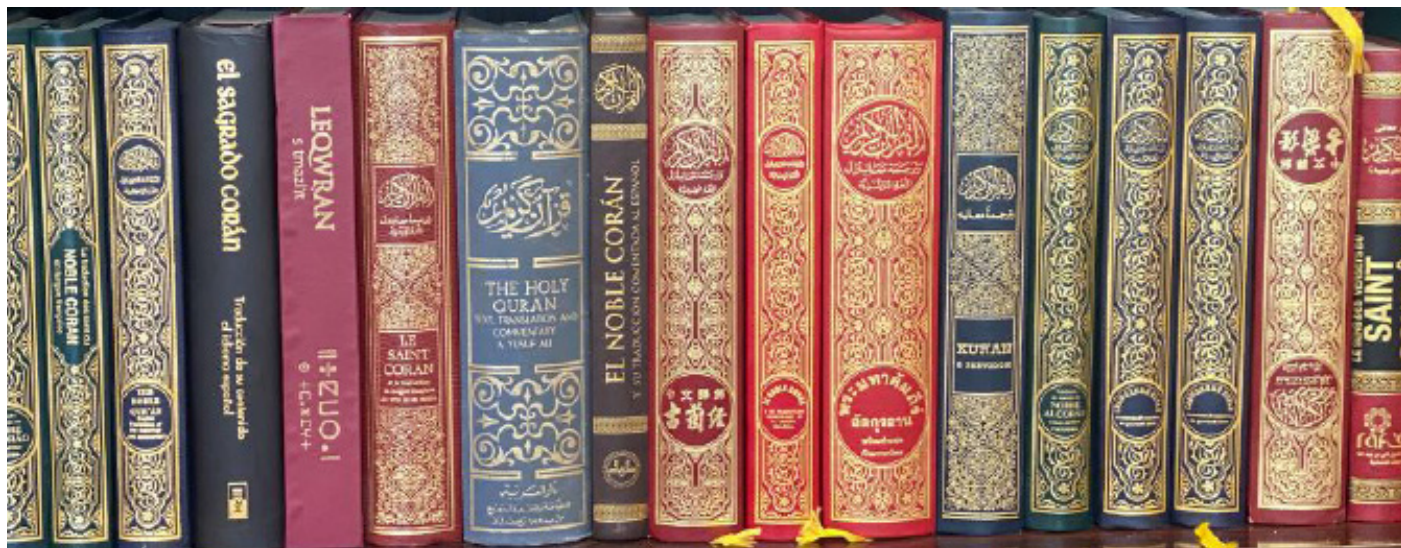


Statement of IIFA on the Burning a Copy of Qu'ran by an Extremist in Sweden



Praise be to God, Lord of the worlds, and prayers and peace be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and all his companions. With deep resentment and vigorous denunciation, the International Islamic Fiqh Academy strongly condemns the burning of a copy of the Noble Qur'an by a paid extremist on Wednesday, 10 of the blessed month of Dhu al-Hijjah 1444H, corresponding to June 28, 2023. Not only was this a clear manifestation of the profound hatred that has filled the hearts of this extremist and his cohorts towards the beautiful and peaceful religion of Islam, but it was also a blatant disregard for the sentiments of its two billion followers, who were in the midst of celebrating one of its biggest festivals know as Eid Al-Adha. This heinous act serves as an apparent confirmation of the growing Islamophobia in the souls and hearts of victims of extremist ideology and terrorism. As such, based on the Academy's position as the supreme jurisprudential authority for the Muslim Ummah; with reference to the divine duty and responsibility of scholars in combating extremist ideology, wherever it may come from; in order to preserve a cooperative and

communicative relationship between Muslim communities and all others that believe in coexistence and stand in defence of world peace; in an effort to consolidate harmony among peoples, the Academy finds it incumbent on it to renew its call to states, international organizations and other entities promoting peace and coexistence between the followers of different religions to enhance cooperation and coordination in confronting all forms of devious conduct, particularly those fuelled with hatred and contempt for religious beliefs and symbols. One of the effective ways to achieve this goal would be to criminalize hateful actions committed under the pretext of 'freedom of expression' seeing that they result in deliberate harm and are considered a brutal attack on the sentiments and values of others. This may only be enforced through international resolutions executed and ratified by the abovementioned entities. Accordingly, in hopes that the proposed international resolution regarding this issue is adopted soon, God willing, the Academy calls upon all Islamic countries and institutions across the world to file lawsuits in the relevant local and

international courts against the likes of this extremist and others who engage in such cowardly and demagoguery actions with the intent to violate the sanctity of religions and their symbols. Finally, the Academy reaffirms that such malicious act has in no way undermined nor degraded the sanctity of the Holy Qur'an; a Book that was revealed as a mercy, light, and guidance for all people. Also, it has by no means changed the position of the Noble Qur'an in the hearts of Muslims. In fact, they have increased them in steadfastness, adding to their faith in, reverence of and commitment to its teachings, values, and rulings. And may God's blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family and companions, and those who follow them in good deeds until the Day of Judgment.

