

IIFA organises Medical Fiqh Symposium on Breastfeeding the Premature Babies



The International Islamic Fiqh Academy organized a medical fiqh symposium on “Breastfeeding Premature babies with Milk from Known and Unknown Mothers”, on Monday 9 Dhul Qi'dah 1444, corresponding to May 29, 2023, in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The symposium started with the recitation of verses from the Holy Quran, and a documentary film on the Academy was shown. H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, delivered a welcoming speech in which he thanked participants for accepting the invitation of the Academy, noting in this regard that “the prevalence of the generality of calamities in the era of overlapping issues and developments, has made it necessary, for all those who wish to practice ijtiḥād on current calamities and developments of a general nature, to return to institutions of collective ijtiḥād in which well-established Shari'ah scholars cooperate with eminent scientists in different fields, in order to guarantee secure access to Shari'ah judgments appropriate to these issues and developments. Consequently, it is also necessary to refer to the scientific findings and practical experiences reached by specialists in the human and natural sciences in order to formulate the appropriate legal rulings for these calamities and developments”. He stated that this symposium is being held today “in accordance with the desired methodological responsibility entrusted to it at the time of its foundation, and in accordance with the duty to clarify for people religious and worldly matters that may be confusing to them. This symposium aims to clarify the appropriate res-

olutions on a question well related to the Sharia objectives of self-preservation and the preservation of offspring. This is the question of feeding so-called premature babies with milk from known and unknown mothers. Therefore, the Academy sincerely hopes that the participants will contribute to developing those modern products that contemporary pharmaceutical companies and on top of the list is Prolacta, have produced with meticulous consideration, sober aim and solid direction, enabling the world to benefit from today's discoveries and innovations.” He concluded his speech by thanking H.E. Mr. Hussain Ibrahim Taha, Secretary General of the OIC, for his continuous support to the Academy, as well as to H.E. Sheikh Dr. Salih bin Humaid, President of the Academy, for his great support for the advancement of the Academy.” He also expressed the Academy's thanks to



Prolacta for the fruitful cooperation and appreciated its support to the symposium. Finally he expressed, on his own behalf and on behalf of the members, experts and staff of the Academy, the warmest gratitude to the host country, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, to its ruler and people, for their continuous support and ongoing care, asking the Lord to perpetuate its wise rulers and people, the blessings, security, safety, happiness, prosperity and stability, and to reward them on our behalf and on behalf of the Ummah. For his part, H.E. Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Abdullah bin Humaid, President of the Academy, Advisor to the Saudi Royal Court, Member of the Council of Senior Scholars, Imam-Khatib of the Grand Mosque of Makkah, in his opening speech renewed his welcome to the participants and emphasized that the holding of this symposium is “in fulfillment of the responsibility entrusted to it, which is to clarify the legal provisions on calamities and developments, by consulting a group of eminent scholars from the Ummah, as well as people of expertise and knowledge in various fields, particularly the medical, economic and social fields, in order to achieve intellectual convergence and scientific integration between jurists and specialists.

His Excellency stated that this symposium “is organized to respond to the reasons for issuing fatwas and expressing a legal opinion on an ancient, recurrent and important issue that has been presented to the Secretariat General with the aim of studying it with Ijtihad in order to provide effective practical solutions that respect Sharia rules, benefit from modern technologies and keep pace with changes and evolutions. One such issue is that of breastfeeding premature babies born before the pregnancy reaches its normal stage, with milk from known or unknown mothers. His Excellency stressed that “Islamic jurisprudence includes a comprehensive statement of legal rulings and controls related to prohibited breastfeeding, as well as a methodology for explaining legal rulings on calamities and developments”. He therefore called on participants, both men and women, to present a clear vision of this recurring issue, in order to help jurists complete the relevant legal provisions. His Excellency concluded his speech by expressing his thanks and appreciation to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, King of Saudi Arabia, and his trustworthy Crown Prince, His Royal Highness Prince Muhammad bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, may Allah protect them, as well as to the Saudi government and people, for the support, care and facilities that the Academy has enjoyed since its inception until today. After his speech, the four sessions of the symposium took place, and started with the presentation of medical research by doctors, then the presentation of Prolacta company's breast milk product, followed by the presentation of Fiqh juristic research summarized by Dr. Mohamed Mustafa Shoaib, the Supervisor of the Observatory of Fatwa and Reviews at the Academy, and then the last session focused on discussions and comments on the research submitted to the symposium. H.E. Prof. Koutoub Sano, who pointed out that the Secretariat General would present the proposed recommendations to the participants, seeking their opinions before adopting them and presenting them to the Academy Council for approval.



Speech of H.E. Sheikh Dr. Salih bin Abdullah bin Humaid, President of the Academy



Praise be to God who guided us to this, and we would not have been guided had it not been that God guided us, and prayers and peace be upon His Prophet, who left us on the right path whose night is like its day, only the doomed deviates from it, and upon His good and pure family and His radiant companions, and those who follow them with kindness until the Day of Judgment. His Excellency Professor Dr. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, distinguished scholars and venerable jurists, Excellencies, dear doctors, brothers and sisters, Peace be upon you and the mercy and blessings of God Almighty, I am pleased on behalf of your esteemed council members and experts, I would like to welcome all of you on this blessed day and in this sacred month, and in this city, the gateway to the country of the Two Holy Mosques, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, may God protect it, and protect all Muslim countries for participating in this symposium, may God reward you. The organization of this medical jurisprudential symposium by your Academy comes in fulfillment of its responsibility entrusted to it by Their Majesties, Highnesses and Excellencies, the leaders of the Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation. It also comes in fulfillment of its honorable message and its noble goal that was entrusted to it during its founding four decades ago. It is the task of presenting the noble Sharia of Islam in a correct and moderate manner by highlighting its eternal advantages, its validity for every time and place, and demonstrating its full ability to address the problems of contemporary life, and to achieve happiness, stability, security and safety for mankind in this world and the Hereafter, and that is based on the approach that the Lord of servants has accepted for the servants, the approach of moderation as well as we made you a middle nation so that you are witnesses over people, and the Messenger is a witness over you.

