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IIFA organizes Economic Fiqh Symposium on Cryptocurrencies



The scientific symposium on cryptocurrencies, organized by the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) in Jeddah in cooperation and partnership with the Department of Islamic Affairs and Charitable Activities in the Emirate of Dubai, United Arab Emirates, took place on Monday 03 Rabi al-Thani 1443 - 08 November 2021. The event was opened by His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Abdullah bin Humaid, President of the Academy, Royal Court Advisor, Member of the Council of Senior Scholars, and Imam-Khatib of the Al-Masjid Al-Haram, who welcomed the honorable guests and highly appreciating their participation. His Excellency pointed out that the topic of the symposium is one of the contemporary financial issues that require collective Ijtihad in which Sharia scholars collaborate with economists to clarify the appropriate Sharia ruling over it. He also stressed that the topic being prone to Ijtihad in which scholars and experts should strive to answer the questions of Muslims around the world regarding cryptocurrencies. His Excellency also expressed his thanks and gratitude to the Department of Islamic Affairs and Charitable Activities in Dubai, for their cooperation with the Academy in organizing this symposium. H.E. the Secretary General of the Academy, Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, delivered the keynote address of the opening ceremony, where he expressed his sincere thanks to the host country, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, for its continuous support and great facilities it provides to the Academy to carry out its activities in a simple and smooth manner. He also expressed his thanks and appreciation to the OIC Secretary General, H.E. Dr. Yousef Al-Othaimeen, for his continuous support to the Academy's activities and programs and commended the special care and great concern that the Academy receives from the President of the Academy, H.E. Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Abdullah

bin Humaid. He also expressed his great appreciation for the strategic partnership with the Department of Islamic Affairs and Charitable Activities in Dubai. His Excellency then welcomed the honorable guests of the Academy, noting the distinguished presence of this symposium, in which many scholars participated with important research papers, analyzing cryptocurrencies from the perspective of Sharia and economics. His Excellency expressed his confidence that scholars and researchers participating in this symposium will reach conclusions and resolutions that will benefit those working in this field and contribute to the development of the Islamic finance and banking sector. This was followed by the speech of H.E. Dr. Hamad bin Sheikh Ahmed Al Shaibani, Director General of the Department of Islamic Affairs and Charitable Activities of the Emirate of Dubai, who praised the symposium's excellent organization and the valuable inputs of scholars and researchers during the proceedings. His Excellency added that the Islamic Department in Dubai looks forward to its strategic partnership with the Academy to benefit from the global scientific capabilities and research expertise that the Academy abounds from all over the world and looks forward to more cooperation and coordination to organize many seminars on other topics of interest to both parties and to Muslims inside and outside the OIC Member states. It is worth noting that fifteen distinguished research papers were presented for discussion and debate during the proceedings, attended by prominent Shariah, economics and finance scholars from different legal schools, including H.E. Dr. Mohammed Al-Khalayleh, Minister of Awqaf, Islamic Affairs and Holy Places in Jordan, H.E. Dr. Fayadh Abd Al-Moneim Hassanein, former Egyptian Minister of Finance, Dr. Ahmed Abdel-Aziz Al-Haddad Grand, Mufti

and Director of the Ifta Department at the Department of Islamic Affairs and Charitable Activities in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, Dr. Abdul Latif Al-Mahmoud from Bahrain, Prof. Abdul Ghaffar Al-Sharif from Kuwait, Dr. Abdul-Bari Mishaal, Prof. Munther Kahf, Prof. Mohamad Akram Laldin from Malaysia, Dr. Burhan Arabona from Bahrain, Dr. Khawla Al-Nubani from Jordan, Dr. Mayada Al-Hassan from Syria, Dr. Majid Al-Kindi from the Sultanate of Oman, Dr. Muhammad Ayada Al-Kubaisi from Iraq, Dr. Mutlaq Al-Jasser from Kuwait, Dr. Mahdi Belwafi from Algeria, Dr. Muhammad Al-Bashari, Secretary General of the World Council of Muslim Communities, Mr. Hassan Al-Marzouki from the United Arab Emirates, and Dr. Moataz Abu Jaib from Syria, and other internationally renowned scholars and researchers.



Speech by His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Abdullah bin Humid, IIFA President, at the opening of the Cryptocurrencies Symposium



Praise be to Allah Almighty, The Lord of the Worlds. May His blessings and peace be upon the seal of the prophets, our Prophet Mohammad al-Amin, and his family and companions. His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), His Excellency Dr. Hamad bin Sheikh Ahmed Al Shaibani, Director General of the Department of Islamic Affairs and Charitable Activities in the Emirate of Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Excellencies, Eminences, and Distinguished Guests, undoubtedly, the subject of digital currencies in general, and cryptocurrencies in particular is one of the most intricate aspects of the era, which has witnessed different and divergent juristic opinions and indeed conflicting fatwas. We are continuously caught by surprise with new information and revealed secrets related to these very complex currencies. Secrets containing vague and complex information that was not clear before. New information hidden before is now revealed to all about these new currencies. Therefore, it is not surprising that the scholars of Shariah should work collaboratively with the scholars of economics and finance in order to study this new financial phenomenon in depth, to reflect on them thoughtfully. This will allow them to reach a suitable fatwa and most likely to be the intended ruling of the Shariah. Distinguished guests, as it is known to all of you, currencies have witnessed many developments throughout history since it became an intermediary for the exchange of goods, benefits and rights, and a criterion

for the values of things. Over decades and centuries people considered gold and silver as the main medium of dealing and exchange. These were then replaced with dirham and dinar. Finally, people adopted paper notes and metal currencies. As a result, countries developed their own currencies as a binding intermediary for exchange and the standard of values in dealing with other countries. The paper notes and metal coins will continue to create new developments and modification to currency issues in search of new mediums and means of exchange and dealing that new generations may consider as benefits of new technological development and communication. Hence, the theme of this important symposium cryptocurrencies, is timely and is part of the phenomenon of natural progression with regards to money matters and the constant change in mediums of exchange. In view of the reputation of the Academy's fatwas among the OIC member states, and its tradition of consulting specialized scholars, the ruling that you would conclude will have a great impact directly or indirectly on people's lives especially those interested in the business and financial sector. The greater impact will be on the Islamic financial sector which expects from this symposium a wise ruling based on collective ijtihad. Distinguished guests, it is incumbent upon us to reflect profoundly on this matter and related issues in order to elucidate the shariah perspective on them in terms of their lawfulness or otherwise. Certainly, one of noblest duties, and the most sacred act of worship is that the scholars do

their utmost to respond to challenges and new realities within society in accordance with the divine commandment 'To explain it to people and not to keep it secret' 'Al 'Imran:187 and the Prophetic tradition that 'The best among you is the one who learned the Qur'an and taught it'. Therefore, it is hoped that in this symposium you would carefully consider and reflect on the issue of cryptocurrencies and relevant issues so as to understand their reality, core objectives and their implications for the shariah ruling you would arrive at. I pray to Allah the Almighty to bestow His mercy upon you and to reward you abundantly for your great scholarly efforts. I must thank all for their participation in this symposium. I must especially thank their excellencies who came from abroad. I thank most specially the Secretariat General of the Academy for organizing this first face-to-face symposium since the pandemic broke out. Your Excellencies and honorable guests May Allah bless you. Be sincere and ask Allah the Almighty to endow you with the kind of knowledge He bestowed upon Prophet Suleiman. Finally, we supplicate Allah to have mercy and blessings upon the Prophet Mohammad and His Companions. Assalam Alaikum warahmatu Allah Wabarakatuh.



Speech by His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano at the Opening of the Cryptocurrencies Symposium

All Praise be to the Almighty Allah the Omniscient and the Best Opener. Our constant prayers and blessings be upon the beloved Prophet Mohammad who rescued humanity from darkness to light. Peace and blessings be upon his household and his companions and those who followed their path till the Day of Reckoning. The International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) has, since its establishment, been organizing conferences, holding seminars and workshops to articulate suitable shariah perspective that is capable of orienting people when new issues and challenges emerge. This will be according to the high objectives of the shariah and the universal principles of protecting religion, life, intellect, family, and property. Thus, we enlighten ourselves with the approach developed by the generation of the companions and the Imams of the schools of jurisprudence in light of the Qur'an, the Prophetic tradition, the high purposes of shariah and the universal juristic principles and foundations. In addition, we are bound to be conscious of the implications of actions. To this end, the Academy has over the years strictly adhered to the methodology of diligent collective Ijtihad arising from the cooperation between the scholars of the Ummah and its thinkers in order to achieve that desired integration, and that desired consensus between understanding reality and deep understanding of the Fiqh, and understanding of duty, when directing the challenges, providing updates, and rationalizing the new developments. In this way, the resolutions, verdicts, and declarations the Academy has issued over four decades have been well received and accepted throughout the world. Based on this judicious methodology, we've organised this juristic economic symposium in order to elaborate on the appropriate shariah perspectives on



this significant financial matter referred to as digital cryptocurrencies as the most important development in finance and business in the modern era. Interest in them, conceptually, intellectually, and practically, is growing day by day, and it is impossible to escape from this reality or avoid it. It is therefore absolutely urgent for scholars to embark on rigorous ijtihad in order to understand their nature, objectives, and implications. It is a matter of examining and scrutinizing to determine the intended meaning of the shariah. The purpose of this specialized and focused symposium is to achieve the right ruling and prudent opinion on a number of fundamental issues related to cryptocurrencies. As such, we will deal with many issues surrounding this new development in business and finance starting with its definition its origin, types, circulation and spread, and to elucidate issues in terms of it being a commodity or utility, in terms of being a financial asset, or a digital asset, and in terms of being assessed or financed, to indicate the extent to which the subjective characteristics of cryptocurrencies affect their financial monetary characteristics known in Islamic law. In the end, it is expected to reach a recommendation containing the appropriate statement of shariah ruling, that will be submitted to the twenty-fifth session of the Council of the Academy, which is scheduled to be held soon. As we pray that the Merciful and the Omniscient bestow His mercy on us to accomplish this important task, the Secretariat General of the Academy seizes this opportunity to express its great thanks and gratitude to the Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), H.E. Dr. Yousef bin Ahmed Al-Othaimen,

for his continued support for the Academy, and to express its great gratitude and great appreciation to the President of the Academy, His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Abdullah bin Humaid, member of the Council of Senior Scholars, Imam of the Grand Holy Mosque of Makkah, May God bless him. The Secretariat General also seizes this occasion to express its thanks to the excellencies, dignitaries and researchers who have prepared valuable research that ably responds to issues mentioned above, and to the honourable participants for their indulgence and the trouble of traveling, far and wide to participate in the enrichment of this symposium with their thought and knowledge. The Secretariat General also expresses its appreciation for the strategic partnership with the Department of Islamic Affairs and Charitable Activities in the Emirate of Dubai, United Arab Emirates, whose strong support has made this symposium become a reality. Last but not least, the Secretariat General of the Academy seizes this opportunity to renew its abundant thanks and great gratitude to the host country of the Headquarters, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, for providing the Academy with all the support, all the care, and facilitation. May Allah sustain for its wise leadership and its proud people, security, stability, and prosperity. Finally, thanks and appreciation to all those who contributed for the success of this symposium. We supplicate Allah the Almighty to make it a good beginning of a new era after the emerging Corona pandemic. Allah says the truth, and He guides us to the right path. We aspire for reform as much as we can, and our success is in the Hands of Allah. In Him we trust, and to Him we shall return.



Speech by His Excellency Dr. Hamad bin Sheikh Ahmed Al Shaibani, Director General of the Department of Islamic Affairs and Charitable Activities in the Emirate of Dubai at the opening of the cryptocurrencies symposium



In the name of Allah, the most Merciful, the most Compassionate. Praise be to Allah. Blessings and peace be upon our faithful prophet, all the prophets, and his family and companions. Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen, greetings from Almighty Allah. Peace be upon you and the mercy and blessings of Allah. Good morning brothers/sisters, I bring to you from the United Arab Emirates' government and people to the custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, to His Royal Highness the Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman Al Saud, may Allah bless them and protect them and the people of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. You are the ones who carry every day the trust of this Muslim Ummah, which you have been honored to work under. From this great point of view, let me review some of the features of changes dictated by the conditions of globalization in the most important component of its creation, namely the economy the nerve of this life. We can recall with it the economic crisis that the world has experienced, and we have felt the difficulty of the effects it has had on the savings of nations, communities, and individuals. It will not be a salvation to overcome those crises except to refer to the most important component of the economy, namely the Islamic economy. The Department of Islamic Affairs and Charitable Activities in Dubai, UAE, has been at the forefront in dealing with these issues, the most important of which are cryptocurrencies. Thus, pieces of research were presented on this matter. The Department was honored to host the Forth Symposium of the Fiqh of Islamic

Economics Forum from April 22-23, 2018, and among its recommendations as follows:

- Call for international coordination to develop frameworks and laws to control the issuance of virtual currencies, their trading mechanisms, and protection of its customers.
 - Create economic outlook observatories to track variables, provide future economic insights and examine the opportunities and challenges of the digital economy and virtual currencies.
- It was also part of the program and schedule of the conference of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy in its 24th session held in the United Arab Emirates, Dubai from 7-9 Rabi al-Awal 1441, 4-6 November 2019, where the Academy issued resolution 237 and the summary from the preamble is the following:
- Through the research presented and the discussions that have taken place, it has

been found that there are issues affecting the shariah ruling that are still under consideration, including:

- The nature of cryptocurrency, is it a commodity, a utility, an investment financial asset or a digital asset?
- Is the cryptocurrency legally denominated and funded?
- Given the above and the great risks and instability of dealing with these currencies, the Council recommends further research and study of issues affecting the ruling. We are fulfilling the recommendation of the Academy's resolution to hold this Symposium, which will discuss with serious and special focus on the Shariah ruling adopted by Muslims who are waiting for a resolution from their esteemed Academy. This will close the door of questioning a lot about its ruling, especially with the conflicting fatwas in the world between unlawfulness and permissibility. We ask Allah Almighty to grant success to all to reach a convincing result and a collective Academy fatwa. On behalf of the Department and my own behalf, I thank His Excellency Sheikh Saleh bin Abdullah bin Humaid, President of the Academy, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Mustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, and His Excellency Dr. Mohammed bin Suleiman Al-Jasser, President of the Islamic Development Bank, the management of the Academy and all its staff and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation represented by the UAE Consulate in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Assalam Alaikum wa Rahmatu Allah wa Barakatuh.



Jordanian Minister of Awqaf visits IIFA Secretariat General



H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), received H.E. Dr. Mohammed Al-Khalayleh, Minister of Awqaf, Islamic Affairs and Holy Places of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, and his accompanying delegation on Tuesday 04 of Rabi al-Thani 1443 - 09 November 2021, at the headquarters of the Secretariat General of the Academy in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. His Excellency the Secretary General welcomed his esteemed guest, thanking him for this important visit, expressing his thanks and appreciation to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan for its support to the Academy from its inception to date. His Excellency also gave the guest and his delegation an overview of the structure of the Academy, its objectives,

activities and achievements in the last period and the developments it has witnessed, noting in this regard the prestigious position and great appreciation the Academy enjoys from the OIC Member States, commending the efforts made by Jordanian scientific institutions in promoting moderation and renouncing violence. His Excellency also expressed his aspiration for more strategic partnerships between the Academy and Member States, especially in the area of joint organization of seminars, conferences and workshops on issues and developments, as well as the Academy's keenness to cooperate with official institutions in order to invite the most distinguished scholars and researchers to the conferences it organizes. On his part, H.E. Dr. Mohammed Al-Khalayleh expressed his joy and gratitude to the Secretary General for the warm welcome and commended the remarkable developments witnessed by the Academy at all levels, especially with regard to direct and continuous communication with the Member States and their leading scientific institutions. His Excellency also praised the effective and professional organization of the Academy's conferences and seminars, which enables scholars and researchers to fully exercise their scientific role, which is particularly evident in the valuable resolutions

and recommendations issued by the Academy since its establishment, which have become an official reference for all Islamic fiqh academies and fatwa institutions in the Muslim world and beyond. The meeting was attended by H.E. Ambassador Jaafar Mohammed Jaafar, Consul General of Jordan, Mr. Ziad Al-Beik, Director of Cabinet of H.E. the Jordanian Minister of Awqaf, Ms. Sarah Amjad Hussein, Director of Family and Women's Affairs Department at the Academy, Mr. Mohammed Al-Idrisi, Director of Media and Information Technology Department, Mr. Mourad TLiLi, Advisor to the Secretary-General for Public Relations and Media, and Mr. Amjad Ibrahim, Head of the Protocol Division.



H.E Permanent Representative of the Arab Republic of Egypt bids farewell to the Secretary-General

H.E. Ambassador Mohamed Najm, Permanent Representative of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), accompanied by H.E. Mr. Mustapha Hassanein, Advisor at the Consulate General, paid a courtesy visit to H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), on Thursday 13 Rabi al-Thani 1443 - 18 November 2021, at the headquarters of the Academy in Jeddah. His Excellency expressed his sincere thanks and gratitude to the Secretary General for the warm welcome, noting in this regard that this visit would be his last to the Academy, as he was coming to the end of his official term as the Permanent Representative of his country to the OIC, and he had come especially to bid farewell, and to express his appreciation and admiration for the qualitative changes and meaningful development that the Secretariat General of the Academy has witnessed, both at the administrative level and at the scientific and intellectual level since H.E. Professor Sano assumed his duties as Secretary General of the Academy a year ago, praising His Excellency's willingness to unify the voice of the Ummah, to disseminate authentic concepts and to promote the values of moderation and pacifism. His Excellency concluded his speech by expressing his aspiration to strengthen cooperation and coordination between the Academy and the Arab Republic of Egypt through the new Permanent Representative to the OIC, who will arrive in Jeddah soon, wishing His Excellency and the Academy success in carrying out the activities and programs contained in the Academy's



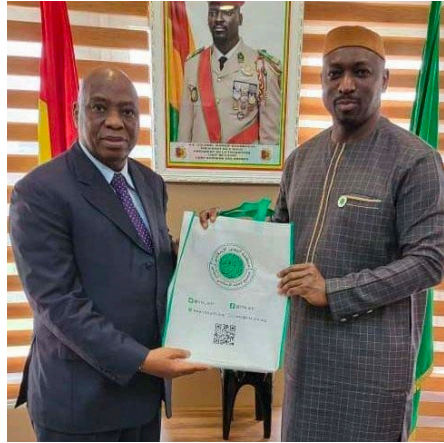
strategic plan. His Excellency also affirmed that he is fully prepared to provide all the necessary support and services for the success of the Academy's various programs and projects. His Excellency welcomed the Ambassador and thanked him and the Egyptian delegation for their visit, which shows their appreciation to the Academy. It also affirms the sincere desire to foster cooperation and communication between the Academy and the scientific and religious institutions of the Arab Republic of Egypt. His Excellency also lauded the keenness he saw during his official visit to Egypt, to strengthen cooperation and coordination between the Academy and the institutions concerned with the issues discussed by the Academy through its resolutions and conferences, particularly Mashyakhat Al-Azhar, Dar Al-Ifta and Al-Azhar University. On this occasion, His Excellency expressed his deep appreciation and gratitude to His Excellency the Ambassador for the support and care he has

provided to the Academy during his tenure as the Permanent Representative of his country to the OIC. His Excellency also expressed his regrets at the Ambassador's departure at this time, having left a good impression and memory to all those who knew and interacted with him and wished him success in his new assignment in Egypt. The Secretary General concluded his speech by stating that the Academy will continue to work and communicate with the new Permanent Representative, as well as with Egyptian scientific institutions and centers involved in common issues and grounds, as the Academy will soon sign a partnership and cooperation agreement with the Egyptian Ministry of Awqaf, confirming the strength of bilateral relations with Egypt and in recognition of its outstanding scientific contributions to the Muslim world. The meeting was attended by Mr. Mondher Al Chouk, Director of Cabinet Affairs and Protocols at the Academy, Ms. Sarah Amjad, Director of Family and Women's Affairs, and Mr. Mourad TLiLi, Advisor to the Secretary General.



Guinean Foreign Minister receives Secretary General in Conakry

H.E. Dr. Morissanda Kouyate, Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation, African Integration and Guineans Abroad, received on Wednesday 19 Rabi al-Thani 1443 - 24 November 2021, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), at the headquarters of the Ministry in Conakry, Republic of Guinea. The Minister welcomed his guest and congratulated him for the role he played in enhancing the country's reputation through his outstanding performance in managing the Academy, and expressed his commitment, as well as that of the Guinean government, to strengthen cooperative relations with the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and all its



institutions, including the Academy which is headed by a Guinean citizen. He also expressed the readiness of his Ministry to support the various projects and programs of the Academy aimed at promoting peace and tolerance in the world. On his part, H.E. Professor Sano thanked the Minister for the warm welcome filled with feelings of affection, appreciation, and brotherhood. His Excellency seized this opportunity to express his great gratitude and appreciation to the Republic of Guinea for its continued support to the Academy. His Excellency concluded his speech by expressing his aspiration to establish strategic partnerships between the Academy and scientific and religious institutions in the Republic of Guinea.

The Ministers of Finance and Treasury receive IIFA Secretary General in Conakry



H.E. Dr. Lanciné Condé, Minister of Economy, Finance and Planning, and H.E. Mr. Moussa Cissé, Minister of Treasury and Budget of Guinea, welcomed H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), on Thursday 20 Rabi al-Thani 1443 - 25 November 2021 at the headquarters of the Ministry of Finance in Conakry, Republic of Guinea. The two ministers expressed their

thanks and appreciation for His Excellency's visit to the Ministry and praised on this occasion that his appointment as head of the Secretariat General of the world's greatest global religious authority is a source of pride for every Guinean citizen, and indeed for every African citizen, given that His Excellency is the first African Secretary General from a non-Arabic speaking country. Moreover, His Excellency's performance as the head of the Secretariat General of the Academy is a source of appreciation, pride, and joy. His Excellency the Minister of Finance then affirmed the commitment of the Government of the Republic of Guinea to support the Academy and to strengthen relations and cooperation with all the organs of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), in particular the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB), commending in this respect the support of the OIC and its various organs for various development projects and programs aimed at combating poverty in the Republic of Guinea.

On his part, His Excellency the Secretary General thanked His Excellency the Minister of Finance and His Excellency the Minister of the Treasury for the warm welcome, congratulating them on their appointment as two young ministers in the transitional government, and wishing them every success in their tasks at this sensitive stage the country is going through. His Excellency also took the opportunity to express his great gratitude and appreciation to the Republic of Guinea for its continuous support to the Academy since its inception, expressing his aspiration that the Ministries of Finance and Treasury would support the Academy Waqf Fund. His Excellency also expressed the readiness of the Academy to provide intellectual and technical support to various endowment projects in the Republic of Guinea in order to improve its performance and modernize its working methods in accordance with Shariah provisions and the requirements of the times.

IIFA and UNA sign a Memorandum of Understanding

As part of strengthening the strategic partnership between the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) and the Union of News Agencies of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (UNA), and as an embodiment of the regional and international leadership role of both parties in supporting Islamic causes, and consolidating their common vision of rejecting extremism and violence and fighting terrorism by spreading the values of tolerance and moderation, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, and H.E. Mr. Mohammed bin AbdRabbo al-Yami, Acting Director General of the UNA, signed on Thursday 06 Rabi al-Thani 1443 - 11 November 2021, a Memorandum of Understanding between the two institutions at the Academy's headquarters in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. This agreement aims to coordinate and cooperate between the two parties scientifically, on a regular and periodic basis, in the public interest and within the scope and specialization of each party. The agreement also aims to jointly organize conferences, symposia, workshops, and training, to exchange publications and



represent each party in joint conferences and symposia in the field of common interest to both. It also aims to support coordination between the two sides in the production and dissemination of all types of media content that showcase the activities and projects of each side. Following the signing of the agreement, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano expressed his happiness and satisfaction with the fruitful and constructive cooperation among the institutions and bodies of the OIC, and also expressed his aspiration to implement all the terms and scope of the agreement, which would contribute to the

greater regional and international visibility of the Academy's activities and projects. His Excellency affirmed that concerted efforts, coordination, and continuous cooperation among the OIC-affiliated institutions would increase their efficiency and enable them to achieve their objectives and programs as planned. Under the terms of the memorandum, both parties have agreed to form a specialized committee that will meet as needed to determine the pathways and mechanisms for implementation according to the vision contained in the memorandum itself. The signing ceremony was attended by Mr. Younis Inayat, Director of Relations and Strategic Development in UNA, and Mr. Salah Mourad, Director of Marketing and Finance in UNA. From the Academy side, Mr. Mondher Chouk, Director of Cabinet Affairs and Protocols, Dr. Abdel-Fattah Abnaouf, Director of Planning and External Relations, Mr. Mohammed Al-Idrissi, Director of Media and Information Technology, and Mr. Mourad TLiLi, Advisor to the Secretary General for Public Relations and Media Affairs.