**Jeddah, 12 Dhu al-Hijjah 1444H,
corresponding to the 30th June 2023.**

**Secretariat General of the
International Islamic Fiqh Academy,
OIC**

IIFA welcomes the Resolution of UNHCR on Religious Hatred Adopted at its 53rd Session



Praise be to God, with whose grace good deeds are accomplished, and the most perfect and complete prayers and peace be upon the one who was sent as a mercy to the worlds, the Prophet Muhammad, upon his pure family, and his companions, and those who follow them in goodness until the Day of Judgment, and after: The International Islamic Fiqh Academy emanating from the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, as the supreme jurisprudential reference for the member states of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and Muslim communities in the world, is pleased to highly commend and very much welcome the adoption by the United Nations Human Rights Council at its fifty-third (53) session of a resolution on religious hatred which means incitement to discrimination, hostility and violence against religions; where the resolution urged the disclosure of opposition to advocacy of religious hatred, identifying the motives and manifestations of that hatred, prosecuting its perpetrators in accordance with the laws, and proposing measures aimed at combating religious hatred, the resolution also encouraged states to adopt national laws and policies to prevent and combat acts of religious hatred and advocate for it. The General Secretariat of the Academy, while highly appreciating this momentous and important international decision at this critical stage in the history of the turbulent relationship between the followers of religions and beliefs as a

result of the distortion of the extremists, the misinterpretation of the ignorant, and the plagiarism of the false, it reaffirms the importance and necessity of intensifying, uniting and integrating the scientific, intellectual, cultural, social and political efforts of the wise men, scholars, thinkers, decision makers and public opinion makers all over the world, in order to promote and spread the culture of dialogue, tolerance, coexistence, acceptance of the differences, respect for religions and religious symbols, and the protection of public freedoms and human rights, in a way that does not lead to insulting religions or desecration of their sanctities, and the renunciation of all forms of violence, extremism, intolerance and terrorism; it also takes advantage of this blessed opportunity to extend its abundant thanks and appreciation to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) for its distinguished coordination of the issuance of this important decision, and extends its thanks and gratitude to all OIC member states, friendly countries and international organizations and associations that supported this responsible historic decision in the United Nations Human Rights Council. It expresses its great gratitude and great reverence to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for submitting this draft resolution to the Council on behalf of the Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation. Also it expresses special mention and profound praise to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Current chairman of the Islamic Summit

of the OIC and Chairman of the Executive Committee of the OIC, for the initiative of this resolution after the urgent meeting of the Executive Committee, which it called for, and from that meeting an important statement was issued, in addition to that, for the great pivotal role that it played with Islamic and friendly countries and organizations that love peace, harmony, civilized communication, and constructive dialogue between followers of religions and beliefs to support this decision. The General Secretariat of the Academy also takes advantage of this happy occasion to call on states, organizations, and institutions to implement its Resolution No. 166 (18/4) issued by the Council of the Academy at its eighteenth session in Putrajaya, Malaysia, on the 29th of Jumada al-Akhirah 1428 corresponding to the 14th of July 2007, because it contains constructive suggestions aimed at combating this phenomenon. In conclusion, we ask God, the Almighty, to reward the leaders of the OIC member states on our behalf and behalf of the Ummah for their support of this historic resolution, and to reward all those who love peace, security and security in the world for their support of it. And Praise be to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds.

H.E. Prof. Dr Koutoub Moustapha SANO

**Secretary General of the
International Islamic Fiqh Academy, OIC**

Recommendations of the IIFA Symposium on Breastfeeding Premature Babies



Praise be to Allah, Lord of the Worlds, and prayers and peace be upon our master Muhammad, the Seal of the Prophets, and upon his family and companions.