Based on that, the correct approach of our noble Messenger in dealing with the calamities that used to befall the Muslims, and there was no revelation from God, as he used, peace be upon him, to gather the great Companions for it, consult them about it, and then issue that opinion on which that blessed gathering of his Companions settled, may God be pleased with them, and following this blessed approach that his rightly guided Caliphs took after His death. An immortal approach to issuing fatwas regarding the calamities and developments that occurred in their arena. Therefore, your Academy has, since its inception, consulted a group of scholars from among the prominent jurists of the Umma, and from the people of expertise among scholars in various fields, especially in the medical, economic and social fields, regarding the calamities presented to it in order to achieve intellectual convergence and cognitive integration between the Ummah's jurists, and scholars specialized in various fields of knowledge and humanities, natural and applied sciences, before issuing resolutions and recommendations regarding these emerging events and developments. Accordingly, this symposium is being held today in response to the reasons for expressing a Sharia opinion on an old, renewed and important issue that was presented to the General Secretariat of the Academy by parties and institutions keen to contribute to providing practical solutions that adhere to Sharia decisions, benefit from modern technologies, and are open to changes and developments taking place in the world of medicine. Desiring to provide a satisfactory and integrated answer to this issue that concerns man everywhere, and the world is waiting for the Council to clarify the appropriate Sharia ruling for it, it is a matter of breastfeeding babies who are born before the pregnancy reaches its normal stage, and they are called premature babies, with the milk of their mothers other than their mothers, known to their families, and unknown for them.

It is not hidden from you, brothers and sisters, that Islamic jurisprudence includes within its folds a comprehensive statement of the legal provisions and controls related to forbidden breastfeeding, and it also includes a well-established approach in explaining the legal rulings in calamities and developments, its origins, and the effects and consequences of judging it as a solution and prohibition, after judicious balancing between the benefits and the disadvantages, and it ends after choosing the legal ruling that suits it, and achieves the purposes of the Sharia. Accordingly, I call upon Your Excellencies the physicians to present a clear vision of this renewed issue presented to this symposium, and I also call on my fellow jurists to properly understand the vision that specialists in the field of newborns in hospitals and medical and health centers in our Islamic world will present to you. In conclusion, on behalf of all of you, I renew my thanks, gratitude, and appreciation 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 Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, and to the government and people of the Kingdom for their support and care for the Academy, may God reward them on our behalf and on behalf of Islam with the best reward, and I also express my thanks and appreciation to my brother His Excellency Hussein Ibrahim Taha, Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation for his continuous support to the Academy, and I congratulate the General Secretariat of the Council for the good preparation and organization of this symposium, and may Allah enable us to achieve what is good for our Ummah and for the humanity, He is the guardian of that, and He is capable of it. May God's blessings and peace be upon the Prophet Muhammad, his family.

Speech of Prof. Dr. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy



Praise be to God who brings forth the living from the dead, and brings forth the dead from the living, and prayers and peace be upon the Prophet of guidance, His family, companions, and those who follow their path until the Day of Judgment . The succession of calamities, the succession of developments, and the succession of changes are irrefutable manifestations of the brilliant signs of the work of God, Who perfected everything He created. There is no doubt that God, the Exalted, has wisdom and judgment in every occurrence, and in every development is a secret and a purpose. Reaching out to the judgments, rulings, purposes, and goals that he deposited in the folds of His Holy Book, which He sent down as a guidance for the people, and between the folds of the summaries of the words that He gave to His Prophet, who was sent as a mercy to the worlds.

And based on the characteristic of generality and generalization that prevails over successive calamities, and considering the overlapping of issues and issues related to successive developments, but rather paying attention to the predominance of complexity over successive changes, therefore, it has become obligatory for everyone who strives for ijihad in emerging issues of a general nature to seek refuge in the institutions of collective ijihad in which scholars integrate. The origins of deduction and the ranks of inference and purposes with the prominent in the sciences of man and urbanism and in the sciences of nature and structure, in order to ensure safe access to the legal rulings appropriate to these calamities, and it has become necessary for everyone who intends to reveal the divine intent in developments the necessity of recourse to those scientific results that people of knowledge of humanities and nature

reach. In fact, it has become a duty for all those who are interested in reconsidering the changes in the conditions, ideas and visions, the responsible sit on those tangible scientific facts and reliable field experiences in order to control the legal rulings appropriate to those changes with confidence and steadfastness. And in compliance with this aspired methodological responsibility, and in compliance with the duty of clarification and clarification to the people in matters of their religion and their world, but rather entitlement to the trust of the rulers of the countries and regions, your forthcoming council, the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, has been making its way for four decades and more, towards achieving intellectual convergence and integration of knowledge between the Ummah scholars and experts, jurists and experts when studying the problems of contemporary life with its calamities, developments and changes, based on the Holy Book of God, the honorable Sunnah of the Prophet, and the Ummah great heritage.

And on the guidance of this sober and solid approach, the Academy, with the grace of God, will hold this medical jurisprudence symposium to clarify the appropriate Sharia ruling on an issue related to the objectives of preserving the soul and preserving the offspring. The Academy, as it organizes this symposium in the guarded city of Jeddah, has a legitimate hope that the participants will expand those modern pharmaceutical products produced by contemporary pharmaceutical companies, led by Prolacta, in terms of sober consideration and solid guidance, in order to enable the world to benefit from innovations and inventions.

With the hope that the All-Knowing Benefactor will bestow upon the participants in this scientific forum an

outpouring of generosity and the vastness of His mercy, and that He will make them understand as Suleiman understood, with the most sincere prayers on him our Prophet, and the most complete blessings., the General Secretariat of the Academy takes this opportunity to express its sincere thanks and appreciation to His Excellency Mr. Hussein Taha, Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, for his continuous support to the Council, may God protect him, and expresses its great gratitude and appreciation to His Excellency Sheikh Dr Salih bin Humaid. On his great concern for the advancement of the complex. The General Secretariat seizes this opportunity to renew its thanks and gratitude to the Excellencies, the researchers and the honorable participants, for the hardship they endured in order to participate in this symposium. The General Secretariat extends its thanks and appreciation to Prolacta Company for the cooperation and support, after God, for making this symposium a tangible reality after it was idea and wish. In conclusion, on behalf of the members, experts, and employees of the Academy, the General Secretariat of the Academy is honored to renew its praise and gratitude to the host country, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the leadership and the people, for their continuous support, permanent care, and constant care. May Lord perpetuate its wise leadership and its great people, the blessings of security, safety, happiness, prosperity, and stability, and reward them on our behalf and on behalf of the Ummah in all parts of the globe.

All thanks and appreciation to everyone who contributed to the success of this symposium, and God grant success.