Secretary General attends the meeting of the Council of Muslim Elders in UAE



H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), participated on Tuesday 25 Rabi al-Thani 1443 - 30 November 2021, in the 15th periodic meeting of the Council in Abu Dhabi, UAE. His Eminence the Grand Imam, Dr. Ahmed Al-Tayeb, Sheikh Al-Azhar Al-Sharif, President of the Council of Muslim Elders, opened the meeting by expressing his deep thanks to the members of the Council for their presence. He also expressed his aspiration for the Council's active presence and participation in areas of peace, coexistence

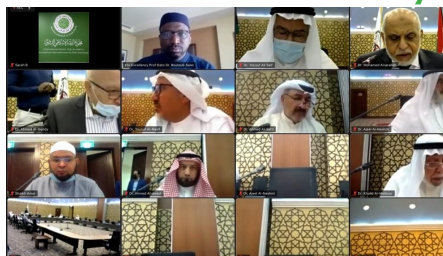
and tolerance in the world, noting in this regard the importance of fostering the role of the Council at all levels to optimally advance its message. His Eminence also called on the Secretariat General of the Council to benefit from the expertise and experience of the members in order to improve the performance of the Council. After a thorough review of the report of the Secretariat General, the members made comments and suggestions for the improvement. Over the course of four consecutive hours, the members discussed many important programs and future projects of the Council. The Council issued a final statement that included a call to Muslim countries and communities for cooperation, solidarity, support, tolerance and the promotion of peace and moderation, and a call to scholars and clerics to play an effective role in raising awareness of the effects of climate change and the importance of environmental preservation. The statement also expressed the Council's intention to hold the next edition of its "East-

West Dialogue 2022" initiative in the Kingdom of Bahrain during the first half of next year. It is worth mentioning that the Muslim Council of Elders is an independent international body whose objective is to promote peace in Muslim communities and to avoid conflicts and divisions among them. It is independent in the management of its affairs and in the expression of its opinion on the issues it deals with. It is composed of a group of Muslim scholars known for their wisdom, sense of justice, independence, and moderation.



Secretary General delivers a speech at the opening of the symposium on the problems of workers in the fields of Obstetrics and Gynecology

The Islamic Organization for Medical Sciences in the State of Kuwait invited His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), to deliver a keynote speech at the opening of a medical jurisprudence symposium on "Problems of workers in the fields of obstetrics and gynecology, and test-tube babies from an ethical perspective." on Saturday 1st Rabi' al-Thani 1443 - 6 November 2021 by virtual communication. H.E began his speech by expressing his thanks and appreciation to the Islamic Organization for Medical Sciences for their efforts in directing calamities based on the provisions of the noble Shariah. He also expressed his pleasure for dedicating this symposium to obtain satisfactory Fiqh answers to the questions and problems facing workers in the public health sector in general and the obstetrics and gynecology sector in particular. To that end he suggested to the shariah jurists and muftis who might want to respond to the questions of the public health workers by saying: "The clarification of Sharia rulings on the problems facing workers in the fields of gynecology, obstetrics and test-tube baby should be based on holistic rules, shariah rules, methodological foundations, upon which the Mufti relies, and proceeds through it, enlightening him the way and enabling him to give the shariah rulings and the effective solutions to the problems that this symposium poses. Among those rules there is: First: the general principles of Shariah: By that I mean: the noble Quran and the honorable prophetic hadiths that commanded to preserve and protect oneself, the obligation of seeking medical care, the obligation of cleanliness, the prohibition of harming oneself, and other rules of the noble Shariah. These Quranic and hadith texts represent general principles that must be implemented in order to establish the legal rulings and effective solutions to the problems



we face, given that the generality contained in these texts is generality in time, place, person, condition, and situation, and is not limited to an era, or to a country, but is rather meant to all generations, to all times, and to all countries. Secondly: the general purposes of Shariah and the attention to its ranks: it is agreed that the sources of legislation refer to the Quran and the Sunnah, and that there is no emerging issue, whether it is small or large, but that does have a ruling in them, either an explicit text, or a sign and a gesture, and this is known by the trustworthy and capable scholars. The Almighty said: {And when there comes to them something [i.e., information] about [public] security or fear, they spread it around. But if they had referred it back to the Messenger or to those of authority among them, then the ones who [can] draw correct conclusions from it would have known about it.} An-Nisa: 83. The knowledge of the secrets, the wisdom, and purposes hidden inside the Shariah texts, would enable the Muslim to comply with the provisions of Shariah seamlessly and with reassurance, comfort, and stability. And Since it is agreed that all the shariah rulings were issued in order to preserve five necessary objectives, which are the preservation of the soul, the preservation of the religion, the preservation of offspring, the preservation of the mind, and the preservation of money, then the vast majority of people who are knowledgeable in Usul, Usul (Methodology of Islamic Jurisprudence) consider the

preservation of the soul a priority over the rest of the purposes, and therefore, it is possible to sacrifice all of them for the sake of self-preservation, which means to abandon compliance with religion if that leads to the loss of the soul, as is the case of forced disbelief, severe illness, severe hunger and other emergencies and pandemics. Thirdly: the use of legal maxims: The maxims represent summaries of texts and purposes, that arise in human life, and therefore, these summaries are answers to a number of emerging and renewed new questions and are used by the astute jurist in responding to new challenges and presenting the comprehensiveness of the Shariah and its ability to keep pace with everything new. Accordingly, there are maxims that are capable of clarifying the Shariah rulings for every development and incident, and among the most important of these maxims is the maxim "no harm to either party", the maxim "necessity permits prohibition", the maxim "rulers' actions towards the subjects is dependent on the public interest", the maxim "rule of warding off corruption takes precedence over bringing benefits", the maxim "harm is removed", the maxim "hardship brings ease", and the maxim "actions depend on purposes", and so forth. Fourthly: Paying attention to the consequences of actions: the reliance on consequences is a blessed Shariah principle, and a familiar behavior from shariah in a number of rulings mentioned in the Quran and the Sunnah. This due to the fact that adopting or rejecting an established ruling in the Shariah depends on the consequences of doing or refraining from doing. This means that the shariah ruling does not mean the necessity of compliance or refraining from it, but it is correct to comply with it if it does not result in a significant corruption. These are brief contributions to enable the Muftis to know the foundations of fatwas and ijtihad in various emerging medical or moral issues."

Guinean Minister of Religious Affairs receives Secretary General in Conakry

H.E. Mr. Karamo Diawara, Minister of Religious Affairs of the Republic of Guinea, received H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), on Saturday 22 Rabi al-Thani 1443 - 27 November 2021 at the Ministry's headquarters in Conakry, Republic of Guinea. H.E. the Minister expressed his sincere thanks to the Secretary General for his visit to the Ministry and his meeting with the Directors General of the different departments. He also expressed his great appreciation and pleasure for the qualitative developments and changes that the Academy is witnessing since a Guinean citizen assumed the post of the Secretary General Secretariat of the Academy, praising also the achievements and historical footprints left by the Secretary General during his tenure at the Ministry of Religious Affairs in Guinea twelve years ago. During this period the Ministry witnessed its greatest development and its most profound change in its history since Guinea's independence. In this regard, H.E. noted the Ministry's aspiration to benefit from the renowned expertise of H.E. the Secretary General, and his distinguished relations with the outside world, particularly the OIC Member States, in order to strengthen the relationships between his Ministry and the Ministries of Islamic and Religious Affairs within Member States. He also called on the Secretary General to assist his Ministry to carry out the tasks entrusted to it in the dissemination



of temperance, moderation, tolerance, and peaceful coexistence among the followers of different religions. Finally, he mentioned the firm will of the Ministry to build a strategic partnership with the Academy, especially with a view to enabling Guinean institutions, organizations, associations, and religious centers to benefit from the Academy's sessions, resolutions, recommendations, and publications, as well as the participation of Guinean scholars in the various conferences, symposia and workshops organized by the Academy. On his part, H.E. the Secretary General expressed his thanks and gratitude to His Excellency the Minister and his assistants for the warm reception and praise that he heard from His Excellency. He congratulated him on his appointment as Minister of Religious Affairs, noting his merit of this position because of his distinguished scientific stature and long experience in the ministry, in addition to his good values and exemplary behavior, especially moderation, sincerity,

patience and humility. His Excellency also expressed his sincere thanks to the wise leadership for the support and care that the Academy has enjoyed since its establishment to date, noting that the new leadership of the country is committed to continue supporting and caring for the Academy through the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Religious Affairs. On the other hand, His Excellency expressed his full readiness to provide the necessary guidance and desired support to His Excellency the Minister and his deputies to achieve their aspirations of success and accomplishment, stressing the desire of the Academy to build an exemplary strategic partnership with the Ministry. To achieve this, the Secretariat General of the Academy is ready to sign a cooperation agreement with the Ministry in the coming days to meet all the aspirations of the Ministry in terms of support, coordination, and communication. His Excellency the Secretary General concluded by inviting His Excellency the Minister to visit the headquarters of the Secretariat General of the Academy in Jeddah soon. It is worth mentioning that the Ministry of Religious Affairs of the Republic of Guinea is called the Secretariat General of Religious Affairs, it reports directly to the Presidency of the Republic and is a member of the Ministerial Council. The Republic of Guinea was the first non-Arab African country to establish a Ministry of Islamic Affairs in the late 1970s, even though it is a secular state under the constitution.

Secretary General speaks about Green Finance at IFD2021 in Kuala Lumpur



On Wednesday, 12 Rabi al-Thani 1443 - 17 November 2021, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Mustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), participated in the Fourth Islamic Fintech Dialogue Conference, organized by the International Academy for Shariah Research in Islamic Finance Malaysia (ISRA) in partnership with the International University of Islamic Finance Malaysia (INCEIF). His Excellency delivered the opening speech at the third session of the conference, in which he addressed the importance of leveraging emerging technologies to meet the objectives of Shariah in the field of green and sustainable finance. His Excellency also expressed his happiness to participate in this important conference in terms of the topics and issues it addresses to foster Islamic finance in the current era by enabling it to keep pace with the ongoing developments and changes in this vital field and important sector and highlighting what this type of financing

contains in terms of effective solutions to economic and financial crises and calamities. In confirmation of this aspirational role of Islamic finance, His Excellency emphasized the openness of Shariah to benefit from the latest means and technologies by using them to accomplish various contemporary economic and financial activities, programs, and projects. He also called upon scholars and researchers in the field of Islamic finance and economics to give financial technology its due research and study because of its direct and strong impact on the future of the contemporary Islamic financial industry. Then His Excellency pointed out that the means and tools of financial transactions in general are numerous and evolve with the development of times and eras, while Shariah, being very flexible, has made these means permissible in principle, and did not oblige people to follow a specific method, but left it to the circumstances of time and place, and according to the needs and facts that change according to the place, time, situation, and condition. His Excellency added that it is necessary to refer to the objectives of Shariah related to transactions, such as the objectives of circulation, steadiness, stability, and others, when choosing the means and tools in order to select the most effective and the best. Regarding Islam's view on green finance, His Excellency explained the importance of this type of finance, which aims to spend money in funding activities and programs that

preserve the environment clean and free from pollution that is harmful to the life and future of mankind on the planet. His Excellency pointed out that Islam gives great rewards to those who plant trees, so any human, animal, or bird will eat from them. Therefore, it is permissible from Shariah perspective, to spend Zakat funds and mobilize Awqaf and wills for this purpose. His Excellency concluded his speech by expressing his satisfaction with the partnership between the Academy and the International Shariah Research Academy in Islamic Finance in Malaysia (ISRA), which organized this conference, wishing for more cooperation and coordination with all specialized authorities in Malaysia and other OIC Member states in order to benefit from the scientific expertise and vast capabilities of the Academy to achieve their goals and serve Muslims worldwide.



M. Al Mondher El-Chok Represents IIFA in the 16th meeting of SMIIC



Mr. Mohamed Mondher Al-Chouk, Director of Cabinet Affairs and Protocol at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), represented the Academy at the sixteenth meeting of the General Assembly of the Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIIC) of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) on Tuesday 27 Rabi al-Awal 1443 -2 November 2021 in Medina, Saudi Arabia. Mr. Al Chouk delivered the speech on behalf

of His Excellency the Secretary General at the opening session of the conference, praising the distinguished relationship between the Academy and SMIIC since its establishment, especially the positive cooperation that exists between the Institute and the Secretariat General of the Academy in achieving the legal standards for the Halal industry in sacrifices, food, and beverages in order to realize the aspirations of the Muslim Ummah in promoting the halal industry that is regulated by Islamic standards. He also praised the role played by the OIC in establishing the Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries "SMIIC" whose membership includes forty-five (45) Islamic countries, and fourteen (14) specialized regional and international organization. The Academy has cooperated with the Institute since its establishment in expressing the Shariah

ruling on halal standards and specifications and their many annexes. He called on Islamic countries to work on adopting the Shariah standards for halal products, such as foods, medicines, and clothing, and to cooperate and complement each other in the field of producing and trading halal products so that their food, medicine, and other products are self-produced in accordance with the provisions of their religion and Shariah. He also recommended opening specialized departments for teaching halal and Islamic economics in faculties of commerce, business and finance in institutes and universities to keep pace with the increasing demand. In its current meeting, the General Assembly discussed a number of technical, financial, and administrative issues, as well as several reports on the performance and achievements of the Secretariat General of the Institute.

Mr. Al-Idrissi represents IIFA at the UAE Embassy's National Day Celebration

Mr. Mohammed Walid Al-Idrissi, Director of Media, Public Relations and Information Technology Department, represented the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) on Wednesday 26 Rabi al-Thani 1443 - 1 December 2021 at the UAE Embassy's celebrating the 50th national day, in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The participation of the Academy came at the invitation of His Excellency the Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates

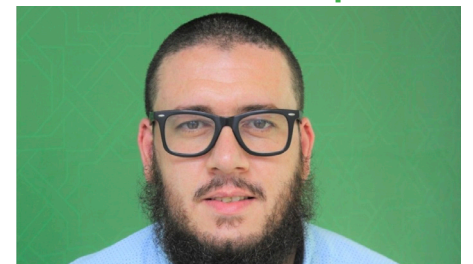


to the Kingdom, His Highness Sheikh Nahyan bin Saif Al Nahyan. Mr. Al-Idrissi extended the congratulations of the Academy on behalf of the Secretariat General to the leaders and people of the UAE, wishing them continued security, stability, and prosperity. It should be noted that the UAE is a founding member of the Academy and has already hosted four (4) of the Academy's twenty-four (24) annual sessions.

Mr Jawzi Lardjane participates in the First Virtual Conference of Arabic Wikipedia

Mr Jawzi Lardjane, Head of the Translation Division at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), participated on Friday 11 Rabi Al-Awal 1443 – 8 October 2021 in the first online conference of Arabic Wikipedia, organized by Wikipedia Arab World in cooperation with the Wikimedia Foundation, with a paper entitled: Between English and French Wikipedia: Lessons and Positions. On his speech focused on the problems and challenges faced by Arabic and non-Arabic speaking readers and editors of Wikipedia and how to use other languages to enrich Arabic content on the one hand and to use the latter, on the other, to correct and guide the English and French content on

topics related to Islam and Islamic culture. Mr Lardjane drew attention to the need to unify the content and style in different languages on Wikipedia in order to contribute to the fight against Islamophobia, citing various statistics and studies. He stressed the importance of revising and correcting scientific and religious terms and concepts. He also stressed the importance of translation in enriching Arabic content on the internet in general and on Wikipedia in particular. Mr Lardjane recommended that the conference committee establish strategic partnerships with official and non-official organizations, citing the pioneering experience of IIFA in the field of Islamic knowledge and fatwas. In addition,



he pointed out that there are similarities between the concept of knowledge according to Wikipedia founders and the concept of knowledge-based and digital Awqaf, which represent modern means to develop and enrich knowledge in the virtual space.

13th Monthly IIFA Staff Meeting

His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the thirteenth monthly general meeting of the Academy's employees on Sunday, 2 Rabi al-Thani 1443 - 7 November 2021. His Excellency began the meeting by welcoming the attendees, praising the commendable efforts made by all the specialized committees concerned with preparing for the Academy's symposium on cryptocurrencies in the course of this week. His Excellency stressed the need for good preparation and harnessing all human and material capabilities for the success of the symposium and invited all the employees to attend the symposium to benefit from it as well as to learn about its outputs that affect us all. Then His Excellency talked



about his official visit to the UAE, where he briefed on the details of this visit, which achieved the goals set in advance, and during which the Academy signed three partnership and cooperation agreements with Emirati scientific and official institutions in Abu Dhabi and Sharjah, respectively. H.E. and the

accompanying delegation also visited a number of religious departments, and universities in order to see the valuable services and projects offered by these institutions to serve Muslims and followers of other religions in the UAE. The meeting resulted in a number of decisions, the most important of which are:

- Providing a comprehensive plan for re-printing Zayed's Encyclopedia of Fiqh and (Usul al-fiqh) Maxims.
- Coordination with Mohamed bin Zayed University for Human Sciences in order to prepare for the reissue of Zayed's Encyclopedia.
- Follow-up negotiations with the General Authority of Islamic Affairs in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi in order to host one of the upcoming sessions of the Academy.

25th Periodic Meeting of Divisions Heads



On Thursday, 6 Rabi al-Thani 1443 - 11 November 2021, His Excellency Koutoub Mustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the twenty-fifth periodic meeting of divisions' heads at the headquarters of the Academy in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. His Excellency started the meeting by welcoming the participants, thanking them for their appreciated efforts in the successful cryptocurrency symposium, organized by the

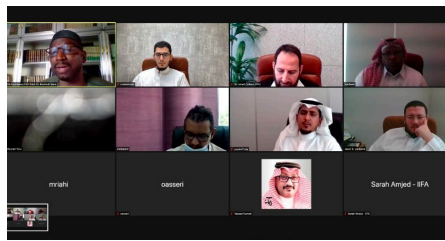
Academy on November 8. His Excellency conveyed to all the thanks and appreciation of H.E. Sheikh Saleh bin Humaid, President of the Academy, who admired the good organization of the symposium and praised its high level in terms of form and content, as the participation was of high caliber and some outstanding research papers were presented that influenced the general debate on the topic of cryptocurrencies. His Excellency also conveyed the praise and thanks of the strategic partner for organizing this symposium, the Department of Islamic Affairs and Charitable Activities of the Emirate of Dubai. His Excellency Dr. Hamad bin Sheikh Ahmed Al Shaibani, Director General of the Department, expressed his admiration for the good organization of the symposium and the high scientific level he witnessed, congratulating the Academy for this success looking forward to further cooperation in organizing other

symposiums in the future. His Excellency also referred to his last official visit to the United Arab Emirates and assured the participants of the success of the visit, as the Academy had signed three partnership and cooperation agreements with a number of religious and academic institutions. H.E. and the delegation of the Academy also visited a number of official institutions and universities to learn more about their experiences and discuss ways to foster cooperation and coordination with them. The meeting discussed several topics and issued several decisions, notably:

- Preparing of a revised version of the research papers submitted to the cryptocurrency symposium to be published as a brochure.
- Publishing the symposium's videos on the Academy's website and on its YouTube channel.
- Re-uploading the Book of Resolutions to the website after removing the Academy logo to make it easier to read for the public.

26th Periodic Meeting of Divisions Heads

On Thursday 20 Rabi al-Thani 1443 - 25 November 2021, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Mustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the twenty-sixth periodic meeting of the heads of divisions, via videoconferencing, from his residence in the Guinean capital Conakry. His Excellency started the meeting by welcoming the participants, thanking them for their good efforts to achieve and realize the objectives and programs of the Academy to the maximum. His Excellency urged everyone to exert maximum efforts and cooperate fully among all departments and divisions to overcome all obstacles and achieve the goals set for all in order to improve the status and reputation of the Academy inside and outside the Muslim world. His Excellency also congratulated the employees who had recently received promotions, wishing that



this would motivate them to give more, and promised to seek from the competent authorities to promote the rest of the employees who had not been promoted due to the lack of promotion conditions in their applications. His Excellency also referred to the forthcoming seminars that the Academy intends to organize in partnership with some religious institutions and centers in the Member States and requested the concerned

departments to prepare an integrated concept of these events to study them in all technical and financial aspects to ensure their success and excellence. His Excellency also requested the Department of Financial Affairs to present an alternative scenario to identify the costs of organizing an annual session in partnership with a number of public and private sector institutions within the Member States. The meeting discussed several topics and issued several decisions, notably:

- Full preparation for the 25th session of the Academy in the first quarter of 2022.
- Synopses of the researchers participating in the «crypto-currencies» conference to the research publication for the conference before its publication.
- Adding the «Seminars» icon to the Academy's website and uploading the necessary information to update it.

51st Weekly Meeting of Departments Directors

His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the fifty-first weekly meeting of the directors of the Academy's departments on Monday, 26 Rabi Al-Awal 1443 - 1 November 2021, via videoconferencing from his residence in the Emirate of Dubai, United Arab Emirates. His Excellency began by welcoming the attendees and thanking them for their regular attendance of the meetings, then spoke about the importance of good preparation for the scientific symposium that will be held on cryptocurrencies on November 8th, and reviewed with the specialized committees all issues related to the symposium, stressing the importance of continuous cooperation and coordination between all committees and departments to ensure the smooth running and success of the event. His Excellency then briefed the directors on the progress of his current official visit to the United Arab Emirates, where he signed on Monday a memorandum of cooperation with the

Department of Islamic Affairs and Charitable Activities in Dubai and looks forward to concluding more strategic partnerships with other institutions before the end of this week. His Excellency also added that an initial agreement has been reached with a number of Emirati institutions of common interest with the Academy to hold joint seminars and conferences that address issues of concern to both parties. Then the attendees discussed the items of decisions issued by the previous meeting, and follow-up on what has been achieved. Several decisions were issued by the meeting, the most important of which are:

- Writing to the researchers participating in the cryptocurrency symposium with scientific papers to provide a page summary of their research to be used in the brochure of the symposium.
- Develop an initial concept for a specialized scientific symposium on fatwas within Muslim communities to be held at the headquarters of the Secretariat General of the Academy in partnership with the

World Council of Muslim Communities.

- Continuous updating the new website of the Academy to ensure the correctness and accuracy of the information published to the public.
- Urging the Committee in charge of developing the main entrance of the headquarters of the Secretariat General in Jeddah to complete the amendments as soon as possible, coinciding with the holding of the cryptocurrency symposium.



52nd Weekly Meeting of Departments Directors

H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the fifty-second weekly meeting of the directors of the Academy directorate on Wednesday 5 Rabi al-Thani 1443 - 10 November 2021, at the headquarters of the Secretariat General in Jeddah, and with this meeting, the first year of administrative meetings will come to an end since His Excellency assumed the functions of the Secretariat General of the Academy. His Excellency started the meeting by welcoming the participants and thanked them for their regular attendance, then His Excellency spoke about the cryptocurrency symposium held last Monday, congratulating everyone on the success of the symposium, emphasizing the importance of teamwork and the spirit of cooperation between committees and employees, which had a great impact on



the success of this symposium at all levels. His Excellency also conveyed the praise of His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Humaid, President of the Academy, for the wonderful organization that contributed to the success of the symposium, calling on everyone to continue to work as a team in all future activities and programs of the Academy. The meeting reviewed the decisions issued by the

previous meeting and their follow-up. Several decisions were taken by this meeting, notably:

- Sending a letter of thanks and appreciation to the Makkah Branch of the Saudi Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and a special letter of thanks to the Director General of the Branch for facilitating all the procedures related to the symposium in particular, and all activities and programs of the Academy in general.
- Gathering all research presented at the cryptocurrency symposium and review it and the scientific discussions to be published in a booklet as part of the Academy's publications, as well as publish the keynote speeches in the news section of the Academy's website.
- Transcribing the content of the symposium including the recommendations of the participants and extracting a summary of the recommendations.