After presenting the research presented by the eminent and distinguished jurists, and specialized doctors to the medical jurisprudence symposium entitled: Breastfeeding premature babies with the milk of known and unknown mothers held on Monday 09 of Dhu al-Qa'dah 1444 H corresponding to 29, May 2023 in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Having listened to the discussions thereon, and based on Academy Resolution 6 (6/2) on Milk Banks, the Symposium recommends the following:

First: Breastfeeding is a name for a woman's milk to reach the cavity of a child aged two years and under by sucking from the breast through sucking by the mouth or snuffing by the nose. **Second:** A premature baby is any baby born before reaching thirty-seven (37) weeks of pregnancy. **Third:** Breastfeeding a child is a religious duty of his parents,

whether the child is premature or not, and this obligation is confirmed for the premature child because of their urgent need for breastfeeding, which makes the use of legitimate means to breastfeed them a matter of importance. **Fourth:** The mahramiyyah (inability to marry someone) spreads with the arrival of pure milk or tinged (mixed) with a liquid that did not come out of its reality, such as water, medicine or the like, from a known woman to the cavity of a premature baby by sucking through the mouth, or snuff through the nose. **Fifth:** It is not permissible for any party to deliberately breastfeed a premature child with the milk of mothers known to them, and unknown to the parents of the premature child, because of the consequent nullification of the spread of mahramiyyah through breastfeeding, knowing that enabling the parents of the premature child to know the mothers who donate their milk has become possible and easy in this era thanks to modern technologies. **Sixth:** Donors of their milk to premature babies have the right to

stipulate that their parents not to publish information about them, and the parents of premature babies and the relevant authorities must abide by this condition.

Seventh: Companies, institutions and organizations that wish to provide and equip the milk of women donors to premature babies should enable their families to know those women donors in order to avoid the nullification of mahramiyyah.

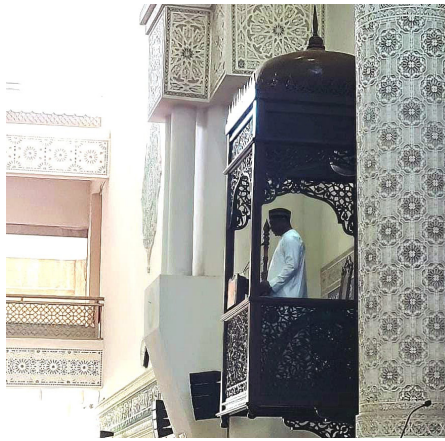
Eighth: The concerned health authorities shall establish regulations and legislation regulating the donation of maternal milk to premature babies to protect them and achieve the purpose of self-preservation.

Nineth: Call upon the concerned authorities in the OIC Member States, in cooperation with the Islamic Organization for Medical Sciences, to work to provide more care and protection for this segment of children. May Allah grant us success.

May Allah's prayers and peace be upon our master Prophet Muhammad, his family, and all his companions.

Secretary General pronounces Eid Adha Sermon at IIU Mosque in Malaysia

His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustafa Sano, Secretary General of the International Fiqh Academy, delivered on Thursday, the 10th of Dhu al-Hijjah, 1444H corresponding to the 29th of June 2023, the blessed Eid al-Adha sermon at the Sultan Ahmad Shah Mosque at the International Islamic University in the Malaysian capital, Kuala Lumpur. In this sermon, His Excellency gave a focused talk on honoring parents and the principles of dealing with them, starting with a careful scientific analysis of the implications of a beautiful Quranic story that conveyed to us the most wonderful example of surrender and submission to God by Prophet Ibrahim, peace be upon him, when he said to his only son at the time I see in a dream that I am slaughtering you, in obedience to God, may His Majesty be glorified. This story was told to us, the most wonderful example of obedience to parents when Prophet Ismail, peace be upon him, said to his father: Do as you are commanded, you will find me, God willing, among the patient. As he did not argue with his father, nor did he accuse him of dementia or delusion, and His Excellency commented on this story, saying: "O believers, come with us so that we may ponder for a moment on a noble verse from the verses of the wise remembrance in Surat Al-Safat, which is His saying, may He be glorified." (When he reached the age of puberty, he said, "O my son, I see in a dream that I am slaughtering you, so see what you see." He said, "Father, do as you wish." You will find me, God willing, among the patient). This verse sums up for us one of the most wonderful stories, the most beautiful, and the greatest of them. A story that has two chapters, the first of which is a deep expression of surrender and submission from a servant to his Lord, the Creator and Ruler of the universe, and the Donor and Giver. As for the second chapter, it is a great talk about obedience, trust, loyalty, respect and appreciation from an obedient, trustworthy and respectful son to a father who was the reason for his existence.. That gentle and kind servant is our Prophet Ibrahim, peace be upon him. As for that righteous son, who is used as an example of kindness and kindness to parents, he is the grandfather of our Prophet, our master Ismael, upon him and our Prophet the best prayer and the most complete blessings. The two chapters of the story are integrated in harmony, because they agree on the fact that each one of them is a human sacrifice of the most precious thing that man possesses in obedience and gratitude. Our master Ismail, peace be upon him, the young man, the only son at that time, was the most precious gift of our master Ibrahim, who at that time had reached ninety years of age, so he decided