Final Statement for the Symposium on Breastfeeding Premature Babies



Praise be to God, Lord of the worlds, and prayers and peace be upon the one who was sent as a mercy to the worlds, our Master Muhammad and his family and companions, With the grace of God Almighty, the General Secretariat of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, which is affiliated with the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, held on Monday, the 9th of the month of Dhi al-Qi'dah for the year 1444 corresponding to the 29th of May of the year 2023, a scientific symposium entitled: "Breastfeeding premature babies with the milk of known and unknown mothers" in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The General Secretariat of the Academy has appointed a number of specialized doctors and well-established Sharia scholars in order to prepare scientific research dealing with the study, analysis and investigation of the aforementioned subject. With God's grace and success, the total number of papers presented to the symposium reached twenty-five (25) medical and jurisprudential research, including nine (9) medical research, and sixteen (16) jurisprudential research. The activities of the symposium included an opening session and three scientific sessions. The symposium opened with recitation of verses from the Holy Qur'an, then the welcoming speech of the symposium

was delivered by His Excellency Dr. Prof. Dr. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy. This was followed by the opening speech delivered by His Eminence Sheikh Dr. Saleh ibn Hamid, member of the Council of Senior Scholars, imam and preacher of the Grand Mosque, president of the Academy. Then the three symposium sessions began, where the doctors presented their research, which included a definition of what is meant by the term, reasons, statistics, available milk, and effects. Dr. Shuayb Mustafa, the supervisor of the Observatory of Fatwas and Reviews in the Academy, presented to the symposium in the second session, a summary of the sharia research, then the last session was devoted to discussions, comments and proposing recommendations. After extensive discussions on the various jurisprudential and medical issues related to the topic of the symposium, the participants proposed several recommendations, given their abundance and diversity, and a desire to reformulate those recommendations in a more accurate and comprehensive way. Therefore, the General Secretariat of the Academy decided to postpone announcing the symposium's recommendations until the completion of its revision and editing after presenting it to the

participants, to take their opinions before adopting it and submitting it to the Council of the Academy.

Accordingly, the General Secretariat requested the participants to kindly provide it with their notes on the draft recommendations within the specified period.

At the end of this statement, the symposium presented the Academy's sincere thanks, gratitude, and great gratitude to the host country, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, its king, government, and people, for its continuous support, especially the facilities and services that had an impact on the establishment of this symposium, may God reward them well. The word of thanks and appreciation was addressed to the president of the Academy, H.E. Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Abdullah bin Humaid, to H.E. Prof. Dr. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary-General, for their great cooperation in holding this symposium, to the scientists, researchers and participants, for their appreciable scientific efforts. Special thanks to those brothers and sisters who endured hardships and sacrifice to participate in this symposium. May God grant success.

May the blessings of God be upon the Prophet Muhammad, his family and his companions

Sheikh Al Azhar welcomes Secretary General in his office in Cairo

His Eminence, Sheikh Dr. Ahmed Al-Tayeb, Grand Sheikh of Al-Azhar, received H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, on Tuesday 17 Dul Quida 1444, corresponding to June 6, 2023, at the Mashyakha headquarters of Al-Azhar Al-Sharif, in Cairo. At the start of the meeting, Al-Imam Al-Akbar welcomed His Excellency and the accompanying delegation and thanked them for their visit, hailing the qualitative leap witnessed by the Academy in its activities and programs, and he also praised its recent 25th session, held in Jeddah, in the month of Sha'aban 1444, which addressed many important issues and contemporary problems, in particular the resolution calling for children of unknown lineage to be joined to their parents if the latter have been proven to be their parents by one of the modern methods recognized by Sharia, such as DNA testing, and that it is obligatory for their biological parents once proven to take them into their care. For his part, The Secretary General expressed his sincere thanks, and appreciation to the Grand Imam for the good reception and warm welcome, underlining



the Academy's willingness to strengthen relations of cooperation, partnership, coordination and communication with a long-established scientific institution such as Al-Azhar Al-Sharif, a university and mosque, and praising the scholars that Al-Azhar has given to the Academy. His Excellency then took the opportunity to inform His Eminence of the importance the Organization of Islamic Cooperation attaches to the participation of Al-Azhar's eminent scholars in the delegation of Ummah scholars that will be visiting Afghanistan the next month to

discuss with the Afghan ruling authority and scholars the issue of education for girls and women, stressing the well-known prestigious scientific status of Al-Azhar Al-Sharif, a university and institution of higher learning. His Excellency concluded his speech by renewing his thanks, appreciation and gratitude for his virtues, praying to the Lord to preserve his virtues and benefit the Ummah and all the world with his enlightening thought, abundant knowledge and high morality. The meeting was attended by Dr. Abdullah Mabrouk Al-Najjar, Academy member and Al-Azhar representative on the Academy Council, and Mr. Amjad Ibrahim Mustafa Al-Mansi, Head of the



Consul General of France visits the Headquarters of the Academy in Jeddah



H.E. Mrs Catherine Corm-Kamoun, Consul General of the French Republic and Special Envoy of France to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, visited the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Council in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, on Thursday 12 Dhul Quida 1444, corresponding to June 1, 2023. Her Excellency expressed her deep thanks to the Secretary General for the warm reception and welcome, underlining her great desire to strengthen relations of cooperation and communication with the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and its various bodies, notably the International Islamic Fiqh Academy. Her Excellency also praised the important role of the Academy and what it provides under His Excellency's leadership in terms of moderate and sober thought, as well as distinguished efforts to spread moderation, tolerance and peaceful coexistence

between religions, races and peoples inside and outside OIC countries. She concluded her speech by expressing her optimism about consolidating ties of cooperation and coordination with the Academy in order to serve the noble humanitarian objectives that strengthen cooperation and communication between nations. For his part, the Secretary-General of the Academy expressed his sincere thanks and gratitude to Her Excellency for this visit, and his desire to strengthen the ties of cooperation and communication between the Academy and the various French institutions and centers concerned with promoting peaceful coexistence between peoples and religions. He also expressed his gratitude to Her Excellency for her interest in the results of the visit by Ummah's scholars to Afghanistan, pointing out that Islam considers it important to educate men and women, and that this is an established religious duty on which Ummah scholars have found no disagreement since the time of the Prophet. To this day, this duty is regarded as an innate right for every human being, man or woman, and the same applies to the participation of women and all components of the people in efforts to build, renaissance and progress. His Excellency then took the opportunity to give a brief overview of

the creation of the Academy, its objectives, programs and activities, as well as recent developments, expressing his full readiness to coordinate and communicate with the French authorities on matters relating to Muslims in France, whether citizens or residents, in particular the awareness of the requirements of citizenship, the importance of positive integration, the promotion of a culture of moderation and tolerance, as well as the intensification of efforts to introduce Islam and its principles of cooperation, justice, mercy, equality, and the rejection of violence, hatred, exclusion, and intolerance. The meeting was attended by Mr. Mohamed Chouk, Director of Cabinet and Protocols, Mr. Mohamed Al-Idrisi, Director of the Media and Public Relations Department, and Dr. Alhagi Manta Drammeh, Head of International Cooperation and External Relations at the Academy.