53rd Weekly Meeting of Departments Directors



H.E. Prof. Koutoub Mustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the fifty-third weekly meeting of the directors of the Academy's departments on Monday 10 Rabi al-Thani 1443 - 15 November 2021, at the headquarters of the Academy in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. His Excellency opened the

meeting by praising Allah, welcomed the participants and thanked them for their regular attendance at the meetings. Then His Excellency spoke about the Economic Fiqh Symposium on Cryptocurrencies organized by the Academy recently, renewing his congratulations to all for the symposium's success, noting the importance of organizing an urgent meeting to evaluate the symposium in all its aspects. His Excellency also called on all departments to start preparing for the upcoming symposiums of the Academy and prepare them well early to ensure their success. His Excellency then spoke about the need for meticulous financial planning of the Academy's activities and programs to ensure that they are properly funded by activating the partnerships that the Academy has recently signed with some regional institutions active in areas of common interests. His

Excellency emphasized the need to diversify the venues of the Academy's events within and outside the Member States so that the Academy reaches directly and effectively all segments of Muslims worldwide. The meeting discussed the decisions of the previous meeting, and their follow-up. Several decisions were taken by this meeting, notably:

- Organizing a specialized symposium on Ifta in Muslim Communities: Challenges and Prospects, in the first quarter of 2022.
- Launching a call for papers concerning the Ifta symposium in Muslim communities.
- Creating a participants database in all Academy events, each according to their specialization, to be used in upcoming scientific programs.

54th Weekly Meeting of Departments Directors

H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the fifty-fourth weekly meeting of the directors of the Academy's departments on Sunday, 16 Rabi al-Thani 1443 - 21 November 2021, at the headquarters of Academy in Jeddah. His Excellency opened the meeting by welcoming the attendees, expressing his thanks to all employees for their valuable and commendable contributions in issuing the twelfth issue of the Academy's monthly newsletter, praising the qualitative developments that the newsletter has known during a whole year, which would not have been achieved without the efforts of those in charge of it, noting in the meantime the importance of the newsletter as a mirror to the Academy and a link between the Secretariat General of the Academy and its members and experts, through which they can follow up on the activities, programs and projects of the Academy on a regular and continuous basis, and in addition to being a secure record of the Academy's activities and programs. His Excellency spoke about

the need to develop an integrated plan for holding the twenty-fifth annual session of the Academy during the first quarter of next year. His Excellency stressed the importance of starting the preparations for organizing the upcoming session in strategic partnership with a number of scientific and financial institutions with which the Secretariat General of the Academy signed cooperation agreements. On this occasion, His Excellency stressed that the priority remains always to organize the session in partnership with Member states, and in case this is not possible, it is necessary to search for strategic partners from the private sector, to ensure that the session is held each year. The meeting discussed the decisions of the previous meeting, and their follow-up. Several decisions were issued by this meeting, notably:

- Expedite the completion of the draft recommendations of the symposium on Digital Cryptocurrencies in order to present them to the participants as soon as possible to obtain their opinion on them before adopting them.
- Calling for research submission for

the twenty-fifth session of the Academy, in order to save time and shorten plenary sessions.

- Preparing detailed and periodic reports from all the Academy's departments on the tasks entrusted to them in preparation of the twenty-fifth session of the Academy.
- Preparing a comprehensive plan for a specialized scientific symposium on "Wills as an effective economic tool to combat poverty in societies", which will be held in partnership with the Department of Islamic Affairs and Charitable Activities in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.
- Designing and printing the issues of the Academy's newsletter combined in the form of a book containing all the issues of the past twelve months.



Closing Statement of Digital Crypto-Currencies Symposium



Closing Statement of Digital Crypto-Currencies Symposium held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Monday 03 Rabi Al-Thani 1443H / 8 November 2021G by International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) -Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)- in cooperation with Department of Islamic Affairs and Charitable Activities, Dubai United Arab Emirates. In the Name of Allah, The Entirely Merciful, The Especially Merciful Praise be to Allah, By Whose Grace good deeds are attained, and blessings and peace be upon who was sent as a mercy to the worlds, our master Mohammad, his family and all his companions. Thanks to Allah the Almighty, the Secretariat General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) organized, in cooperation with the Department of Islamic Affairs and Charitable Activities in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, on Monday 3 Rabi al-Thani 1443 - 8 November 2021 in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, at the Radisson Blu Hotel AlSalam, a scientific symposium entitled: "Digital Crypto-Currencies", in response to the Academy resolution no. 237 (24/8) concerning electronic currencies, issued at the twenty-fourth session in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, between 7-9 Rabi al-Awal 1441, 4-6 November 2019. This resolution included a recommendation from the Council of the Academy calling for further research and studies on issues that affect the Shariah rulings on crypto-currencies, the most important of which are:

1. Definition of crypto-currencies: origins and types (stable and central).
2. Overview of the most important and dominant digital currencies in the currency market.
3. Issuance, circulation, and dissemination of crypto-currencies.
4. Reality of bitcoin and its assessment compared to other crypto-currencies in terms of market and exchange values.
5. Currency protocol, blockchain and their connections to cryptocurrencies.
6. Fiqh characterization of crypto-currencies with clarifications on the following:
7. Extent to which these currencies are considered a commodity or a benefit (price and valuator).

8. Extent to which digital currencies are a real-valued property and a tradable item. On this basis, the Secretariat General of the Academy, in partnership with the Department of Islamic Affairs and Charitable Activities in Dubai, issued a call for papers from prominent economists and Shariah scholars in order to prepare a set of scientific research that study, analyze, and examine the above issues. By the grace of Allah, the total number of research papers submitted for this purpose reached fifteen (15) papers from scientific, economic, and Fiqh perspectives. The symposium aimed at discussing and commenting on these research papers in order to draft the recommendations for the next meeting of the Council of the Academy. The symposium agenda included an opening session and three scientific sessions. It opened with a recitation of the Noble Qur'an by Sheikh Abdullah Al-Tamimi, followed by the opening speech of the symposium by H.E. Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Abdullah bin Humaid, President of the Academy. H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, delivered the keynote address and His Excellency Dr. Hamad bin Sheikh Ahmed Al Shaibani, Director General of the Department of Islamic Affairs and Charitable Activities in Dubai, also addressed the audience. During the symposium's three sessions, researchers presented a summary of their research and recommendations in the first and second sessions, and the third session was devoted to the interventions and comments from participants on the research papers presented. After in-depth discussions on Fiqh and economic aspects relating to crypto-currencies in terms of concept and ruling, the participants suggested several recommendations to the Secretariat General of the Academy. In view of the large number and diversity of recommendations and the eagerness to reformulate them in a more precise and comprehensive manner, the Secretariat General of the Academy decided to postpone the announcement of the symposium's recommendations until their revision and editing are completed and sent to the participants for their opinions and approval before their adoption

and submission to the Council of the Academy. Accordingly, the Secretariat General of the Academy requested the participants to kindly send their comments within a time limit for receiving the amendments, knowing that absence of comment on the revised version will be considered by the Secretariat General of the Academy as tacit approval of the proposed recommendations, pursuant to the maxim: "No statement is attributed to the silent, but it is actually an endorsement when a statement is needed." Thus, the Secretariat General of the Academy promised to send the draft recommendations within a week from now. At the end of this statement, the symposium expresses its sincere thanks and recognition to the host state, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia- the king, government, and people, for the support, appreciation, care, and facilities provided to the Secretariat General which contributed to the swift preparation of this symposium. The symposium also expresses its thanks to the Academy, represented by its President, H.E. Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Abdullah bin Humaid, and its Secretary General, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, and to the Department of Islamic Affairs and Charitable Activities in Dubai, represented by H.E. Dr. Hamad bin Sheikh Ahmed Al Shaibani, for their distinguished collaboration in holding this symposium. The Secretariat General of the Academy also expresses its thanks and appreciation to the eminent scholars, researchers, and participants for their outstanding scientific contributions, as well as to the speakers, commentators, and the various media, with special thanks to our brothers and sisters who met hardships to reach this symposium. Our special thanks are also due to the hotel management and secretariat for their commendable efforts in facilitating this event. Finally, the Secretariat General apologizes for any shortcomings regarding the services provided during this event. Indeed, Allah is the Source of Success. And may Allah the Almighty's blessings and peace be upon our master Mohammad, his family, and all his companions.

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President of the Republic of Guinea receives Secretary General of the Academy



His Excellency the President of the Republic of Guinea, Head of State, Chief of the Armed Forces, Colonel Mamadi Doumbouya, received His Excellency Professor Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), on Wednesday, 11 Jumada Al-Ula 1443H corresponding to December 15, 2021 in his office at the Mohammed V Palace, in

Conakry, Republic of Guinea. His Excellency, Mr. President, welcomed Professor Sano and thanked him for his visit. He also wished him every success in his duties. Finally, He reiterated the full support of the Republic to the Academy in particular and to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) in general. For his part, His Excellency, the Secretary General, expressed his warm thanks and his deep gratitude to His Excellency, Colonel President, for granting him this audience despite his very busy schedule. He also congratulated him on assuming the nation's destiny just a few months ago. To this end, he wished him every success in his duties. May the Lord, the Almighty, grant him His care, protect him, and help him to realize the immense hopes of his people, in particular to unite the nation and to maintain security, peace and stability. His Excellency assured the President of the Academy's full readiness to support all reconciliation efforts, combat extremist ideology and terrorism, and spread the values of moderation, tolerance, and coexistence. His Excellency concluded his speech by conveying the Academy's thanks

and gratitude to the Republic of Guinea on his own behalf and on behalf of the Presidency, the General Secretariat and the entire Staff of the Academy for its continuous support of the various activities and programs of the Academy. At the end of the meeting, the Secretary General presented to the President the fourth edition of the Book of Resolutions and Recommendations of the Academy along issues of the monthly newsletter.



IIFA and Guinea's Secretariat General of Religious Affairs sign Memorandum of Cooperation

Based on the shared objectives of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) and the General Secretariat of Religious Affairs of the Republic of Guinea, a Memorandum of Cooperation was signed on Saturday 21 Jumada Al-Ula 1443H corresponding to December 25 2021G. This protocol aims to strengthen the links of coordination, communication, and partnership in order to lead together a relentless fight against sectarianism, fundamentalism, fanaticism, and exclusivism through the promotion of tolerance, moderation and accepting differences. It also aims to contribute to the creation of a tolerant society and to the formation of a balanced personality, able to contribute constructively to the building of human civilization, peace, and stability. This personality should be able to respond effectively and intelligently to contemporary challenges in life. The strategic Memorandum of Cooperation was signed by His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Mustapha Sano the Secretary General of the Academy, representing the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, and by His Excellency the Minister Secretary General of Religious Affairs of Guinea Elhadj Karamo DIAWARA, representing the General Secretariat of Religious Affairs. This memorandum aims, among others, to strengthen cooperation in areas of mutual interest particularly with regards to dissemination of knowledge, Islamic culture, and preservation of Islamic heritage by outlining the main ideological, social, economic, and intellectual challenges in order



to develop the appropriate solutions based on the provisions and guidelines of Shariah. The Memorandum also aims at fostering cooperation and continuous communication in all areas of common interest, as well as promoting cooperation between the two parties in areas of conferences, symposia, workshops, and training. The Memorandum also includes exchange of publications and representation of both parties in conferences and symposia. Following the signing of the memorandum, His Excellency the Secretary General expressed his great satisfaction with the efficiency and promptness which now characterize the General Secretariat for Religious Affairs, particularly the enlightened leadership and the foresight of His Excellency the Minister Secretary General. He also expressed his great pleasure for the conclusion

of this memorandum which is the first between the Academy and a member country of the African Group of the OIC and demonstrates the high regard that member states of the OIC have for the Academy. He also expressed his profound gratitude for the commendable efforts of the Republic of Guinea in promoting moderation and strengthening the culture of tolerance and peaceful co-existence. Finally, he expressed his gratitude to the Government of Guinea for its continuous support for the Academy. His Excellency the Secretary General noted that the Memorandum will be a beginning for a new chapter in relations between the Academy and the Republic of Guinea on the one hand and between Guinea and the African countries on the other hand. The Academy will provide all the necessary scientific support that the General Secretariat of Religious Affairs needs to enable it to effectively implement its programs and activities in the Republic of Guinea. For the implementation of the articles of the memorandum, the two parties agreed to form a specialized committee in order to specify an implementation framework according to the directives of the Protocol.



Prime Minister of Guinea receives IIFA Secretary General in Conakry

His Excellency the Prime Minister of Guinea Mr Mohamed Beavogui received in his office in Conakry, the Republic of Guinea, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, the Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), on Friday 13 Jumada Al-Ula 1443H correspondent to 17 December 2021. The Prime Minister thanked His Excellency the Secretary General for the visit noting the laudable efforts of the Academy and the great role it is playing on the global stage to promote moderation and values of tolerance and peaceful coexistence between different faiths and religious groups. His Excellency the Prime Minister also lauded the important role of the Academy in combating extremism and terrorism. In this light, the Prime Minister emphasized the fact that the Ministry of Religious Affairs of the Republic of Guinea has been at the forefront of promoting moderation and combating extremism for decades. He invited the Academy to coordinate and collaborate closely with the Ministry of Religious Affairs in promoting these values. He concluded his speech by expressing his pride and gratitude for the confidence that member states of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) have in appointing one of the sons of the Republic of Guinea at the helm of the General Secretariat of the Academy. In this way, His Excellency has become the first African and non-native speaker of Arabic to assume such a privileged position. He called upon His



Excellency the Secretary General to redouble efforts in promoting the Academy, while expressing the willingness of his Government in rendering the necessary support for the Academy and to host the different programmes and activities of the Academy in Guinea. On his part, His Excellency the Secretary General expressed his thanks and appreciation to his Excellency the Prime Minister for the hospitality and warm welcome accorded to him, despite his busy schedule. He conveyed the warm greetings of the President of the Academy, as well as its members and experts to his Excellency and the authorities of the Republic of Guinea. He also expressed the gratitude of the Academy to the authorities of Guinea for their continuous and generous support. His Excellency the Secretary General

of the Academy also noted the particular attention the religious institutions of Guinea pay to the resolutions and recommendations of the Academy. He expressed the readiness and willingness of the Academy to work collaboratively with the religious and scientific institutions in Guinea in order to coordinate efforts and organize programmes that aim at combating extremist ideologies and all forms of violence, terrorism, and aggression. Notwithstanding, these collaborative efforts can nurture values of tolerance and peaceful existence between followers of different religions in the Guinean society. Finally, the Secretary General presented to His Excellency the Prime Minister the Strategic Plan of the Academy and a set of newsletters of the Academy in French.



Secretary General delivers keynote speech at International Conference of World Zakat Forum in Indonesia

On Sunday, 01 Jumada Al-Ula 1443H corresponding to 05 December 2021G, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), delivered a keynote speech at the International Conference of the 10th World Zakat Forum held in Jakarta, Republic of Indonesia. In his speech, His Excellency expressed his pleasure to participate in this important conference aimed at discussing ways to improve zakat institutions and Awqaf to address the dire effects of the Corona pandemic on all aspects of life, noting in this regard the good efforts made by religious and scientific institutions and centers in the Republic of Indonesia to raise awareness among Muslims with the details of their religion, and clarifying the provisions of Shariah regarding developments related to Muslim's daily life. His Excellency also thanked the organizers, the "World Zakat Forum" and the "National Zakat Agency in Indonesia" (Baznas), looking forward to cooperation and coordination between them and the Academy in the future in such scientific events. In addition, His Excellency spoke about the status of zakat in terms of faith, as it is the third pillar of Islam, and in terms of its role in combating poverty in societies, stressing the importance of improving the performance of zakat institutions by developing their organs, modernizing their means, and digitizing their activities and programs to perform the role expected of them. To achieve this,



His Excellency called for more care and attention to this institution on two levels in terms of development and keeping pace with new trends, namely the level of levying and collecting zakat from people who meet the conditions of the obligation of zakat, and the level of distributing it to its eight known beneficiaries. His Excellency pointed out that: Intellectual, administrative and organizational efforts should unite in order to advance zakat institutions inside and outside the Muslim world in terms of performance, effectiveness, modernization and keeping pace with developments, so that the objectives are achieved, especially the objective of social justice in redistributing wealth in society, the objective of money circulation among the largest number of people in society, and the objective of solidarity and welfare through which well-being and happiness for all are

achieved. His Excellency also touched on the issue of social Islamic finance, of which Zakat is the most important institution, which requires promoting awareness of this aspect of comprehensive Islamic finance. In his speech, His Excellency pointed out the importance of scholars playing an active role in educating people about the status of zakat and the need to simplify its provisions and issues for the public to be able to understand and absorb them, as well as the need to make maximum use of modern and emerging technologies, especially new digital means, and technology of the financial industry, in order to find innovative solutions for zakat collection and distribution efforts. His Excellency also emphasized the position and status of the Republic of Indonesia in the Muslim world, which qualifies it to be a center for promoting awareness of Islamic social finance with its institutions and activities. It should be noted that this conference was inaugurated by the Vice President of the Republic of Indonesia, His Excellency Prof. Dr. Ma'ruf Amin, and a large group of eminent international personalities in the field of Zakat and Islamic finance participated in it.



H.H. Sheikh Dr. Sultan Al-Qassimi, Sovereign Ruler of Sharjah, receives IIFA Secretary General



His Highness Sheikh Dr. Sultan bin Muhammad Al Qasimi, Member of the Supreme Council and Ruler of the Emirate of Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates received His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), on Wednesday, 04 Jumada Al-Ula 1443H corresponding to 08 December 2021G in the residence of Dr. Sultan Al Qasimi in Sharjah. At the beginning of his speech, His Highness expressed his thanks to His Excellency the Secretary General for the visit, and he also expressed his happiness to meet His Excellency, for whom he has all the love, appreciation, and good memories, praising the importance of concerted efforts to spread moderation, a culture of peace, tolerance, noble values, and

correct concepts about Islam. His Highness also noted the importance of working to spread useful knowledge, preserve the Ummah's heritage, train youth to be proud of belonging to their religion and their countries, and preserve the values and virtues in society. Finally, His Highness concluded his speech by expressing his readiness to provide all support and assistance to the Academy to enable it to perform its duties as required. For his part, His Excellency the Secretary General expressed to His Highness his great thanks and appreciation for the warm welcome, praying to God to protect and bless him. He also expressed the Academy's abundant thanks and great gratitude from presidency, general secretariat, to members, and experts of the Academy, for the United Arab Emirates in general and for the Emirate of Sharjah in particular for the continuous support and permanent sponsorship of the activities and programs of the Academy, noting that the Emirate of Sharjah hosted one of the twenty-four sessions of the Academy, confirming the status of the Academy in the Emirate. Furthermore, His Excellency presented to His Highness a brief summary of the Academy and its strategic plan, which includes a formulation of the most important activities and programs that the Academy intends to accomplish during the next five years, noting in this regard the Academy's commitment to moderation and peace in its resolutions and

recommendations. His Excellency concluded his speech by thanking His Highness for the care, attention and concern he attaches to science, scholars, thought and thinkers, asking the Almighty Allah to protect and bless him, and reward him in the best manner. At the end of the meeting, His Highness presented to His Excellency a copy of the book "The Historical Dictionary of the Arabic Language". His Excellency in turn presented to His Highness a copy of the fourth edition of the Book of Resolutions and Recommendations of the Academy, and a copy of the Book of Encyclopedia of Hajj and Umrah, in addition to copies of the Academy's newsletter and the strategic plan. During the visit, His Excellency took an introductory tour of a collection of rare historical documents, maps, books, and photos.



Secretary General participates in 8th Meeting of Abu Dhabi Peace Forum



On Sunday, 01 Jumada Al-Ula 1443H corresponding to 05 December 2021G, the Eighth International Meeting of the Forum for the Promotion of Peace was launched in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. This year, the Forum chose the theme of "Comprehensive Citizenship from Common Existence to Shared Consciousness" as the title of the forum, and was inaugurated by His Excellency Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, Minister of Tolerance and Coexistence in the United Arab Emirates, in the presence of scholars and thinkers from all over the world. His Eminence Sheikh Abdullah Bin Bayyah, Chairman of the

Forum and Chairman of the Emirates Council for Sharia Fatwa, gave the forum's opening speech in which he stated: "We gather this time to think together, and to contemplate together a basic concept of peace, a concept that has its profound philosophical depths, and its current realistic horizons, the concept of inclusive citizenship." His Eminence also indicated that the forum sought, after a series of workshops held previously culminating in issuing the Meeting's "Abu Dhabi Declaration of Inclusive Citizenship." On Monday, 02 Jumada Al-Ula 1443H corresponding to 06 December 2021G, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the session entitled "Inclusive Citizenship on the Path of Peace between the Absoluteness of the Principle and the Relativity of Application". He opened the session by expressing his great thanks and appreciation to the leadership and people of the United Arab Emirates for the warm reception and hospitality. He also expressed his great gratitude to His Eminence Sheikh Abdullah Bin Bayyah for the invitation, praising the great achievements of the Forum since its establishment to this day, and praising in particular the innovations of the Forum in the field of selecting important themes and distinct and relevant titles that express the challenges and issues of peace in the current era. His Excellency also stressed

that the issue of comprehensive citizenship is today one of the most important current topics, whose major issues and various questions should be addressed through editing, authentication, investigation, and application, because "promoting the concept of comprehensive citizenship would reduce conflict prevailing in many societies, and this value would be more effective if discussed in light of its application on the ground". Over the course of an hour, the participants presented summaries and findings of their research papers on the topic of the session. It is worth noting that the name "Forum for Promoting Peace in Muslim Societies" was established in 2014 and will be changed from now on to "Abu Dhabi Peace Forum."



IIFA President participates in 8th Meeting of Islamic Advisory Group in Cairo



The Islamic Advisory Group held its eighth ordinary meeting on Wednesday 04 Jumada Al-Ula 1443H corresponding to 08 December 2021G, in the Sheikhdom of Al-Azhar Al-Sharif in Cairo, Egypt. The meeting was attended by the Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), His Excellency Mr. Hussein Ibrahim Taha, and the head of the co-group, His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Abdullah bin Humaid, President of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), Advisor at the Royal Court, Member of the Council of Senior Scholars, imam and khatib of the Grand Mosque, and Undersecretary of Al-Azhar His Excellency Prof. Mohammad Al-Dhawini, representing the Grand Imam, Sheikh of Al-Azhar Al-Sharif, the co-chair of the co-group, and the Director General of the Eastern Mediterranean Office of the World Health Organization (WHO), His Excellency Dr.

Ahmed Salem Al-Mandhari. The Director of the Research, Studies and Fatwas Department of the Academy, Dr. Abdel Qaher Mohammad Qamar, representing the Secretary General of the Academy, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, a member of the group's executive committee, also participated in the meeting. In his speech, His Excellency the President of the Academy indicated that the idea of the advisory team arose when some in a number of our Islamic countries refrained from allowing their children to take polio vaccines based on fabricated rumors about those vaccines, stressing in this regard that history is repeating itself today with the Corona pandemic, where some refrain from taking vaccinations due to the spread of the same rumors about the contents of the vaccines, their feasibility and their efficiency. Hence the role of religious institutions and the Islamic Advisory Group in educating communities about what is beneficial to them and preserving their health. His Excellency seized this occasion by expressing his heartfelt thanks to all doctors, nurses, and health practitioners, in appreciation of the sacrifices they made in the face of the emerging Corona pandemic, and for their commendable efforts in treating, preventing from it. His Excellency also said: "Following the shariah rulings in our Muslim countries and communities, they have played a major role in the consolidation of community health awareness, and in the

commitment of community members to health precautionary measures and their positive acceptance of vaccinations and immunizations without objections, which was positively reflected in the decrease in the number of infections and overcoming the critical stages of this pandemic". The meeting issued a final statement that included the most important recommendations and directives issued by the Group. It should be noted that the Islamic Advisory Group is an Islamic federation, established in 2013 between Al-Azhar Al-Sharif, the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, and the Islamic Development Bank Group, and it includes religious scholars and technical experts. The Group is keen to continue supporting global initiatives seeking to protect human health and promote awareness of priority public health issues in local communities, by aligning technical and religious perspectives, and benefiting from religious scholars, imams, and community influential leaders.



