamic world and outside, in order to avoid contradictions and discrepancies in opinions and fatwas." For his part, the President of the Iraqi Fiqh Council expressed his great joy on this occasion and said: "We are proud to sign this memorandum with a well-established jurisprudential authority such as the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, and we are proud to cooperate with this blessed scholarly institution, hoping that the Council

will benefit from its expertise, jurisprudence and close cooperation with the leading scholars of the Ummah who are members of this Academy". The signing ceremony of the memorandum was attended by the Council's members, H.E. Ambassador Muhammad al-Naqshbandi, Consul General of the Republic of Iraq and Permanent Representative of Iraq to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation in Jeddah, Mr. Mohamed Adnan al-Fihri, Director of Administrative and Financial Affairs at the Academy, and Mr. Amjad Ibrahim Mustafa, Head of Protocols at the Academy. It is worth noting that the Iraqi Fiqh Council, composed of eminent scholars in charge of Dawah and issuing fatwas, is an independent legal reference for the Sunni Iraqi community, which interacts and cooperates with scientific, legal institutions inside and outside Iraq, intending to achieve the desired objectives in compliance with Islamic law, while building bridges of cooperation, communication, and exchange of expertise with all bodies, organizations, and institutions. The Council gathers the best scholars and jurists from Iraq and different regions, qualified to issue fatwas, conduct scientific research, and examine Islamic legal issues that require consideration in the Iraqi arena. Besides this elite, a group of young scholars and researchers assist these scholars, learn from them, and get practical training in ifta under their guidance. This jurisprudential institution provides specialized studies in various fields.



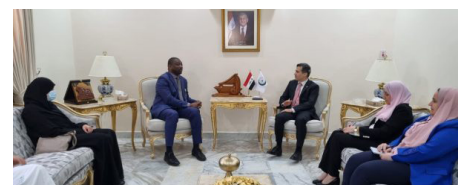
Secretary General visits Iraq's Consulate General in Jeddah



H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, visited on Monday, 21 Shaba'an 1444, corresponding to 13 March 2023, the Republic of Iraq's Consulate General in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. His Excellency and the accompanying delegation were received by the Consul General of Iraq, Mr. Muhammad Samir Al-Naqshbandi, who expressed his delight at this visit and stated that he was personally honored to meet a great Islamic scholar, appreciating the efforts of the Academy to address many religious and intellectual issues of concern to Iraqi society in particular and the Muslim world in general. For his part, the Secretary General expressed

his thanks for the warm welcome, praising the continuous support and attention given by the Republic of Iraq to the Academy since its establishment. His Excellency reviewed the most important resolutions taken at the twenty-fifth session of the Academy, which included a comprehensive statement of Sharia resolutions regarding contemporary calamities and developments, such as the obligation to educate men and women for the sake of the family, society, and the state, prohibition to deprive them of education and learning at any stage, the impermissibility of prayer behind the telephone, radio, and television, the invalidity of prayer in a language other than Arabic, the obligation to care for foundlings and those whose parentage is unknown, the prohibition of homosexuality and sex change in Islam, and other issues that the world is waiting for the Academy to clarify from a Sharia perspective. His Excellency promised to send a copy of the Academy's Resolutions and Recommendations to the Permanent Delegation of Iraq. At the end of the visit, the Consul General

informed His Excellency that the Consulate General had received an official invitation from the Republic of Iraq to visit Baghdad as soon as possible in order to discuss with the political leaders and religious figures to support their continuous efforts to preserve the unity, security, and safety of Iraqi society and to spread the noble principles of our true religion related to tolerance and peaceful coexistence between religions and peoples. The Secretary General of the Academy was accompanied during this visit by Mrs. Sarah Amjad, director of the women and family department of the Academy, Mr. Muhammad al-Idrisi, director of public relations and media, Mr. Nawfal al-Shteiwi, internal auditor, and Mr. Ahmed Al-Jazouli, head of archives and follow-up department.