to comply with the command of his Lord in obedience and submission (O my son, I see in a dream that I slaughter you). As for our master Ismail, peace be upon him, he sacrifices the most precious thing he owns, that is his life, in obedience to his father who said to him with confidence, steadfastness and respect.. (Oh Father. Do as you are commanded, you will find me, God willing, among the patient ones). What obedience is this..!! What confidence is this!! What respect is that!! No discussion, no hesitation, no apprehension, no objection, no prevarication, no arrogance.. The result was that the Prophet of God, Abraham, received the praise of the thankful and merciful Lord, and deservedly deserved that great and immortal attribute, which is the attribute of God's friend Whose love has no defect, and God has chosen him, and loved him with complete love (And who is better in religion than he who surrenders his face to God while he is a doer of good and follows the monotheistic religion of Abraham And God took Abraham as a friend). And as for our master Ismail, the righteous, obedient and faithful son, the One with might and majesty has rewarded him, making him a prophet, (And mention Ismail in the Book, for he was true to his promise and he was a prophet and he used to order his family to pray and pay zakat, and he was pleasing to his Lord). After His Excellency presented this touching and expressive story, he added: "A quick look at what we read and hear today of the terrifying news about the dealings of sons and daughters with fathers and mothers in our homes, our societies, and the world around us, and what we are witnessing of horrific, heart-breaking events of the disobedience of sons and daughters, their insolence, arrogance, and stubbornness.. How many of you fathers and mothers complain about the ingratitude of sons and daughters? And they suffer from their denial and delinquency!! They are indifferent to the news of their fathers and mothers, they do not ask about them, they do not care about them, and they do not care about their conditions. Yes, they met all of that with constant denial and constant

arrogance, they could not bear to hear their advice, and they did not care about their directives. And they are not ready to accept directions..!! Disobedience and no disobedience after it, denial and no denial after it. They did not know, and I wish they knew that as they disobey, they will be disobeyed, and that they will not escape what God has prepared for the disobedient children, sooner or later. His Excellency called on those sons and daughters who disobey their fathers and mothers, saying: "...O disobedient sons and daughters, return to your senses before it is too late.. Repent sincerely to God. Go back to your fathers and mothers, rectify your mistakes before you are surprised by the departure of your fathers and mothers from your world, because on that day you will regret for their loss and you will grieve over your negligence towards them..". He concluded his sermon by recalling the commitment to the important principles mentioned in Surat Al-Isra when dealing with parents, and he said: "Read morning and evening, and repeat day and night the Almighty's saying: (And your Lord has decreed that you worship none but Him, and be kind to parents. Either one of them or both of them reach old age with you. Do not say to them "uff" and do not rebuke them, but speak to them with honor, as they raised me when I was small)). Remember and preserve these six principles when dealing with parents, namely: The first principle: Kindness to them in word, deed and behavior, and it is a comprehensive name for everything that parents love and are pleased with. The second principle: Staying away from insulting them and getting bored of their behavior.. The third principle: Staying away from criticizing them, rebuking them, and hurting their feelings.. And the fourth principle: Addressing them with kind words at all times. The fifth principle: humility towards them, and avoiding arrogance towards them. And the sixth principle: continuous supplication for them with forgiveness, mercy and contentment. With these principles, you will obtain what the Prophet of God and His Messenger, our master Ismail, attained. May the best prayers and peace be upon him and our Prophet. Let us all return to our homes today, and we are all Ismail. Blessed are those of us who preserve these principles and bite on them with molars, for they are salvation, they are happiness, and they are prosperity and righteousness. In the two abodes..". The sermon was well received, and left traces in the souls, and tears were shed by many of those who listened to the sermon. It is worth mentioning that His Excellency delivered the sermon in three languages, as he delivered the first sermon in Arabic and English, and as for the second sermon, he delivered it in Malay.