Secretary General talks about the Value of Love at IC School in Bangkok



As part of the strengthening cooperation and communication between the International Islamic Fiqh Academy and Muslim community institutions outside the Muslim world, and in an effort to raise awareness of the concept of positive citizenship and full residence and the importance of adhering to its requirements in Muslim communities abroad, and at the kind invitation of the International Crescent School, H. E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, visited Bangkok, capital of Thailand, on 1921- Dhul Quida 1444, corresponding to June 82023 ,10-, His Excellency was received on arrival at Bangkok airport by Dr Ibrahim Naiti, Executive Director of the school, and Dr Iman Naiti, Vice Principal for Academic Affairs. The following morning, His Excellency visited the school and gave a speech to the teaching staff, in the presence of a large number of students from different grades. His Excellency's speech emphasized the importance of awareness of the value

of love in its different levels, such as love for parents, love for family, love for school, love for society, love for country and love for humanity. Obedience, and all sincerity, and there is no conflict between them, for each has its own domains and requirements. In a marvelous interaction between His Excellency and the students, especially those in the lower levels of education, His Excellency was able to make them aware of the importance of love, which builds on the love of the family environment (parents, brothers and sisters, where applicable) and is reinforced in the school environment, which strives to consolidate the values emanating from love in the minds of young people, and extends into the environment of the community in which man lives and learns traditions, habits and customs, then takes root in the homeland which has given them so much, including security and safety, and a decent life, and which is always keen to provide him with the means of comfort and stability. His Excellency

explained that man's love for his Creator and Master of the universe compels him to adhere to the aforementioned manifestations of love. At the end, His Excellency called on the school, its administrators, pupils and students to spread the value of love, the culture of love and the approach of love, in order to eliminate all forms of conflict, dissension, strife, and violence, for the service of their school, community and country, with great thanks, gratitude and appreciation to their Creator. In addition, His Excellency's directive speech left a good impact in the hearts of those present, who thanked His Excellency for the creative interactive method that prompted the students to follow with great obedience and concentration. It's worth noting that the International School of Crescent is one of the contemporary Islamic schools that combines modern programs with Islamic education, as it teaches modern programs that are recognized locally and internationally. It also teaches basic Islamic subjects to its Muslim students in order to preserve their religious identity while enabling them to master modern subjects. Thanks to the outstanding preparation of its students, a number of its graduates have won international recognition awards in the American and British general secondary school examinations, and some of its graduates are continuing their undergraduate studies at American and British universities, one of whom won an award from the US Space Agency (NASA) this year, and another who received a scholarship to enroll at MIT, a renowned American university.

Secretary General delivers Friday sermon at Bangkok Mosque



At the kind invitation of the Bangkok Mosque, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, delivered the Friday sermon at the Bangkok Mosque in the Thai capital on Friday 20 Dhu Qui'da 1444, corresponding to June 9, 2023. His Excellency began his sermon by recalling the importance to observe his Creator in

secret and in public, and to prepare to meet Him, His Majesty, after leaving this world, He stressed that each of us is in this strange and transitory life, that the world is a house of passage and the hereafter is a house of residence, and that each of us should realize that there is an account to give for every word we have spoken, for every action we have done, and for every action we have taken. He prepares for death before it reaches or surprises him, by perpetually observing God and holding himself accountable, complying with God's commands and avoiding His prohibitions. He then reminded the faithful that contemporary social media are a blessing from God that the Muslim must use in what pleases God and avoid using them to disobey the Almighty. He emphasized that they are considered one of the beneficial and harmful means at the same time, and that they are beneficial for those who master and use them to please the Lord, and harmful for those who use them to spread rumors, lies, and evils in societies. His Excellency also mentioned the worshippers of the word of the Almighty, who said, "That Day, We will seal over their mouths, and their hands will speak to Us, and their feet will testify about what they used

to earn." And the Almighty said: "Do not pursue that of which you have no knowledge. Indeed, the hearing, the sight and the heart — about all those [one] will be questioned." And the Messenger of Allah PBUH said: "So be sincere, for sincerity leads to righteousness, and righteousness leads to Paradise, and beware of lying, for lying leads to immorality, and immorality leads to hellfire, and a man goes on telling the truth until he is recorded with God as truthful, and a man goes on telling lies until he is marked with God as a liar." His Excellency concluded his sermon by inviting the faithful to fulfill their duty to guide and direct young people, spouses and friends in the use of these means in a way that will benefit them and their community, thanking the Creator who perfected His religion, Who promised the grateful to increase their rewards: (And [remember] when your Lord proclaimed, 'If you are grateful, I will surely increase you [in favor]; but if you deny, indeed, My punishment is severe.' "). The sermon was very well received by the various nationalities who flock to this beautiful mosque in the heart of the capital, whose courtyards and squares are packed with worshippers from all over the capital.

IC School Welcomes S.G. as Guest of Honor at Graduation Ceremony

In recognition of his distinguished contributions to education for decades, and of his efforts to spread moderation, tolerance and peaceful coexistence within and outside OIC member states, the International Crescent School has selected H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, on the evening of Saturday 21 Dhul Quidah 1444, corresponding to June 10, 2023, as guest of honor at this year's annual graduation ceremony, at the renowned Yuchatan Hotel in Bangkok. The ceremony began with the Thai national anthem, followed by the recitation of the Holy Quran by one of the school's students. Next, Dr. Ibrahim Naiti, the DG, delivered a welcome speech, in which he expressed the thanks of the members of the board and executive management, to His Excellency for honoring the school by responding to their invitation, and for accepting their choice as guest of honor for this year. He added, "Today, I feel very proud to honor Your Excellency, to attend this ceremony, during which we celebrate together the awarding of diplomas to distinguished students who have passed with excellence the internationally recognized general secondary school examinations, and I feel a special gratitude, because I am one of the fruits of your education and solid training



including the bus drivers, cooks, cleaners, guards, etc., would like to thank you all. Thank you all so much for inviting me and giving me the honor of participating in this timeless historic occasion, which I consider one of the most cherished occasions, and one that I love myself, because it brings back beautiful memories of a world that I loved with all my love, and still love very much. It's the world of science, learning and teaching, the world of knowledge, education and acclaim. I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate you, the parents of these students whose success and graduation we're celebrating after years of your monitoring, orientation and guidance, I congratulate you for the most expensive and noble investment you've made, a generous and grandiose investment in your children's education. It is a lasting investment in the future, in society, in countries and in the world. The remarkable sacrifice of your time and health for the education of these young people, and if it hadn't been for God and then your efforts, sincerity and dedication, they wouldn't have achieved what they have today. Congratulations, thank you, and may God reward you well. I'd like to underline the commitment of the school, the wisdom of the management and as well as creation of such an ideal and wonderful atmosphere of harmony, integration, communication and harmony between the different components of the educational process, may God increase it in success and achievement. As for you, graduates, I congratulate you on your graduation, for bringing happiness and joy to the hearts of your families and relatives, for your assiduity and diligence, and the famous proverb "He who seeks glory stays up all night" has come true in you. However, with this great success, I would like to remind you that this graduation is nothing more than the beginning of a new journey of many life courses, and a new stage of life full of challenges and difficulties in a world that shows no mercy to the lazy, no compassion to the hopeless, and no concern for the negligent. A total and permanent trust in your Creator, and then in your ability to turn challenges into opportunities, to make good use of and invest the potentials and opportunities available to you, be they large or small. I am convinced that if you continue to show what you have shown before in terms of determination, eagerness and acceptance of reasons, you will achieve greater and more important successes than those you have achieved throughout your studies in this school. I ask Allah to take you by the hand,

