

## Secretary General of OIC chairs IIFA Bureau meeting



H.E. Hussein Ibrahim Taha, Secretary General of the OIC and Chairman of the Academy's Bureau, chaired the first meeting of the Bureau for the year 2023, via videoconferencing, on Thursday, 22 Safar 1445, corresponding to September 7, 2023, with the participation of H.E. Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Abdullah bin Humaid, Chairman of the Council of the Academy, Vice Chairman of the Bureau of the Academy, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, and Secretary of the Bureau, Dr. Aboubakar Doukoure, representative of

the President of the Academy for his guidance and follow-up. He also thanked the Secretary General of the Academy for his appreciated efforts to develop the Academy, stressing that the OIC considers the Academy as one of its most important organs that the Ummah needs in this era given the numerous challenges, critical issues, and the rapid transformations in today's world, which confirms the prominent

Minister for the great facilities provided by the Kingdom's government to enable the Academy to hold its 25th session in Jeddah under the patronage HRH Prince Khaled Al-Faisal, Governor of Makkah Al-Mukarramah Region. On his part, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General, thanked the host country, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, both leadership and people, for what the Academy enjoys since its founding to the present day, which enabled it to organize its



activities and programs easily. The meeting then discussed the items on its agenda, which included approving the minutes of the previous Bureau, the recommendations of the symposia on breastfeeding premature babies with milk from known and unknown mothers, the agreements signed by the Academy with ministries and scientific institutions inside and outside the OIC countries, as well as the management and financial report and the arrears of member states' contributions to the Academy's budget in the current year.



the African Group in the Bureau, and Prof. Dr. Ajeel Jassim Al-Nashmi, representative of the Arab Group in the Bureau, Dr. Ahmed Abdel Aziz Al-Haddad, representative of the Arab Group in the Bureau, and Dr. Mortada Badr, representative of the Asian Group in the Bureau. The Chairman welcomed distinguished members of the Bureau, praising



role of the Academy as the official and trusted legal institution for clarifying Sharia rulings on calamities and developments. For his part, the President of the Academy welcomed the S.G. of the OIC and the Academy's members, thanking everyone for their continued support for the Academy, and seizing this occasion to expressed his thanks to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud and Crown Prince, H.R.H. Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Prime



## Ummah's Scholars to Afghanistan hold Coordination Meeting at the Academy



With the presence of the Ambassador Tariq Ali Bakhit, OIC Assistant Secretary General for Humanitarian, Cultural and Social Affairs, and the OIC Secretary General's Special Envoy for Afghanistan. H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, held a coordination meeting at IIFA headquarters, with the delegation of scholars from the Muslim world, who came to Jeddah to prepare their trip to Afghanistan, on Wednesday 14 Safar 1445, corresponding to August 30, 2023. He expressed his great

gratitude to the OIC member states for approving the nomination of eminent scholars from their countries to participate in the delegation of scholars visiting Afghanistan between August 31 and September 5, 2023, praising the great facilities provided by Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, as the host country, and that they are grateful for the great cooperation and deep communication with the permanent delegations of the OIC member states. He also noted the positive response the General Secretariat had received from the ruling authority in Afghanistan. Then he explained that this visit follows on from the scholarly delegation's first visit to Afghanistan over a year ago to pursue fruitful dialogue about education of girls and women work. The meeting also discussed different strategies and suggestions to achieve harmony and complementarity among the members of

the delegation. It should be noted that the delegation of scholars participating in this visit includes HE Professor Dr. Sami Al-Suqiar and HE Shaikh Dr. Salih Al-Harbi from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, HE Dr. Abdullatif Al-Mahmoud the Kingdom of Bahrain, HE DR. Salim Al-Dawbi the United Arab Emirates, HE Dr. Sulaiman Sidibe the Republic of Guinea HE Pro-fessor Dr. Qibla Ayaz form the Islamic Republic of Pakistan , HE Shaikh Salih Ramadan and HE Dr. Abuabkar Walar from Chad, HE Khawala Al-Noubani, Dr. Younus al-Zouabi, HE Dr. Hamza Al-shudayfat and Mr. Yusuf Abu Hussain from the Kingdom of Jordan, HE Dr Imam Aldarqutni, HE Shaikh Zulfa Mustafa from Indonesia, HE Dr. Mustafa Da-dash and HE Abduljalil Al-Bakry from Turkey, HE Shaikh Wan Zahidi Wan The, HE Dr. Ahmad Azam and Mr. Ridwan Ridihan from Malaysia.

## Afghan Deputy PM for Political Affairs welcomes Ummah's Scholars in Kabul

H.E. Mr. Mawlawi Abdulkabir, Deputy Prime Minister for Political Affairs of the Afghanistan's ruling authority, welcomed the delegation of Ummah's scholars visiting Afghanistan, led by the IIFA, on Friday 15 Safar 1445, corresponding to 1 September 2023 in Kabul. He expressed his sincere thanks to the delegation of scholars for this second visit to Afghanistan, led by H.E. Prof. Sano. He also expressed his great joy that the delegation's arrival coincided with the advent of the second anniversary of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, praising the great achievements the Emirate has made over the past period in various fields, particularly in the areas of security and the economy, noting that religious schools at all levels have become available for girls and boys. For his part, H.E. Prof. Sano, head of the delegation, expressed his thanks and gratitude to the ruling authority for the warm welcome and generosity it had shown the delegation, as well as for the clear achievements and visible changes it had seen in all aspects of life, noting positively the authority's recent decision to open religious schools at all levels for girls and boys. He stressed that education, in its religious and secular aspects, and at all levels and in all fields, is a sacred right for women and men, and that enabling them to



receive education is a responsibility for the family, society and the state towards both boys and girls. Indeed, this is one of the great responsibilities that fathers and mothers, society and the state will have to assume. Consequently, the scholars of the Ummah call on the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan to do everything in its power to enable girls to return to schools and universities as soon as possible to continue their education in all available fields and useful sciences, from medicine, architecture, nursing to mathematics, physics and chemistry explaining that "the sciences and knowledge with which women and men must be endowed with include the religious sciences and the mundane sciences, and it is not permissible to deprive them of any type of science". Indeed, Shariah has not made any distinction between the sciences when it has ordered them to be sought and acquired in

the authentic hadiths: "Seeking knowledge is an obligation for every Muslim. The Prophet therefore made no distinction between men and women, nor between levels of education, and it is therefore not permissible to differentiate between them, nor is it permissible to deprive men or women of them, especially as the Afghan Muslim community's need for science is greater than ever, because of the difficult circumstances it has experienced over the past forty years of war. H.E. concluded his speech by underlining the willingness of OIC member states to allow the ruling authority to benefit from its experience and expertise in the field of women's education. The floor was also given to the comments by eminent scholars, all of whom stressed the importance of increasing efforts to enable Afghan girls and boys to receive education, both religious and mundane. At the end, the Deputy Prime Minister hosted the delegation for a dinner in their honor.