Indonesia's Permanent Representative to OIC bids farewell to the Secretary General



His Excellency Prof. Dr. Koutoub Moustafa Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, received His Excellency Ambassador Mr. Echo Hartono, Permanent Representative to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and Consul General of the Republic of Indonesia in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on Tuesday 23 Dhu al-Hijjah 1444H corresponding to 11 July 2023 at the Academy's headquarters in Jeddah. His Excellency expressed his sincere thanks and great appreciation to His Excellency for the warm welcome and good reception, noting in this regard that this visit will be his last visit to the General Secretariat of the Academy, as he is at the end of his official service as a permanent representative of his country to the Organization. His Excellency came specifically to bid

farewell to His Excellency the Secretary General, expressing his great gratitude and appreciation to His Excellency for the fruitful cooperation he received throughout his tenure, and expressed his aspiration to strengthen cooperation and communication between the General Secretariat of the Academy and the Republic of Indonesia through activating the cooperation agreements signed between the Academy and the Indonesian Ministry of Religious Affairs, the Council of Indonesian Ulama, and the new Academy member of Indonesia, who was recently nominated as a representative of the Republic in the Council of the Academy, also confirmed the approval of the official authorities for the participation of Indonesian scholars in the delegation of the ummah's scholars who will visit Afghanistan in the near future, led by the Academy, God willing. His Excellency concluded his speech by praying for His Excellency for more success and success. For his part, His Excellency welcomed His Excellency and thanked him for this visit, which indicates the appreciation that His Excellency and the delegation have for the Academy. It also confirms the sincere

desire and great keenness of His Excellency to consolidate relations of cooperation and communication between the General Secretariat of the Academy and the scientific and religious institutions of the Republic of Indonesia. On this occasion, His Excellency expressed his deep appreciation and great gratitude to His Excellency for the support and care he provided to the Academy during his tenure as Permanent Representative of his country to the Organization, expressing his regret at the news of His Excellency's departure. At this time, after he left a good impact, to all those who knew and dealt with him, and wished him success in his new tasks. This meeting was attended by Mr. Mohamed Al-Idrissi, Director of Public Relations and Media at the Academy.



Permanent Representative of Jordan to OIC bids farewell to the Secretary General



His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustafa Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, received in his office in Jeddah, on Thursday 02 of Muharram 1445 AH corresponding to July 20, 2023 His Excellency Ambassador Mr. Jaafar Mohammed Jaafar, Permanent Representative and Consul General of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC). At the beginning of the meeting, His Excellency expressed his sincere thanks and great appreciation to His Excellency for the warm welcome and good reception, noting in this regard that this visit will be his last visit to the General Secretariat of the Academy, as he is at the end of his official service as a permanent representative of his country to OIC, expressing his appreciation and thanks to His Excellency for the fruitful cooperation he received throughout his work, and appreciated the distinguished role, and those great efforts made by the Academy

under the leadership of His Excellency in the service of Islam and Muslims, especially with regard to clarifying the provisions of Sharia on calamities, issues and developments of interest to Muslims around the world, and stressing the keenness of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to continue communication and cooperation with the Academy, especially with regard to aspects of common interest. For his part, His Excellency the Secretary General of the Academy, welcomed His Excellency and thanked him for this visit, which confirms His Excellency's great keenness

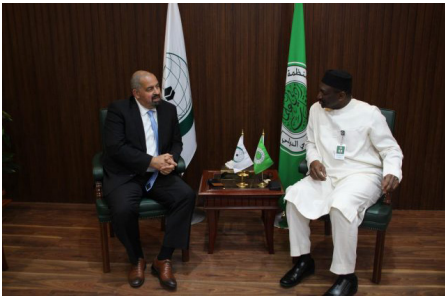


to strengthen cooperation and communication between the General Secretariat of the Academy and scientific and religious institutions in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. On this occasion, His Excellency expressed his regret to hear the news of His Excellency's departure

due to the end of his tenure in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, expressing his sincere thanks, appreciation, and great gratitude to His Excellency for his commendable efforts in strengthening the relations of cooperation and communication between the Academy and prominent scientific institutions in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, appreciating in particular the sincerity of His Excellency in supporting all the activities and programs of the Academy during his tenure as a Permanent Representative of his country to the OIC. His Excellency concluded his speech by praying for his happiness with success and prosperity in his new tasks, and that God reward him abundantly. The meeting was attended by Mr. Muhammad Al-Mundhir Al-Shawk, Director of Cabinet and Protocol Affairs, Mr. Muhammad Al-Idrissi, Director of the Media and Public Relations Department, and Mr. Amjad Ibrahim Mustafa Al-Mansi, Head of protocols division.