to help you and to make success your ally. Finally, I call on you, graduates, not to forget all those who have been of service to you, to remember your parents, your tutors, the support, sacrifice and vigilance they have given you, to thank them at all times.... Remember your honorable teachers and thank them for their dedication to your education and for sacrificing their time to ensure your success and excellence. Remember your school's administration and thank them for their undeniable efforts in planning, guiding and streamlining, which have had a clear impact on your success. Don't forget this beautiful country, the Kingdom of Thailand, which has offered you an atmosphere of security, safety and stability, which has enabled you to study in a safe and stable atmosphere, with ease and comfort... The success you have achieved would not have been possible without the safety and security enjoyed by this hospitable country. I conclude this speech by saying, may Allah's praise and blessings be upon him and his family: If the son of Adam dies, his work ends with three things: permanent charity, beneficial knowledge and a virtuous son who makes duas for him. His Excellency then added: "Congratulations to those who founded this school, in particular His Excellency the former ambassador of Qatar to Thailand who is the current ambassador of Qatar to Spain, as well as the businessman Sheikh Fofana, and others, in order to educate the younger generations about their religion and their world, those children who will pray for you as long as they are alive, as well as their offspring.... I have great hope in Allah, and then in all of you, to spread the message of love, brotherhood and humanity... God takes care of you, and rewards you in my name for this honour, and for this honouring of my modest person, and pray to Allah for me, for it is a difficult task that I am about to undertake. It's about helping our girls in Afghanistan to return to schools and universities. I believe that education is an innate sacred right for every human "being, man or woman. God is with you. Then the Shield of Honor was given to His Excellency by the Executive Director. H.E. handed over the graduation certificates to graduates and medals of excellence to students who had distinguished themselves by their excellence. At the end, Prof. Jaran gave a speech on behalf of the Board of Directors, in which he thanked His Excellency for attending and for his wise speech and guidance, and then gave pieces of advice to the new alumni.



when you were a professor and educator at the International Islamic University of Malaysia, you have been for me, and for many foreign students like me in general, a generous father, a wise mentor, a great support and a strong backer. You have spared no effort to uplift, teach, guide and direct us. This is possible with determination and a strong will. You also taught us that our success is in our own hands, after Allah the Almighty, if we take the right steps. You taught us that never to give in to despair, and not to be fooled by success, but rather to have confidence in our abilities, and to invest in our abilities to realize our dreams in life. I say to you, on behalf of myself and my colleagues, thank you for your upbringing, thank you for your instruction, thank you for your willingness to succeed, and I ask Allah to reward you on our "behalf, and to prolong your life and health... After this impressive speech, His Excellency delivered the following address: On this occasion, beginning with thanks, praise and gratitude to the Creator, and may blessings and peace be upon the Messenger of God, as well as his family and companions. The students, parents and all the school staff,



Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan visits the Academy

H.E. Professor Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, received H.E. Ambassador Syed Muhammad Fouad Sher, Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, OIC, and his accompanying delegation, on Monday 23 Dhul Qi'dah 1444 AH corresponding to June 12, 2023 AD at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah. H.E. the Ambassador expressed his sincere thanks to His Excellency for the warm welcome. He also expressed his gratitude for the opportunity that he and his companions had to meet His Excellency in order to strengthen the relations of cooperation, coordination and communication between the Permanent



issues of male and female education, and the participation of women in the efforts of construction in Afghanistan, expressing once again his country's full readiness to provide full support to the Academy in all domains. For his part, the secretary general thanked H.E. the Ambassador and his delegation for this visit, and for his Excellency's keenness to strengthen and deepen relations of cooperation, coordination, partnership and communication between the Academy and the scientific, intellectual and religious institutions and centers in the Republic of Pakistan. He also expressed his sincere thanks and great gratitude to the government of Pakistan for its continuous support for the Academy and its various activities, praising the prestigious position that the Academy enjoys from the various Pakistani authorities and institutions, especially the permanent delegation to the organization, and he singled out and praised the stronger cooperation between His Excellency and the former permanent representative, H.E. Ambassador Radwan, looking forward to deepening the same cooperation and coordination with His Excellency. On the other hand, he briefed His Excellency on the latest

preparations of the General Secretariat of the Academy to lead the delegation of scholars of the Ummah for the second visit to Afghanistan, in implementation of the decision of the Ministerial Council of Foreign Ministers of the Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, which was held in Islamabad a year ago, noting on this occasion the pivotal role that is entrusted to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan in order to resolve the Afghan issue in general and the immediate issues related to the education of girls and women, and the participation of women in the efforts of construction, renaissance and progress in Afghanistan in particular. His Excellency particularly praised the active participation of the delegation of Pakistani scholars in the first visit of the scholars to Kabul last year, and promised His Excellency to raise the names of the scholars who will represent Pakistan in the next visit of the delegation during the month of July, God willing. The meeting was attended by Mr. Muhammad Al-Mundhir Al-Shawk, Director of Cabinet and Protocol Affairs, Mr. Muhammad Al-Idrisi, Director of the Media and Public Relations Department, and Dr. Hajj Manta Drammeh, Head of the International Cooperation and External Relations Department at the Academy.



Delegation and the Academy, highly appreciating the efforts of the Academy in presenting the true face of Islam by promoting coexistence between different peoples and cultures. Then he affirmed that his government is following with great interest the course of events in Afghanistan, especially the outcomes and results of the visit of the scholars of the Ummah to Afghanistan on the

Secretary General receives the Consul General of Nigeria in Jeddah



His Excellency Prof. Dr. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, received His Excellency Bello Kazur Hosseini, the new Consul General of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in Jeddah, and his accompanying delegation, on Monday 01 of Dhu al-Hijjah for the year 1444 AH corresponding to June 19 of the year 2023 AD

at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. He welcomed his honorable guest and thanked him for the visit. Then he expressed his appreciation and gratitude to the government of Nigeria for its support and sponsorship of the Academy since its inception to the present day, wishing the new Consul General success in his duties. He also gave the guest and his companions an overview of the activities of the Academy and its various projects aimed at promoting moderation, moderation and peaceful coexistence between peoples and different religions. For his part, he expressed his pleasure and honor to visit the Academy and his thanks and gratitude to His Excellency for the warm welcome and the accompanying delegation, stressing his keenness to establish strong and sustainable relations

with the Acdmey, and to benefit from it in addressing many local and regional issues that occupy his country and the region. The meeting was attended by Mr. Muhammad Al-Mundhir Al-Shawk, Director of the cabinet and Protocol Affairs, and Mr. Muhammad Al-Idrisi, Director of the Media and Public Relations Department.