## Afghan Minister of Justice receives Ummah's Scholars at the Ministry



H.E. Mullah Abdulhakim Shari, Minister of Justice of the current Afghan authority, received a delegation of the Ummah's scholars on Saturday, Safar 16, 1445, corresponding to September 2, 2023, at the Ministry's headquarters in Kabul. He thanked the delegation of scholars for this second visit to Afghanistan and praised the delegation's concerns with the Afghan people and their desire for stability, progress and development. For his part, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, head of the delegation, expressed their sincere appreciation to the Afghan authority for its generous hospitality. He also commended the achievements and changes Afghanistan has witnessed over the past two years, noting also the authority's wise decision to open religious schools at all levels for girls. Then he expressed the delegation's satisfaction at seeing girls and boys strolling through the streets of Kabul, their schoolbags on their backs. He concluded his speech by stressing the importance of enabling girls to receive

education, both religious and secular, at all stages and in all fields, bearing in mind that education in Islam, both religious and secular, is a sacred legal right for girls and boys. It is not permissible for anyone to deprive anyone of any of its types as long as beneficial. In fact, enabling both girls and boys to acquire education and endowing women and men with useful sciences is one of the great responsibilities that fathers and mothers, society and the state will have to assume on the Day of Judgment. Therefore, the scholars of the Ummah around the world call upon the responsible authorities of the Emirate to allow girls to return to their studies in schools and universities as soon as possible, in order to continue their education and qualification in all fields of education that the Afghan people need, including medicine, engineering, architecture, nursing etc. and other useful sciences. This is due to the fact that "the sciences and knowledge with which women and men must be endowed include the religious sciences and the sciences of the world, and it is not permissible to deprive them of any type of science, for Shariah has not made any distinction between the sciences when it commanded it to be sought and acquired, according the authentic hadiths": "It has not differentiated between men and women, nor between levels of education, and so it is not permissible to differentiate between them,

nor to deprive a woman or a man of them, especially as the Afghan Muslim community is increasingly in need of the world's sciences, due to the difficult circumstances it has experienced over the past forty years of war. He then concluded by underlining the willingness of OIC member states to allow the ruling authority to benefit from their experience in the field of women's education. The floor was given over to the eminent scholars, all of whom stressed the importance of redoubling efforts to enable Afghan girls to receive education, both religious and worldly, and at all levels. The Minister appealed to the delegation to reassure the Muslim world about the situation of the Afghan people and the urgent need to stand by them and provide support to this people and also asked the delegation to work towards the reopening diplomatic missions in Kabul.



## Afghan Interior Minister welcomes Ummah's Scholars in Kabul

H.E. Mullah Sirajuddin Haqqani, Deputy of the Amir of Faithful and Minister of the Interior of the current authority in Afghanistan, received the delegation of Ummah scholars on Monday afternoon, Safar 18, 1445, corresponding to September 4, 2023, at the Intercontinental Hotel in Kabul. The meeting began with the recitation of the Holy Quran. H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha the head of the delegation, delivered a speech in which he thanked the authority for the generous hospitality, praising remarkable achievements in various fields, particularly in the area of security. This was confirmed to the delegation by the UN agencies working in Afghanistan and the embassies accredited to Afghanistan. He also explained that the credit for this goes to Allah the Almighty, then to H.E. the Minister's competence, perseverance, loyalty and to his deep love for Afghan people, underlining his precise knowledge of the central role played by the Ministry of the Interior through its various agencies for intelligence, monitoring and prosecuting crimes and criminals. He explained that his work as Minister in his country for twelve years enabled him to realize the scale of the sacrifices made by the Ministry of the Interior in establishing security and stability throughout the country, as well as eliminating extremism and



terrorism, and eradicating crime in all its forms and types. He then spoke about the importance of maintaining this achievement through the attainment of intellectual security by empowering all members of the Society male and female to acquire education at all levels and all its kind as the best way to confront the root causes of extremism, ignorance and terrorism. He then extended the gratitude of the delegation to the Minister for this remarkable achievement to champion the issue of women's education, resulting in the opening of religious schools at all levels for girls throughout the country. He asked the Minister to continue his efforts to enable girls to receive education in scientific subjects alongside religious subjects, and to enable girls to resume their studies at universities and colleges in accordance with the legal and ethical guidelines established by the Emirate. The floor was then given to their Eminences the members of the delegation, who

stressed the importance of education, both religious and worldly, for women and men. For his part, H.E. the Minister welcomed the delegation of Ummah's scholars and expressed his sincere thanks for this second visit, which confirms the Emirate's confidence in the Ummah scholars who stand by the Afghan people and authorities, and their concern for the Emirate's future. He stressed that instead of talking about the Emirate's achievements, which the delegation had already seen, or talking about women's education, about which His Excellency and the delegation were already on the same page, he therefore addressed the delegation with a number of practical proposals that the delegation would like to see realized, stressing that there is total belief in the fact that worldly and religious education is compulsory for every Muslim man and woman, and that it is a sacred right of both men and women. He thanked the delegation once gain hoping to see them in a few months rather than after a whole year.



## Afghan Foreign Minister receives Ummah's Scholars at the Ministry in Kabul



H.E. Mr. Mawlawi Amir Khan Muttaqi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the ruling authority in Afghanistan, received the delegation of Ummah's scholars visiting Afghanistan on the evening of Thursday 14 Safar 1445, corresponding to August 31, 2023, at the Ministry's headquarters in Kabul. He welcomed the delegation and thanked them for this visit, which follows on from the first visit the delegation made a year ago, expressing his delight at the delegation's arrival at a time when the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan is experiencing developments, significant and rapid changes at various levels, notably with regard to the security situation, which has become unprecedented, and the economic situation, which is also seeing significant improvement thanks to judicious policies, the most important of which are the fight against corruption, the rationalization of spending and the diversification of revenue sources, as well as the Emirate's efforts in

the fight against drugs. He informed the delegation that during this period the Emirate has ordered the opening of religious schools at all levels of education for girls, pointing out that a committee is working on revising the curricula of scientific subjects for the middle, secondary and university levels for girls, which means that enabling Afghan girls to receive both religious and scientific education is a matter of time. For his part, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano Koutoub Moustapha Sano, head of the delegation, thanked the authority for warm welcome, praising the developments the delegation had seen since their arrival in Kabul at the security and economic levels. He praised the efforts of the ruling authority in the fight against corruption and drugs, and expressed the delegation's satisfaction with the decision to open religious schools at all levels for girls. He underlined the latter's great aspiration to continue its efforts and hard work to give girls and boys access to education, both religious and secular, at all levels and in all fields of knowledge, "because the Ummah in general and the Afghan people in particular are today in urgent need of a significant number of women doctors, nurses, engineers, physicists, chemists, mathematicians and experts in all fields of the human, social and natural sciences to combat poverty, ignorance and disease." He also explained that "in Islam, science

and knowledge are complementary and not mutually exclusive, and that the Muslim community needs all the beneficial and useful sciences, and that the command to seek knowledge according to the hadith, 'Seeking knowledge is obligatory upon every Muslim', does not differentiate between the sciences, meaning that seeking knowledge has both religious and worldly aspects. Indeed, learning is considered a sacred right for both boys and girls, and it is not permissible for a girl or a boy to be deprived of it. He then concluded his speech by calling on the authority to consider the possibility of benefiting from the experience and expertise of OIC member states in the field of girls' education. Speeches were then given by the delegation's scholars, who all stressed the importance of paying attention to the education of girls and boys and enabling them to pursue religious and secular studies at all levels. At the end of the meeting, His Excellency the Minister invited the delegation to dinner, which the Ministry had prepared in their honor.