OIC Secretary General meets IIFA Secretary General

The new Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), H.E. Hussain Ibrahim Taha, received the Secretary General of the Academy, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, and his accompanying delegation on Tuesday 24 Jumada al Ula 1443 correspondent to 28 December 2021, at the headquarters of the OIC in Jeddah. He thanked the Secretary General for the visit, and expressed his strong desire to give all the support that the Academy needs as one of the important affiliates of the OIC that is given the task of issuing fatwas on new issues and challenges faced by Muslims around the world. He also expressed his full confidence in the ability of the Secretary General of Academy to uplift the Academy to higher heights by further enhancing its performance and diversifying its activities and programmes. He called upon the Secretary General of the Academy to strengthen cooperation and collaboration with academic, educational, and religious institutions inside and outside the Muslim world in order to organise programmes and activities aimed at presenting the true image of Shariah and combatting extremism, violence, and terrorism. On his part, the Secretary General of the Academy thanked the Secretary General of OIC for his hospitality and warm welcome congratulating him once again on his assumption of the General Secretariat of OIC wishing him all success. He hoped



that, through the Secretary General of OIC, the Academy would receive more financial and moral support so that it could achieve its vision and implement its mission and goals through the organisation of programmes that are aimed at cross-fertilisation of ideas and integration of knowledge between the jurists of different Islamic schools of jurisprudence on one hand and the scholars and experts of the Ummah in natural and human sciences on another. Thus, the Academy would be able to reach tangible solutions and answers to challenges and questions of the contemporary world that concern Muslims everywhere. Also, he highlighted that the aim of such activities and programmes is the eagerness of the Academy for the collaboration between the jurists and experts of the Ummah in promoting moderation and strengthening the culture of tolerance and peaceful coexistence

between communities and nations. He concluded his speech by giving an overview of the Academy, its inception, mission, and administrative structure, as well as its latest Strategic Plan. He called upon HE to kindly invite the member countries and organisations inside and outside the Muslim world to give their generous support to the Academy in order to finance and implement its Five-Year Strategic Plan and to the Academy Waqf Fund. The Academy hopes that the Waqf Fund would soon be the permanent source of funding for its activities. Finally, he presented a souvenir and a number of the Academy's publications to the Secretary General of OIC. The meeting was attended by Dr. Mohamed Kalbo, Director General of the Office of the Secretary General of the OIC, Mr Mohamed Al-Mondher El-Chok, Director of the Cabinet of the Secretary General of the Academy, and Mrs. Sarah Amjad Hussein, Director of Family and Women's Affairs at the Academy.



OIC Secretary General chairs 2nd Meeting of IIFA Bureau



H.E. Mr. Hussein Ibrahim Taha, the Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and Chairman of the Bureau of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired on Thursday 26 Jumada al Ula 1443 correspondent to 30 December 2021, the second Meeting of the Bureau of the Academy for the year 2021, via virtual communication technology. The Meeting was attended by H.E. Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Abdullah bin Hamid, President of the Academy, Deputy Chairman of the Bureau, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, and Secretary of the Bureau, as well as the distinguished members of the Bureau, Sheikh Dr. Abu Bakr al-Doukouri, and Sheikh Prof. Ajeel Al-Nashmi. The Secretary General of the OIC opened the meeting by expressing his great thanks and appreciation to the members for their participation, and their continued support for the Academy, praising the great role played by the Academy in spreading the culture of moderation and tolerance, combating extremism, terrorism, violence and exclusivism, as well as the great and esteemed efforts of the Academy

in promoting cooperation and coordination between fatwa councils and Shariah bodies among member states of OIC. On this occasion, he expressed his pleasure and pride at the outstanding achievements made by the Academy in the recent period since H.E. Prof. Sano took over the General Secretariat of the Academy. On his part, H.E. Sheikh Saleh bin Abdullah bin Humaid expressed his great thanks and appreciation to the Secretary General of the OIC for the continued support for the Academy, and expressed his gratitude to the members of the Bureau for their presence and participation in support of the efforts of the Academy, and then praised the commendable achievements made by the Academy under the leadership of its Secretary General and his assistants, pointing out that what was stated in the report of the General Secretariat of the Academy for the meeting is the clearest testimony to this. The Meeting then discussed the items on the agenda presented by H.E. the Secretary General of the Academy, beginning with the warmest congratulations to the Secretary General of the OIC on the occasion of his assumption of the leadership of the Secretariat, wishing him success in his endeavours, and stressing the readiness of the Academy to provide all the necessary support and cooperation to his success. He also thanked H.E. Dr. Yousuf bin Ahmed Al-Othaimeen, former Secretary General of the OIC, for his great support and care for the Academy throughout his tenure, wishing him well in his new engagements. On behalf of the Academy, the Presidency and Secretariat, members, experts and employees, he expressed his great thanks and gratitude

to the host State of the headquarters of the Academy, its leadership, and people, for their great support, great care, and facilities to enable the Academy to implement easily all its activities, programmes, and projects. He then presented the items of the meeting, which included the approval of the minutes of the previous meeting of the Bureau. The members of the Board were informed of the recommendations and conclusions of the specialized scientific symposia and seminars organized by the General Secretariat of the Academy, as well as cooperation agreements and memorandums of understanding signed by the General Secretariat of the Academy with several ministries, councils, and scientific institutions. The items also included a discussion of nominations by member States of new members to the Council of the Academy. At the end of the meeting, the Chairman of the Bureau and members of the Bureau recorded their great satisfaction and deep appreciation for the achievements made by the General Secretariat of the Academy at all levels despite the circumstances of the Covid-19, which affected all walks of life. They all expressed their great appreciation to the Secretary General and commended greatly the stable financial situation of the Academy over the past year as a result of its successful efforts and continues to be made by the General Secretariat of the Academy in collecting arrears and contributions from member States, which enabled the Academy to complete many outstanding activities and programmes and achieve a surplus in its budget for this year.

CEO of Saudi Food and Drug Authority visits IIFA Headquarters

His Excellency Dr. Hisham bin Saad Al-Jadhey, CEO of the Saudi Food and Drug Authority, visited the Headquarters of the Academy in Jeddah on Monday, 30 Jumada Al-Ula 1443, corresponding to 03 January 2022. H.E. the Secretary General of the Academy welcomed his esteemed guest, the CEO of the Saudi Food and Drug Authority thanking him for accepting the invitation of the Academy, and praising the outstanding efforts made by the Authority at all levels. He also highly commended the fact that the decisions and recommendations made by the Academy are well received by the Authority, especially those decisions with regards to slaughter and halal issues of food, beverages, and drugs. This shows the keenness of the Authority's officials to coordinate and communicate with the Academy as the highest Fiqh juristic reference point for the member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) in scientific matters guiding the activities of companies and businesses working in the field of food and drugs in order to conform to the teachings of Islamic law. He then concluded his speech by considering the visit to be the beginning of a new page of close cooperative relations, promising partnership, and continuous coordination between the Academy and the Authority in the field of collaborative research, studies and organizing seminars, conferences, and workshops on



various issues particularly related to food and drugs. For his part, H.E. the CEO of the Authority expressed his great thanks and gratitude to the Secretary General for his warm welcome and hospitality, praising the leading role played by the Academy in the field of guidance for companies and institutions working in the field of food and drugs inside and outside the Muslim world in order to enable them to abide by the teachings and provisions of Shariah concerning these two areas. He also stressed the Authority's keenness to abide by the decisions of the Academy and its recommendations in the area of slaughter and halal issues, believing that they are trustworthy and effective decisions as issued by scholars and jurists of the Ummah. Given the new developments and rapid changes in the field of food and drugs, the CEO of the Authority observes that there is a need for the Fiqh to keep pace

with those developments, trends, and changes in order to direct and guide. Accordingly, the two sides agreed to organize a specialized scientific seminar in February to study many of the latest methods, equipment and devices that are used in the field of halal slaughter of poultry. At the end of the meeting, He reiterated his thanks to his Excellency the Secretary General, promising to send technicians to coordinate with the General Secretariat of the Academy on the details and modalities of organizing the proposed symposium. The meeting was attended by: Dr. Abdul Qahir Mohammed Qamar, Director of Research and Fatwas Department, Adnan Al-Fehri, Director of Administrative and Financial Affairs Department, Mr. Abdullah Omar Al-Tamimi, Director of Conferences and Seminars Department, and Mr. Mourad TLiLi, Advisor to the Secretary General for Media and Public Relations.



Mr. Mohammed El-Chok represents IIFA at Russia-Muslim World Conference

On behalf of His Excellency the Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), Mr. Mondher El-Chok, Director of Cabinet, Protocol and Legal Affairs at the Academy, participated on Wednesday, 19 Rabi' Al-Thani 1443H corresponding to 24 November 2021G, in the Strategic Vision Group conference themed: (Russia – Islamic World: Prospects for Dialogue and Cooperation) in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The conference was held under the patronage of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz, President of the 14th Islamic Summit, and in the presence of His Royal Highness Prince Khaled Al-Faisal, Advisor to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, Governor of Makkah Al-Mukarramah Region, and His Excellency President Rustam Minnikhanov, President of



Tatarstan, and Chair of the Strategic Vision Group. The conference was convened to discuss the common issues between the two sides and debate ways to enhance cooperation and communication in facing challenges at all levels. This conference falls within the framework of Russia's efforts to strengthen

its relations with the Muslim world in light of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's initiative for dialogue between followers of religions and cultures. A large number of eminent personalities from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Russian Federation, and member states of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), as well as senior officials of the OIC's General Secretariat and subsidiary and specialized organs, participated in the conference. It should be noted that the Strategic Vision Group was established in 2006, after the Russian Federation joined the OIC as an observer. The Group currently focuses on developing measures to strengthen cooperation between Russia and the Islamic countries, and the practical implementation of the strategic partnership between the Russian Federation and the Muslim world.

Dr. Mohammed Mustafa Shuaib represents IIFA at CIBAFI's Accreditation Board Meeting



His Eminence Dr. Mohammed Mustafa Shuaib, Head of Studies and Fatwas Division at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), representing His Excellency the Secretary General of the Academy, participated in the seventeenth meeting of the Accreditation Board of the General Council of Islamic Banks and Financial Institutions on Wednesday 04 Jumada Al-Ula 1443H corresponding to 08 December 2021G via Zoom technology. The meeting began with the adoption of the agenda for discussion and deliberation, and the approval of the minutes of the previous sixteenth meeting, then the Secretary General submitted a report on the activity of the General Council during the last period. Following deliberations and discussions,

the attendees stressed the need to follow up on the decisions and recommendations of the members of the Accreditation Board, and to approve the Shariah audit portfolios (first and second levels), with a commitment to applying and fully implementing the observations received on them. The meeting was attended by Dr. Abdelilah Belatik, Secretary General of CIBAFI, Dr. Faisal Al-Atbani from the Islamic Economics Institute affiliated with King Abdulaziz University, Dr. Akram Laal El-Din, from the International Shari'ah Research Academy in Malaysia (ISRA), and Dr. Riyadh Al-Hindawi from the Institute of Banking Studies in Jordan, and Dr. Muhammad Boris, among others.

14th Monthly Staff Meeting of IIFA

On Sunday, 15 Jumada Al Ula 1443H corresponding to December 19, 2021G, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the fourteenth monthly general meeting of the Academy's employees, through Zoom technology, from his residence in the Guinean capital Conakry. His Excellency opened the meeting by welcoming the attendees, enquiring about the progress of work at the Academy during the period of His Excellency's stay abroad, praising in this context the commendable efforts made by everyone in order to perform their duties in the best possible way. His Excellency also commended all the departments and divisions that have made great efforts during the past year to implement the Academy's programs and projects in accordance with the strategic plan, calling on everyone to exert more effort



to enable the Academy to play its pioneering and missionary role. As usual during this type of meeting, His Excellency opened the way for all employees to express their opinions and observations about the work progress in the Academy, in addition to any suggestions they have that could contribute to improving the quality and effectiveness of the outputs and productivity. His Excellency welcomed

the new employees who joined the Academy recently and called on everyone to cooperate with them to ensure their integration into the Academy's family. The meeting took several decisions, the most important of which are:

- Assigning the Department of Planning and International Cooperation to communicate with the Union of African Scholars in Bamako, Republic of Mali, in order to enhance cooperation and coordination with them.
- Assigning the Department of Media, Public Relations, and Information Technology to prepare a creative design that includes the Academy's achievements during the past year to be used as a marketing tool to further introduce the Academy.
- Appointing a joint committee to undertake the design, production, and preparation of a list of branded gifts, in order to provide a broader marketing of the Academy.

27th Periodic Meeting of Divisions Heads



His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired on Thursday 12th of Jumada Al-Ula 1443H corresponding to December 16, 2021G the twenty-seventh periodic meeting of divisions heads, via Zoom technology, from his residence in the Guinean capital Conakry. His Excellency began the meeting by welcoming the attendees, thanking everyone for their regular attendance at these important periodic meetings, and their keenness to

implement all the decisions and directives issued by them with honesty, accuracy, and professionalism. In the same context, His Excellency the Secretary General welcomed the new employees who attended their first meeting, and inquired about their working conditions at the Academy, wishing them success. Then His Excellency spoke about his program during his stay in the Republic of Guinea, where he had the honor of meeting His Excellency the President of the Republic, Colonel Mamadi Doumbouya, who confirmed to His Excellency the keenness of the Republic of Guinea to continue supporting the efforts of the Academy and strengthening the bonds of partnership, cooperation and coordination between the Academy and the religious institutions in Guinea. His Excellency also met with His Excellency the Prime Minister and the Head of Government, Mr. Mohamed Beavogui, who, for his part, affirmed

Guinea's commitment to strengthening relations of close cooperation with the Academy, and supporting its intellectual efforts aimed at spreading the true values of Islam, enlightened thought, tolerance and coexistence among peoples and nations. The meeting discussed a number of issues and took decisions, the most important of which are:

- Urging everyone to attend the periodic meetings, and not to miss them except for mitigating circumstances.
- Directing the Administrative and Financial Affairs Department to pay the overtime allowance to employees within the current December salary.
- Providing new employees with new computers and changing all the Academy's computer devices that are more than five years old as stipulated by the regulations.

28th Periodic Meeting of Divisions Heads

On Thursday 26 Jumada Al-Ula 1443H corresponding to 30 December 2021G, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the twenty-eighth periodic meeting of the heads of divisions at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah. At the outset of the meeting, His Excellency the Secretary General welcomed the attendees and thanked them for their valuable and sincere efforts to advance the work of the Academy during his absence. He also expressed his great satisfaction with the commitment and passion of the Academy's staff to advance it and achieve its goals, programs and projects as stated in the five-year strategic plan. In this context, he assured the attendees that the year 2022 is the actual launch of the Academy's programs and projects in order to implement all the elements of the strategic plan, wishing

that the new Corona pandemic would hopefully end and life would soon return to normal. Then His Excellency spoke about the meetings and engagements he held during his recent visit to the United Arab Emirates. He also talked about his visit to the Republic of Guinea, where he met with His Excellency the President, His Excellency the Prime Minister, and a number of ministers and senior officials, and gave them all an introductory overview of the Academy, its objectives, and activities. The visit culminated in the signing of a cooperation agreement between the Academy and the Guinean Ministry of Religious Affairs, the first of its kind with one of the African group countries of the organization. Several decisions were taken at the meeting, the most important of which are:

- Holding a general assessment and evaluation meeting in order to ensure the completion of the contents of the plan,

and to discuss various issues related to it.

- Starting to activate the activities and programs of the Family and Women's Affairs Department at the beginning of the new year.
- Urging the Gifting Committee to distribute the Academy's newsletter on the widest possible scale because of its positive impact and effective role in introducing and promoting the Academy and its various activities.



55th Weekly Meeting of Departments Directors

On Monday 24 Rabi' al-Thani 1443H, corresponding to 29 November 2021G, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the fifty-fifth weekly meeting of department directors, via Zoom technology, from his residence in the United Arab Emirates. His Excellency opened the meeting by welcoming the attendees, recalling the importance of periodic meetings as a means of following up on activities and programs, ensuring their implementation, strengthening the links of communication and cooperation between departments, and taking decisions after discussing them. Therefore, everyone should make sure to attend them regularly. His Excellency then talked about his program during his stay in the United Arab Emirates, as he will participate in the periodic meeting of the Council of Muslim Elders in Abu Dhabi to be held on Tuesday



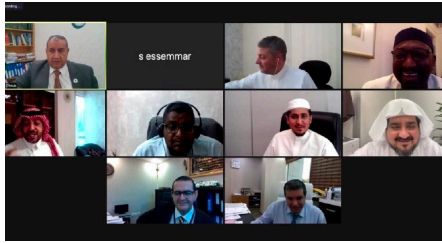
30 November 2021. His Excellency will also participate in the eighth conference of the Forum for the Promotion of Peace on 05 December 2021. His Excellency also informed the meeting that the Muslim Communities Conference, which was scheduled to be held next week, will be postponed due to the new strain of Corona. Then the meeting discussed the items of decisions issued by

the previous meeting, and several decisions were issued, the most important of which are:

- Expediting the preparation of the pieces research of the symposium on digital cryptocurrencies for printing after they were revised in a book distributed as part of the Academy's publications.
- Starting to contact the presenters for the next session's research, in order to ensure impartiality and integrity, provided that the presentations include a full summary of the research, draft resolutions and recommendations.
- Presenting an integrated concept for a specialized scientific symposium on Wills as a means of combating poverty, in partnership with the Department of Islamic Affairs and Charitable Activities in Dubai.
- Follow-up communication with the Republic of Indonesia regarding setting the date for the next session of the Academy.

56th Weekly Meeting of Departments Directors

His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the fifty-sixth weekly meeting of the directors of the Academy's departments on Monday, 02 Jumada Al-Ula 1443H corresponding to 06 December 2021G, via Zoom technology from his residence in the United Arab Emirates. His Excellency began the meeting by welcoming the attendees and thanking them for their efforts in accomplishing their tasks and implementing the activities and programs, as well as everyone's keenness to advance the Academy. His Excellency then spoke about his participation as a keynote speaker at the Tenth International Conference of the World Zakat Forum, which aims to discuss ways to improve Zakat institutions and Awqaf. His Excellency also informed the meeting about the fifteenth regular meeting of the Council of Muslim Elders, where he discussed, on the sidelines of the meeting, with His Eminence the Grand Imam, Sheikh Dr. Ahmed Al-Tayeb, Sheikh of Al-Azhar,



Chairman of the Council, and His Excellency Counselor Mohamed Abdel Salam, Secretary General of the Higher Committee for Human Fraternity, possible aspects of cooperation between the Council and the Academy, and ways to strengthen it through the exchange of expertise and helping the council prepare a strategic plan similar to the one of the Academy. His Excellency also asked the participants in the meeting to start preparing well for the 25th session of the Academy to ensure that it is held on time and to ensure its success at all levels. Then His Excellency instructed the concerned departments to expedite preparations for organizing a

symposium on Takfir "the phenomenon of Ex-communication" and another on "Wills." He also instructed to organize a consultative symposium between the Academy and the fatwa authorities in Muslim communities in partnership with the World Muslim Communities Council in order to discuss ways to rehabilitate and train Muftis in Muslim communities. Then the meeting discussed the items of decisions issued by the previous meeting, and several decisions were issued, the most important of which are:

- Communicating and coordinating with Mohammed bin Zayed University for Humanities to prepare the final version for signing the memorandum of cooperation with the Academy.
- Final handover of the new Academy site from the developing company and training the concerned employees to use it.
- Communicating with the World Muslim Communities Council to obtain the list of muftis in Muslim communities in order to invite them to attend the consultative symposium.

57th Weekly Meeting of Departments Directors

As part of the series of weekly meetings of the directors of departments of the Academy, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, the Secretary General of the Academy, chaired the fifty-seventh weekly meeting of the directors of the departments on Monday 09 Jumada Al-Ula 1443 corresponding to December 13, 2021, via Zoom technology from his residence in the Guinean capital, Conakry. He opened the meeting by welcoming the attendees, thanking them for their keenness to attend these weekly meetings. Then he spoke about the thirteenth issue newsletter, which is the first issue of the second year since its publication and thanked everyone who contributed to editing and drafting the newsletter in Arabic. He also extended his thanks and congratulations to the Department of Administrative and Financial Affairs for its success in passing the task of the annual financial report of the

Accounting Department with competence and professionalism, and for obtaining praise and acclaim from the aforementioned department. Again he welcomed the new employees who joined the Academy recently, wishing them success and called on the Academy's staff to welcome them and provide them with assistance, care, and guidance necessary for quick and smooth integration. Then the meeting discussed the items of decisions issued by the previous meeting, and several decisions were issued, the most important of which are:

- Sending draft recommendations of the cryptocurrency symposium to the participants.
- Inviting researchers who have not yet applied to participate at the 25th session of the Academy, of the twenty-fifth session of the Academy, in order to ensure impartiality and integrity, provided that the proposals include a summary of research, draft



resolutions and draft recommendations.

- Submitting a comprehensive report on the number of participants invited to the twenty-fifth session of the Academy and their classification as researchers, members, or experts.
- Following up on the project of indexing the book of resolutions, stressing the need to finish it before the next Session.

58th Weekly Meeting of Departments Directors



H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy presided the fifty-eighth weekly meeting of the directors of the Academy's departments on Monday, 16 Jumada Al-Ula 1443H, corresponding to 20 December 2021G, via Zoom technology from his residence in the Guinean capital Conakry. He opened the meeting by welcoming the attendees, thanking them for their keenness to attend these weekly meetings. Then he spoke

about the periodic meetings, and the keenness of the departments to review the decisions issued by these meetings, indicating that successful administrative work is the work that is based on follow-up and organization of administrative and scientific work. Moreover, the assignments and decisions issued by these meetings serve as a reference for following up on the activities and programs that the Academy intends to carry out, discussing new issues, eliminating rumors, and the negative centralization that may harm the functioning of the Academy. Then he touched on the cooperation agreement with the Guinean Ministry of Religious Affairs, which will be signed in the coming days. In this regard, he thanked Dr. Abdel Fattah Abnauf for his efforts in preparing

the draft of the agreement, which was widely accepted and appreciated. Then the meeting discussed the items of decisions issued by the previous meeting, and several decisions were issued the most important of which are:

- Call for papers to be sent to the Academy members who haven't been approached before on the topics that are not sufficiently covered. Also contacting the organizations with whom the Academy has signed agreements in order for them to nominate some participants.
- Follow up with "Dar Mufakkirun" for publishing regarding the issuance of the magazine's issues (20-21) before the next session of the Academy.
- Revising the current edition of the Book of Resolutions in preparation for reprinting it before the next session of the Academy.

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HRH Prince Khalid Al-Faisal, Advisor to the King, Makkah Governor welcomes IIFA Secretary General in Jeddah

His Royal Highness Prince Khalid Al-Faisal, Advisor to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, Governor of Makkah Province, received His Excellency the Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, and his accompanying delegation, at his office in Jeddah on Monday 07 Jumada al-akhira 1443 corresponding to 10 January 2022G. His Royal Highness welcomed His Excellency the Secretary General, expressing his happiness at receiving the delegation of the Academy, and his appreciation for the role played by the Academy in spreading moderation and a culture of tolerance. His Highness also stressed the need for concerted efforts to promote a culture of moderation and combat radicalism, fanaticism, and extremism. For his part, His Excellency the Secretary General expressed his great thanks and great gratitude to His Royal Highness for this great honor and for the warm reception and earnest welcome to him and the delegation of the Academy and conveyed to His Highness the greetings of His Excellency the President of the Academy, Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Abdullah bin Hamid, Advisor to the Royal Court, member of the Board of Senior Scholars, Imam of the Grand Mosque of Makkah, and all the staff of the Academy, including members, experts and employees. Furthermore, His Excellency presented to His Highness a brief summary of the mission of the Academy represented in a moderate presentation of Shariah, highlighting its advantages, and its ability to achieve happiness and stability for the individual and society, praising in this regard the Academy's continuous efforts to



correct misconceptions and stereotypical image of Islam. His Excellency also stressed the keenness of the Academy on intellectual convergence and knowledge integration between the scholars of the Ummah and the scholars of the reputable Islamic schools of jurisprudence, in addition to the diligent work in order to coordinate with the fatwa councils, the bodies of senior scholars within the Muslim world, and Muslim communities. On this occasion, His Excellency pointed out that the Academy does not issue fatwas on issues of local nature, and also indicated that the Academy does not address controversial issues, in an effort to unite the Ummah and unite its ranks. Then His Excellency praised the continuous support, generous care, great attention, and great facilities that the Academy enjoys from the host state and its people, headed by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, and the Crown Prince His Royal Highness Prince Mohammad bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud. Praise be to God, the Academy was able, thanks to the support of the host state in particular and the member

states of the Organization in general, to hold twenty-four (24) Sessions, and to issue two hundred and thirty-eight (238) Resolutions on various issues and developments in economy, thought, culture, and education. Finally, His Excellency concluded his speech by expressing his aspiration to strengthen cooperation, coordination and communication with scientific and religious institutions concerned with managing religious affairs in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. At the end of the meeting, His Excellency presented His Highness with a luxurious copy of the fourth edition of the Book of Resolutions and Recommendations of the Academy, and a number of publications of the Academy. His Excellency was accompanied to this meeting by Mr. Mohamed Al-Mondher Chouk, Director of Cabinet and Protocol Affairs, Mrs. Sarah Amjad Hussain, Director of Family and Women's Affairs, Mr. Mohamed Walid Al-Idrissi, Director of Media, Public Relations and Information Technology, Dr. Abdel-Fattah Mahmoud Abnauf, Director of Planning and International Cooperation, and Mr. Amjad Ibrahim Mustafa Al-Mansi, Head of Protocol Division.