S.G. gives a lecture on Promoting Coexistence at Al Maktoum College in Scotland



At the kind invitation of Al Maktoum College of Higher Education in Dundee, Scotland, His Excellency Professor Dr. Koutoub Moustapha Sano delivered a public lecture entitled: Promoting Peaceful Coexistence and Combating Extremist Ideology on Thursday, the 26th of the month of Dhul Qi'dah for the year 1444 AH corresponding to the 15th of the month of June of the year 2023 AD. He began his lecture by expressing his thanks to the college for the invitation, and to the participants for attending. He expressed his overwhelming happiness for the qualitative shift that the college witnessed during this period under the conscious and wise leadership of its Vice-Chancellor, His Excellency Dr. Abubaker Jaber. Then he touched on the contents of his lecture, which he summarized in three questions, the first of which is: Why the interest in this topic in this era, what are the causes of extremism and intolerance, what are the effective ways to eliminate extremism? With regard to the first question, he explained: "Indeed, we are talking about this subject because of our deep sense that religions complain about the attacks of those with extremist ideology, represented in their outrageous behavior and wrong practices that are rejected in the name of Religions. Islam, for example, is a great religion that calls on its followers to adhere to and spread the values of love, mercy, and kindness, respect, and justice and respect between people of different religions, colors and languages. It also requires avoiding all forms of violence and aggression against a person because of a religion, belief or way of life. It also necessitates the importance of spreading harmony and concord among people, being kind to the weak and infirm, and being kind to children, women and the elderly, and a commitment to justice in dealing with others. And with these clear teachings of Islam and other religions, rather their assault on it during the day openly is which prompts us to talk about this subject, hoping that the whole world will realize that Islam, with its origins and values, its purposes and teachings

are based on promoting coexistence, and rejecting extremism and terrorism. Those who transgressed against the sanctity of this religion by shedding blood, violating honors, and wasting money, we must continue to defend the values and teachings of Islam until the extremism disappears and terrorism ends." Then, he explained that extremism has multiple causes. Some are psychological, some are educational and social, and some are also economic and political. He focused on educational reasons, saying: « Reflection on the causes of the emergence and spread of extremist ideology finds them to be multiple, overlapping and intertwined, the most important of which are: ignorance of the values of Religion and its teachings, the corrupt and false interpretation of legal texts, and the spread of fabricated hadiths that are false about the Messenger of God, may God bless him and grant him peace. As for ignorance, it is well known that it is a clear basis for extremist ideology, since most of its victims are ignorant. They have a few shallow information about the principles of Islam, and they are ignorant of applying its values as they are ignorant of the purposes and wisdom of the Sharia. They are, as Messenger, may God bless him, described them: Teeth cuttings, fools of dreams, they recite the Qur'an, but it does not go beyond their collarbones, and they pass away from Islam as the arrow passes through the prey..» With regard to the corrupt and false interpretation, it is also considered one of the reasons for the emergence of extremist ideology is that "because most of those with extremist ideology do not differentiate between general and special, and not between the absolute and restricted, and strike the texts with each other. They also attack the sanctity of the provisions of the texts and overlooked the historical events in a blatant manner". Consequently they commit all kinds of wrong practices and deeds. As for fabricated hadiths and their impact on the emergence and spread of extremist thought, his is clear in their thought, as "many of the ideas and opinions that they spread are

based on false hadiths about the Messenger of God, may God's prayers and peace be upon him and his family, and one finds a presence of this in all the hadiths they rely on to prevent women from education, and work to exclude them from participating in the efforts of construction and renaissance and the progress and development of the homelands, as well as the case in a number of false hadiths that make the origin in the relationship between AMuslim and others". In general, there are other reasons that are not sufficient to list them. With regard to the last question, H.E. explained that the best, most effective and lasting treatment lies in the provision of quality education, the correct, comprehensive course include enabling young people to acquire values that illuminate their path and enhance coexistence, peaceful thought, behavior and practice, as well as making them renounce all forms of violence, aggression, exclusion, injustice and hatred because of religion, or belief, color or language, it is the education that is based on consolidating belief in human dignity and freedom and his right to choose his belief with all freedom and guidance, and believes that people are of two types, your brother in religion or your brother in humanity, he has what you have, and he has what you owe." His Excellency concluded his lecture by emphasizing the saying: "Muslims are required more than ever to stand out through their words, deeds, and behavior, that Islam is a religion of peace, love, mercy, justice, kindness, benevolence, and respect. In order to achieve this, it is incumbent on all of them, at all times and places, to fight every thought that calls for violence and hatred and exclusion. They must promote and respect diversity, difference and pluralism, which were enumerated as the signs of the greatness and mighty of the Lord, the HolyQuran narrated: "And among His signs is the creation of the heavens and the earth, and the differences in your languages and colors. Indeed, in that are signs for the worlds..». At the end of the lecture, His Excellency answered a number of questions posed by the participants, stressing that the magnitude of the challenge that it is formed as an incubator of exclusionary extremist thought. It must be confronted with an enlightened, conscious and assimilated renewal discourse that is aware of the dire effects. The consequences of the future of security, safety, stability and prosperity for peoples and societies, and therefore «the exceptional circumstances that pass humanity today because of the emergence and spread of this thought among many followers of religions and beliefs, Muslims Christians, Jews and others require concerted intellectual efforts and the integration of scientific steps to combat it, refute it, and defeat it in order to save the world and humanity from its scourge and tragedies».