## Ummah's Scholars meet Afghan Minister of Petroleum and Minerals in Kabul

H.E. Sheikh Mawlawi Shihab al-Din Dilawar, Minister of Petroleum and Mines, one of the most prominent scholars in Afghanistan, met the delegation of the Ummah's scholars at the residence of the delegation, on Sunday 17 Safar 1445, corresponding to September 3, 2023. The meeting began with a recitation of the Holy Qur'an, after which H.E. the Minister expressed the Islamic Emirate's great appreciation for the delegation's visit, thanking them for their second visit, which is proof of their concern for the Emirate's future. He spoke of the emirate's achievements over the past two years in various fields, the most important of which minerals, explaining that the ministry he oversees has been able to sign a number of contracts and agreements with local, regional and international companies specializing in gas, oil and the exploration of gold, copper, zinc, iron and precious stones. These contracts are estimated to be worth billions of dollars, noting that these agreements will help the Islamic Emirate achieve comprehensive development and provide employment opportunities for thousands of Afghans seeking a decent life, stressing that the current Afghan authority is committed to transparency and ensures the quality of its tenders and contracts with credible and professional companies. His Excellency then referred to recent developments in the field



of education, which the current authority considers to be one of the Emirate's priorities and the focus of the Emir, stressing that the revision of school curricula is underway based on Islamic values, and while preserving Afghan customs and traditions. He called on scholars to continue providing advice and support to the emirate. For his part, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, head of the delegation, thanked the authority for the generosity and warm welcome, praising the success of the current authority in ensuring security and safety in all provinces of the country, and congratulating the Minister on the remarkable achievements of his Ministry under his wise leadership, noting that the future is promising due to the contracts and agreements concluded by the Ministry recently. However, He stressed that the natural resources that abound in Afghanistan's rich lands can only be exploited to the full if

Afghan children are given the means to obtain education, both religious and worldly and at all levels, in accordance with Sharia law, which stipulates that education is a legitimate and sacred right shared by everyone, men and women alike. It is therefore not permissible, according to the Sharia, to make a distinction between men and women with regard to this right, just as it is not permissible to make a distinction between the religious sciences and the worldly sciences, for all are required and necessary, as the Minister knows better, in his capacity as a great scholar of the sciences of hadith and jurisprudence. He concluded by stressing that the delegation wishes the Afghan authority to add scientific subjects alongside religious ones in the schools that had been opened. Also expressed its eagerness to see girls enrolled in universities and schools to pursue their studies in all available fields.



## Ummah's scholars hold a discussion with Afghan Minister of Hajj and Guidance in Kabul



The Ummah's scholars met with H.E. Sheikh Mawlawi Muhammad Noor Saqib, former President of the Supreme Court and currently Minister of Hajj, Awqaf and Guidance, on Sunday 17 Safar 1445, corresponding to 3 September 2023, in Kabul. H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, head of the delegation, expressed the delegation's warm welcome the Afghan authorities' decision to open religious schools at all levels for girls. He also explained that the delegation was looking forward to seeing female students resume their studies at university in the field of medicine, architecture, physics, mathematics, chemistry and biology alongside Islamic sciences, as education whether religious or mundane is a sacred right for women and men. He affirmed the delegation's confidence in the Honourable Minister to play this noble role of advice and guidance, considering the Minister's scientific and professional position and solid experience in religious and world sciences. He pointed out that the suspension of girls'

studies because of mixing or not wearing the hijab can be easily resolved by an educational system that is based on the separation of girls and boys, where boys' and girls' schools are separated. Further he called on the Afghan authorities to benefit from the experience of OIC member states in the field of educational programs that combine religious and worldly subjects, noting that discrimination between religious and worldly sciences as the Ummah needs not only religious scholars, but also scientists in worldly subjects. Accordingly, the scholars of the Ummah call on the current Afghan authorities to speed up the opening of universities to girls, and to teach scientific subjects alongside religious ones in schools, so that the Afghan people can prepare a fully-fledged generation capable of reforming the universe and achieving happiness in this world and the hereafter. For his part, H.E. the Minister expressed the Islamic Emirate's great appreciation at the visit of the delegation of scholars which confirmed the solidarity of the Ummah's scholars with Afghan people. He then provided the delegation with further information on the Emirate's achievements over the past two years in the areas of security, economy, and education. He also spoke of the difficulties and challenges facing the Afghan authority in various fields, particularly in education, given that the invaders have tried over several decades of occupation to brainwash

the Afghan people into atheism and revolt against noble values and customs. This is why the Afghan authorities have temporarily suspended studies for girls in order to prepare the atmosphere and develop programs that adhere to Islamic values and Afghan customs. He explained that the Afghan authorities are currently considering reopening studies for girls in certain necessary specializations, such as medicine and agriculture. He requested the delegation to understand the situation in Afghanistan, to continue to provide support and advice, and to repeat their visits. He also called on the Muslim world to support the Afghan people by providing help and support for the development of institutions, such as educational programs, textbook printing and other forms of support that enable the authorities to overcome financial difficulties. A number of scholars expressed their opinions and all appealed to the authority to act swiftly to enable Afghan girls to receive education, both religious and worldly, at all levels.