President of the Supreme Council of Muslims in Germany visits the Academy



H.E. Professor Dr. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, received in his office at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah today, Thursday, the 4th of Dhu al-Hijjah for the year 1444 AH corresponding to the 22nd of June 2023, Dr. Ayman Mazik, President of the Supreme Council of Muslims in Germany, accompanied by Mr. Abdul Samad Al Yazidi, Secretary General of the Council. He welcomed his honorable guest and his companion, praising the appreciated and distinguished efforts of the Council in Germany as one of the most prestigious Islamic councils in Europe for Muslim communities, especially in the field of spreading moderation and the values of

tolerance, coexistence, comprehensive citizenship, and correcting the incorrect stereotype about Islam and Muslims in Germany in particular and in Europe in general. He also renewed his thanks to Dr. Ayman for the warm welcome he and his delegation received during his recent official visit to Germany, during which he signed a cooperation agreement with the Council. He also delivered a public lecture on citizenship that resonated among Muslims in Germany. In this regard, he noted the Council's keenness to coordinate, cooperate and communicate with the Council and with all Islamic institutions, councils and centers that are active in the field of promoting a culture of inclusive citizenship and coexistence within the countries of Muslim societies. For his part, the President of the Council expressed his sincere thanks and great appreciation to him for this good opportunity to visit the General Secretariat of the Academy, appreciating the distinguished and long-standing scientific role that the Academy plays in the field of consolidating the approach of moderation and spreading

the values of moderation, tolerance and coexistence, and educating Muslim communities on the importance of adhering to the requirements of citizenship with preserving their Islamic identity in their communities, praising the Council's wise decisions related to moderation, citizenship, and residency outside the Islamic world. During the meeting, they discussed ways and mechanisms for activating the cooperation agreement signed between the Academy and the Council. The meeting also reviewed a number of issues of concern to Muslims in Europe in general, especially the issue of timings, and the Halal industry in general.



Head of Sharia Judicial Authority of Chad visits IIFA

H.E. Professor Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, received His Eminence Sheikh Al-Quni Ibrahim Senussi Bakhit, member of the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs in Chad and head of the Sharia Judicial Authority, and his accompanying delegation, on Wednesday 17 of Dhul-Hijjah for the year 1444 AH corresponding to 05 of July 2023, at the headquarters of



between the two institutions in the field of joint organization of conferences and seminars about problems of contemporary life facing Muslims in Africa in general and the Republic of Chad in particular. For his part, H.E. Sheikh Senussi expressed his gratitude to His Excellency for the warm welcome and his honor to visit the Academy, which is considered the first jurisprudential reference in the Islamic world, noting the good reputation it enjoys through the great services to Muslims inside and outside the countries of the Islamic world. He added that he is looking forward, through this visit, to consolidating relations of cooperation and coordination with the Academy and

to making use of the strong decisions issued by the elite scholars of the Ummah who are abundant with the Academy. The meeting was attended by Dr. Al-Quni Muhammad Abdul Qadir, Director of Education and Rehabilitation and General Coordinator of the delegates of the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs, and Sheikh Haroun Muhammad Salih Al-Issa, Commissioner of the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs in the Republic of Chad in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and Dr. Abdel Fattah Mahmoud Abanouf, Director of the Planning Department and international cooperation and external relations and Mr. Muhammad Walid Al-Idrisi, Director of the Media and Public Relations, Information and Communication Technology Department of the Academy.



the Academy in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. He welcomed his guest and the delegation and thanked them for their visit. He also expressed the Academy's thanks to the Republic of Chad for its continuous support to the Academy. He then gave a brief overview of the academy's vision, mission and its full readiness to cooperate with the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs in Chad by signing a MoU

From Geneva, Secretary General stresses that Quran Burning a Copy of Qur'an is an Attack on Freedom of Speech