Secretary General delivers a lecture at Imam al-Azzam College in Baghdad

At the generous invitation of H.E. Dr. Salah al-Din Falih al-Taha, Dean of Imam Al-Azzam College in Baghdad, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, delivered a lecture on Monday morning, 19th Ramadan 1444, corresponding to 10th April 2023, delivered a scientific lecture on the role of Fiqh academies in facing with developments. His Excellency began his lecture by expressing his sincere thanks and appreciation to the Dean of the College for inviting him to deliver this lecture to the faculty and postgraduate students, praising the straight intellectual position and the ancient scientific history of this college which dates back to more than a thousand years, where great scholars and thinkers graduated from, noting that it remained lofty and steadfast despite the difficulties it faced throughout history. On this occasion, His Excellency expressed his wishes that this college would remain a permanent source of refuge for him in order to continue to prepare generations capable of various types of science and knowledge in order to preserve the heritage of the imams of knowledge and thought who lived in the city of Harun Al-Rasheed and enriched the Islamic library with valuable scientific literature and valuable intellectual books. One of those imams is the greatest imam Abu Hanifa al-Nu'man ibn Thabit, his two companions Abu Yusuf and Muhammad ibn al-Hasan al-Shaibani, Imam al-Shafi'i, Imam Ahmad ibn Hanbal, and other imams of guidance and piety. His Excellency then touched on the topic of the lecture, indicating the reference basis and the legal basis for Ijtihad in general, and collective Ijtihad in particular. Sharia in its texts depends on ijthad, just as the application of legal rulings



in incidents depends on ijthad, and therefore, it has proceeded until the Day of Resurrection, and its door has not and will not be closed until the Day of Judgment. His Excellency confirmed that the most correct of the sayings of the scholars is that the Messenger of Allah, PBUH, was a mujtahid, and trained his companions on Ijtihad, and approved them for many of their diligences, explaining in the meantime that the jurisprudence attributed to the Messenger of God, the predominant character of the group was except for what was rare, as he, gathered the great companions to consult and reflect on calamities in which no revelation was revealed, and he reported to what the majority of those gathered approved, and acted upon, for collective Ijtihad in public issues and calamities, thus inspired modern collective Ijtihad through the local, regional, and international jurisprudence academies, leading to a mature formulation of legal rulings that are appropriate to those calamities and developments. His Excellency explained that the International Islamic Fiqh Academy emanating from the Organization of Islamic Cooperation is the largest contemporary institution for collective ijthad, as it is the only supreme jurisprudential reference in the world whose members consist of the leading scholars of the eight Islamic schools that Muslims follow today in all parts of the globe. His Excellency also made it clear that the International Islamic Fiqh Academy deals with three types of general issues, which are the general calamities about which no text was mentioned and did not affect the predecessors' jurisprudence about them. This

is true of the Corona pandemic and a number of contemporary issues in the field of medicine, sociology, and economics. As for the second type of general issues that the Academy deals with, it is represented by the developments and changes that occurred in many issues and issues that deeply affected their reality, which requires a renewal of ijthad in them. Contemporary jurisprudence that verifies those changes and developments, and this applies to changes in contracts, obligations, transactions and sales. As for the third type, it is represented in reviewing previous jurisprudence in the light of the situations and conditions that have witnessed and are still witnessing continuous change, in application of a rule that does not deny the change of the fatwa with the change of times, places and conditions. His Excellency concluded his speech by renewing the call to review the curricula in universities, institutes and colleges to inoculate them with content and contents that enable their graduates to participate positively and effectively in dealing with their realities in a sober way that integrates transmission and reason and makes them good citizens who achieve vicegerency to Allah on earth, building the universe, and achieving human happiness. immediately and eventually. The lecture received great praise from the audience, and it as moderated by the eminent scholar Sheikh Dr. Ahmed Hassan Al-Taha, head of the Iraqi Fiqh Academy. At the end of the lecture, the Dean of the College presented the college shield to His Excellency, and thanked him for his lecture.



President of Guinea's Islamic Supreme Council visits the Academy

On the sidelines of the 25th session of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, H.E. Sheikh Haji Muhammad Salih Camara, President of the Islamic Supreme Council of the Republic of Guinea and the Senior Imam of Al-Faysal Grand



Mosque in Conakry, visited the Academy's headquarters on Tuesday, 9 Shaba'an 1444, corresponding to 28 February 2023. The Secretary General welcomed His Eminence and the accompanying delegation, commending his participation in the session

and his efforts in promoting unity, cooperation, and coexistence among the different parts of Guinean society, appreciating his efforts to bridge the gap between the ruling authority and the civil society organizations. On this occasion, The Secretary General stressed the Academy's readiness to bring all the moral support of His Eminence to strengthen the values of brotherhood, compassion, harmony, and peace, as well as to enhance cooperation and coordination with the Islamic Council for the good and benefit of Guinean society. At the end of the visit, H.E. Sheikh Haji Muhammad Salih Camara was informed of the latest developments and changes in the Secretariat General of the Academy and was gifted the Academy's latest publications.