## Minister of Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice meets Ummah's Scholars

The Ummah's scholars met with H.E. Sheikh Muhammad Khalid Hanafi, Minister of Virtue Promotion and Vice Prevention, on Saturday, Safar 16, 1445, corresponding to September 2, 2023, at the delegation's residence in Kabul. The meeting began with a recitation of the Holy Quran, after which His Excellency the Minister delivered a speech welcoming the guests and thanking them for visiting Afghanistan to have solidarity with the people of Afghanistan who have great love and respect for scholars. The Minister gave a brief presentation of the Islamic Emirate's most significant achievements in the fields of security, economy and giving assistance to the poor, the orphans and the widows over the past two years. He also spoke about the challenges faced in responding to the needs of war victims as a result of the forty years of conflict and instability. He noted the financial difficulties that the country is experiencing as a result of suspending all aid that created a challenge in terms of printing curriculum and textbooks for schools and to pay the salaries of teachers. He affirmed the willingness of



the Emirate for the return of girls as soon as the new curriculum and syllabi are ready. For his part, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy and head of the delegation, expressed the delegation's sincere thanks and great appreciation for the generosity and hospitality received at the Ministry's headquarters, and praised the comprehensive information they had received from His Excellency on the visible and significant achievements the emirate has made over the past two years, particularly in the fields of security and the and support given to poor families, orphans and widows as a result of decades of war and conflict. He expressed the

delegation's comfort that the current Afghan authority allows girls to return to religious schools at all levels, noting that the delegation looks forward with great anticipation and eagerness to teach scientific subjects and that the authority can benefit from the experience and expertise of OIC member states in the field of women's education. He also affirmed the willingness of OIC to put together funds to print textbooks and ease the burden of the salaries of teachers. The floor was then given to the distinguished delegation, who underlined their request to enable Afghan males and females to receive both religious and secular education at all levels.



## Afghan Red Crescent Chairman held a discussion with Ummah's Scholars in Kabul



The Ummah's Scholars held a meeting with one of the most eminent scholars in Afghanistan, H.E. Sheikh Mawlawi Matiu alhaq Khalis, Chairman of the Afghan Red Crescent, on the evening of Saturday 16 Safar 1445, corresponding to 2 September 2023, at the delegation's residence in the Afghan capital, Kabul. The meeting began with a welcome speech by H.E. Sheikh Mawlawi, expressing the great gratitude of the current Afghan authorities for the visit of the delegation of scholars, thanking them for this visit which testifies to their attachment to the Afghan people, who love, appreciate and respect scholars. His Excellency spoke of the emirate's major achievements in all fields over the past two years, particularly in the areas of security and the economy, as well as the assistance provided to needy widows and orphans. He also spoke of the difficulties faced by the authority in meeting the needs of the needy and those affected by the brutal wars waged in Afghanistan over the past four decades, and called on the Islamic world to support the Afghan people by providing aid and assistance to those in distress and need. He concluded his speech by referring to the financial difficulties faced

by the authority following the cessation of all aid provided by other countries during the occupation. The sheikh pointed out, for example, the lack of support from countries to print school curricula and contribute to the payment of teachers' salaries, adding that the authority is still working hard to reopen schools and universities for males and females after the printing of the new curricula developed by the authority. For his part, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy and head of the delegation, expressed his sincere thanks and great appreciation to His Excellency for meeting the delegation at his residence, praising the esteemed efforts of the Afghan Red Crescent in the field of aid and assistance to families, especially orphans and widows who number in the millions, following the wars that Afghanistan has been the scene of over the past decades. He also expressed the delegation's satisfaction with what it had heard and seen concerning the country's security and economy, as well as the Afghan government's intention to reopen schools and universities for men and women as soon as the new textbooks have been printed. On this occasion, His Excellency called on the authorities to make maximum use of the programs and practical experiences in female education in force in certain OIC member states, such as the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, as they have enabled males and females to receive education, both religious and secular, at all levels, while adhering to the values and principles of Sharia. His Excellency stressed that the OIC is fully

prepared to mobilize the support of its member states to print the curricula and help ease the burden on the Afghan government with regard to teachers' salaries. Consequently, the delegation of scholars calls on the authorities to allow girls and women to receive education, both religious and secular, and at all levels, just like boys and men, stressing that this is a matter of trust on the shoulders of the authority, "because education, both religious and secular, and at all its stages, is considered a sacred and legal right for women and men, and a great duty imposed by God on the family, society and the state, and it is not permissible in sharia to deprive a woman or a man of any kind of science". The participating scholars, both men and women, then delivered a speech in which they called on the authorities to allow Afghan males and females to receive education, both religious and secular, and at all levels. At the end of the meeting, the Chairman of the Afghan Red Crescent assured the delegation that their appeal would reach the leader of the Islamic Emirate, hoping for a further meeting with the scholars in times to come.



## Ummah's Scholars hold a discussion with Afghan Minister of Education in Kabul

H.E. Mawlawi Habibullah Agha, Minister of Education, met the delegation of the scholars on Tuesday, Safar 19, 1445, corresponding to September 5, 2023, at the delegation's residence in Kabul. H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, head of the delegation, thanked the authority for the warm welcome and expressed the feelings of joy that the delegation felt when they saw primary and high school girls walking the streets of Kabul carrying schoolbags. He added: "these feelings would be greater when they will see Afghan girls also crossing the streets with their younger sisters, to get to their universities, access to which they have been denied. certainly, it is a duty of the family, society and the state towards children, male and female, and that no one, whoever he may be, can deprive a girl or a boy of any kind of education, nor is it permissible, according to Sharia law, to give preference or differentiation between girls and boys with regard to this innate human right." He then pointed out that the Ministry of Education has great responsibility to enable Afghan girls to receive education at all levels, stressing that both religious and worldly education are compulsory and that there is no difference between them, because the purpose of education is to enable the learner to acquire the knowledge, skills and values that will help him or her to worship God, develop the



universe and achieve happiness in this world and the hereafter, and this goal can only be achieved with both types of education. This is why it is the duty of this blessed ministry to advise the Commander of the Faithful, to urge him to achieve these reforms. Therefore: "The scholars of the Ummah ask Your Excellency to convey to the Amir of the Faithful their thanks for opening religious schools for girls throughout the country. They hope that this decision will be followed by a decision stipulating the need to teach scientific subjects alongside religious subjects in these schools." The scholars reminded the importance of religious and worldly sciences, as well as the importance of empowering girls and stressed that there is no valid legal evidence in the Qur'an and Sunnah that discriminates between men and women with regard to their right to education, both religious and worldly. For his part, H.E. the Minister thanked the delegation of scholars for highlighting a

number of efforts his Ministry continues to make to enable all the sons and daughters of Afghanistan to receive education both religious and worldly, and stressing that work is underway to review the curricula left behind by the occupying forces in order to purify them of ideas that oppose the values and teachings of Islam, as well as Afghan customs and traditions. He stressed that the Ministry had completed the preparation of curricula for the primary and intermediate levels, and would soon complete the secondary level, and noted in this regard the Ministry's need of support of Islamic countries in printing new curricula, renovating educational institutions and building schools in remote areas to enable children from all regions to have access to education throughout the country. he spoke about the Ministry's efforts to eliminate all the obstacles and difficulties it faces, reiterating the appeal to the Islamic world to support the emirate and help bear the costs of printing, and provide means of transport.