At the kind invitation of the Muslim Council of Elders Youth Peacemakers Forum, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustafa Sano, Secretary-General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy and member of the Muslim Council of Elders, participated on Thursday 25 Dhu al-Hijjah 1444 AH corresponding to July 13, 2023, in Geneva, Switzerland, a lecture on the role of religions in spreading peace, as part of the activities of the second edition of the Peacemakers Forum. He began his lecture by stressing that “religions came to spread peace, love, mercy, brotherhood, justice and equality among human beings. It also came to put an end to wars, conflicts, disputes, injustice, and aggression, because all of this is contrary to the natural disposition (fitrah) that God has instilled in people, and therefore, any call to violence or hatred has nothing to do with religions, especially revealed religions from the Almighty God, such as Judaism, Christianity and Islam. He also explained that religions also came to preserve freedom of belief, freedom of expression, freedom of movement, and other well-known public freedoms, stressing that all people are born free, and equal like the teeth of a comb, and that they differentiate between them only by good and

beneficial deeds, the development of the universe, and the happiness of humanity. They differentiate between them only by good and beneficial deeds, by building the universe, and by the happiness of humanity. In the meantime, he explained that the burning of a copy of the Qur'an or any book or author today by some extremists is a flagrant attack on the principle of freedom of expression. This is because the Holy Qur'an contains principles, values and teachings deposited by the righteous, and his Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, ordered to spread it among people, and to leave them the choice to believe in it, or to reject it, and to hold people to the values, principles and teachings contained in that book. The matter is like the case of those who burn a copy of a constitution or the law of a country today, or a book, both of which prevent people from seeing the values, principles and teachings of that constitution or book, and it is no secret that this is excessive, and aggressive. He concluded his lecture by calling on young people to learn about religions, and to learn about their values, teachings and principles, before judging them as a normative judgment fanatic and extremist, as it is noticeable today that extremists and terrorists hijack religions, and commit their crimes in their name, and the case is that religions are innocent of all bloodshed in their name, and from every honor that is violated in her name, and from every money that is destroyed in their name..”. He also explained the importance of believing in the principle of accepting difference as a manifestation of freedom of belief and freedom of expression, because “difference is a divine law, and a universal will, and we must employ it in the service of humanity and to spread peace, love,

brotherhood, mercy. It must also be employed to fight hatred, intolerance, discrimination, and exclusion, because it is really impossible to build a healthy and stable society without diversity and differences among its members.”. He concluded his lecture by pointing out that the Youth Peacemakers Forum is one of the most important initiatives of the Muslim Council of Elders, believing in the Chairman of the Council, His Eminence the Grand Imam Maulana Sheikh Dr. Ahmed Al-Tayeb, Sheikh of Al-Azhar Al-Sharif, may God protect him, who affirms on every occasion that young people are the leaders of the future, and that they are the ones who can change the world positively, because they represent today a large percentage of 7075% of the world's population, because of their strong ability and will to make peace, the hope is in you after God to become messengers of peace, human fraternity, justice and equality to lead the world for the better. Geneva, Switzerland, witnessed the activities of the second edition of the Youth Peacemakers Forum organized by the Muslim Council of Elders, in partnership with the World Council of Churches and the Rose Castle Foundation, between 6-14 July 2023, with the participation of 50 young men and women from around the world.



IIFA participates in Emergency Meeting of OIC Executive Committee on Burning a copy of Qur'an in Sweden

Dr. Abdel Fattah Mahmoud Abnauf, Director of Planning, International Cooperation and External Relations, representing the Academy, took part in the emergency meeting of the Executive Committee with open membership, concerning the incident of Quran burning in Sweden, on Sunday 14 Dhul Hijja 1444, corresponding to July 2, 2023, at the headquarters of the OIC General Secretariat in Jeddah. The meeting began with a speech by the Saudi delegation, in which they indicated the need to activate the Islamophobia Observatory so that it plays the desired role and takes advantage of the International Day Against Islamophobia, to organize more educational and cultural meetings to spread knowledge about religious symbols, to strengthen the activities of OIC offices abroad, and include the desecration of the Holy Quran and Religion among the priorities of foreign



ministers meetings and UN councils and conferences, in order to take more practical measures against this phenomenon. For his part, the Secretary General of the OIC stressed the urgent need to activate international laws and regulations to mitigate repeated insults to Islamic symbols and to promote a correct understanding of the principle of freedom of expression, with the aspiration, through this meeting, to take steps to respond to acts of intolerance, discrimination

and contempt for religion in view to protect our divine book and noble religion. This was followed by interventions from Members States of Executive Committee, including Turkey, Pakistan and Cameroon. All of them urged to activate the Observatory of Islamophobia, to activate the OIC's diplomatic wing by lobbying parliaments and civil society organizations in these countries, in addition to appointing a special envoy for Islamophobia within the OIC, and to issue press releases with particular intensity, especially those in Western Europe. It should be noted that the Academy's representative informed the meeting that, the Academy had issued a statement denouncing the incident in Arabic, French and English. Hence, The Executive Committee meeting had issued a final statement, of which a number of paragraphs of which were based on the statement issued by IIFA.