President and S.G of the Academy participate in the 43rd Al-Baraka Forum

At the kind invitation of Al-Baraka Islamic Economics Forum, H.E. Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Hamid, Advisor to the Saudi Royal Court, Member of the Council of Senior Scholars, Imam-Khatib of the Grand Mosque, President of the Academy, and H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, participated in the opening ceremony of the 43rd Al-Baraka on Islamic Economics Forum, entitled "Islamic Economy and the Authenticity of Sustainability," on Wednesday, 23 Sha'ban 1444, corresponding to 15 March 2023, at the headquarters of Prince Muqrin bin Abdulaziz Al Saud University in Madinah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. H.E. Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Abdullah bin Humaid delivered a speech in which he discussed the state of legislation and laws governing the course of life, its development, and sustainability, stressing that Islamic legislation and jurisprudence is a solid platform and a high beacon in codifying the provisions, rulings, and controls that establish the concept of sustainability and survival. His Excellency also pointed out that the concept of sustainability is rooted in the principles of Sharia and that jurists have stipulated that "what is not permitted in foundations can be permitted in sustainability". This year's symposium is a follow-up by Al-Baraka Islamic Economics Forum of the developments and changes that are taking



place in the contemporary economy. Islamic economy should be present and participate in their financing and guidance. The symposium aimed to discuss many issues of economic and strategic development related to the concept of sustainability in Islamic economy, including the role of the non-profit sector in achieving sustainability, Islamic investment instruments, sustainability projects, Islamic

banks, and their impact on the application of sustainability, as well as the presentation of global models for sustainability projects and initiatives, as well as Islamic economy and sustainability between reality and hope. It is worth mentioning that the opening ceremony was patronized by HRH Prince Faisal bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Governor of Al-Madinah Al-Munawarah.

Dean of Consuls, Consul of the State of Palestine visits IIFA



On Thursday 18 Rajab 1444H, corresponding to 09 February 2023G, His Excellency Ambassador Mahmoud Yahya Al-Assadi, Dean of the Consuls of the Arab Countries and the Consul General of the State of Palestine to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and his accompanying delegation paid a courtesy visit to the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, welcomed his Excellency and his accompanying delegation, and thanked him for this kind visit, appreciating his keenness to strengthen the bonds of communication, cooperation and coordination between the Academy and the Palestinian scientific and religious institutions and centers. His Excellency also took the opportunity to express his sincere thanks and appreciation to the State of Palestine for its continuous support to the Academy, then gave him an

overview of the Academy's activities, its various programs, and the goals it seeks to achieve, especially with regard to enhancing awareness of the centrality of the Palestinian cause in the resolutions and statements of the Academy, referring to the issuance of many resolutions and statements by the Academy about the importance of defending Al-Aqsa and empowering the Palestinian people with their fundamental and human right to live in safety, security and stability on their land and the land of their ancestors. His Excellency concluded by informing His Excellency the Consul General that the Grand Mufti of Palestine is coming to Jeddah to participate in the twenty-fifth Session of the Academy, which will be held in Jeddah. For his part, His Excellency the Consul General expressed his great 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, stressing his country's keenness to establish strong and sustainable relations with the Academy and to benefit from it in addressing the just causes of the Palestinian people, especially the issue of Islamic holy sites in Jerusalem, such as Al-Aqsa and Al-Haram Ebrahimi and others. He also expressed his deep appreciation for the tremendous efforts made by His Excellency in this context, praising His Excellency's great

keenness to unite the voice of the Ummah, unify, in developing joint Islamic action, and his steadfast defense of the Palestinian people and the establishment of a Palestinian state with East Jerusalem as its capital. He concluded by expressing his aspiration to attend the 25th Session of the Academy and his thanks and gratitude to the Academy for inviting and involving scholars from Palestine. The meeting was attended by His Excellency Mr. Moeen Jawdat Al-Sawafiri, Consul at the Consulate General in Jeddah, Mr. Mohamed Mondher El Chouk, Director of Cabinet and Protocol Affairs at the Academy, Dr. Alhagi Manta Drammeh, Head of the International Cooperation and External Relations Division at the Academy, and Mr. Mourad TLiLi, Advisor to the Secretary General for Media and public relations Affairs.