## Ummah's scholars conclude their visit with a meeting with Minister of Higher Education



The Ummah's scholars concluded their visit to Afghanistan on Tuesday 19 Safar 1445, corresponding to September 5, 2023, with a meeting with H.E. Mullah Nada Muhammad Nadeem, Minister of Higher Education at the Ministry's headquarters in Kabul. H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, head of the delegation, expressed the delegation's sincere thanks to the Afghan authorities for the hospitality and stressed that meeting with the Minister responsible for intellectual security and the preservation of the values is one of the main purpose of the delegation's visit aiming to fulfilling the duty of giving advice on the importance of girls' education. "Your Excellency, the scholars of the Ummah appeal to the Amir and his government, through your Ministry, to enable the girls of Afghanistan to receive education, both religious and worldly, at all levels. They are appealing appeal to give the muchdesired order to reopen the doors of universities to girls who have been deprived of continuing their studies, thus for every day that an Afghan girl is deprived of religious

or worldly education is considered a sad day for every Muslim who has an atom of faith in his heart, and every day that passes for an Afghan girl deprived of returning to study in universities, that day is considered a horrible day for those love Afghanistan. Therefore, the scholars of the Ummah hold Your Excellency responsible for conveying this call to him, and they also hold your Excellency responsible for continuing to provide faithful guidance to the Amir in your capacity as a virtuous adviser in the field of education." Then he concluded by saying that he had felt deep sadness yesterday after reading the high school results in Afghanistan, which did not include the name of any girl!: "This means that this year, no girls will be entering university. It will certainly be a sad academic year, therefore we hope that you, will do everything possible to resolve this problem as soon as possible so that our girls can obtain secondary certificates that will enable them to continue their studies at universities and colleges in all the specializations that dear Afghan society needs. My brother, Your Excellency, the delegation of scholars believes that the reasons given for suspending girls' studies at universities can all be resolved easily and without the need for a long wait, by adopting a system of separation between higher education institutions for girls and higher education institutions for boys, as is the case in a number of Muslim countries.

As for the issue of curricula, revision should not require much time, particularly with regard to purely scientific specializations." For his part, the Minister expressed his sincere thanks to the delegation of scholars for visiting the emirate to check on their brothers, and stressed that he welcome all the valuable advice offered by the delegation, as he is convinced that they are sincere fraternal advice issued by scholars who wish good and prosperity for Afghanistan. He then addressed the issue of the suspension of girls' studies in universities, attributing this situation to logistical difficulties and the quality of the infrastructure, in terms of the curricular that is not compatible with the vision of the Emirates stressing that the Emirate fully believes in the right of girls to study in universities and colleges. He then confirmed that a committee was working on revising the curricula, and that once they are completed and logistical requirements met, girls would resume their studies at universities and colleges.



## Ummah's Scholars visit Afghan Academy of Sciences in Kabul

His Eminence Sheikh Farid al-Din Mahmoud, President of the Afghan Academy of Sciences, received the delegation of scholars of the Ummah, on Monday 18 Safar 1445, corresponding to September 4, 2023, at the Academy's headquarters. H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, head of the delegation, expressed the delegation's thanks to the Afghan authority for its warm welcome, praising the role of the Afghan Academy in disseminating knowledge and science, and supporting scientific research, and hoping that this Academy will play a central role in raising society's awareness of the importance of education, then he said: "If the jihad waged by the Afghan people for forty-five years was a jihad in defence of honour and homeland, the expected jihad that the Afghan people should undertake now is a constructive and reconstructive jihad aimed at fighting ignorance, poverty and diseases. This jihad is considered to be one of the most honorable types of jihad, and one of the most difficult, so it must be waged in order to preserve the emirate's achievements and enable the Afghan people to benefit from its abundant natural resources". He declared that enabling

Afghan girls and boys to receive education is a religious and legitimate duty, as education is a sacred legal right, and the Ummah has been unanimous in its obligation since the time of the Sahaba. Accordingly, the delegation of scholars called on the President of the Academy to be their messenger to the current authorities to reopen universities and schools



to enable girls to continue their studies, while stressing that the OIC is ready to provide logistical and technical support the authorities need to facilitate the return of girls to school. For his part, the President said that the Academy thanked the delegation for its visit and for its support for the Afghan people. He then provided the delegation with detailed information on what the Afghan people have been exposed to over the past four decades,



including the types of persecution, injustice and oppression, and the attempts by the forces of occupation to eliminate Afghan Islamic identity and its glorious history, and to replace Islam and Afghan culture with atheism and decadence. He also detailed the attempts of the occupying forces to interfere in the affairs of Afghanistan through their agents from within and without, stressing that the current authority will remain steadfast in the face of all attempts to obliterate Afghan identity. With regard to the education of girls. He stressed that the authorities firmly believe in their right to education, but are still working on revising curricula and finding solutions to the difficulties they face in this area. He therefore appealed to the delegation of scholars to stand by the Afghan people, offering support and assistance in this area.

## Ummah's Scholars meet with UN Agencies based in Kabul



The delegation of Ummah scholars met with a number of UN agencies working in Afghanistan on the evening of Thursday 14 Safar 1445, corresponding to August 31, 2023, at the delegation's residence in Kabul. H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, head of the delegation, welcomed ladies and gentlemen who oversee the various international humanitarian agencies active in Afghanistan, praising their efforts to bring support to the Afghan people, noting the importance of coordinating efforts on a number of vitally important issues such as women's education, women's rights and minority participation. He briefly introduced the delegation and the purpose of the visit, which he described as a continuation of the first visit by the delegation of scholars, noting the paramount importance of intensifying efforts and strengthening cooperation to enable Afghan girls to return to schools and universities, and to ensure

the participation of Afghan women in the efforts to rebuild their country. He asked the participants to inform the delegation of their views on the developments and changes witnessed recently on the Afghan scene, and to submit any proposals they deemed appropriate to enable the delegation to achieve the objectives of the visit. For his part, Ambassador Takashi Wakada, Japanese Ambassador to Afghanistan, welcomed the delegation and thanked them for their visit, praising the good results achieved during the first visit, and expressed his wish to see the delegation contribute to the development of the school curricula that the ruling authority is considering adopting, so that these curricula are not limited to religious subjects. He expressed his confidence in the delegation's ability to persuade the governing authority to resolve the above three issues wisely and competently. Then, H.E. Mr. Daniel Andres, Deputy Special Envoy of the UnderSecretary General for Humanitarian Affairs in Afghanistan, underlined the concern of all UN agencies to coordinate efforts and integrate measures to provide the support, aid and assistance that some twenty million Afghans need daily in terms of food and medicine, noting the scarcity of resources, in order to avoid the emergence of new humanitarian crises similar to those

in Ukraine and other countries in turmoil. He expressed confidence in the delegation's ability to persuade the governing authority to tackle the outstanding issues raised by the Japanese ambassador as soon as possible. He also pointed out that there had been a marked improvement in the security situation, which had become stable, and that most officials resident in Kabul were clearly open to the education of girls. He also pointed out that women's work is developing, since the ruling authority has approved their work in the fields of health, agriculture, commerce and education, and that with the exception of these areas, there is still work to be done due to logistical and customary considerations. At the end of the meeting, he expressed his sincere thanks to the agencies for their continued support to the Afghan people, underlining the commitment of the OIC and the Academy to resolving all the problems and issues raised by the agencies in the near future.