A delegation from the Islamic Call College in Palestine visits the Academy

Dr. Abdel Fattah Mahmoud Abanouf, Director of the Department of Planning and External Relations, received a delegation from the College of Islamic Call in Palestine, headed by Dr. Abdullah Yousef Abu Alyan, Dean of the College, on Monday 15 of Dhul-Hijjah 1444 AH corresponding to 03 of the month July 2023 at the headquarters of the Academy in Jeddah. He welcomed the delegation and thanked them for their keenness to benefit from the Academy especially its resolutions. Then, he gave an introductory overview of the Academy's vision, mission and

objectives. For his part, Dr. Abu Alyan and the accompanying delegation expressed their sincere thanks for the academy's welcome to this visit, which gave them the opportunity to learn about the academy's scientific efforts and the achievements during the last four decades. Also they are looking forward to benefitting from the resolutions issued by the Academy which presented the true face of Islam and answered the questions concerning Muslims in the Islamic world and the countries of Muslim communities. At the end of the meeting, Dr. Abnoub



affirmed the Academy's readiness to provide support for all scientific projects and activities of the college in Gaza, Palestine.

102nd weekly meeting of departments

The Academy held its one hundred and two weekly meeting for the departments on Monday 01 of the month of Dhu al-Hijjah for the year 1444 AH corresponding to June 19 of June 2023, at its headquarters in Jeddah. H E. Prof. Dr. Koutoub Moustapha Sano presided over the meeting and welcomed the attendees. Then he spoke about his visit to Dundee, Scotland, where he met with the Director of Al Maktoum College of Higher Education, delivered a public lecture at the College entitled: Promoting Peaceful Coexistence and Combating Extremist Ideology. He also delivered the sermon of Friday at the College Mosque. He emphasized on the need for Muslims living in the West in



general and in the UK in particular to uphold the values of love, kindness, compassion, respect and justice in their daily lives. He also called upon Muslim communities to be respectful to the rules of law and the legislation of the chosen countries. he talked about the need to take advantage of the Hajj season to operate the

waqf apartment in Makkah Al-Mukarramah. The meeting issued several decisions were issued, the most important of which are:

- Reminding the importance of completing the unloading of the tapes of the twenty-fifth session, printing them, and handing over the print to the printing department for the final coordination of the printing press.
- Emphasis on sending all amounts due to auditors, clerks, and defaulted employees, with the need to submit a report thereon.
- Sending certificates of thanks and appreciation to all participants who participated in the twenty-fifth session of the Academy.

103rd weekly meeting of departments

H.E. Prof. Dr. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, chaired the 103rd weekly meeting of the departments on Wednesday, 17 of Dhul-Hijjah for the year 1444 AH, corresponding to 05 of July, 2023, at its headquarters in Jeddah. He welcomed the attendees and congratulated them on the blessed Eid Al-Adha, praying to God to accept the Hajj of those who perform Hajj and all Muslim pilgrims. Then he spoke about the Eid sermon that he delivered at the International Islamic University in Malaysia, and it was entitled An Analytical Look at Obedience to Parents in Light of the Verse of As-Saffat, which dealt with the story of the Prophet Ismail, peace be upon him, with his father, the Prophet Ibrahim, peace be upon him, explaining that this story establishes the highest model of obedience to parents that the contemporary generation should inspire

from it, as the Prophet Ismail set the most wonderful example of obedience when he said to his father: "O father, do as you are commanded, you will find me, God willing, among the patient". This was in response to his father decision to execute Allah's command to as the Holy Qur'an said: "When he reached the age of striving, he said, O my son, I see in a dream that I am slaying you, so see what you see." Surat As-Saffat 103. Then he talked about the principles to be observed in dealing with parents in the light of six principles mentioned in Surat Al-Israa, Then, he talked about the importance of preparing an introductory booklet about the Academy's Waqf Fund and attaching the documents required for the waqf in order to address to the Islamic Development Bank and the concerned authorities for the purpose of contributing to the purchase of a residential



building in Makkah Al-Mukarramah for the benefit of the Waqf Fund so that it can carry out its mission in the best way. Then the meeting discussed the items of the decisions issued by the previous meeting, and several decisions were issued, the most important of which are:

- Preparing an introductory booklet about the Waqf Fund for charitable organizations and those interested in supporting the Fund for the purpose of contributing to the purchase of a residential building in Makkah Al-Mukarramah.
- Searching for a tenant for the Waqf apartment in Makkah Al-Mukarramah.