President of the Academy chairs 3rd meeting of IIFA Waqf Fund Board of Trustees

H.E. Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Abdullah bin Humaid, President of the Academy and Vice President of the IIFA Waqf Fund, chaired the 3rd meeting of its Board of Trustees on Wednesday, 30 Sha'aban 1444, corresponding to 22 March 2023, via videoconference. His Excellency opened the meeting by welcoming the distinguished members of the Board of Trustees, congratulating them on the arrival of the blessed month of Ramadan and asking Allah the Almighty to help them fast and pray during this month. His Excellency spoke about the Statute of the IIFA Waqf Fund, in which he entrusted the Board of Trustees with developing its general policies and approving its regular procedures. He also entrusted the Board of Trustees with seeking ways to assist the Waqf Fund in obtaining donations in kind and in cash and to present them to the Board of Trustees for approval. His Excellency referred to the proposals made by the



Waqf Supervisory Board at previous meetings, in particular the outline of the executive plan, which includes a clear scheme for the collection and approval methods from countries, organizations and individuals, stressing that such procedures require a financial cost to be presented to the Academy in order to implement this plan. H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy and Secretary of the Board of Trustees, spoke about the difficulties faced by the Waqf Fund with regard to the

regulatory and legal procedures for accepting donations in the host country, and informed the participants that the Secretariat General is still in communication with the relevant authorities in order to obtain permission to accept donations from individuals and organizations. His Excellency then presented the Board with temporary proposals to resolve some of the issues discussed. After deliberations and discussions, the meeting took some important decisions, notably: The unanimous approval by the participants of the proposals presented by the Board Secretary. To consult with the OIC Secretary General to propose members for the Supervisory Board for a period of three years. The meeting was attended by H.E. Dr. Sheikh Abdullah Al-Mutlaq, H.E. Dr. Ahmed Al-Haddad, H.E. Dr. Youssef Abdullah Al-Shubayli, H.E. Dr. Abdullah Mabrouk Al-Najjar and H.E. Dr. Abdullah Muhammad, representative of the Islamic Development Bank.

IIFA and the Islamic Da'wah Center for Latin America Sign an MoU



Proceeding from the objectives of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) represented in strengthening relations of cooperation, coordination and partnership with scientific institutions and centers that are active in the field of disseminating the approach of moderation, tolerance and openness, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, and His Excellency Mr. Ali Ahmed Al Saifi, Vice President of the Islamic Da'wah Center for Latin America and the Caribbean, signed a memorandum of strategic cooperation between the two parties, on Wednesday 10 Rajab 1444H corresponding to 01 February 2023G, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah. This agreement aims to build a strategic partnership based on strengthening cooperation in many fields, including the field of issuing Shariah specifications and standards for the Halal industry in slaughter, food and beverages, and dealing with ways to integrate Muslims living in Latin America and the Caribbean into their societies while preserving their Islamic identity and strictly adhering to the requirements of citizenship and residency in their countries,

through research and scientific cooperation, joint organization of conferences and seminars, holding workshops and training, exchanging publications and periodicals, and representing the two sides in the conferences and seminars held by each of them in the field of common interest between them. After signing the agreement, His Excellency the Secretary General expressed his great pleasure at completing this strategic partnership with one of the most important Islamic institutions that have been serving Muslims in Muslim communities in Latin America for decades and seek with all its human and material capabilities to spread the true religion away from all extremism and intolerance, instilling the spirit of citizenship and adherence to its requirements among Muslim citizens and residents of Latin American and Caribbean countries. His Excellency affirmed the Academy's commitment to providing the necessary intellectual and scientific support to the Center in the field of personal status issues, training imams and preachers, and issuing Shariah standards for the Halal industry in slaughtered animals, which is considered one of the most important economic sectors in which the Muslim community operates in Brazil and Argentina in particular. His Excellency concluded by looking forward to holding specialized scientific symposia, in partnership with the Center, targeting issues and concerns of the Muslims in those countries.

For his part, His Excellency the Vice President of the Center expressed his thanks and gratitude to His Excellency for the warm welcome, and his great pleasure in concluding this important agreement with the most important Fiqh academy in the Muslim world. He added that

the center has sought for some time to establish a strategic relationship with the Academy in the hope to secure the support of the Academy in the center's drive to confront the various issues and causes facing the Muslims of Latin America, in view of the scientific and Fiqh capabilities that the Academy possesses through prominent scholars and experts in all religious and scientific disciplines, and also in view of the sound scientific and intellectual resolutions and recommendations issued by the Academy, which cover all aspects of contemporary life and meet the aspirations and hopes of Muslims of Muslim communities, not only in the American continent, but also in the whole world. His Excellency concluded by expressing his aspiration to attend the 25th Session of the Academy along with the delegation of his institution, and his optimism for a prosperous future of continuous cooperation and coordination between the two sides in all fields of common interest. The signing ceremony was attended by Dr. Abdel-Fattah Abnauf, Director of the Planning and International Cooperation Department at the Academy, and Mr. Mourad TLiLi, Advisor to the Secretary General of the Academy for Media and Public Relations Affairs.