## Ummah's Scholars meet accredited Ambassadors of OIC Member states in Kabul

Under the leadership of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy and with the participation of the Special Envoy of the OIC Secretary General, the delegation of Ummah scholars visiting Afghanistan met with a number of ambassadors of OIC member states accredited to Afghanistan on Thursday 14 Safar 1445, corresponding to August 31, 2023, at the delegation's residence in the capital, Kabul. H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Council, began the meeting by welcoming their Excellencies the Ambassadors, thanking them for their appreciated efforts in strengthening relations of cooperation, partnership, communication and coordination between the member states of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and the ruling authority in Afghanistan, concerning the introduction of significant changes witnessed in Afghan since the current authority took over the reins of government in the country. He gave a brief overview of the delegation and the purpose of this visit, which he described as an extension of the first visit of the delegation of scholars, noting in this respect the participation of new eminent and distinguished scholars in this delegation, and underlining the willingness of the Secretary General of the OIC, H. E. Mr. Hussein Taha, and

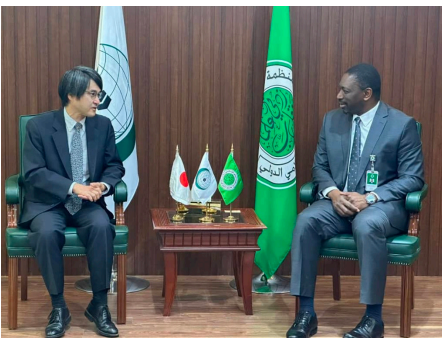


all OIC member states on the need to work to enable Afghan girls and boys to return to schools and universities, and for Afghan women to participate in the efforts of construction and development. He asked the ambassadors to kindly inform the delegation of the latest developments and changes witnessed recently on the Afghan scene, and to put forward any suggestions they deemed appropriate to enable it to achieve the optimal objectives of the visit, based on their precise and reliable knowledge of the situation thanks to their daily communication with the authority in place and their direct contact with the Afghan people. The ambassadors reassured the delegation of the most important changes and developments in the Afghan arena, particularly with regard to the authority's ability to extend full control over all Afghan lands and maintain

stable security, the security situation having become stable in an unprecedented way, as they assured the delegation. One of the most important results of the first visit was the acceptance by the current authority not to link the issue of girls' education to the Islamic religion, as it was argued that the suspension of girls' and women's education was due to logistical reasons closely linked to customs and traditions. The authority also approved the work of Afghan women in the fields of health, agriculture, commerce and education. Outside these fields, women are still unable to work for the same logistical and customary reasons. The ambassadors put forward a number of important and constructive suggestions, wishing the delegation every success in its tasks. The meeting was attended by the ambassadors of the Republic of Turkey, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the Islamic Republic of Iran, as well as the chargé d'affaires of the Indonesian Embassy.



## Consul General of Japan in Jeddah visits the Academy



The Consul General of Japan in Jeddah, H.E. Mr. Shimmura Izuru, visited the headquarters of the Secretariat General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, on Tuesday 25 Safar 1445, corresponding to September 12, 2023. His Excellency was received by the Secretary General of the Academy, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano. H.E. Mr. Shimmura Izuru expressed his deep thanks and appreciation to the Secretary General of the Academy for his warm welcome, underlining his great interest and readiness to make this visit to the Academy as part of his country's unceasing efforts to strengthen relations

of cooperation and coordination with the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and its affiliated organs, in particular the International Islamic Fiqh Academy. His Excellency congratulated the Secretary General on the success of the latest visit to Afghanistan by scholars of the Muslim Ummah led by the Academy. For his part, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano welcomed and thanked the Consul General of Japan for his visit, which demonstrates the excellent relations between the Academy and Japan as well as with the other permanent missions of the OIC. His Excellency then briefed his guest on the visit to Afghanistan and indicated that the delegation was made up of some thirty eminent scholars from different countries of the Muslim world. He noted his meeting with Japanese the Japanese ambassador to Kabul and the useful discussion the delegation had with the Ambassador. We also had useful meetings with Afghan scholars during the visit. He added: "We had good discussions with the Afghan government and met with

their senior officials of the Afghan emirate. We have seen remarkable progress and a positive attitude towards the reopening of schools and universities for girls as soon as certain logistical problems have been resolved". His Excellency also assured them of the willingness of OIC member states, UN agencies and other countries to help Afghans rebuild their country after half a century of wars. The meeting was attended by Mr Mohamed al-Fihri, Director of Financial and Administrative Affairs, Ms Sarah Amjad Badewi, Director of Family and Women, Mr Moez Al-Riahi, Director of Financing, Investment and Projects, and Dr. Alhagi Manta Drammeh, Head of International Cooperation and External Relations.





## Acting Permanent Representative of Iran to OIC visits the Academy

H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy received H.E. Mr. Nasir Kamali Abadi, Acting Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), at the headquarters of the Academy in Jeddah, on Tuesday 25 Safar 1445, corresponding to 12 September 2023. He congratulated Mr. Abadi on his appointment as the Acting Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran at the OIC and wished him every success in his new duties. He expressed his content at the resumption of relations between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Islamic Republic of Iran, and stated that this initiative will strengthen the OIC's role in disseminating moderation, tolerance and coexistence. He also spoke about the important role and contributions made by Ayatollah Taskhiri, former representative member of Iran at the Academy, adding that the Academy looks forward to collaborating with Iranian



religious and scientific institutions so as to work together in promoting the Academy's mission and vision, based on moderation, tolerance, peaceful coexistence, as well as the understanding and dialogue between Islamic schools of thought. For his part, H.E. Mr. Abadi reiterated the central role that the Academy plays at the intellectual and scientific level in clarifying concepts about Islam and in bringing together Islamic schools of law, as well as propagating the values of moderation and tolerance. He also expressed his

willingness to strengthen cooperation between the Academy and scientific institutions in Iran. Then he handed over an official invitation to the Secretary General to participate in the forthcoming Iranian conference on Muslim unity, to be held in Tehran in October 2023. The meeting was attended by Mr. Adnan al-Fihri, Director of Financial and Administrative Affairs, Ms Sarah Amjad Badewi, Director of Family and Women Affairs, Mr Moez Abdulrazaq Riahi, Director of Financing, Investments, Dr Alhagi Manta Drammeh, Head of International Cooperation Division, and Mr Saad Sammar, Head