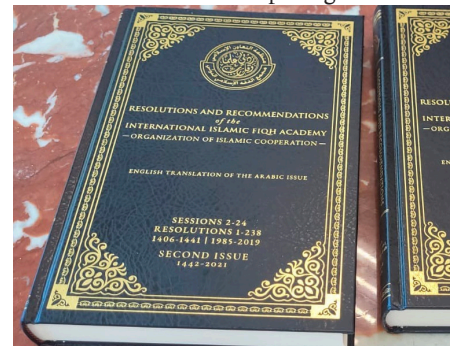
OIC Secretary General receives the 2nd Edition of the Academy's Resolutions and Recommendations



On Wednesday, 23 Jumada al-akhira 1443H corresponding to 26 January 2022G, His Excellency the Secretary General of the Academy handed over the first copy of the new English-language book edition to his Excellency the Secretary General of the Organization, during their meeting in his office at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the OIC. As an extension of the qualitative developments and

transformation taking place at the General Secretariat of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) since His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano assumed duties as Secretary General of the Academy, and a desire to enable scientists, intellectuals, researchers and scholars who cannot speak Arabic inside and outside the Muslim world to make the most use of the publications of the Academy, the General Secretariat of the Academy, has succeeded in printing the second edition of the Book of Resolutions and Recommendations in English, after a 22-year break from the first edition in 2000G. This new edition contains a thorough translation of all the two hundred and thirty-eight (238) resolutions and recommendations issued by the Academy from its founding to the present day. While congratulating its members and experts on the release of this new edition, the General Secretariat of the Academy extends its great thanks and appreciation to His Excellency Mr. Hussein Ibrahim Taha, Secretary General of the Organization of

Islamic Cooperation (OIC), and to His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Abdullah bin Humaid, President of the Academy and His excellency Dr. Yousuf bin Ahmed Al-Othaimeen, former Secretary-General of the Organization, for their continued support and generous care for the Academy. The General Secretariat also expresses its high appreciation to the scholars, jurists, translators, and reviewers of the Academy for their efforts in completing this work.



Dean of Diplomatic Corps receives IIFA's SG in Riyadh



His Excellency Ambassador Thiauddin Bamakhrama, Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, and Ambassador of the Republic of Djibouti, received on Wednesday, 02 Jumadah al-Akhira 1443H, corresponding to 05 January 2022, in his office in the Embassy district of Riyadh, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA). His Excellency began his speech by expressing his great thanks to His Excellency and his entourage for the visit, praising his Excellency's outstanding efforts in promoting the Academy, and communicating with the member states of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), and expressing his great appreciation for the developments

that the Academy has been witnessing since his Excellency assumed the leadership of the General Secretariat of the Academy, noting the great role of the Academy in disseminating moderation and promotion of a culture of moderation, tolerance and peaceful coexistence. He concluded by expressing his aspiration for the Academy to partner with leading religious institutions in East Africa to organize a specialized scientific seminar in Djibouti on promoting moderation, a culture of moderation, tolerance and the fight against extremism and terrorism in the region. For his part, His Excellency the Secretary General of the Academy expressed his sincere thanks and appreciation to the Ambassador for his good reception and hospitality, praising his Excellency's great role in strengthening the relations of cooperation and partnership between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and all embassies diplomatic missions accredited in the Kingdom, noting the great confidence and respect that His Excellency enjoys from all in recognition of his wisdom and judiciousness. His Excellency expressed his thanks to the Ambassador and his great gratitude for the continued support of the member states of the OIC in general and the Republic of Djibouti in particular, stressing the Academy's readiness to strengthen

partnership and cooperation with religious and scientific institutions with the member states of the Organization, and in particular welcomed the proposal of his Excellency to organize a specialized scientific symposium on the topics and issues mentioned by His Excellency the Dean of Diplomatic Corps in cooperation with religious and scientific institutions in the Horn of Africa in the near future. His Excellency concluded his speech by kindly inviting His Excellency to visit the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah, as well as provided him with a copy of the fourth edition of the book of resolutions and recommendations of the Academy, and issues of the monthly newsletter. The meeting was also attended by Mr. Mohamed Al-Idrissi, Director of Public Relations and Media Department at the Academy.



Libya's Permanent Representative visits the Academy in Jeddah

His Excellency Ambassador Kamal Bashir Dhan, Permanent Representative of the State of Libya to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), visited His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), on Tuesday 8 Jumada al-Akhira 1443H corresponding to 11 January 2022, at the headquarters of the Academy's General Secretariat in Jeddah. His Excellency expressed his heartfelt thanks to His Excellency the Secretary General for the warm welcome and good reception, and his deep appreciation for the qualitative changes and remarkable developments witnessed by the General Secretariat of the Academy, whether at the administrative or scientific and intellectual levels since His Excellency assumed his duties as Secretary General of the Academy, praising His Excellency's great keenness to unite the Ummah and spread the correct concepts of the true religion, and to promote the values of moderation and peaceful coexistence. His Excellency concluded by expressing his aspiration to strengthen relations of cooperation and communication between the General Secretariat of the Academy and the State of Libya through the new permanent delegation, wishing His Excellency and the Academy more success in achieving the activities and programs of the Academy's strategic plan, stressing his full readiness to



provide all facilities and services necessary for the success of the various programs and projects of the Academy. His Excellency also pledged to ensure that the State of Libya fulfills its full material and moral obligations towards the OIC and all its organs. For his part, the Secretary General welcomed His Excellency and thanked him for this visit, which indicates the appreciation of His Excellency and the Libyan permanent delegation to the Academy, and it also affirms the sincere desire to consolidate relations of cooperation and communication between the General Secretariat of the Academy and the scientific and religious institutions in the State of Libya, praising in the meantime the high scientific level enjoyed by Libyan scholars and the pivotal and pioneering role played by the

Libyan religious and scientific institutions, especially the Libyan Waqf and Islamic Affairs Authority. His Excellency concluded by emphasizing that the Academy is looking forward to working and communicating with the permanent delegation, and with all Libyan scientific institutions and centers concerned with issues of thought, social and economic topics, as the Academy is fully prepared to harness all its scientific capabilities to support the Libyan government and the brotherly Libyan people in achieving security, safety and peaceful coexistence, with eagerness to renounce violence, extremism and hate speech. The meeting was attended by Dr. Abdel-Fattah Mahmoud Abnauf, Director of Planning and International Cooperation at the Academy, Mrs. Sarah Amjad Hussain, Director of Family and Women's Affairs at the Academy, and Mr. Mourad TLiLi, Advisor to the Secretary General of the Academy for media and public relations affairs.



Director General of OIC Regional Mission in Somalia visits IIFA

His Excellency professor Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), received at his office at the Headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy on Wednesday morning, 9 Jumada al-akhira 1443, corresponding to 12 January 2022, H.E. Ambassador Mohamed Bamba M. Boba, Director General of the Regional Mission of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) in the Federal Republic of Somalia, who briefed the Secretary General on the latest developments in Somalia and discussed possible areas of cooperation and coordination between the mission and the Academy. The Secretary General welcomed His Excellency and thanked him for the visit, noting the great role played by the Organization through its regional mission in supporting peace and reconstruction efforts in the Federal Republic of Somalia, and wishing success to His Excellency in his huge tasks to ensure that Somalia returns to its stability and prosperity. In this context, His Excellency stressed the Academy's full readiness to provide all forms of intellectual and juristic support to the Federal Republic of Somalia, particularly in the fight against extremist ideology that fuels terrorism and spreads extremism, and calls for brutal attacks on life, and public and private property based on false concepts and false interpretations of sacred texts. His Excellency also praised the outstanding role played by many contemporary scholars and thinkers of the Federal Republic of Somalia



in the Horn of Africa, in promoting a culture of moderation, tolerance and coexistence, and rejecting extremism, intolerance, and terrorism, and confirmed to His Excellency the Academy's readiness to strengthen close cooperation with scientific institutions and centers and juristic councils in Somalia. This can be achieved by partnering in conferences, seminars, and workshops with Somali scholars on ways to dismantle the origins of extremist ideology, and to break the intellectual foundations on which extremism is based, as well as to refute the premises on which they are based to implicate many young people, women, and children in committing heinous acts that have nothing to do with Islam and against its teachings. For his part, His Excellency the Ambassador expressed his thanks and appreciation to his Excellency the Secretary General for his good reception and warm welcome, praising the great role played by the Academy and its great efforts in combating all forms of extremism, violence, terrorism and spreading

the values of tolerance and moderation. His Excellency also praised the readiness of the Academy to strengthen its cooperation and partnership with the leading and long-standing Somali scientific institutions in integrating efforts and coordinating visions to strengthen the approach of moderation, and to fight extremism and violence by organizing specialized seminars and workshops on various issues of concern to Muslims in the Horn of Africa in general and in the Federal Republic of Somalia in particular. At the end of the visit, Ambassador Mohamed Bamba reiterated his thanks and appreciation to His Excellency and his aspiration for a visit from His Excellency and a delegation from the Academy to Mogadishu soon. The meeting was attended by H.E. Engineer Abdullah Abdullah Ali, Deputy Director General of the Regional Mission of OIC in Somalia, Dr. Abdel Fattah Mahmoud Abnauf, Director of Planning and International Cooperation Department at the Academy, and Mr. Mourad TLiLi, Advisor to the Secretary General of the Academy for Media and Public Relations.



IIFA Secretary General visits Embassy of The Republic Senegal in Riyadh



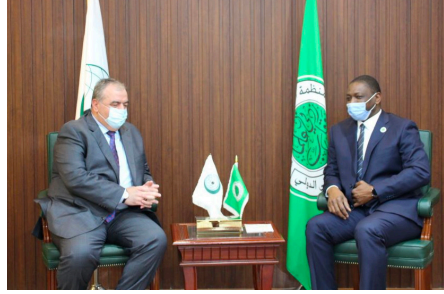
His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), visited on Thursday, 03 Jumada al-akhira 1443, corresponding to 06 January 2022, the Embassy of the Republic of Senegal in the Embassies District of Riyadh, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. His Excellency Mohamadou Dodo, Ambassador of Senegal, and Permanent Representative to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), received His Excellency the Secretary General, and thanked him for the visit, which is the first visit of an official from the Academy to the Embassy headquarters. He

stated that this visit is an honest expression of the appreciation and love of the Republic of Senegal leadership and people, as well as an affirmation of his Excellency's desire to strengthen the relations of cooperation and partnership between the Academy and scientific institutions in Senegal in order to spread the culture of moderation, tolerance and coexistence on the one hand and to strengthen communication and coordination between the Academy and religious institutions in order to combat all forms of intolerance, extremism, fanaticism and terrorism on the other hand. He then expressed his delight with the great development and qualitative change he noticed at the General Secretariat of the Academy during his visit to the headquarters of the Academy in Jeddah, which is a source of pride for all, and testament to the good leadership of His Excellency. His Excellency concluded by expressing the readiness of the Republic of Senegal to provide all support to the Academy to enable it to play its esteemed and distinct role in uniting the Ummah and achieving communication and cooperation between scholars and experts

of the Academy and scholars of Senegal in the fields of research and fatwas. For his part, His Excellency the secretary General expressed his gratitude and appreciation to the Ambassador for his good reception and welcome, praising the great support and care the Academy has been receiving from the Republic of Senegal since its founding to this day. His Excellency also expressed his great appreciation and gratitude for the recent visit of the Ambassador to the General Secretariat of the Academy. He stressed the full readiness of the Academy to strengthen the relations of partnership, cooperation, coordination and communication between the Academy and Senegalese academic and religious institutions in all fields, especially the field of dissemination of moderation, tolerance, and coexistence. His Excellency concluded with the promise of his willingness to visit Senegal soon. His Excellency was accompanied by Mr. Mohammed Walid Al-Idrissi, Director of the Department of Media, Public Relations, and IT at the Academy.

SMIIC's Secretary General visits the Academy

The Secretary General of the Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIIC) of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Mr. Ihsan Ovut, and his delegation visited the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) on Thursday 10 Jumada al-akhira 1443, corresponding to 13 January 2022. His Excellency and his delegation were greeted by His Excellency the Secretary General of the Academy, Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, and some senior staff of the Academy. His Excellency the Secretary General welcomed the distinguished guest and delegation noting the distinct relationship between the Academy and the Institute since its inception, pointing out in this regard the positive cooperation between the Institute and the General Secretariat of the Academy in the field of issuing Islamic juristic standards for the halal industry in slaughter food, beverages, etc., in order to achieve the OIC's objectives in disseminating the halal industry committed to Islamic standards and to emphasize the strategic partnership between the two parties. His Excellency expressed his aspiration to the commitment of the member states of the OIC to all Shariah standards of halal products such as foods, medicines and others, considering



that these standards arise from the resolutions and recommendations issued by the Academy over four decades, and expressed confidence in the cooperation and integration of member states among themselves in the field of production and trade of halal products so that all their products are in accordance with the provisions of their religion and Shariah. In this context, His Excellency promised to continue the cooperation and coordination between the Academy and the Institute through regular meetings, seminars, and joint conferences in order to continue serving Muslims and achieve OIC's objectives in the field of food and medicines compliant with Shariah. For his part, H.E. Ihsan Ovut thanked the Secretary General for the warm welcome, praising the great efforts of the Academy under his Excellency's leadership to serve Muslims and their causes inside and outside member states. He also noted his satisfaction with the

firm cooperation between the institute and the Academy in areas of halal products such as food, medicine, and clothing. He stressed the need to continue to intensify efforts and deepen cooperation between the two sides in order to keep pace with the developments and changes taking place in our world today, and in order to further enhance compliance with the decisions of the Academy and the standards of the Institute in order to keep up with the rapid scientific development taking place in this sector. It should be noted that the OIC has chosen a unified Islamic organ to regulate the halal industry, as it established the Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIIC) which has membership of forty-five (45) Islamic states and fourteen (14) specialized regional and international organizations.



Ambassador of Guinea welcomes IIFA Secretary General at the Embassy in Riyadh

H.E. Mr. Mahmoud Sharif Nabhani, Ambassador of the Republic of Guinea to Saudi Arabia, received His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) on Thursday, 03 Jumada al-akhira 1443, corresponding to 06 January 2022G at the Embassy of the Republic of Guinea in the Embassies District of Riyadh, the Kingdom Saudi Arabia. His Excellency the Ambassador warmly welcomed his Excellency and thanked him in particular for this visit, which is a confirmation of his sincere loyalty and deep sense of belonging to his country's leadership and people, as well as an expression of his desire to strengthen relations of cooperation, partnership and coordination between the Academy and the scientific and religious institutions of the Republic of Guinea in order to spread the culture of moderation, tolerance and coexistence, and to combat all forms of intolerance, extremism, radicalization and terrorism. In the meantime, he praised His Excellency's recent successful visit to the Republic of Guinea, where he met with His Excellency the President of the Republic, His



Excellency the Prime Minister, and a number of ministers, and in particular the cooperation agreement signed by His Excellency with the General Secretariat for Religious Affairs of Guinea. He then expressed his pleasure and satisfaction with the qualitative developments and changes that have taken place in the

General Secretariat of the Academy since his Excellency began his duties as Secretary General, which is a source of great pride for the African continent in general and for the Republic of Guinea in particular. He concluded by expressing the readiness of the Republic of Guinea to provide all support, and care to the Academy in order to enable it to carry out its valuable mission and achieve its noble objectives. For his part, His Excellency expressed his great thanks to the Ambassador for his good reception and hospitality, praising the continued support that the Academy has enjoyed from the leadership and people of the Republic of Guinea since its founding to this day. His Excellency also expressed his great appreciation for the recent visit of His Excellency the Ambassador to the General Secretariat of the Academy, stressing the Academy's keenness to implement the provisions of the cooperation agreement signed between the Academy and the General Secretariat for Religious Affairs of the Republic of Guinea in order to promote moderation, and spread the culture of tolerance and coexistence.

IIFA and Serbia's Faculty of Islamic Studies sign an MoC

As part of the international Islamic Fiqh Academy's (IIFA) quest for cross-fertilization of ideas and knowledge integration between the leading scientific institutions in the member states of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), and a desire to benefit from the experiences of prestigious universities and scientific institutes inside and outside the Muslim world, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, and His Excellency Prof. Enver Gicic, Dean of the Faculty of Islamic Studies of the Republic of Serbia, signed a strategic cooperation agreement between the two institutions on Wednesday, 23 Jumada al-akhira 1443, corresponding to 26 January 2022, at the Headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. This agreement aims to build a strategic partnership in the field of mutual utilization of the scientific and research capabilities of the two institutions, and to study contemporary issues to guide and direct them. The agreement also aims to jointly organize conferences and seminars, hold workshops and training, exchange publications, and represent the two sides in the conferences and seminars held by each other in the field of mutual interest. Following the signing of the agreement, His Excellency the Secretary General expressed his pleasure at the development and progress



witnessed by the Faculty, and the scientific results and achievements of the Faculty in recent years at the level of the formation of distinguished religious cadres to serve Muslims in the region. He noted that this agreement will be an opportunity to invite researchers at this Faculty to participate in the courses, seminars and conferences of the Academy, in addition to scientific, academic and research cooperation in order to allow the academic staff of the Faculty and graduates to have more grounding in their disciplines. For his part, His Excellency the Dean of the College expressed his pleasure at the completion of this agreement, which will allow the faculty to use the capabilities and expertise of the Academy, which will benefit directly at the level of the educational and training outputs of the faculty and its ability to attract more students. His Excellency

added that he looks forward to the support of the Academy to the College, proposing to hold a specialized seminar in partnership with the Academy, which will focus on the issues and concerns of Muslim communities in the Balkans. In accordance with the terms of the memorandum, the parties agreed to form a specialized committee that would identify their cooperation, methods, and mechanisms of implementation as enshrined in the memorandum itself, and the Committee has the mandate to benefit from the expertise of whom they deem appropriate to implement all the provisions of the memorandum. The meeting was attended by Dr. Omar Zuhair Hafez, Special Advisor to the Secretary General, Mr. Mohamed Al-Mondher El-Chouk, Director of the Department of Cabinet and Protocol Affairs at the Academy, Dr. Abdel Fattah Abnauf, Director of the Department of Planning and International Cooperation at the Academy, and Mr. Mourad TLiLi, Media Advisor to the Secretary General.



Ambassador of Republic of Guinea-Bissau visits IIFA

H.E. Dino Saidi, Ambassador of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), visited on Thursday 17 Jumada al-akhira 1443 corresponding to 20 January 2022, the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) in Jeddah, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. He was greeted on his arrival by His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, who warmly welcomed his guest, thanked him for the visit, and expressed his great appreciation to the leadership of the Republic of Guinea Bissau for its support and care for the Academy since its inception. His Excellency also took the opportunity to congratulate His Excellency on assuming his duties as Ambassador to KSA, wishing him success in strengthening the relations of cooperation, partnership and friendship between the Republic of Guinea Bissau and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on the one hand, and between the Republic of Guinea Bissau and the Academy on the other. His Excellency the Secretary General pointed out in this regard that the Academy has good reputation internationally and enjoys great standing and respect, especially with regards to promoting moderation and disseminating a culture of moderation, tolerance and peaceful coexistence between different peoples and religions. His Excellency added that the Academy will provide all its scientific and moral resources to support member



states in addressing ideological, cultural, and educational challenges by providing effective solutions to the problems caused by misconceptions about the clear teachings and values of Islam, through seminars, conferences and training workshops frequently organized by the Academy. In the same context, His Excellency stated that the Academy looks forward optimistically to strengthening the inter-African relations with the countries of the African Group in the Organization, as well as to have strong partnership with the leading jurists and scientific institutions in the countries of the Group. His Excellency also told his guest that he planned to tour several West African countries during the first quarter of this year at the invitation of a number of officials in these countries. For his part, His Excellency the Ambassador expressed his pleasure and honor to visit the Academy expressing his gratitude to his Excellency the Secretary General for the good reception and welcome, stressing his country's keenness to establish strong and sustainable relations with the Academy

to benefit from it in addressing many local issues that concern his country and the West African region at large. His Excellency also expressed his admiration and appreciation for the important developments and profound changes that the Academy is witnessing at all levels, stressing the pride of the African countries Group at the Organization for what his Excellency the Secretary General has achieved since his assumption of the General Secretariat of the Academy. His Excellency the Ambassador concluded his speech by welcoming the official visit of His Excellency the Secretary General to the West African region and invited him to visit the Republic of Guinea-Bissau particularly in order to strengthen the relations of cooperation and communication between the Academy and the leading religious scientific institutions on the one hand, and between the Academy and its scholars on the other. At the end of the visit, His Excellency the Secretary General presented his Excellency with souvenirs, and the meeting was attended by Mr. Mourad TLiLi, Advisor to the Secretary General for Media Affairs.



IIFA Secretary General delivers a speech in the 34th International Conference for Latin American and Caribbean Muslims

His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), delivered a speech on Tuesday, 22 Jumada al-akhira 1443, corresponding to 25 January 2022, at the closing session of the 34th Virtual International Conference for Latin American and Caribbean Muslims held in Sao Paulo, Brazil. This year's conference was entitled "Waqf and its Role in Serving Muslim Communities in Latin America and the Caribbean", organized by the Islamic Dawah Centre for Latin America and the Caribbean states in Brazil under the auspices of the Ministry of Religious Affairs, Dawah and Guidance in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. More than 100 scholars, intellectuals, academics, Islamic personalities, and students from more than 30 countries around the world participated in the conference. His Excellency began his speech by expressing his sincere thanks to the Dawah Center for its invitation to participate in this important timely conference on one of the most important topics of the day that should be treated as a ritual of eternal Islam, and a means of combating poverty in societies, especially Muslim communities outside the Muslim world. He also pointed out that Waqf is an important source of income throughout Islamic history, noting that important role it has played in meeting the needs of the needy bereaved and orphaned, as well as its role in supporting the economy of states and societies, as well as other aspects of life. Therefore, there is a great need today to pay more attention to waqf in terms of research, development, review, and realization in order to play the role it is required to play as the world at large is going through the most critical health and economic crisis in decades, which has cast a shadow over all aspects of human life. His Excellency added that the Waqf industry in general has become today, thanks to God, a source of pride for the Muslim ummah as a result of the great position it occupies in Islamic social finance, and Waqfs have become the subject of study in universities and scientific centers in recognition of its prominent role in combating unemployment and reducing social differences and disparity. It also plays a pivotal role in diversifying the sources of philanthropy and doing good. His Excellency pointed out that due to the trends and developments witnessed in the arena, the



in guiding the developments in order to preserve the development of the industry and its progress, praising in this regard mature scientific resolutions and practical and effective recommendations issued by the Academy during many of its sessions on Waqf grounded on its jurisprudence, circumstances, and new developments. In the meantime, His Excellency explained that the Academy, in its fifteenth Session held in Muscat Oman and nineteenth Session in Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates permitted the use of all contemporary types and forms of Waqf, starting with properties, shares and Sukuk through Waqf of money, and whether the Waqf is permanent or temporary. Accordingly, His Excellency called on Muslim communities outside the Muslim world stating: "I call on you to benefit from these original Academy's resolutions, and to welcome in kind endowments (=real estate), cash endowments (=moveable goods and money), life endowments and temporary endowments. The Shariah texts on Waqf are flexible, general, and absolute, for generations. The purposes of the Law in donations and gifts are to diversify the sources of doing good and philanthropy as the Qur'an states: (Never will you attain the good [reward] until you spend [in the way of Allah] from that which you love) Ali'Imran: 92. The word "ma" is a form of common that cannot be allocated in a special kind of righteousness but includes and generalizes all forms and types of good, both permanently or temporarily, in kind or in cash. His words, peace be upon him: "if a person dies, their deed stops except three: An ongoing charity (Sadaqat jariyah),

knowledge to benefit from, or a good child to pray for the deceased". The term "charity" is intended as an absolute one, which is not restricted by a type but is comprehensive for each charity whether in-kind or monetary, permanent, or temporary. His Excellency the Secretary General then concluded his intervention by thanking and praising the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia represented in the Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Dawah and Guidance for its sponsorship of this conference, and its support for it, and its interest in Muslim communities in Latin America and around the world, and singled out thanks and praise to His Excellency Minister Sheikh Abdul Latif bin Abdul Aziz Al Sheikh for his participation, attendance and sponsorship of the closing ceremony of the conference. He then asked Allah the Almighty to preserve the country of the Two Holy Mosques, KSA, and the United Arab Emirates from the criminal attacks they are subjected to these days from terrorist groups seeking to destabilize their security and stability, and to terrorize their people. The conference issued several recommendations, including the importance of introducing the broad concept of Waqf, highlighting its prominent role in building Muslim civilization, the need for Muslim communities to it, spreading the culture of Waqf through available means with a focus on modern means of communication, and teaching the shariah legal provisions of Waqf in Islamic universities and institutes. The conference also recommended workshops and training sessions for Waqf administrators and trustees on performance development, improved management, and the development of by-laws to meet the criteria for successful performance, as well as partnerships between Waqf departments and Zakat funds to advance Waqf. The conference also condemned the repeated attacks on Makkah, the Qibla of Muslims, the territories of Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and civilians by the Houthi terrorist militias and the demand of the international community to assume its responsibilities towards it.