Secretary General gives a lecture on Imam Al-Nawawi at the Hashemite Lectures in Amman

His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, delivered, on Friday, the 23rd Ramadan 1444 corresponding to 14th April 2023, a scientific lecture within the activities of the 111th Hashemite Lectures, entitled "Sheikh Al-Islam Al-Nawawi" in the Islamic Cultural Center of the Mosque of the Founding Martyr King Abdullah I in Amman. He began his lecture by extending his sincere appreciation to His Majesty the Hashemite King Abdullah II Bin Al-Hussein, and to his faithful Crown Prince, His Royal Highness Prince Al-Hussein Bin Abdullah, and to the Hashemite royal family, to the Jordanian government, and the Jordanian people. He then talked about the importance of knowing the biographies of the great scholars and its impact on the rise and progress of nations, and he said: "Watchful nations are proud of their great minds, glorify their heroes, cherish their heritage, preserve the achievements of fathers and grandfathers, and draw inspiration from the biographies of their heroes as clear lessons that they take as a beacon to guide them to face challenges. It draws from it useful lessons that become a platform to follow and keep abreast of developments, and a haven for it to turn to in order to direct the transformations and changes that invade its arena from time to time, shed light on their immortal walks and to spread the word about their distinguished contributions and great impact, in the hope that the ascending generations will follow their example in order to emulate their predecessors achieved in terms of a good mention, and a permanent presence." He stressed that if "it is impossible to fully encompass all the details of their biography, It was also impossible to present these biographies in just one lecture. Therefore, we will throw flashes on bright aspects in the life of this imam, mujtahid, and reformer, Muhyi al-Din, Abu Zakariya Yahya bin Sharaf bin Mari bin Hasan bin Hussein bin Muhammad bin Hizam al-Hurani al-Nawawi al-Shafi'i, born in 631 AH in the village of Nawa. Due to the time shortage, I will



choose realistic examples from the life of Sheikh Al-Islam, the saint of the saints and the righteous, the prince of jurists and hadith scholars, and the Sheikh of the Shafi'is. He gave examples of his merit in these two titles, such as his stance towards King Baybars when they were about to lay his hand on the orchards of the Levant and consider them the property of the state, so Imam al-Nawawi directed him in his historical book not to listen to those who adorned him with falsehood and the seizure of the property of others, so King Baybars got angry when he read his book, and he ordered to cut off wage and all positions from him, and he was surprised when they told him that he had neither a salary nor a position, so he loved him and was close to him. He also spoke about his refusal when King Baybars requested the issuance of a fatwa permitting taking money from the subjects in order to obtain victory over the fighting of the Tatars, so he began to kill the dissenting scholars until he arrived at Imam al-Nawawi, who argued with him vigorously until King Baybars replied to him: Get out of my country (i.e., Damascus), so he went out to the area of Nawa, and the king was told why You did not kill him, so he said: "Every time I wanted to kill him, I would see seventy on his shoulders who wanted to prey on me, so I refrained from that." In the research methodology, he strictly adhered to it in all of his writings, and defined what is meant

by that methodology as "the clear formulation of the research vocabulary with which the researcher paves the way for his studies, and one of the most important things is to shed light on the research problem and its causes, and the questions that seek to answer them, and liberate the saying in the most important objectives that the research aims to achieve, and the extension of the article in the scientific method that will be adopted by the study, and finally shed light on the most important previous studies on his research with an indication of the qualitative addition that the study would like to make. In the corridors of universities and modern scientific institutions, it is present in all of Imam al-Nawawi's writings with force and action, which makes them systematic, solid, and solid scientific works that contain accuracy, objectivity, criticism, creativity, and innovation. These necessary methodological elements that must be available in what is known today in the corridors of universities and modern scientific institutions, it is found in all of the writings of Imam al-Nawawi, which makes them methodological and solid scientific works in which accuracy, objectivity, criticism, creativity, and innovation are available" He concluded his lecture by saying "It is no wonder that Damascus and its surrounding villages and cities shuddered with weeping, grief and sorrow over the death of this pious imam in the last third of the night of Wednesday 25 Rajab 676 AH from this life after God blessed the Ummah with this scholar's life which did not exceed forty-six years."