## Political-Economic Section Chief at the U.S. General Consulate Visits the Academy



His Excellency Prof. Dr. Koutoub Moustapha Moustafa Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, received Mrs. Zohra Atmer, the new Political and Economic Section Chief at the Consulate General of the United States of America in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on Safar 28, 1445 corresponding to September 13, 2023 at the headquarters of the Academy in Jeddah. His Excellency welcomed his guest, and congratulated her on her appointment as the new Head of the Political and Economic Affairs Department at the Consulate General in Jeddah, wishing her success in her duties, and to be the best successor to the best predecessor, and expressing on this occasion the Academy's sincere thanks and appreciation to her successor, Mr. Allen, for his cooperation

and communication with the Academy during his work. Then His Excellency presented to his guest an overview of the Academy's vision, mission, goals, initiatives, and efforts in promoting the values of moderation and tolerance, coexistence, openness and constructive dialogue among followers of religions around the world, as well as its appreciated initiatives in defending women's right to education and participating in the efforts of construction, renaissance and development within the OIC Member States and in Muslim societies. He concluded his speech by expressing the Academy's full readiness to cooperate and communicate with her Office and the Consulate General in all areas of common interest, within the framework of activating the areas of strategic partnership between the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and the US State Department, which the two parties discussed during the past year in Washington. For her part, she expressed her thanks and gratitude to His Excellency for the warm welcome, praising the Academy's appreciated and commendable efforts in promoting the values of moderation, tolerance, coexistence and dialogue around

the world, especially its distinguished efforts in defending the right of women to education everywhere, and combating all forms of violence and bullying against them and correct misconceptions about their role in the public life. In the meantime, she noted the readiness of her office and the consulate general to continue cooperation and communication in everything that would enable women in the Islamic world to study, work and participate in efforts of construction, renaissance and development everywhere. At the end of the meeting, she renewed her thanks and appreciation to His Excellency who presented her with a copy of the Academy's publications, Resolutions and recommendations book in English. The meeting was attended by Mrs. Sarah Amjad Bedwi, Director of Family and Women's Affairs at the Academy.



## S.G. participates in Awqaf Conference on Cyberspace and Religious Discourse in Cairo



At the kind invitation of H.E. Prof. Mohamed Mokhtar Gomaa, Minister of Awqaf and President of the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, participated in the thirty-fourth international conference of the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs, held under the patronage of H.E. Mr. Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, President of the Arab Egypt Republic, on Saturday to Sunday, 24-25 Safar 1445, corresponding to 9-10 September 2023, in Cairo. His Excellency delivered a speech at the ministers' session, in which he



open to it and work hard to comprehend and master it, before revealing whether it is permissible or prohibited. In this regard, His Excellency pointed out that the talk about the permissibility and prohibition of cyberspace is a talk that has outdated time, because the basic principle of means in our Sharia is permissibility. Likewise, saying to accept cyberspace or not accepting it has outlived its time, because cyberspace has become a non-existent reality. We can reject it or bypass it because it has imposed itself on us and there is no escape from being open to it, dealing with it, and subordinating it by guiding it, and rationalizing it, so that it becomes a useful and beneficial means that we employ to promote religious discourse represented by statements, news, sermons, and opinions

expressed his sincere thanks and appreciation to the Minister of Awqaf for inviting the International Islamic Fiqh Academy to participate in this important international conference. He also expressed his thanks to Egyptian leadership and people for their generosity and hospitality. His Excellency then clarified that cyberspace, with its networks, means, and continuous development and rapid change, has become a reality that we cannot reject or bypass. Rather, it has become a part of our lives that we are affected by and we have no choice but to keep up by absorbing it, mastering it, and making the most of it. It is also considered one of Allah's privileges, Who has perfected His religion, and completed His blessing, but did not end it. There is a difference between completion and perfection, as completion does not accept more, but rather a decrease. As for perfection, it can welcome more perfection. Therefore, cyberspace is considered as a means, and one of Allah's blessings that must be used in what brings goodness, righteousness, and prosperity to us, society, nations, and the world. He stressed that cyberspace, with all its components, is considered a type of means whose rule is determined by the rule of purposes. It is also considered a double-edged sword, and therefore we must use it and harness its potential to serve religion, society, the Ummah, and the world. We must be

that are attributed to Sharia. This discourse is in dire need of making the most of cyberspace, as it is one of the most influential in the current era. H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, concluded his speech by stressing that responsible behavior with cyberspace, with its networks, and its renewable, expanding and developing means, should start from three basic foundations, which are realignment, guidance, and rationalization. As for realignment, it means building on the benefits and interests contained in cyberspace, and correcting the evils and dangers it may contain so that it becomes an effective means from which the moderate religious discourse will benefit. We aim to employ this cyberspace in a direction that brings benefit, goodness, and righteousness to the individual, society, the Ummah, and the world far and wide, away from any harmful usage that would spread extremism, fanaticism, militancy, and terrorism. As for rationalization of the cyberspace, it means enabling young people to comprehend the cyberspace in a deep and accurate manner, so that their dealings with it become rational, based on distinguishing between its benefits and harms, with a comprehensive and conscious understanding of how to employ it in religious discourse, in time and place. Hence, invoking these three foundations in using cyberspace to serve religious discourse makes it the wisdom that is the believer's lost treasure, wherever he finds it, he should benefit from it. It is worth mentioning that this annual international conference, organized the Ministry of Awqaf through the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs, has recently witnessed a remarkable leap in the topics and issues it discusses since H.E. Prof. Mohamed Mokhtar Gomaa, assumed the position of Minister of Awqaf. H.E. Prof. Sano described him in his speech as someone who follows up with skill and ability on all the developments and changes that digital world brings about, which has made his ministry a developed, witnessing, and up-to-date ministry.



## At a talk in New York, S.G. calls for classifying racism as a crime against humanity



On the sidelines of the seventy-eighth session of the United Nations General Assembly and in cooperation with the Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum, the Religions for Peace, and the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustafa Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, participated on Thursday, 6 of Rabi' al-Awwal 1445, corresponding to September 21, 2023, in an intellectual discussion entitled: "Engaging Youth in Abolishing All Forms of Racism from a Religious Perspective to Achieve a Sustainable Future for All". In his intervention, His Excellency congratulated His Excellency Mr. Taha Ihan, President of the Islamic Youth Forum, and His Excellency the Associate Secretary General of the Religions for Peace Organization, for organizing this symposium in New York, expressing his regret for the lack of actual attendance, and stressing the Academy's keenness to participate in all events, meetings

and intellectual symposiums. This is based on his belief in the importance of correcting stereotypical notions about Islam's position on many contemporary issues. shedding light on the immortal contributions of Islam and Muslims to building civilization, advancing human beings, and rejecting violence, hatred, and intolerance and extremism in all its forms and sources. He noted that racism represents one of the social diseases that must be combated and be considered a major crime and a blatant attack on people. He explained that Islam views people as equal like the teeth of a comb, and that black has no superiority over red, nor has red over black, nor has an Arab over non-Arab, and nor has a non-Arab over an Arab, and that people differ in their deeds and what they can deliver to their communities. Then His Excellency pointed out that involving young people in such intellectual seminars is necessary and important to enable them

to know the position of all religions on racism, as it is an incurable disease and an unforgivable crime, he added, "It is From the first day of the mission of the Messenger of Islam, Muhammad bin Abdullah, may God bless him and his family, he waged a fierce war on racism, fanaticism, and violence, and established eternal teachings and solid systems that eliminated all forms of racism, slavery, and tyranny, and Islam made equality among people a permanent principle and eternal until the end of the world, because all people are born free, and it is not permissible to enslave them or discriminate against them. On the basis of colour, race, religion or language. He concluded his intervention by calling on the United Nations to classify racism as one of the heinous crimes against humanity, and to reject all forms and images of Racism, and the need to prosecute anyone who practices it, or is involved in any form of it. He also called on scholars, especially young people, followers of all religions, to join efforts, coordinate and cooperate in order to make this dream a tangible reality, because racism is not a less crime and less heinous than the crimes of murder, rape and atrocities, which requires combating them by all means in order to achieve harmony and peace between peoples and nations on the basis of love, respect, integration, cooperation, and solidarity in all matters for the benefit and goodness of the whole world.