Secretary General meets with the Principal of Al Maktoum College in Scotland



Within the framework of strengthening the relations of cooperation, partnership and communication between the Academy and the leading scientific institutions and centers in the countries of Muslim communities Dr. Abubaker Jaber, Director of Al Maktoum College of Higher Education, received H.E. Prof. Dr. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, on Thursday, the 26th of Dhu al-Qi`dah for the year 1444 AH corresponding to June 15, 2023, in the college building in Dundee, Scotland. The Vice-chancellor welcomed His Excellency, thanking him for accepting the invitation, and praising the appreciated scientific efforts made by His Excellency in the field of spreading moderation, promoting tolerance, coexistence, and rejecting extremism, he also expressed his great gratitude to His Excellency for giving him the opportunity to participate in the last

historical session of the Academy, in which he witnessed that scientific role, the great role of the Academy, and the great intellectual responsibility entrusted to it in achieving intellectual convergence and integration among scholars specialized in religious sciences and experts in human sciences when looking at calamities, its developments, and its problems, noting in this regard the aspiration of the college and its full readiness to move forward in activating the terms of the cooperation agreement signed between the college and the Academy, especially with regard to the joint organization of seminars, conferences and workshops, conducting scientific research and studies on issues and of common interest. At the end of his speech, he conveyed to His Excellency the greetings of H.E. Ambassador Mirza Al-Sayegh, Chairman of the College, and Lord Elder, College Chancellor. For his part, His Excellency expressed his great thanks and great appreciation for the invitation, and for the warm welcome, praising the great development that the college is witnessing under his administration at various levels, especially in the field of important scientific disciplines and programs that it offers to keep pace with the times, and to contribute to the development of knowledge and human thought. He also expressed the academy's

full readiness to build a strategic partnership in developing scientific programs aimed at promoting coexistence, and consolidating the values of tolerance and moderation among scholars and decision-makers. To achieve this, His Excellency directed Dr. Al-Hajj Manta Drammeh, Head of the International Cooperation Department at the Academy, who was accompanying His Excellency to hold an urgent meeting with the college administration in order to discuss a way to activate the other items related to the MoU by proposing scientific and intellectual projects and activities that can be implemented according to specific deadlines.



S.G in a panel for Teaching Religions in Institutions of Higher Education in the West

Al Maktoum College of Higher Education organized on Thursday the 26th of Dhu al-Qi`dah 2023, corresponding to the 15th of June 2023, a dialogue session on Islamic studies in the higher education institutions in Britain at the college's headquarters in Dundee, Scotland. The session began with a focused scientific intervention presented by Professor Martin Percy, a senior theologian and British academic, former Principal of Ripon College, Oxford, and former Dean of Christ's College, Oxford University, where he spoke on the importance of education and its role in combating extremist ideology with reference to the lecture of Prof. Sano in the morning. He explained that there is a scientific and methodological need to introduce people to the values of love, mercy, and kindness, respect and justice that are included in the teachings of Islam, and these are the values that Prof. Sano emphasized in his lecture, referring to that the world is facing a great challenge from the negative extremist secular thought that rejects any talk about religions, thus we need to benefit from the values advocated by religions. Moreover the need to teach Religions doesn't aim at converting people to religious conviction, but to understanding the values and purposes of religions. Then H.E. Prof. Dr. Koutoub Moustapha Sano spoke about his point of view on the topic of the dialogue and praised the importance



of it bringing up this topic for dialogue and discussion, due to its role in raising awareness and defining the importance of this field of knowledge, called Islamic Studies. He also praised the valuable intervention of Professor Martin, especially with regard to the reality of Islamic studies in institutions of higher education in the West, and explained in the meantime that today there is a dare need for introducing to the young people in the universities the major contemporary religions in order to enable them to deal well with the followers of religions, and to correct many stereotypes around the religions, whose source is due to ignorance of the reality of religions, their values and purposes. In the meantime, he noted that teaching religions in higher education institutions in the West can contribute effectively in combating extremism and hatred of religions, especially Islamophobia, which is ignorance of the Islamic religion and its human values. One of

the most important reasons, because contempt for Islamic and non-Islamic religious symbols is considered an expression and reflection of the ignorance of those involved. In those actions, the facts of religions in general and the truth of the Islamic religion in particular. Then His Excellency pointed out that teaching Islamic studies in higher education institutions in the United Kingdom is one of the way to combat all forms of attacks against the religions. Therefore, teaching religions would help policy makers to make right decisions in their dealings with the Muslim world, and it would also do justice on the phenomenon of Islamophobia, it would even strengthen relations of cooperation, partnership and communication between East and West. He concluded his speech by inviting higher education institutions to teach courses as "Religions for Diplomacy; Religions for Strategic Partnership; Religions for Global Peace and Security etc.. and more titles that define the purpose of teaching religions from the outset. To do so he called on Al Maktoum College to take the lead by initiating this proposal after a serious study of all related substantive and methodological issues and issues practical. The dialogue session was moderated by Dr. Murat Seifoglu, Associate Professor of Middle East History at the College, and attended by academics and students.

S.G delivering the Friday sermon on citizenship and integrity in Scotland



H.E. Prof. Dr. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, delivered the sermon of Friday, the 27th of Dhul Qi'dah For the year 1444 AH, corresponding to June 16, 2023 AD, at the Mosque of Al Maktoum College in Dundee, Scotland. He paved the way for his sermon with a lecture that precedes the Friday sermon, and devoted it to talk about citizenship: its concept and importance, where he emphasized that belonging to the homelands and loyalty to countries is a religious duty upon every Muslim. As we must be loyal to our religion and our people, we must equally be loyal to our homelands and our rulers. Further there is no difference between the countries in terms of their status before the Almighty. They are all equal and the existence of them is a divine will that reflects on the creation of people from male and female and made them into peoples and tribes in order to get to know each other. Accordingly, a Muslim should be proud of the country that he is holding its citizenship. He must love it, defend it and contribute to its development, and rejecting

any actions of lawlessness such as acts of vandalism, outrageous behavior, and flagrant violations of laws and legislation. He pointed out that the love of the homeland is translated through respect for its constitution, laws, legislations, traditions and values. This would be an expression of gratitude for providing him and his family the security and decent life. He concluded his statement by inviting British Muslims to love their kingdom, and to thank it and their rulers for what it has provided for them: safety and security, stability, and decent living, and they should be proud of belonging to it, defending it, and advancing it. He called on Muslims residing in this good kingdom to respect its laws and legislations, and to refrain from all forms of violence and aggression is to preserve the reputation of Islam and the status of Islam.. The true Muslim is the one who adheres to the teachings of his religion that were imposed; he must obey his Lord, obey His Messenger, and obey rulers. As for the Friday sermon, he devoted it to talking about righteousness, integrity and its importance to Muslim in this era. He stressed the hadith of the great companion Sufyan bin Abdullah Al-Thaqafi, he said: I said: O Messenger of God, tell me something about Islam that I will not ask anyone about after you. He said: Say: I believe in God, then be upright. What is required of belief in God is belief in His angels, His messengers, His Books, the Last Day, and destiny, its good and its bad while uprightness is adherence to all that God

and His Messenger commanded of prayers, zakat, fasting, Hajj, and honoring one's parents. Honoring the guest, benevolence to the neighbor, relief to the needy, mastery of work, creativity, innovation, and other things. Forms of good deeds, as righteousness requires staying away from everything forbidden by God and His Messenger, may God bless him and grant him peace And his family and peace from polytheism, lying, cheating, arrogance, injustice, aggression, disobedience, laziness, theft, usury, and adultery and other prohibitions.. His Excellency made it clear that uprightness in saying and doing is the key to Paradise, and one of the reasons of the tranquility and stability, rather it is the glad tidings that a person feels when he is in a state of death, the credibility of what he says ((Indeed, those who said our Lord is God and then became steadfast, the angels descend upon them: Fear not, nor grieve, and give glad tidings. In the paradise that you were promised we are your protectors in this worldly life and in the hereafter. And you will have therein whatever you claim)) Fussilat: 3031- He concluded his sermon by stressing that one of the most important fruits of righteousness is that it brings pleasure and comfort to its owner, to his heirs, including spouses, children and loved ones, when he parted from this world, this is because God promised to guarantee them, care for them and protect them. The sermon was well received by the worshippers.