IIFA Secretary General meets with Ambassador of Uganda in Riyadh

His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), met on Thursday, 03 Jumada al-akhira 1443, corresponding to 06 January 2022, with His Excellency Mr. Isaac Biruma Sibulime, Ambassador of the Republic of Uganda, and its Permanent Representative to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) in Riyadh, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The Ambassador expressed his great pleasure and thanks to His Excellency for his visit to the Embassy, praising the developments and qualitative changes witnessed by the General Secretariat of the Academy, which he noticed during his visit to the Academy months ago. He also expressed his happiness to build a unique educational strategic partnership between the Academy and religious institutions in Uganda, particularly the Office of the Grand Mufti of

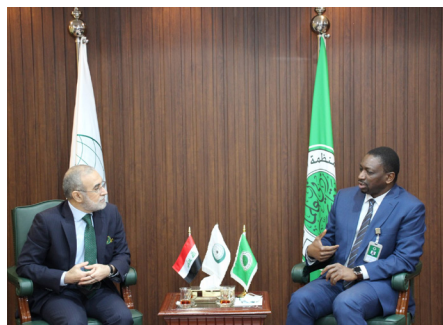
Uganda, in order to promote a culture of moderation, tolerance, openness and peaceful coexistence among followers of religions. He concluded his speech by expressing the readiness of the Republic of Uganda to provide support to the Academy at all levels in order to enable it to carry out its noble mission and implement its strategic plan. For his part, His Excellency the Secretary General expressed his great thanks and appreciation to the Ambassador for the good reception and welcome, noting in the meantime the continued support and care the Academy has been receiving from the leadership and people of the Republic of Uganda since its inception. His Excellency also expressed his great appreciation and gratitude to the Ambassador for his recent visit to the General Secretariat of the Academy, stressing the keenness of the Academy to strengthen



the relations of partnership, cooperation, communication and coordination between the Academy and Ugandan academic and religious institutions in all fields, especially the field of spreading tolerance and interfaith coexistence. His Excellency was accompanied by Mr. Mohammed Walid Al-Idrissi, Director of the Department of Media, Public Relations, and IT at the Academy.

The Republic of Iraq Permanent Representative to the OIC Visits IIFA

His Excellency Mr. Kanaan Adnan Al-Azzawi, Consul General of the Republic of Iraq to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and its Permanent Representative to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), accompanied by a delegation from the Consulate General, visited on Monday 28 Jumada al-akhira 1443 corresponding to 31 January 2022 the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, the Secretary General of the Academy, welcomed his Excellency and the accompanying delegation, thanking him for the visit, and expressed his heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the Republic of Iraq for its continuous support and care for the Academy and the Organization from its establishment to this day. Then His Excellency gave his guest a brief overview of the Academy's activities and various programs and the developments it has witnessed in the recent period, noting in this regard the prestigious position and great respect that the Academy enjoys at the level of the OIC member states and the world at large with regard to spreading moderation and promoting a culture of peace, tolerance and coexistence among peoples and religions. His Excellency also assured his guest of the Academy's readiness to provide juristic and intellectual support to the Republic of Iraq in order to enhance its commendable efforts in the field of rejecting fanaticism and extremism that fuel terrorism and spread discrimination and chaos, and call for vicious aggression against people, their dignity, and public



and private property. Then His Excellency concluded by expressing his aspiration to strengthen cooperation and coordination with scientific and juristic institutions and centers in Iraq through partnership in holding conferences, seminars, and workshops with Iraqi scholars on ways to dismantle extremist ideology and correct misconceptions about Islam. For his part, the Consul General expressed his pleasure and honor to visit the Academy, and his thanks and gratitude to His Excellency the Secretary General for the warm reception and great welcome, stressing his country's keenness to establish strong and sustainable relations with the Academy and to benefit from it in addressing many religious and intellectual issues that occupy Iraqi society. He also expressed his great appreciation for the qualitative changes and remarkable developments that the Academy's General Secretariat has been witnessing, both at the administrative level and at the scientific and intellectual level, since His Excellency assumed his duties as Secretary General of the Academy, praising His Excellency's

great keenness to unify the Ummah's voice and spread the correct concepts of the true religion. His Excellency also expressed his welcome to the Academy's desire to enhance relations of cooperation and communication between the General Secretariat of the Academy and the well-established and reliable Iraqi scholars in support of the efforts of the Government of Iraq in combating intolerance, extremism, and terrorism. His Excellency concluded by expressing his good wishes to the Secretary General and the Academy for more success in achieving the activities and programs of the Academy's strategic plan, stressing the readiness of the Permanent Delegation of Iraq to provide all facilities and services necessary for the success of the Academy's various programs and projects. On the Iraqi side, the meeting was attended by Consul Nihad Hamad Al-Dulaimi, Diplomatic Adviser Mayia Hadi Mahdi, and Deputy Consul Mohammad Mustafa Kamel. On the part of the Academy, Mr. Mohamed Al-Mondher El-Chouk, Director of Cabinet and Protocol Affairs Department, and Mr. Mourad TLiLi, Advisor to the Secretary General for Media Affairs.



IIFA's Strategic Plan, Major Standpoint at 50th Session of OIC Permanent Finance Committee

The Permanent Financial Committee of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) held its fiftieth session to discuss the draft budget of the Organization and its subsidiary organs, during the period 15-17 Jumada al-akhira 1443 corresponding to 18-20 January 2022, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Organization in Jeddah. Representatives of 42 member states and representatives of the General Secretariat and subsidiary organs attended the session. The representative of the Republic of Niger opened the session and handed over the presidency to the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, His Excellency Ambassador Rizwan Sheikh, in his capacity as the head of the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to conduct the work of the session for the fiftieth session of the Financial Committee. The Bureau Board was elected and subsequently the Permanent Financial Committee approved the Islamic Republic of Pakistan as Chair, the State of Palestine, the Republic of Yemen, and the Republic of Cameroon as Vice-Chairpersons, and the United Arab Emirates was chosen as Rapporteur. His Excellency the Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, Mr. Hussein Ibrahim Taha, delivered a speech on the occasion in which he praised the efforts made by the distinguished delegates to ensure the proper functioning and application of financial laws as well as to improve the financial efficiency of the Organization in general. This was followed by a speech by His Excellency the President of the Board, who presented a brief summary of the financial report for



the years 2019-2020 and the notes and recommendations it included. Then H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, presented the draft budget of the Academy, and it was a distinct presentation that was well received and praised by the representatives of member states for its accuracy and comprehensiveness. He stressed the important role of the Academy since its inception in promoting moderation in its presentation of Islam that is capable of dealing bringing about peace and security and stability in the world. He emphasized that the Academy also promote tolerance and coexistence in order to combat bigotry, radicalization, extremism and terrorism. He therefore called for the necessity and the need to approve the draft budget of the Academy in order to accomplish its objective. He then presented the five-year strategic plan of the Academy with its Key Performance Indicators, objectives, and the activities. Yet it was an outstanding presentation that captured the important activities awaiting the Academy that address the problems and concerns of the member states of the Organization and deal with a number of issues of thought, social and education in a scientific and perfect plan.

The Presentation by His Excellency received admiration from many representatives that called for its adoption. However other opposed the idea of any budgetary increment for this year for the General Secretariat of OIC and its subsidiaries. Following the various presentations by the Organization and its subsidiary organs, the committee decided that the budget should remain as it was in previous years without any increase, including the budget of the Academy. The committee also asked the General Secretariat and its subsidiary organs to rationalize their expenses and urged them to be efficient and effective in terms of reducing costs in their financial and administrative operations. The committee also urged the Organization's General Secretariat and its subsidiary organs to implement best practices in the field of transparency and rationalization of expenditures and strive to implement the observations contained in the report of the Financial Control Authority. The committee also recommended not granting any increase in the budgets of the General Secretariat of the Organization and its subsidiary organs for the fiscal year 2023 unless there is an urgent necessity.

Dr. Abdel Fattah Mahmoud Abnauf participates in the 35th session of the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent

Dr. Abdel-Fattah Mahmoud Abnauf, Director of Planning and International Cooperation Department at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), representing the Secretary General of the Academy, participated in the opening of the Thirty-fifth Session of the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), at the organization's headquarters in Jeddah, on Wednesday Thursday 2-3 Jumada al-akhira 1443 corresponding to 5-6 January 2022G. In his speech on behalf of His Excellency the Secretary General of the Academy, Dr. Abnauf affirmed that the Academy welcomes all cooperation that supports humanitarian issues and contributes to achieving the goals of the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent. His Eminence also added that among the



strategic objectives of the Academy is a direct response to the reasons for expressing the Shariah opinion and its impact on life and the challenges facing the Muslim Ummah, which in essence is in tandem with the objectives of the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent, which seeks to alleviate the suffering of victims of disasters, conflicts, and wars in the Muslim world and

beyond. Concluding his speech, he affirmed the readiness of the Academy's General Secretariat to mobilize all its capabilities and resources to support the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent in its sincere efforts to help and provide relief to the needy and those affected by natural disasters, epidemics, wars, and conflicts. This year, the meeting was held under the auspices of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the host State, the President of the Islamic Summit, during which they discussed developments on issues related to providing humanitarian aid to those affected by natural disasters, providing humanitarian relief for the displaced in member states, continuing cooperation and coordination in the field of humanitarian work, and follow-up developments in the irregular migration program.

15th Monthly Staff Meeting

On Sunday 6 Jumada al-akhira 1443 corresponding to 9 January 2022, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the fifteenth monthly general meeting of the Academy's employees, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah. His Excellency opened the meeting by welcoming the attendees, thanking them for their good discipline and full commitment to the regulations and decisions of the Academy, especially the regular attendance at the periodic meetings that define the general directions of the policies of the Academy and the practical measures taken regarding all the various issues and activities that the Academy regularly organizes. His Excellency also took the opportunity to congratulate all employees on the new administrative year, calling on

them all to redouble efforts and strive for excellence in performing their tasks so that the new year 2022 will be better than the last year. As is customary in such meetings, His Excellency opened the floor for all employees to express their opinions and remarks about the progress of work in the Academy, in addition to any proposals they have that could contribute to the advancement of the Academy and improve staff performance. His Excellency listened with interest and focus to the remarks, suggestions, and inquiries of employees, calling on everyone to continue to show a spirit of cooperation, synergy and fraternity while making maximum efforts to achieve optimally the activities and programs of the Academy. The meeting took several decisions, the most important of which are:

- Assigning the Administrative and Financial Affairs Department, in cooperation with



the Information Technology Division, to explore the new technologies of attendance system and submit a monthly report on staff attendance to the Secretary General.

- Directing the Administrative and Financial Affairs Department to appoint an additional janitor to cover the expansion of offices at the Academy during the past year.

29th Periodic Meeting of Divisions Heads

On Thursday 10 Jumada al-akhira 1443 corresponding to 13 January 2022, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the twenty-ninth periodic meeting of division heads at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah. His Excellency the Secretary General welcomed the heads of divisions and thanked them for their regular attendance at these important and decisive meetings for the Academy's programs and projects and the methods for their implementation in a timely manner. His Excellency also pointed out the necessity of all employees' commitment to the organizational procedures and regulations of the Academy with regard to the rules of attendance and permission to leave for private business, reminding everyone to be honest and trustworthy in dealing with the institution and to have a sense of responsibility towards the Muslim Ummah, especially that the



salaries of all employees come from the contributions of the member states of the Organization, and therefore the moral responsibility is great for all of us to perform our duty to the fullest and in the best manner. On the other hand, His Excellency referred to the issue of employee rights and affirmed in this regard his directive to the Administrative and Financial Affairs Department of the Academy to enable all employees to use their annual leaves whenever they want to, in order to ensure the employee's comfort and to provide the appropriate atmosphere,

while adhering to the procedures and regulations listed in the Academy's statute and the Organization's framework system. His Excellency also called on the employees of the Academy to inform the concerned authority of any violation of the system, stressing that there is no tolerance for those who defraud the Academy by circumventing the fingerprint system aimed at controlling the attendance and leave times of employees. The meeting reached several decisions, the most important of which are:

- Reviewing the monthly newsletter on a daily basis to avoid accumulating news for the committees charged with editing and reviewing it, and in order to issue it on time.
- Distributing copies of the annual newsletter book on a large scale within the member states to publicize the Academy's activities and achievements during the past year.
- Expedite the completion of tasks related to holding a seminar on poultry stunning in partnership with the Food and Drug Authority.

30th Periodic Meeting of Divisions Heads

On Thursday, 24 Jumada al-akhira 1443 corresponding to 27 January 2022, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the thirtieth periodic meeting of the heads of divisions at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah. His Excellency the Secretary General welcomed the heads of divisions and thanked them for their regular attendance at these important periodic meetings and their constant keenness to exert effort to raise the Academy to the highest levels. He then thanked the Department of Financial and Administrative Affairs for its commendable efforts in preparing the annual financial report and the Academy's annual budget, which was highly praised by the Organization's Financial Control Committee. His Excellency also added that the Committee recommended some minor amendments that the Academy should take into consideration in the future in order to achieve full transparency of all its accounts.



His Excellency also congratulated the attendees for the release of the second edition of the Academy's Book of Resolutions and Recommendations in English, after a long break of more than twenty years. In this context, His Excellency commended the spirit of cooperation and solidarity among the employees responsible for this important publication and thanked all those who contributed to preparing it so that it could see the light again, headed by the Translation Department and Mr. Jawzi Lardjane. His Excellency also stressed the necessity of distributing the book to the widest possible range within and outside the membership of

the Organization in order to spread benefit from it. Several decisions were taken from the meeting, the most important of which are:

- Directing the Gifts Committee to distribute the English version of the Book of Resolutions all over the world, no later than the end of February.
- Directing the Information Technology Department to upload an electronic copy of the Book of Resolutions in English on the Academy's official website, similar to the Arabic version.
- Printing copies of the monthly newsletter brochure in the three languages (Arabic, English, and French) for distribution to diplomatic missions speaking these languages, to visitors to the Academy and to participants in seminars and conferences that it organizes.
- Directing the Information Technology Department to convert the old audio-visual scientific materials of the Academy into modern digital copies that can be easily stored and used.

59th Weekly Meeting of Departments Directors

His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the fifty-ninth weekly meeting of the directors of the Academy's departments on Wednesday 25 Jumada Al-Ula 1443 corresponding to 29 December 2021, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah. His Excellency opened the meeting by welcoming the attendees, then giving them a brief summary of his recent foreign visit, where he held many important meetings in the United Arab Emirates and the Republic of Guinea, culminating in the conclusion of important agreements and partnerships for the Academy that would enhance its standing and reputation, and support its efforts and its various activities within the member states and Muslim communities in the world. His Excellency then spoke about his meeting with the new Secretary General

of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and congratulating him on taking office at the General Secretariat of the Organization. He also took the opportunity to introduce the Academy and its objectives, projects and future programs as stated in its strategic plan. His Excellency also stated that during the meeting with His Excellency the Secretary General of the organization, they discussed the outputs of the organization's foreign ministers meeting last held in Pakistan, where the ministers decided to assign the Academy to form a committee of the Ummah's scholars to discuss and debate with the scholars of Afghanistan on women's issues and their work. The meeting then discussed the items of decisions issued by the previous meeting, and several decisions were issued, the most important of which are:

- Assigning the Research Department to present an urgent concept for the



upcoming meeting with Taliban scholars in Afghanistan, with a proposal of the names of scholars from the Academy's delegation.

- Assigning the Department of International Cooperation to present an integrated concept for a jurisprudential scientific symposium targeting Muslims in the Scandinavian countries.
- Assigning the Conferences Department to undertake the task of communicating with the participants in the seminars and sessions of the Academy instead of the Research Department.

60th Weekly Meeting of Departments Directors

To ensure further coordination, follow-up and corroboration of the activities and programs organized by the General Secretariat of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, chaired the sixtieth weekly meeting of the directors of the Academy's departments on Monday 30 Jumada Al-Ula 1443 corresponding to 03 January 2022 at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah. His Excellency opened the meeting by welcoming the attendees, thanking them for their commitment to participate in the weekly meetings, and congratulating all the employees of the Academy for the new administrative year, wishing them success, and looking forward to the departments and divisions being able



to implement the provisions of the strategic plan in a smooth, coordinated, and accurate manner. His Excellency also spoke about the importance of providing the members of the Academy with the correct and broad knowledge of the universal principles and the supreme purposes of Shariah, and called on them to be open to the jurisprudence of the respected Islamic schools in issues of ijtihad, adherence to the approach of

moderation, and the promotion of a culture of tolerance and peaceful coexistence between societies and peoples, indicating in this context the importance of informing the members of the Academy of the views of the various schools of jurisprudence, exerting broad-mindedness, and acceptance of the other, while staying away from all forms of extremism, heresy and blasphemy. The meeting resulted in several decisions, the most important of which are:

- Holding a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Academy's Waqf Fund during the month of January.
- Starting preparations for holding a seminar on Fatwas in Muslim Societies: Challenges and Prospects, during the month of February, in cooperation with the World Muslim Communities Council.

61st Weekly Meeting of Departments Directors

The General Secretariat of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) held its 61st weekly meeting for the directors of the departments headed by His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, the Secretary General, on Monday 07 Jumada al-akhira 1443 corresponding to 10 January 2022 at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah. At the beginning of the meeting, His Excellency welcomed the attendees, thanking them for their commitment to participate in the weekly meetings, reiterating the importance of these meetings, which make everyone on the same level of follow-up of the activities and programs of the Academy. Then His Excellency spoke about his meeting and the delegation from the Academy with His Royal Highness Prince Khalid Al-Faisal, Advisor to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, Governor of Makkah Al-Mukarramah Province in his office, praising the importance of this meeting and its impact on the future of the General Secretariat of the Academy. His Excellency stated that he took the opportunity to present an overview of the Academy, especially its mission of presenting Shariah in a moderate way, highlighting its advantages, and its



ability to achieve happiness and stability for the individual and society. He also praised the Academy's continuous efforts in correcting misconceptions and stereotypical images about Islam, stressing the Academy's commitment in its resolutions, recommendations, and statements to the approach of moderation, and the dissemination of a culture of moderation, tolerance, and coexistence, in an effort to unite the Ummah's voice and unite its ranks. His Excellency also expressed to His Highness the Academy's thanks and gratitude to the host country, which has embraced the Academy since its establishment four decades ago and has provided and continues to provide it with all the resources and facilities that help it achieve its goals and fulfill its mission. His Excellency concluded

by directing the Research and Studies Department to provide the Emirate with the Academy's resolutions, recommendations and publications related to promoting a culture of moderation and tolerance and rejecting fanaticism, extremism, and terrorism. He also called on the Department of Planning and International Cooperation to expedite the completion of the procedures for signing a cooperation agreement between the Academy and the Prince Khaled Al-Faisal Institute for Moderation (I'tidal) at King Abdelaziz University in Jeddah. The meeting resulted in several decisions, the most important of which are:

- Starting preparations for holding a seminar on "Fatwas in Muslim Communities: Challenges and Prospects", during the month of February, in cooperation with the World Muslim Communities Council.
- Compile the resolutions and recommendations of the Academy on the issues of moderation, tolerance and coexistence in a booklet and translate them into the languages approved by the Organization.
- Communicating with the Prince Khaled Al-Faisal Institute for Moderation (I'tidal) at King Abdelaziz University to set a date for signing the cooperation agreement with them.

62nd Weekly Meeting of Departments Directors

His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the sixty-second weekly meeting of the directors of departments at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah, on Monday 14 Jumada al-akhira 1443 corresponding to 17 January 2022. At the beginning of the meeting, His Excellency welcomed the directors of the departments, and thanked them for their commitment to attend these important weekly meetings to follow up on the activities and programs of the Academy. The Secretary General also referred to the need for all employees to adhere to the official working hours, and the rules of attendance and leave as stipulated in the regulations and procedures of the Academy's statute and the framework system of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and called on all directors to ensure that these rules are strictly applied within their

departments and not to allow any idleness and indiscipline, whether it is related to attendance and leave, or by using the working hours for personal purposes unrelated to the Academy. In the same context, His Excellency stressed the importance of self-monitoring and the fear of God Almighty as a constant basis and principle in the behavior of a Muslim, explaining that administrative procedures such as fingerprinting and others are only tools that aid discipline, and the basic principle is that the employee monitors himself or herself and fears God and adheres to what is pledged when signing the work contract with the Academy. His Excellency emphasized that defrauding the system by stamping entry and then sneaking out for private purposes, then returning to stamp leaving is deceit and forgery, and therefore the salary that employee takes is considered a sin and forbidden that is not permissible for them at all. The meeting reached several decisions,



the most important of which are:

- Expedite the preparation for the symposium on stunning poultry in partnership with the Food and Drug Authority, while ensuring that it is held in the city of Jeddah.
- Preparing for the upcoming meeting with Taliban scholars in Afghanistan during the month of February.
- Holding a meeting for the Board of Trustees of the Academy's Waqf Fund during the month of February.

63rd Weekly Meeting of Departments Directors

The General Secretariat of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) held its sixty-third weekly meeting for the directors of departments headed by His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, on Monday 21 Jumada al-akhira 1443 corresponding to 24 January 2022, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah. His Excellency began the meeting by welcoming the attendees, thanking them for their regular attendance and their keenness to follow up and implement the outcomes of the meetings and work to achieve them in line with the course of the strategic plan drawn up by the Academy, stressing that all decisions issued by these meetings are binding and the duty to implement them with all their details and at the deadlines that were meticulously and carefully set for them. Then His Excellency reviewed the English version of the Book of Resolutions, which came into being after twenty-two years absence, praising the group that worked on it until it appeared in its



final form. Then, His Excellency touched on the work of the fiftieth session of the Permanent Financial Committee of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) that was held last week, where His Excellency recorded his thanks to the Department of Financial and Administrative Affairs for the great effort that was made in highlighting the activities and programs of the Academy through its annual financial report, which was fully approved, indicating the accuracy of the financial policy followed, and added that the committee recommended some

minor objective improvements, which His Excellency conveyed to the Financial Affairs Department, stressing the need to strictly follow them in order to achieve the required efficiency and transparency of the Academy's accounts. The meeting then discussed the items of decisions issued by the previous meeting, and several new decisions were issued, the most important of which are:

- Submitting a final report on the fingerprint system, installing CCTV cameras, and starting work with it.
- Calling for papers for the Food and Drug Symposium, and the Muslim Communities Symposium.
- Installing CCTV cameras inside and outside the building without any delay to ensure the safety of employees and properties of the Academy.
- Distributing the second edition of the Resolutions Book in English to the OIC and all its subsidiary organs, diplomatic missions, universities, scientific and research institutions in member states and Muslim communities.

64th Weekly Meeting of Departments Directors



In an effort by the General Secretariat of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) to develop the work of the Academy, enhance the principle of transparency, and put forward all new and emerging issues on the discussion table to express opinions and appropriate solutions, and based on the principle of cooperation and integration, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, chaired the sixty-fourth weekly meeting of the directors of

the departments, on Monday, 28 Jumada al-akhira 1443 corresponding to 31 January 2022, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah. At the beginning of the meeting, His Excellency welcomed the attendees and thanked them for their commitment to participate in the weekly meetings, re-emphasizing the importance of these meetings, and then talked about the importance of reviewing the recommendations of the consultative forums held by the General Secretariat of the Academy last year with the secretariats and departments of Waqfs, and members of the Shariah boards of Islamic banks within the headquarters country, and the Gulf Cooperation Council countries. His Excellency stressed the need to ensure the implementation of those recommendations that aim to support the Academy's Waqf fund by collecting in-kind and cash donations to finance the Academy's activities and programs. His Excellency

concluded by praising the remarks and recommendations of the internal auditor on budget disbursement procedures, calling on the Financial Affairs Department to fully abide by them. Several decisions were issued by the meeting, the most important of which are:

- Call for preparation to organize forums with the Shariah boards of banks and sending a copy of the book of resolutions in English to the participants in those forums.
- Training more than one employee from the Media Department on the design of the monthly newsletter.
- Communicate with the concerned authorities for Waqf in the States of Kuwait and Bahrain to open a special account for the Academy's Waqf Fund in the member states of the organization.
- Develop a plan about marketing and selling the Academy's publications online and preparing a report on that.