## 34th Monthly Staff Meeting

H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, chaired the thirty-fourth monthly meeting of the Academy's employees, on Sunday 03 Rabi' al-Awal 1445, corresponding to September 17, 2023, at the headquarters of the Secretariat General in Jeddah. At the beginning of the meeting, His Excellency welcomed the attendees, thanked them for participating in the meeting, and spoke about the importance of these meetings in coordinating, completing, and following up on the team work. His Excellency also spoke about the necessity of reviewing what has been accomplished and what has not been accomplished during the past three years, and knowing the obstacles and their causes, and the impediments to achieve it. His Excellency spoke about the importance of discipline and time management, the necessity of respecting time, and that our religion is a religion of discipline, starting with prayer, which is the pillar of religion, as it is performed according to specific times of the day and night in order to enable the Muslim to manage his time



during the day and night, and God, Glory be to Him, is truthful: { Indeed, prayer has been decreed upon the believers a decree of specified times.} As is customary in such meetings, His Excellency paved the way for the Academy's employees to express their opinions and observations about work in the Academy. He listened with great interest and focus to the observations and proposals, and then the meeting took several decisions, the most important of which were:

- Repairing the lighting of the Academy's exterior facade, as part of it was broken.
- Spraying the building with pesticides and disinfectants.

- Publishing the Academy's documentary directly on the Academy's website without the viewer having to go back to YouTube.
- Emptying the warehouse before the next monthly meeting, provided that a weekly report is submitted to the Secretary General of the Academy in this regard.
- The Gifts Committee should distribute the "Jurisprudence Rules Manual" to members of the Council of Senior Scholars, Saudi universities, and universities affiliated with the OIC.
- Sending a copy of the Academy's magazine and any available publications from the Academy to the delegation of scholars that visited Afghanistan, and some universities in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Malaysia, Brunei, Indonesia, Niger, Nigeria, Guinea, Kuwait, Qatar, and other universities.
- Delivering annual reports to employees in a timely manner, and the importance of managers seeking justice, fairness, fear of God when preparing such report.

## 106th Weekly Departments Meeting

H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, chaired the 106th meeting of departments' directors, on Tuesday 27 Safar 1445, corresponding to 12 September 2023, at the headquarters of the Secretariat General in Jeddah. His Excellency began by welcoming the attendees, then spoke about the visit of the Ummah's scholars to Afghanistan between August 31 to September 5, 2023, praising the facilities provided by the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, and expressed his thanks to the Permanent Delegation of Afghanistan to the OIC, as well as the OIC's office in Kabul. His Excellency also praised the support of the Permanent Delegations

of a number of member countries of the OIC, which resulted in the participation of a significant number of scholars in this visit, which achieved – thanks to Allah – many good results. The meeting discussed the decisions issued by the previous meeting, and several new decisions were issued, notably:

- Preparing a letter of thanks and appreciation to the Afghan ministers who received the Ummah's delegation.
- Preparing a letter of thanks and appreciation to all the male and female scientists who participated in the visit.
- Preparing a detailed report on the Ummah delegation's visit for the Secretary General



of the OIC, in preparation for submitting it to the meeting of the OIC's Council of Foreign Ministers.

## 107th Weekly Departments Meeting

H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, chaired the 107th weekly meeting of the departments' directors, on Wednesday, 6 Rabi' al-Awal 1445, corresponding to 20 September 2023, at the Academy's headquarters in Jeddah. His Excellency welcomed the audience, then spoke about the importance of constructive criticism of historical events related to the conflicts that arose between Muslims, calling for the importance of vigilance and not accepting the news and biographies that are narrated until after investigating them deeply and ensuring their authenticity and accuracy. His Excellency also talked about some of the outcomes of the visit of the Ummah's scholars to Afghanistan between August 31 to September 5, 2023, pointing to the positive response that was sensed from the authorities there by opening religious schools at all levels



for boys and girls, noting that this is a step in the right direction, and praise be to Allah. The meeting discussed the decisions issued by the previous meeting, and several new decisions were issued, notably:

- Sending all issues of IIFA Journal that the committee has already reviewed from 21st issue onwards to Al-Mufakiroon Printing and Publishing Company to typeset them and prepare

them for printing with the same previous specifications and formats.

- Preparing a concept paper for a scientific symposium on: Hajj calamities and developments, in order to study some important calamities that did not exist in past eras, and to invite senior scholars and muftis from countries of the Muslim world to participate in it.
- Emptying the Academy's warehouse located on Quraysh Street in Jeddah as soon as possible.
- Searching for financing organization to help design an application that may contain the digital version of the Academy's publications, sessions, and magazines, in addition to communicating with Jarir Bookstore to agree with it on marketing the publications of the Academy in paper and digital forms.

## 49th Divisions Meeting



H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, chaired the forty-ninth meeting of divisions' heads, on Thursday, 29 Safar 1445, corresponding to September 14, 2023, at the headquarters of the Secretariat General in Jeddah. At the

beginning of the meeting, His Excellency welcomed the divisions' heads and thanked them for their regular attendance at these periodic meetings. His Excellency informed the audience of the success of the second visit to Afghanistan with the participation of a delegation that includes about 30 scholars from various countries as a follow-up to the first visit by the delegation last year. The attendees then discussed previous meeting's decisions; new decisions were made, notably:

- Preparing to hold a symposium: "The Family Foundation: Challenges and Prospects" in cooperation with the Islamic Youth Forum in Turkey.
- Sending the latest version of the

"Encyclopaedia of the Academy's Scholars" to the Translation Department to translate the new additions and to review the entire translation for printing.

- Typesetting and printing the signed cooperation agreements in the three languages.
- Dubbing the Academy's documentary into English and French, and publishing it on the website.
- Reconsider previous agreements, and ensure that the signatory parties are willing to renew them.
- Create an official account for the Academy on "Instagram", and the Director of Family Department will manage it.