Secretary General gives a lecture on Ijtihad at the Institute of Imams in Rabat



H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, delivered, on Tuesday, 20 Ramadan 1444, corresponding to 11 April 2023, a scholarly lecture at the Institute of Imams in Rabat. He began his lecture by overviewing the term Ijtihad in the fundamentalist lesson, indicating its legitimacy derived from the Noble Qur'an and the Prophet's Sunnah, highlighting its importance and necessity in every era and place, which confirms the relevance of Islam for every time and place, stressing that highlighting the flexibility and eternity of Sharia depends on Ijtihad, which makes it impossible to say that "the gate of Ijtihad" is closed, and the claim that Ijtihad is closed is in itself an Ijtihad. He also spoke in some detail about the divisions of ijthad, and the types of mujtahids, speaking of the most important division of mujtahids, which

is the division that divides them into independent mujtahids, absolute mujtahids, and restricted mujtahids. As for the independent mujtahid, he defined him as the scholar in whom the conditions of well-known jurisprudence were met and he was unique in developing methodologies of deduction and inference that no one preceded him to, such as Ibn Muhammad al-Sadiq, Imam Abdullah, Imam Abu Hanifa al-Numan Ibn Thabit, Imam Malik Ibn Anas, Imam Muhammad Ibn Idris al-Shafi'i, Imam Ahmad Ibn Muhammad Ibn Hanbal, Imam Dawood bin Ali Al-Isfahani, Imam Al-Tabari, Imam Al-Awza'i, Imam Al-Thawri, and others. As for the absolute mujtahid, he is the scholar in whom the well-known conditions of ijthad are met, but he did not independently develop methods of deduction and inference of his own, but rather chose to adopt one of the methods of deduction and inference from the imams before him, and this applies to a number of well-known scholars such as the two companions of Abu Hanifa, Abu Yusuf, and Muhammad bin Al-Hassan. Al-Shaibani, Ibn Rushd, Ibn Qudamah, Ibn Hazm, and others. They are distinguished by the fact that their jurisprudence is different than that of the founding imams of the schools that they follow. As for the restricted mujtahid, he is the scholar who met the conditions of ijthad, but he did not unilaterally develop methods of deduction and inference of his own, and he does not contradict in his jurisprudence

those of the imama of the school he follows. Ibn al-Qasim al-Maliki, Abd al-Karim bin Abi al-Fadl Muhammad bin Abd al-Karim al-Rafi'i al-Shafi'i, Ali bin Suleiman al-Mardawi al-Hanbali, and others. He also explained that reaching the aforementioned degrees of ijthad is not impossible, especially absolute and restricted ijthad, and he explained the importance of absolute ijthad and its necessity in every era. He concluded his lecture by encouraging the students of knowledge to devote themselves completely to seeking knowledge, with sincerity, perseverance and diligence, reminding them of what al-Shafi'i said in his famous poem: O my brother, thou shalt receive knowledge only with six *** I shall describe them to thee in detail and with clarification. Intelligence, perseverance, diligence, and eloquence *** with the company of a teacher, and a long period of learning.



A dialogue between the Secretary General and PhD students in Rabat

Dar al-Hadith al-Hasaniyah Foundation organized a scientific dialogue between H.E. Prof. Koutoub Sano and the college's doctoral students in order to benefit from his thought, knowledge and great experience. The meeting took place on Wednesday 21 Ramadan 1444, corresponding to April 12, 2023. His Excellency was welcomed by the Deputy Director and Secretary General of the Foundation, who said that His Excellency's visit to the Foundation and his approval of this dialogue is a good opportunity that the students should invest to get acquainted with his rich intellectual career and distinguished scientific experience. He has also worked in his country, the Republic of Guinea, as Minister of Religious Affairs, Minister of International Cooperation and Diplomatic Advisor to the President of the Republic for 12 years. He is currently the Secretary General of the International Academy of Islamic Fiqh. For his part, he congratulated its leadership on the successful implementation of its new program, which aims at preparing a generation of scholars endowed with religious knowledge and the principles of humanities and social sciences. He spoke of the importance of perseverance and eagerness to seek knowledge, and avoid laziness, lethargy, complacency and self-admiration, as well as the importance of investing time and energy in what is beneficial and useful, referring in this regard to the need to persevere in reading, writing,