IIFA Statement Condemning and Denouncing Houthi Terrorist Militias' Attacks on The Emirate of Abu Dhabi



All Praise be to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds, and prayers and peace of Allah be upon our Prophet, his companions and family. The General Secretariat of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, which is the supreme doctrinal reference of the Muslim Ummah, expresses its strongest condemnation of the terrorist attacks carried out by the criminal Houthi militias on Monday 14/06/1443, corresponding to 17/01/2022, on vital civilian installations in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, leading to a number of innocent victims and casualties. The General Secretariat of the Academy expresses its deep denunciation of the desire of these terrorist militias to destabilize the security and stability of the United Arab Emirates. As the General Secretariat of the Academy strongly condemns these horrific terrorist attacks contrary to the principles of our

religion, and to all international norms, customs, and conventions, it extends its deepest condolences to His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates, and the Government and people of the United Arab Emirates. The Secretariat also extends its deepest condolences to the families and relatives of the victims, asking Almighty God to accept them among the martyrs, to ensure the speedy recovery of the injured, and to protect the United Arab Emirates and all Muslim countries from the evils of extremism and terrorism. On this painful occasion, the General Secretariat of the Academy calls on scholars, intellectuals, and wise people everywhere to assume their responsibility to combat the roots of extremism, and terrorism, especially to uproot and dismantle those dangerous intellectual premises from which the Houthi terrorist

militias justify infallible bloodshed, destroy infrastructure, terrorize civilians, and sow discord, sectarian fighting, and destruction & mayhem throughout Yemen. The General Secretariat of the Academy also renews its call for concerted scientific and intellectual efforts at all levels to counter extremism and terrorism, to renounce vehemently violence and intolerance by promoting moderation, tolerance, and coexistence as a safety valve for communities and societies everywhere. We ask Allah the Almighty to preserve security, stability, and prosperity for the United Arab Emirates, and to protect it from all transgression and aggression.

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Mauritania's Prime Minister receives IIFA Secretary General in Nouakchott

As part of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy's (IIFA) active efforts to strengthen the relations of cooperation and strategic partnership with the scientific, religious and research institutions within the member states of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), and the eagerness of the Secretariat General of the Academy to update the OIC Member states on the Academy's activities, programs, and projects, especially its current strategic plan, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, the Secretary General of the Academy, visited the Mauritanian Prime Minister Mohamed Ould Bilal Massoud, on Thursday 09 of Rajab 1443, corresponding to 10 February 2022, at the Prime Minister's office in Nouakchott. H.E. the Prime Minister welcomed his guest and companion, thanked him for the visit, and for his participation in the Second African Conference to promote peace held in Nouakchott, praising the esteemed efforts of the Academy to promote moderation, and the culture of tolerance and coexistence. His Excellency then praised the role of the Academy in fighting extremism, radicalization, intolerance and terrorism, noting in this regard the aspiration of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania for the support of the Academy to the efforts of the organizers of the Second African Conference to promote peace currently taking place in Nouakchott, as the objectives of that conference are included in the important objectives of the Academy, which requires the integration of efforts and coordination between them. His Excellency concluded by emphasizing his government's continued support and care required for the Secretariat General of the Academy to enable it to carry out its activities and programs,

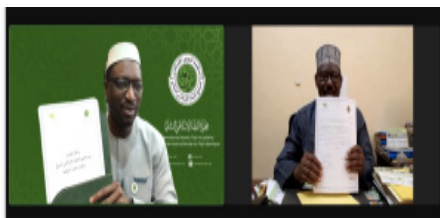


and to strengthen the permanent partnership between the Academy and all Mauritanian scientific and religious institutions. For his part, the Secretary General of the Academy expressed his great thanks and appreciation to H.E. the Prime Minister for the excellent reception and welcome. He conveyed to him the greetings of the President of the Academy, Sheikh Saleh bin Abdullah bin Humaid, and the greetings of the members and experts of the Academy. He also expressed the thanks and appreciation of the Secretariat General of the Academy to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania for the continued support and permanent care it gives to the Academy, praising the excellent standing the Academy's resolutions and recommendations enjoy among Mauritanian scholars and religious authorities within the country. He noted that the signing of a cooperation agreement between the Academy and the Ministry of Islamic Affairs and Original Education earlier was proof of this. His Excellency then took the opportunity to provide an overview of the Academy including its vision, mission, objectives, programs, and projects. In the meantime, the Secretary General

expressed the Academy's full readiness to strengthen cooperation and communication with all religious and scientific authorities in Mauritania in various fields to coordinate efforts and organize programs, conferences and activities aimed at promoting peace and stability and combating extremist ideology, all forms of violence, extremism, intolerance and terrorism, as well as the Academy's willingness to cooperate with the local authorities in order to highlight Mauritania's successful model of strong integration between security and intellectual approaches in the fight against extremism and terrorism. The Secretary General of the Academy concluded by praying for the permanent security, stability and prosperity of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, its leadership, and people. He then gifted the Prime Minister the fourth edition of the Academy's resolutions and recommendations, and the five-year strategic plan. The meeting was attended by the Director of the Office of the Prime Minister, Ms. Aish Fal Fergas, Advisor in charge of Islamic Affairs of the First Ministry, Mr. Ahmed Salem Ould Miabah, and Mr. Amjad al-Mansi, Head of the Protocol Division at the Academy.



IIFA and Union of African Scholars sign a Memorandum of Cooperation



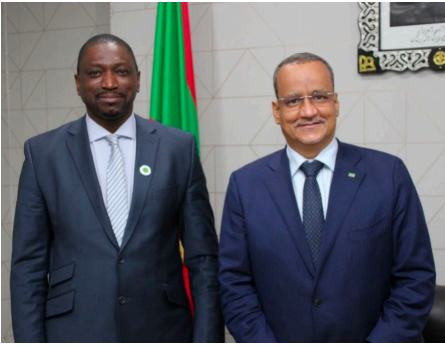
H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, signed with Sheikh Dr. Saeed Mohamed Baba Silla, Secretary General of the Union of African Scholars, a cooperation agreement between the two institutions on Wednesday, 01 Rajab 1443, corresponding to 02 February 2022, via videoconferencing. This agreement aims to build a strategic partnership in fields of mutual benefit from the two institutions' scientific and research capabilities and capacities, and the joint study of calamities and contemporary issues to direct and rationalize them. The agreement also aims to jointly organize conferences and symposia, hold workshops and training, exchange publications, and represent the

two sides in the work of conferences and symposia that are held by each in the field of common interest between them. Following the signing of the agreement, H.E. the Secretary General expressed his pride in this cooperation and hoped that this memorandum would usher the beginning of a new phase in the strong and sustainable cooperation relations between the Academy and the Union of African Scholars in order to coordinate efforts and provide effective solutions to the problems of contemporary life, and to all issues of concern to Muslims all over the world. He also affirmed that the Union of African Scholars will find all support and encouragement from the Academy to assist it issue the legal rulings on issues and problems of concern to Muslims throughout Africa. For his part, the Secretary General of the Union expressed his great pleasure in concluding this agreement, which will allow the Union to benefit from the enormous capabilities and expertise of the Academy, which will directly benefit the scientific and research outputs of the Union and its ability to perform its role

optimally. He added that he looks forward to the Academy's Fiqh and scientific support of African Scholars by holding joint specialized symposia with the Academy revolving around the issues and concerns of African countries, in addition to providing intensive training courses throughout the year to develop and raise the level of the Union's scientists. In implementation of the terms of the memorandum, the two parties agreed to form a specialized committee to determine aspects of cooperation between them, and ways and mechanisms of implementation according to the conception contained in the memorandum itself, and it has the authority to seek the assistance of whomever it deems appropriate to implement all the terms of the agreement. The signing ceremony was attended by Dr. Omar Bamba, Executive Director of the Union of African Scholars.



Mauritanian Minister of Foreign Affairs receives IIFA Secretary General



H.E. Mr. Ismail Ould Cheikh Ahmed, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and Mauritians Abroad received H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), on Thursday, 09 Rajab 1443 corresponding to 10 February 2022, in his office at the Ministry's headquarters in Nouakchott, Islamic Republic of Mauritania. His Excellency the Minister welcomed his guest and congratulated him for his outstanding pioneering and leadership role through his outstanding performance in managing the Academy, then expressed to him his full commitment and that of the Mauritanian government to strengthening relations with the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and all its organs, especially the Academy, headed for the first time in

its history by a citizen of the African Group. He also expressed his Ministry's readiness to the Academy's various projects and programs to promote peace, tolerance, and love in the world. During the meeting, the two sides also discussed the outcomes and recommendations of the Second African Conference for the Promotion of Peace held in Nouakchott, and the critical and sensitive issues it raised that serve to enhance security, peace, and the spirit of tolerance among human beings. For his part, the Secretary General thanked His Excellency the Minister for the warm reception, noting the respect that he has with His Excellency for years, and expressing his great gratitude and supreme appreciation to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, the leadership and people, for their continuous support of the Academy and all the OIC's organs in order to enhance the spirit of joint Islamic work and fraternal and constructive cooperation between OIC Member states. His Excellency also expressed his congratulations to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania and the Abu Dhabi Peace Forum on the success of the Second African Conference for the Promotion of Peace, and the importance of the recommendations issued by the conference, noting that holding this conference in Nouakchott confirms the blessed success of the Mauritanian model in confronting extremism,

fanaticism and terrorism through sobering and adequate security and intellectual approaches, that have paid off, and deserve to be praised and followed in many regions around the world. His Excellency concluded his speech by expressing his aspiration to establish strategic partnerships between the Academy and the scientific, diplomatic, and religious institutions in Mauritania, especially on issues and questions related to strengthening religious diplomacy by providing workers in the diplomatic sector with all the knowledge and tools related to how to correct the stereotype that is attached to Islam from time to time. The meeting was attended by Ambassador Sheikh Sayed Ahmed Ould Mohamed Al-Salik, Director of the League of Arab Nations and the OIC in the General Directorate of Multilateral Cooperation at the Ministry, and Mr. Amjad Al-Mansi, Head of the Protocol Division at the Academy.



IIFA Secretary General participates in the International Day of Human Fraternity in Abu Dhabi

H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, participated on Friday 03 Rajab 1443H, corresponding to 04 February 2022G, in the virtual intellectual symposium organized by the Zayed Center for Studies and Research of the Emirates Heritage Club under the title "Abu Dhabi Document: A Model of Eternal Human Heritage" on the occasion of the international Day of Human Fraternity, to commemorate the day of the launch of the Document on Human Fraternity in Abu Dhabi. In his intervention, he expressed his sincere thanks to the Emirates Heritage Club for inviting him to participate in this important symposium on one of the most important topics that must be given the place for research and study. He also stressed that the document on human brotherhood is one of the most important documents known to humanity, at a time when the whole world urgently needs an initiative to remind peoples and societies of the importance of human fraternity and represented its principles and values. He added that the document came at a time when the fires of war and conflicts were burning in many places, which necessitated the need to remind humanity that the human brotherhood at its origin is a divine favor on which relations are based between human beings everywhere and at all times. He then concluded by saying: "It is an complete and fully fledged document



that answers all the questions being raised in the present era and that will be raised in the coming times. Therefore, as we celebrate this World Day of Human Fraternity, we should all live this brotherhood in our behavior, morals, faith and dealings, and that fraternity be present in everything we do in our daily lives. This must be reflected in our actions and on our relationship with those around us who are our brethren in religion or our counterparts in humanity. I call on the world's educational institutions to register and include World Human Brotherhood Day in the curriculum in order to become known to all, and to promote tolerance, love and peace for the entire universe." It should be noted that the Document on Human Fraternity was signed by The Grand Imam, Prof. Ahmed al-Tayeb, Sheikh Al-Azhar Al Sharif, and Pope Francis, Pope of the Catholic Church, in Abu Dhabi in 2019, a great historical and human achievement based

on faith that has given a human dimension in terms of foundations, rules, principles and objectives. It is a message to all humanity regardless of background, religion, or race. Many religious figures, scholars, intellectuals, and academics belonging to the three Abrahamic faiths participated in the symposium for two days and many representatives of different ethnicities, religions, and races living in security and peace in the UAE for decades. Among the most prominent participants are Sheikh Ahmed Abdul Aziz al-Haddad, Senior Mufti and Director of the Fatwa Department of the Department of Islamic Affairs and Charitable Activities in Dubai, Father Nabil Haddad, CEO of the Center for Religious Coexistence in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Pastor Bishop Fakhri Amin, Patron of the Anba Antonios Cathedral for Orthodox Copts in Abu Dhabi, and others. Dr. Mohammed Fatih Zaghl, a Zayed Center for Studies and Research researcher, moderated the Friday session.



IIFA and Mauritanian Ministry of Islamic Affairs sign an MoC

Based on the Academy's objective to foster collective Ijtihad in contemporary life issues and problems with the aim of providing solutions stemming from Islamic Shariah, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, signed with His Excellency Mr. Dah Ould Amar Taleb, Minister of Islamic Affairs and Original Education of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, a strategic cooperation agreement between the two parties on Wednesday, 08 Rajab 1443, corresponding to 09 February 2022, at the ministry's headquarters in the Mauritanian capital, Nouakchott. This agreement aims to build a strategic partnership in the field of mutual benefit from the two institutions' scientific and research capabilities and capacities, and collaborative research on calamities and contemporary issues to direct and rationalize them. The agreement also aims to co-organize conferences, symposia, workshops and training courses, exchange publications, and represent the two sides in conferences and symposia that are held with the knowledge of each in the field of common interest between them. Following the signing of the agreement, H.E. the Secretary General expressed his delight at visiting the Ministry's headquarters and his great pleasure in concluding this agreement, which demonstrates the great respect that the OIC Member states have for the Academy. He also expressed his great appreciation for the commendable efforts of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania in spreading moderation and the promotion of a



culture of balance, tolerance and peaceful coexistence between religions and peoples, and praised Mauritania's continued support for the Academy in various regional and international meetings and forums. He also expressed his hope that this memorandum would be the beginning of a new phase in the solid cooperative relations between the Academy and Mauritania, especially with regard to coordinating efforts and enhancing communication in order to provide effective solutions to the problems of contemporary life, and to all issues of concern to Muslims in Africa. He affirmed the Academy's readiness to provide Fiqh and scientific support that the ministry needs in order to enable it to implement its programs and activities within the Islamic Republic of Mauritania. For his part, the Minister expressed his great pleasure in concluding this agreement, which will allow his Ministry to benefit from the vast scientific capabilities and expertise of the Academy, and which will directly benefit the scientific, research and

training outputs of the Ministry and its ability to perform its national and regional role to the fullest. His Excellency added that he looks forward to the Fiqh and scientific support of the Academy to Mauritanian scholars and the various entities of the Ministry by holding specialized joint seminars with the Academy revolving around the issues and concerns of Mauritania and the region of West Africa in general, in addition to providing intensive training courses throughout the year to develop and raise the level of Mauritania's religious workers. In implementation of the terms of the memorandum, the two parties agreed to form a specialized committee to determine aspects of cooperation between them, and ways and mechanisms of implementation according to the conception contained in the memorandum itself. The committee has the authority to seek the assistance of whomever it deems appropriate to implement all the agreement terms. The signing ceremony was attended by Dr. Beyte Allah Ahmed Leswed, Secretary General of the Ministry, and Mr. Amjad Al-Mansi, Head of the Protocol Division at the Academy.



IIFA and HCR hold talks on organizing an international event on Islamic charities



In order to enhance joint cooperation between the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) and the United Nations High Commission for Refugees, a joint coordination meeting was held between the two parties on Tuesday 14 Rajab 1443, corresponding to 15 February 2022 remotely via video communication. This meeting aims to organize an event on Islamic charitable work in cooperation with the United Nations High Commission for Refugees in order to highlight the increasing global importance of Islamic charitable work, and the role of charities, international organizations, and

partnerships in strategic and transparent guidance for the disbursement of zakat, alms, Waqfs and others as effective financing tools of Islamic financing. The good management of these tools leads to achieving the most significant possible impact on the lives of the most vulnerable groups in the region and the world, especially refugees and internally displaced communities. The Academy was represented in the meeting by Mr. Mohammed Walid Al-Idrissi, Director of Media and Public Relations Department, Ms. Sarah Badewi, Director of Family and Women's Affairs Department,

and Mr. Mourad TLiLi, Media and Public Relations Advisor to the Secretary General. It should be noted that the two parties agreed to hold the symposium in Jeddah at the end of March 2022, in the presence of many jurisprudential and religious institutions in the Islamic world, as well as Islamic institutions, funds and banks active in the field of zakat and humanitarian charitable work from all over the world, and a group of prominent scholars, thinkers, media professionals and activists in the field of charitable work.



SG of World Assembly of Muslim Youth visits the Academy in Jeddah

H.E. Dr. Saleh bin Suleiman al-Wohaibi, Secretary General of the World Assembly of the Muslim Youth (WAMY), visited on Thursday 02 of Rajab 1443H, corresponding to 03 February 2022G, the headquarters of the Secretariat General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) in Jeddah. H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, welcomed his respectable guest and his delegation, thanking him for his visit, and praising the outstanding efforts of WAMY at all levels, and the high consideration of the Academy's resolutions and recommendations by WAMY, especially those issued by the Academy regarding Awqaf and donations. He concluded by hoping that this visit marks the beginning of a new phase of close cooperation, promising partnership, and permanent coordination between the Academy and WAMY in research and organizing seminars, conferences and workshops on various issues related to Muslim youth. For his part, the Secretary General of WAMY expressed his great pleasure and gratitude to IIFA Secretary General for his warm welcome and good reception, praising the leadership role of the Academy in the field of guidance on major issues of concern to all Muslims within and outside



the Muslim world. His Excellency also stressed WAMY's desire to benefit from the resolutions of the Academy and its recommendations on the subject of Waqf and donations of all kinds, believing that they are well thought, and right resolutions as issued by top caliber scholars and jurists of the Ummah and enjoy unanimous approval. Given the rapid developments and changes taking place in the world today in the economic and social spheres, there is a great need to keep pace with the jurisprudence of these developments and changes in order to guide through research on the topic of types of Waqf and its recent issues, especially cash Waqf and temporary Waqf extensively and exhaustively. Accordingly, the Secretary General of WAMY proposed organizing a specialized scientific symposium in the coming months to study this subject and come up

with new recommendations to be put to the Council of the Academy for adoption during its next 25th Session. It is worth-mentioning that His Excellency the Secretary General of the Academy was one of the students of the Secretary General of WAMY, and studied under him advanced Arabic language sciences thirty-five years ago while he was a student at King Saud University in Riyadh. The meeting was attended by H.E. Dr. Saleh bin Ibrahim Babair, Assistant Secretary General for Executive Affairs, Mr. Mohamed Al-Mondher Chouk, Director of the Department of Cabinet Affairs and Protocols at the Academy, Dr. Abdel Fattah Abnauf, Director of the Department of Planning and International Cooperation at the Academy, Mr. Mohammed Walid Al-Idrissi, Director of the Department of Media, Public Relations, Information Technology and Communication at the Academy, and Mr. Mourad TLiLi, Advisor to the Secretary General for Media and Public Relations at the Academy.



IIFA's Director of Family and Women's Affairs receives US State Department's Special Envoy in Jeddah



Within strengthening relations of cooperation and partnership between the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) and the authorities in charge of maintaining religious affairs and supervising the issues of Muslims outside the Islamic world, a delegation from the State Department of the United States of America headed by the Special Envoy for Afghan Women, Girls, and Human Rights, Mrs. Rina Amiri accompanied by her advisor Ms Roushani Mansoor, Control Officer Ms Laura Marsalisi, and Political and Economic Section Chief at the Consulate General of the United States of America in Jeddah Mr Allen Krause, visited the Academy on Thursday 16 Rajab 1443H corresponding to 17 February 2022. On its arrival, the delegation was greeted

by Mrs. Sarah Amjad Hussein, Director of Family and Women's Affairs at the Academy, who welcomed them and expressed, on behalf of the Secretary General of the Academy, the Academy's gratitude to the delegation for the visit. She also expressed her appreciation to the Consulate General for facilitating the visit. For her part, the Special Envoy expressed her pleasure for visiting the Academy, and her great appreciation for its commendable efforts in correcting practices under which many of the legitimate rights granted by Shariah to women are yet violated, whether in the fields of thought, society, economy, culture, and politics. She also expressed her appreciation for the important role of the Academy in promoting awareness of the necessity of empowering women to

participate in the efforts of construction, progress, and development in the Muslim world, praising the Academy's successful resolutions related to women's education, female circumcision (FGM), underage marriage, women's work, and other issues. She then concluded her speech by expressing her aspiration for the Academy's success in its efforts to convince the new authorities in Afghanistan to enable Afghan women to study and work. The two sides discussed aspects and areas of cooperation between the Academy and the Special Envoy for Women's Affairs office on various issues of common interest. At the end of the visit, the Director of Family and Women's Affairs presented a copy of the Academy's book of Resolutions and Recommendations in English to her guest and the accompanying delegation.



His Eminence Dr. Mohammad Mustafa Shuaib represents IIFA in the Islamic Investment Funds Symposium



H.E. Dr. Mohammad Mustafa Shuaib, Supervisor of the Observatory of Fatwas and Reviews at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), representing the Secretary General, participated in the symposium held by the General Council for Islamic Banks and Financial Institutions (CIBAFI) in Bahrain, under the title “Islamic Investment Funds: Trends, Challenges and Opportunities” on Wednesday 23 Jumada al-Akhirah 1443, corresponding to 26 January 2022, via videoconferencing. The symposium dealt with the participation of Islamic financial institutions in the global Islamic investment fund market and what is related to those participations, their size,

effects, and the positive and negative factors. The symposium also dealt with the importance of raising awareness about Islamic investment funds and understanding the circumstances they are going through, which helps in providing innovative products for managing these funds. During the symposium, the Council’s special report on “Islamic investment funds: trends, challenges and opportunities” was also launched, which is a report that provides a comprehensive analysis of the new horizons, challenges and obstacles faced by Islamic financial institutions in the way of the growth and prosperity of these funds at the regional and global levels.

16th Monthly Staff Meeting

On Monday, 6 Rajab 1443 corresponding to 07 February 2022, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the 16th monthly meeting of the Academy’s staff online from Nouakchott. His Excellency greeted the staff, thanked them for their presence, and stressed that these regular meetings are very important because they allow all employees to give observations and suggestions and to express opinions that would contribute to improving the working environment and performance quality. His Excellency then talked further about his visit to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania to participate in the Second African Conference on the Promotion of Peace in Societies, organized by the Abu Dhabi Peace Forum for over three days on 8-10 February. On the sidelines of the visit, His Excellency said that he will be holding a series of high-level

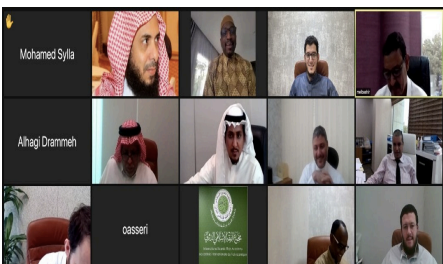


meetings, starting with the meeting with Mauritania’s Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Minister of Islamic Affairs and Traditional Education. With the latter, he will sign a partnership and cooperation agreement between the Ministry and the Academy. As is customary in such meetings, he opened the floor for all personnel to express their opinions and observations about the Academy’s work progress, in addition

to listening to their suggestions that would foster the Academy and promote employees’ performance. His Excellency listened with interest and focus to the remarks, suggestions, and inquiries of employees, calling on everyone to continue to show a spirit of cooperation, synergy and fraternity while making utmost efforts to achieve the Academy’s activities and programs. The meeting took several decisions, notably:

- Instructing the Administrative and Financial Affairs Department to provide all departments with paper shredders to ensure the confidentiality of the Academy’s documents.
- Expediting the payment of the financial dues to the French reviewer and the Malaysian designer who worked on the French version of the resolutions.
- Collecting the scientific material necessary to produce a book on the Academy’s scholars.

31st Periodic Meeting of Divisions Heads



On Thursday, 16 Rajab 1443, corresponding to 17 February 2022, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the 31st periodic meeting of divisions’ heads via videoconferencing from Guinea’s capital Conakry. His Excellency greeted the attendees and thanked them for their presence in periodic meetings as a way of communication,

sharing information and following up the Academy’s activities and programs. His Excellency stressed the need for discipline and adherence to the bylaws and procedures of the OIC’s staff and to give these meetings their due attention and respect while thriving to implement their provisions and directives. He also spoke about his recent trip to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania for participating in the 2nd African Forum on Promoting Peace in the African Continent. On the sidelines of the summit, His Excellency held important meetings with Mauritania’s Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, as well as the Minister of Islamic Affairs and Traditional Education, the latter with whom he signed a strategic partnership and cooperation agreement between the Islamic Republic of Mauritania and the Academy. He also congratulated

the attendees for the publication of the last issue of the Academy’s newsletter within the specified deadlines, thanks to the concerted efforts of the committees in charge, especially the designer, Mr Saad Al-Samar, who ensured that the newsletter’s design was completed in the three official languages in a record time. Several decisions were taken during the meeting, notably:

- To prepare and publish the biographies of the Academy’s living members in the upcoming newsletter issues. Each issue should include twelve (12) biographies.
- To contact researchers of the stunning poultry symposium to expedite sending their research for the symposium to be held on schedule.
- Reviewing the official website’s content periodically and enter the necessary modifications regularly.