47th periodic meeting of department heads

The General Secretariat of the Academy held its forty-seventh periodic meeting for the heads of departments, headed by His Excellency Prof. Dr. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, on Thursday, the 24th of Dhu al-Qi' dah 1444, corresponding to the 13th of June of 2023, at the headquarters of the Academy in Jeddah. He welcomed the attendees, then he spoke about the recent medical jurisprudence symposium organized by the General Secretariat of the Academy, entitled Breast-feeding premature infants with the milk of known and unknown mothers in Jeddah,



congratulating everyone on the success of Symposium. Then he made it clear that there is no relationship between that cooperation and what is known as a conflict of interests, because the resolutions of the

Academy and its recommendations are completely independent, and no party can influence them or interfere in their formulation. The meeting reviewed the decisions of the previous meeting, and issued several new decisions, the most important of which are:

- Working on designing and printing a booklet containing all the agreements concluded in the three languages.
- Preparing a statistical report on the number of visitors to the site in countries.
- Final review of the "Alam Al-Majma' Dictionary", and review the entire translation in preparation for its printing.

32nd monthly meeting of the Academy's personnel



H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, chaired the 32nd monthly meeting of the Academy's personnel on Sunday 15 Dhu Quidah 1444, corresponding to 04 June 2023.

He welcomed everyone and informed the meeting about his upcoming visit to Egypt to take part in the Conference of Ministers of Social Affairs. Then he listened to the staff's suggestions on the progress of work at the Academy, calling on everyone to continue to demonstrate a spirit of cooperation, synergy and fraternity, while making every effort to bring activities and programs to a successful conclusion. The meeting issued a number of decisions, namely:

- Revision of the recommendations

and proposals presented by the participants in the medical fiqh symposium on breastfeeding premature infants in order to send them to the President of the Academy, and then to the symposium participants.

- Printing of the book of resolutions adding the 25th session as well as the revision of the English and French translation of the latter.
- Conduct an evaluation on the progress of the annual strategic plan.

15th Joint Meeting of Departments and Divisions

H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, chaired the 15th joint weekly meeting of departments and divisions on Thursday, on 5 Dhul Quida 1444, corresponding to 25 May 2023, at the Academy in Jeddah. He welcomed the participants and thanked them for attending the meeting, stressing that this meeting has been part of a series of joint meetings between the departments and divisions to follow up the work progress and the final preparations for the medico fiqh symposium scheduled for the end of this month, entitled: Breastfeeding premature infants with milk from known and unknown mothers.

He urged all staff to increase their efforts to meet all of the symposium's expectations, to step up cooperation and coordination between departments and divisions, and to ensure that all the tasks assigned to them were completed within the allotted time. He then listened to interventions and suggestions of participants on the preparations for the symposium. The meeting took the following decisions:

- Assuring that research articles covered the required themes and edit them thoroughly before print in a single booklet.
- Prepare media coverage and the documentary film to be shown at



the opening of the symposium.

16th Joint Meeting of Departments and Divisions

The Academy held its sixteenth weekly joint meeting of departments and divisions, chaired by H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, on Wednesday 11 Dhul Quida 1444, corresponding to May 31, 2023, at the General Secretariat headquarters in Jeddah. His Excellency welcomed the participants and thanked them for their regular attendance, stressing that this meeting will evaluate the recent "Medical Fiqh Symposium" organized by the Secretariat General of the Academy, entitled "Breastfeeding Premature Infants with Milk from Known and Unknown Mothers", on Monday 9 Dhul Quida 1444, corresponding to May 29, 2023, in the city of Jeddah, congratulating everyone on the success of the symposium, and its



achievement of the objectives for which it was held, stressing that this obvious success does not preclude a full assessment of all issues and problems related to planning, organization and implementation, in the hope of avoiding shortcomings and mistakes in future seminars and conferences. His Excellency listened to opinions and interventions on the preparations. The meeting took the following decisions:

- The "Scientific Committee" must in future review the research as soon as it is received and evaluate it directly in order to save time.
- The gift and publications committee should prepare the books, brochures, and bags available as soon as the date of the symposium or conference has been set.
- Prepare letters of thanks to the Director General of MOFA in Mecca, to Prolecta Company, to the media covering company, and to the transportation company for their contribution to the success of the symposium.

The hundred and one weekly meeting of the department

H.E. Prof. Dr. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, presided over the 101st weekly meeting of the departments on the day Monday, 23rd of Dhu al-Qi'dah 1444H, corresponding to the 12th of June 2023 AD, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat in Jeddah. He welcomed the attendees, then spoke about his participation in the Conference of Ministers of Social Affairs, which was held in the Arab Republic of Egypt in the period between 5-6 June 2023, as he spoke on his meeting with His Eminence, the Grand Imam, Sheikh Dr. Ahmed Al-Tayyib, Sheikh of Al-Azhar, at the headquarters of the Sheikh of Al-Azhar Al-Sharif in Cairo. He discussed with him many topical issues and problems of the time, especially the importance of coordination and strengthening cooperation relations and partnership and communication with a reputable scientific institution such as Al-

Azhar Al-Sharif. Then His Excellency spoke about his visit to the Thai capital Bangkok, where he was a guest of honor at the graduation ceremony of the International Crescent School, in recognition of his distinguished contributions in the field of education for decades, and our gratitude for the appreciated efforts it is making to spread the approach of moderation, tolerance and peaceful coexistence inside and outside the OIC member states. Then, the meeting discussed the items of the decisions issued by the previous meeting, and several new decisions were issued, from the most important ones:

- The importance of completing the formulation of the recommendations of the symposium on breastfeeding premature babies in its final form and submitting them to the General Secretariat.
- Categorizing the contributions of member states in files specific to each



country, provided that the file includes all incoming and outgoing correspondences, bank notes of receipt, letters of thanks, etc.

- Sending certificates of thanks and appreciation to all participants in the symposium on breastfeeding premature babies, known and unknown mothers.