learning, seeking knowledge and attending scientific seminars. He also stressed that discipline, sincerity, dedication, good time management and prioritization are the basis of any successful work, be it scientific, administrative or political, stressing the importance of humility, open-mindedness and integration with others. At the same time, he spoke about the many experiences he had in his political work, as well as before and during his academic and administrative career at the university. He also assured the students that a person's success in any work or activity he or she undertakes is due to God, and then to adopting the necessary means to achieve the objectives and goals. His Excellency concluded his speech by urging the students not to despair and give up when some of the goals they set for themselves are not achieved, as one should learn from the mistakes and failures one is exposed to in life, and beware of despair, reminding them that a person has four

enemies he or she should fight, namely ignorance, poverty, disease and despair. Despair is the most dangerous of these enemies, for ignorance can be fought with learning, poverty can be fought with work, and disease can be cured with treatment. His Excellency called upon them to move away from despair, abandonment, laziness and self-admiration, and to embrace optimism, trust in Allah and His goodness, eagerness to seek knowledge, and devotion to it with the importance of accompanying the serious, diligent and learned people, and to move away from the lazy, those who withdraw from life, those who surrender to helplessness; and to always remember what the cousin of the Messenger of Allah, PBUH, said when asked how he was able to accumulate so much knowledge in different fields despite his young age, he replied with his famous phrase: With a responsible tongue and a mindful heart. The students asked a number of questions about the secret of His Excellency's ability to innovate and excel in the scientific, political and diplomatic fields. Their questions also focused on the future of Arab culture and Arabic speakers on the African continent, as well as their involvement in political activism. He emphasized the need to trust in Allah, then in oneself, and not to give in to attempts at exclusion. On the contrary, one must commit oneself wisely after having mastered the factors of success and considered the causes and means.

IIFA Participates in the Conference of Aesthetic Gynecology and its Jurisprudence



Ms. Sarah Badewi, Director of Women and Family Affairs Department at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), participated in the "First International Conference of Aesthetic Gynecology and its Jurisprudence" held by the Saudi Society for Studies in Medical Jurisprudence affiliated to Imam Muhammad bin Saud Islamic University, in Jeddah; in cooperation with IIFA, on 1213-Rajab 1444H corresponding to 0304- February 2023G, at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel in Jeddah. The conference, which lasted for two days, aims to introduce cosmetic and regenerative

gynecology, the ethics of professional practice, and contribute to spreading the culture of cosmetic gynecology. Dr. Hanan Bint Ali Sultan, head of the conference, consultant for infertility and gynecological cosmetology, explained that regenerative cosmetic gynecology is a delicate and relatively new specialty branching from the field of obstetrics and gynecology. Noting that with the change of the concept of "health" from the concept of prevention and treatment of diseases to the concept of "improving the quality of life based on the body and sensation", this specialization has gained a widespread recently, especially non-surgical procedures, as this specialization is considered one of the promising recommend specializations. Experts predict that it will be one of the beauty trends in the near future. In her speech during the opening session of the conference, Ms. Sarah Badewi affirmed the Academy's keen interest in everything related to health, in search of Shariah solutions that would facilitate the job of health workers and help them to provide their services to society

in a distinguished way. She explained that the conference is a great opportunity in which doctors cooperate with jurists in order to study these contemporary medical developments related to regenerative cosmetic gynecology, adding that the approach of the Academy in dealing with issues related to public health is based on looking at these issues through their positive and negative results on the one hand, and the consequences of preserving the objectives of the Shariah, especially the purpose of preserving the soul and preserving the offspring, on the other hand. In conclusion, the Director of Family Affairs called on the Saudi Society for Studies in Medical Jurisprudence to further cooperate with the Academy to hold joint conferences and seminars in order to study various medical emergencies and developments. She also called on everyone to make the most of the resolutions and recommendations issued by the Academy regarding many medical emergencies and developments, which include satisfactory answers to many questions related to medicine.

Dr. Shoaib represents IIFA at Islamic Economics' Strategic Meeting in Al-Madinah

Dr. Mohamed Mustafa Shoaib, the supervisor of the Academy's Fatwa and Reviews observatory, on behalf of the SG of the Academy, participated in Islamic Economics' Strategic Meeting organized by the Council of Islamic Banks and Financial Institutions (CIBAFI) entitled: Islamic Banking Ethics and the Role of Stakeholders in Implementation, on 22 Shaaban 1444, corresponding to 14 March 2023 in Madinah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. His presentation was entitled: The Ethics of Islamic Banking and the Role of Stakeholders in its application, in which he discussed the importance of ethics and the need to observe



them, especially in physical and economic transactions. Unlike other economies, Islamic economy is based on values and morals, mentioning several legal texts in this context, as well as the sources of ethics in general. He also defined the ethics of Islamic banking, explaining its sections and listing a set of foundations on which it is based, as well as the fruits that the Islamic financial institution reaps and those who are part of it through their commitment to these foundations and ethics. The meeting included some interesting interventions and discussions among the researchers, board members, and executives who attended the meeting.

28th Monthly Periodic Meeting of the Academy's Employees

H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, chaired on Sunday 14 Rajab 1444H corresponding to 05 February 2023G, the twenty-eighth periodic meeting of the Academy's employees, at its headquarters in Jeddah. At the outset, he welcomed the attendees, stressing the importance of the monthly meetings of the employees of the Academy, which are devoted to reviewing the work of the Academy during the past month, and making it an opportunity for self-criticism, resolving problems, presenting suggestions, and discussing issues of concern to employees freely and transparently. After talking about the overall projects and obligations facing the Academy during the current month and the extra work that is required of all employees within the coming days for the

success of the 25th Session of the Academy, His Excellency urged all employees to make maximum efforts to complete the necessary preparations for the Session and to cooperate and coordinate continuously between committees and work teams. 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: Directing all departments to communicate with the heads of divisions through their directors, in compliance with the value of discipline, which is one of the ten values of the Academy, and considering the administrative hierarchy and controlling the work performed in a proper manner. Updating the list of proposed monthly lectures and communicating with the speakers to



confirm their commitment to the proposed dates. Directing the Purchasing Committee to provide a clear proposal regarding the Academy's vehicles and the need to purchase a new vehicle. Digitizing the books of the Academy's library and placing the flags of member states on top shelves.

10th Joint Weekly Meeting of Departments and Divisions



His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the tenth joint weekly meeting of the departments and divisions of the Academy, on Monday 16 Rajab 1444H corresponding to 06 February 2023G, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah. His Excellency opened the meeting by welcoming

the attendees, thanking everyone for their efforts in following up the preparations for the Session, pointing to the need for teamwork, cooperation and integration between all committees, departments and divisions to complete the remaining preparations and enter into the final stage that precedes the Session by a week, hoping that each committee will finish its work a week before the Session is held, as the last week is devoted to arrangements and preparations for receiving the participants and guests. Then the committees presented their weekly reports on the work accomplished during the last period, and raised to the meeting the difficulties and problems they encountered in order to find solutions to them. In conclusion, His Excellency urged all committees to exert their utmost efforts, intensify cooperation and coordination between them, and

raise their needs directly to the Finance Department. 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: The need to complete the collection of all research presentations submitted to the Session after correcting and coordinating them, then printing and distributing them during the Session. Addressing the OIC regarding the use of its translators and translation devices during the opening ceremony of the Session. Communicating with researchers and invitees from Jeddah to find out their requirements during the Session. Enhancing the number of members of the Housing and Welcoming Committee by adding new names to it to ensure a good reception of delegations.

29th Monthly Meeting of the Academy Staff

H.E. Prof. Koutoub Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, chaired the thirtieth monthly meeting of the Academy's staff on Sunday 14 Ramadan 1444, corresponding to 6 April 2023, at the Academy's headquarters in Jeddah. He opened the meeting by welcoming the participants, congratulating them on the advent of the blessed month of Ramadan, calling on them to take advantage of these auspicious days and use them to perform acts of obedience and righteousness, to return to God and repent, and to devote time to the recitation of the Holy Quran, its contemplation and study. He then referred to his upcoming visit to the Republic of Iraq, in coordination with the Iraqi Consulate General in Jeddah, to discuss with political leaders and religious figures their support for their continuous efforts to preserve the unity, security and safety of

Iraqi society and to spread the noble principles of our true religion on tolerance and peaceful coexistence among religions and peoples. His Excellency gave the opportunity to all employees to freely express their suggestions and present their professional and social problems and issues, so that they are answered and tried to solve them with transparency and clarity, with the aim of realizing the principle of positive communication between His Excellency and the employees, in order to reach the highest levels of quality and perfection in the General Secretariat of the Academy. His Excellency listened carefully to the interventions and requests of the participants. The meeting also reviewed the decisions made at the previous meeting, and several new decisions were made, including: The IT department will make updates on the



Academy's website, and other outlets such as WhatsApp, Facebook, and Twitter, and change the supervision in these applications. The Head of Translation Department will administer the Academy's WhatsApp group in place of the previous administrator, as well as other related tasks. The Academy's WhatsApp group will be specialized in publishing what is only related to the Academy and its activities.

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