32nd Periodic Meeting of Divisions Heads

H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy (IIFA), chaired on Thursday 30 Rajab 1443 corresponding to 03 March 2022 the thirty-second periodic meeting of divisions heads virtually from Abu Dhabi. He welcomed the heads of divisions and thanked them for attending these periodic meetings because which are concerned about the details of major policies and plans set by the departments and implement them meticulously and professionally paving the way for the overall realization of the goals of the Academy and the success of all its endeavors. He also thanked all employees for their valuable efforts to foster the Academy's performance, noting the spirit of cooperation in accomplishing the activities, events, and programs of the Academy and to raise its name and reputation among the nations. In the same context, he called on everyone to cooperate with the rest of the

departments in order to implement all the programs and activities of the Academy. Then he congratulated everyone on the occasion of the completion of the printing of the second edition of the Book of Resolutions and Recommendations of the Academy in French, after an interruption of nearly two decades (22 years). Then, he informed the attendees about the content of a letter addressed to him by HRH Prince Khaled Al-Faisal, Advisor to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, Governor of Makkah Al-Mukarramah Region, in which His Highness expressed his thanks and appreciation to the delegation of the Academy that visited him about a month ago. The meeting took a number of decisions regarding them, the most important of which are:

- Forming a specialized committee from different departments in charge of collecting, drafting, and editing the biographies of all the prominent figures



of the Academy, both living and deceased, and issuing them in a unified book.

- Uploading the opening and closing remarks of the recorded old sessions and seminars on the Academy's website in order to spread the benefit from them, and to preserve an important part of the Academy's history.
- Continuing to review the Academy's website periodically in the three languages to upgrade it in form and content.

65th Weekly Meeting of Departments Directors



In order to ensure the continuity of activities and programs on schedule, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the 65th weekly meeting of directors of departments on Wednesday 8

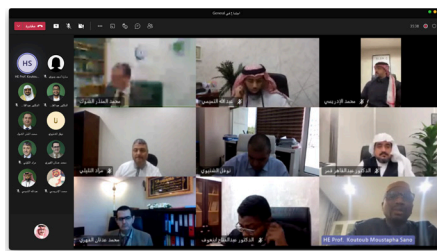
Rajab 1443 corresponding to 9 February 2022 via videoconferencing from his residence in Nouakchott, capital of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania. At the beginning of the meeting, His Excellency welcomed the attendees and thanked them for their commitment to participate in the weekly meetings, re-emphasizing the importance of these meetings. Then His Excellency spoke about the importance of adhering to the ten values of the Academy, and to stay away from behavior that violates public morals and administrative decency. To emphasize the importance of discipline, His Excellency called on all employees of the Academy to respect the official working hours and commit to attending meetings and following them to their end, regardless of whether it is a virtual meeting or an actual face-to-face meeting. In the meantime, he made it clear that

there will be no compromise for anyone who violates the rules and leaves the meetings before they end without prior permission. Several decisions were issued by the meeting, notably:

- Submitting a letter to the Indonesian Minister of Finance reminding them to set a schedule for one of the Academy's upcoming sessions.
- Preparing a detailed report on the possibility of holding a specialized regional symposium in Afghanistan on women's education and inclusion in the workplace.
- Distributing the Academy's employees with a hard copy of the statute of the OIC's staff and its subsidiary bodies and uploading its e-version on the website.
- Reviewing the offers submitted by printing houses regarding printing the twentieth issue of the Academy's Journal.

66th weekly Meeting of Departments Directors

H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, chaired the sixty-sixth weekly meeting of directors of departments, on Monday 13 Rajab 1443 corresponding to 14 February 2022, via video call from his residence in the Guinean capital Conakry, Republic of Guinea. At the beginning of the meeting, he welcomed the attendees and thanked them for their keenness to participate in the weekly meetings, re-emphasizing the importance of these meetings. Then he spoke about his recent visit to Mauritania, where he participated in the Second African Conference to Promote Peace in Africa, which was attended by more than 250 political, religious, and intellectual personalities and representatives of civil society and youth organizations in the continent. He also spoke about his meeting with His Excellency, the Mauritanian Prime Minister, Mr. Bilal Massoud, where he expressed to His Excellency the Academy's aspiration to strengthen cooperation and communication with all religious and scientific authorities in Mauritania in various fields with the aim of coordinating efforts and organizing programs,



conferences and activities aimed at promoting peace and stability and combating extremism and terrorism in the African continent. Then he spoke about his meeting with the Mauritanian Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, in which they discussed ways to enhance cooperation between the scientific and religious institutions and centers of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania and the Academy in all fields, especially in developing religious diplomacy in the service of Islam and correcting its image outside the Muslim world. Finally, he shed light on his meeting with H.E. Mr. Dah Ould Amar Taleb, Minister of Islamic Affairs and Original Education, where he discussed with

him areas of cooperation, communication, coordination, and strategic partnership, and signed with His Excellency the first memorandum of cooperation between the two institutions in order to build a strategic partnership in the field of mutual benefit from the potentials of the scientific and research capabilities of the two institutions. Several decisions were issued by the meeting, the most important of which are:

- Inviting everyone to fully abide by the organizational and behavioral regulations that regulate the work of all the Staff of the OIC.
- Contracting an agency specialized in e-marketing to sell the English version of the Book of Resolutions and Recommendations of the Academy.
- Requesting additional offers from different publishing houses to publish the twentieth issue of the Academy's Journal.
- Directing the Procurement Committee to study the possibility of selling the old cars of the Academy and replacing them with new ones.

67th Weekly Meeting of Departments Directors

H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the 67th weekly meeting of the directors of departments, on Monday, 20 Rajab 1443, corresponding to 21 February 2022, via video call from his residence in the capital of the republic, Republic of Guinea. At the beginning of the meeting, His Excellency welcomed the attendees and thanked them for their keenness to participate in the weekly meetings, reiterating the importance of these meetings during which they discuss and work together in order to take decisions and discuss various issues and topics related to the Secretariat General of the Academy. His Excellency called for expediting the convening of a meeting dedicated to reviewing the items of the strategic plan in the light of performance indicators with the aim of evaluation and development by knowing what activities and programs have been implemented, and what have not

been implemented, with an explanation of the reasons for non-implementation, and providing appropriate solutions for that. His Excellency also expressed his thanks to His Excellency the Prime Minister of Mauritania, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, the Minister of Islamic Affairs and Original Education and His Excellency Sheikh Abdullah bin Bayah, for their kind invitation to attend and participate in the Second African Conference to Promote Peace that was held in Nouakchot, Islamic Republic of Mauritania. As part of the follow-up, His Excellency directed to start reviewing the terms of all agreements concluded with a number of authorities and to ensure that the Academy implements all its obligations contained in those agreements. The meeting resulted in several decisions, the most important of which are:

- Holding an urgent meeting with the Permanent Representative of



Afghanistan to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) to coordinate and discuss with him on the topic of holding a specialized regional symposium in Afghanistan. Reviewing all the statements and recommendations that emerged from the scientific forums that were held last year, and what has been done by the Academy in implementing them.

- Ensure that letters related to countries' contributions are sent and received, by communicating by phone with delegates and consulates.
- Preparing a report on how to sell the English version of the book of Resolutions through electronic stores.

68th Weekly Meeting of Departments Directors



H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the 68th weekly meeting of directors of departments, on Monday 27 Rajab 1443 corresponding to 28 February 2022, via video communication from his residence in Conakry, capital of the Republic of Guinea. At the beginning of the meeting, His Excellency welcomed the attendees, and thanked them for their keenness to participate in the weekly meetings, reiterating the importance of these meetings during which discussions are held on various issues of the Academy in order to take collective decisions that all departments participate in and are responsible for, and agreed upon, calling on everyone to

implement them. He also indicated that these meetings are an opportunity to get acquainted with the course of the Academy's news, events, activities, and topics that are emerging, and ways to implement and follow up on its activities and programs. Then, His Excellency spoke about the letter addressed by His Royal Highness Prince Khaled Al-Faisal, Advisor to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, Governor of Makkah Al-Mukarramah Region, in which he expressed his thanks and appreciation for the recent visit of the Academy's delegation to the Emirate headquarters. His Excellency also spoke about the importance ongoing discussions to hold the next Academy session in Jeddah in the event that it was not possible to host it outside the headquarters country due to the conditions and effects of the pandemic, and on this occasion, he directed the departments of financial affairs and conferences to start preparing for this proposal during the coming months. The

directors discussed the items of the decisions of the previous meeting, and several decisions were issued, the most important of which are:

- Present a detailed report on the content of the statements and recommendations of the scientific forums that were held last year in order to ascertain the implementation of those recommendations.
- Seeking to obtain media clearance from the Ministry of Information regarding the Academy's book of resolutions in both Arabic and English by communicating with one of the publishing houses, for the purpose of marketing the book inside and outside headquarters country.
- Updating the list of the new strategic partners on the Academy's website.
- Starting the procedures for establishing the Supreme Coordinating Council for the Islamic Financial Industry and implementing the concept that was presented.

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Final Statement of the 2nd African Conference for the Promotion of Peace in Nouakchott



His Eminence Sheikh Abdullah bin Al-Mahfouz bin Bayah, President of the Abu Dhabi Peace Forum and Chairman of the Emirates Sharia Ifta Council invited H.E. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy (IIFA) to participate in the 2nd African Conference for the Promotion of Peace, during the period 6-8 Rajab 1443 corresponding to 08-10 February 2022, in Nouakchott, Islamic Republic of Mauritania. The conference was held under the patronage of H.E. Mohamed Ould Cheikh Al Ghazouani, President of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, and in partnership between the Mauritanian government and the African Conference for the Promotion of Peace, which is one of the initiatives of the Abu Dhabi Peace Forum (UAE). The 2nd African conference chose the slogan "Peace for the World" as a title in line with the Nouakchott Declaration in 2020, which called for providing solutions inspired by the objectives of Sharia in preserving the five faculties, as well as by the gems of African heritage in achieving reconciliations and preventing civil conflicts. The conference's sessions addressed different themes, the most important of which are: Africa: the current situation and approaches, dismantling extremist discourses and correcting Sharia concepts, dialogue and reconciliation and promoting communal peace, religion as a catalyst for citizenship, African heritage as a source of peace, and Africa - the continent of the future. Workshops were also held on the conference's sidelines regarding the positive roles of education, media and youth in peacemaking and countering extremism. H.E. Prof Sano, the Secretary General of the Academy, addressed the importance for Africa's youth to feel responsible for the continent's advancement and actively participate in building its future, progress, and development. He noted the importance of assimilation by young Africans of the five smart goals contained in the word "SMART", which means to be specific in defining projects to be accomplished (S=Specific), ensuring that the project is measurable (M=Measurable), achievable (A=Achievable), relevant (R=Relevant) as well as a time bound (T=Time bound) for its achievement. He concluded his dialogue with the youth

by calling them up to summon these goals in all their initiatives, to be intellectual, social, economic, political, or otherwise. Furthermore, the conference delivered a profound final statement that includes a faithful summary of the conference's most important outcomes, such as emphasizing the priority to search for the values of solidarity; a reminder of the Islamic duty to spread peace to the whole world, including mankind, the animal kingdom and the ecosystem, by keeping hand away from evil, tongue from spreading temptation, and heart from hatred; emphasizing on the importance of intellect and thought in dealing with the crises that beset Africa; calling to lay down arms and not to rebel against the united community; preventing sedition and protection against fighting and killing; emphasizing on the need to correct concepts by rooting them firmly, such as the concept of enjoining good and forbidding evil, jihad and obedience to those in authority, as concepts that were initially intended to promote peace, for preserving life; the call to relaunch the effectiveness of dialogue and reconciliation, based on the firm belief that security solutions alone are not enough, and that it is time to revive the gems of the African heritage regarding tolerance and problem solving through dialogue and reconciliation with wisdom under baobab trees and fruitful palms; stressing that authentic jihad has been allowed for peace and mercy, which means that extremism and violence are transgressions and corruption on earth; stressing that Allah's path is that salvation and not loss, and of life and not death and making all efforts possible to make religious affiliation an incentive for good citizenship and cohabitation under the nation state. The conference's recommendations included sound proposals, notably:

- Emphasizing the need to find a new convincing discourse and a renewed approach that opens horizons and offers solutions away from despair and despondency that believers have been warned about: (And despair not of the Spirit of Allah) Quran 12:87.
- Establishing a committee for dialogue, reconciliation and development, consisting of elders, dignitaries and scholars from each country, to mediate and resolve conflicts of various forms, whether caused by historical

grudges or ethnic and tribal bigotry, or by extremist ideologies and terrorism. This committee's tasks may include training and education in the field of dialogue, its methods, its principles, and challenges.

- Creating and launching peace convoys composed of imams and dignitaries of different ethnicities and tribes in regions suffering from civil wars and bloody conflicts. These peace convoys aim to complete influential fieldwork in spreading the values of tolerance and brotherhood and to become ambassadors of brotherhood that mitigate differences and strengthen the bonds of love and compassion within societies.

- These intellectual efforts should be accompanied by development programs aimed at helping those affected, employing the jobless, strengthening the role of the national state and increasing its involvement.

- The participants praised UAE's model of promoting peace and reconciliation efforts in all countries of the world, especially in Africa and the Sahel region, based on its unwavering vision of the importance of coexistence, reconciliation, and tolerance.

- Creating the "African Peacebuilding Award" to encourage and recognize those who have made outstanding contributions in the field of peacemaking and reconciliation, including scholars, thinkers, youth, and decision-makers on the African continent.

- Creating an interactive e-platform to follow up the conference's recommendations and suggestions, develop and invest its common ideas.

- Establishing in Nouakchott the headquarters of the African Forum for the Promotion of Peace, in charge of promoting peace and disseminating the values of tolerance and coexistence in Africa and the countries of the Sahel, in order to become the launching center for the Forum's activities in various countries of the continent.

- Encouraging and intensifying the gathering of religious leaders to emphasize that religion bridges cultures and can be a force for inner peace and reconciliation.

- Establishing educational committees to prepare educational programs to combat extremist ideas and bigotry.

- Concluding partnerships between the African Conference for the Promotion of Peace, and religious and academic institutions, public or private, regional or international, to foster and monitor the implementation of the outcomes of the Nouakchott Declaration, issued in 2020.

- Disseminating this conference's outcomes and directives through social networks and media in various African countries and in the diverse African languages so that its message and ideas could reach all segments of society.

At the end of the conference, the participants expressed their sincere thanks to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania's government for facilitating the convening of this conference and to H.E. President Mohamed Ould Cheikh Al-Azwani for his generous patronage. The participants also thanked the UAE for its support of the conference and H.E. Mr. Mohamed Bazoum, President of the Republic of Niger, for honoring the conference with his participation.



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Endorsement and Praise for UN General Assembly's Declaration of 15th March as International Day to Combat Islamophobia



As the global reference for the Organization of Islamic Cooperation's (OIC) Member states and Muslim communities around the world in fiqh matters, the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) is delighted to endorse and warmly welcome the unanimous adoption by the UN General Assembly of a historic resolution that proclaimed March 15 of every year as the "International Day to Combat Islamophobia" which refers to the phenomenon of intimidation against Islam and Muslims. Indeed this date symbolizes the painful terrorist incident that occurred on 15th of March 2019, when a terrorist affected by "Islamophobia" shot worshipers in two mosques in New Zealand, killing 49 innocent worshipers. The General Secretariat of IIFA greatly appreciates this significant resolution at this challenging stage in the history of relations between followers of different religions due to the distortion by fanatics, misinterpretation by the ignorant, and plagiarism by the unqualified. The Secretariat General of IIFA reaffirms the critical importance of enhancing, unifying and integrating the scientific, intellectual, cultural, social and political efforts of the world's elders, scholars, intellectuals, decision-makers and public opinion influencers in order to promote and spread a culture of dialogue, tolerance, coexistence, empathy, respect for religions and religious symbols, protection of public freedoms and human rights, and rejection of all forms of violence, extremism, intolerance and terrorism. The General Secretariat of IIFA would like to take this opportunity to express its heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to all the States, organizations and associations that supported this historic resolution passed by the UN General Assembly. The General Secretariat also expresses special gratitude to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for launching this great initiative as well as for its successful efforts and engagement with the Muslim and sisterly countries and organizations that aim at fostering peace and harmony, civilized dialogue, and constructive communication among followers of different religions ; as evidenced by their early support to the draft resolution. The General Secretariat of IIFA also takes this opportunity to republish its Resolution n. 166/4/18, issued by the Academy's Council at its 18th session in Putrajaya, Malaysia, on 29 Jumada al-Akhira 1428 (14 July 2007), addressing this phenomenon that has resulted to waves of hatred and hostility towards Islam and Muslims and putting pressures on Muslim

communities in many countries, as a result of accumulated historical misunderstandings and fabricated media distortions, as well as Muslims' blatant failure to convey Islam's golden principles, noble values, ideals and tolerant and enlightened teachings. The following is an excerpt from the above-mentioned IIFA resolution, of which we believe it has accomplished an important part: First: The need to confront this phenomenon with a comprehensive strategy to be adopted by all the Muslim countries, international Islamic organizations, and the Islamic organizations that represent Muslims outside the Muslim world. Such a strategy should comprise well-designed mechanisms and arrangements and cover the informational, political, economic and social aspects. It should also comprise a clear media message on the Islamic religion and its underlying glorious facts, principles, and values to be disseminated through popular media and internationally influential websites. Second: The need for consultation and coordination between the Muslim countries and the International Islamic organizations to make necessary decisions and take the required actions in response to the doubts-raising campaigns and offensive acts addressed against the Ummah and its symbols. Third: Calling upon the international community to support the Ummah in facing this aggressive attack against Islam and Muslims; work for furthering the culture of love and solidarity between nations; discourage hatred and aggression and enhance cooperation for achieving the benefit of all humanity. Fourth: Calling upon Muslim communities outside the Muslim world to act as messengers of peace and order and carriers of the pure message of Islam to the different countries and people of the world. They should avoid any practices that could harm the image of Islam while showing their strict commitment to its values and principles. The Academy also appeals to the Muslim countries to provide all necessary assistance to Muslim communities outside the Muslim world and enhance their knowledge about their religion and keep them aware of the developments in the Muslim world. Special organizations and institutions should be created to cater for strengthening their relationships with the rest of the Ummah. Fifth: Identification of the writings and publications relating to this phenomenon and encouraging Muslim scholars who are well

versed in the languages the proponents of this phenomenon and clarify the right picture of Islam. Sixth: Providing advanced education and training in foreign languages to the Islamic preachers who visit non-Muslim countries in order to enhance their efforts in presenting the conceptual and practical aspects of Islam. Existing institutions of preachers' training must be encouraged to do this job, or new institutions may be established for this purpose. Seventh: Building the relationship with the other based on mutual respect, communicating the pure message of Islam and emphasizing, in the educational curricula, the need for mutual understanding with the other. Along with this sobering resolution, the IIFA Council issued the following recommendations during the same session: Activation of clause no. (4) Paragraph (6) of the Statute of the Academy about "establishment of centers for Islamic studies in some of the central areas outside the Muslim world; cooperation with the existing research centers to promote the Academy's objectives and monitoring the materials published about Islam and responding to any attempt of raising suspicions against it." The proposed centers for Islamic studies should prepare rigorous studies about the West as well as a suitable strategy for dealing with the various Western countries and with all centers of power that influence Western governments and societies. The need for coordination with the focal point established by the Organization of the Islamic Conference for monitoring the issues of Islam in the Western media. More efforts should also be exerted, in coordination with the Academy, to correct the distorted picture of Islam currently presented through the educational systems in the West and respond to the suspicions raised against Islam. Organizing academic and intellectual seminars to be attended by Muslim and non-Muslim scholars to promote open dialogues, exchange of views, and enhance channels of mutual understanding and interaction. Finally, we ask Allah to reward the leaders of the OIC Member states for their support of the UN resolution, as well as all friends of peace and security worldwide for their unwavering support for the adoption of this historic resolution. Our last prayer will be: All praise be to Allah, Lord of the Worlds.

Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano
Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy

Secretary General participates in a Roundtable on OIC Through Decades: Challenges and Opportunities



H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, the Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) participated on 14 Sha'ban 1443H, corresponding to 17 March 2022G, in a webinar Roundtable on: "OIC Through Decades: Challenges and opportunities Ahead". The Roundtable was jointly organized by Institute of Strategic Studies in Islamabad, Pakistan and Middle East Monitor London. In the introduction, Ms. Amina Khan, Director Centre for Afghanistan, Middle East & Africa (CAMEA) at the Institute of Strategic Studies (ISSI), Islamabad, welcomed the participants and the speakers noting the significant role of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) in fostering the economic, cultural and political interests of Muslims around the world. She added that Pakistan as a founding member state of OIC, has been playing a leading role within OIC institutions that allowed it to further the interests of OIC and Muslims around the world. One of those achievements was the UN's declaration of 15th March as an International Day to combat Islamophobia. This Pakistani initiative was supported by the member states of the Organization and countries loving harmony, tolerance, peace and coexistence. Then the Ambassador Aiazaz Ahmad Chaudhry, Director General of Institute, thanked the speakers for joining the Forum from different parts of the world. He particularly thanked Pakistan's Permanent Representative at OIC Ambassador Rizwan Saeed Sheikh for identifying such illustrious personalities and intellectuals. He reiterated Pakistan's commitment to OIC particularly the plight of Palestinians which was the main cause of the founding of OIC among causes of concern to Muslims around

the world. Dr Daud Abdullah of Middle East Monitor pointed out the great potential of OIC as the second largest intergovernmental organization after the United Nations. He alluded to the unfolding new realities following the Corona pandemic and the fall-out from the Ukrainian crisis and the emergence of new alliances that will make it incumbent upon the OIC to restructure itself to face the new challenges and seize the new opportunities. The Pakistani Foreign Minister H.E. Shah Mahmood Qureshi in a recorded speech emphasized the paramount importance of OIC in terms defending the rights and interest of Muslims in different parts of the world through dialogue and peaceful means. He concluded by saying: "Pakistan's hosting of the 48th Council of Foreign Ministers of the OIC that will coincide with the 75th Anniversary of the Founding of Pakistan is an indication of the commitment of Pakistan to the vision and mission of OIC at all levels in order to achieve Muslim solidarity". Then Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, highlighted the important role that OIC has been playing in addressing Muslim causes. He thanked the organizers of the Roundtable and the Government of Pakistan for this timely intellectual discourse ahead of the 48th Meeting of the CFM of OIC in Pakistan. He mentioned that: "the collective voice of OIC is a source of great inspiration and hope for over two billion Muslims around the world and that the potential of OIC cannot be underestimated and its ability to defend the rights and causes of Muslims around the world. Accordingly the affiliated and specialized organs of the OIC should play an important role in dealing with the causes of the Ummah, especially with the political support from Muslim leaders, in support of the OIC overall efforts in the cultural, scientific, social and intellectual realms". He then affirmed the need to seize the opportunities to transform OIC into people's organization with real solidarity between Muslims. He added: "I have a dream that one day there will be a single currency for OIC member states and a common passport for free movement between them. I truly dream that

the day will come when extreme poverty and ignorance will disappear within OIC member states through close solidarity between wealthy and less developed countries, by making the most of bilateral trade, sharing successful experiences in the fight against poverty, illiteracy, and moving forward in defending the rights and interests of Muslims living outside the Muslim world". He concluded by reiterating the intellectual, scientific and practical importance of the Prophetic saying that: "the similitude of the believers in their compassion, mercy and sympathy as one body, if a member complains about something, the rest of the body will feel the pain." This he notes represents the foundation of a way of life and rooting for the nature of the relations that should prevail between the peoples and countries of the Ummah. It is unity in diversity, diversity in unity. Finally Ambassador Rizwan Saeed Sheikh, Pakistan's Permanent Representative to OIC, spoke about the role of the OIC in promoting unity and cooperation among its member states. In fact, he mentioned that the theme chosen for the 48th CFM meeting in Pakistan is "Unity, Justice and Development", to emphasize the significance and the need to unify the Ummah's voice, achieve justice and development in all member states of the OIC. He concluded by commending the great role played particularly by the Academy and the Islamic Development Bank Group in realizing the OIC's vision. The Webinar was attended by Ms. Sarah Amjad Hussein, Director of Family and Women's Affairs Department at the Academy and Dr. Alhagi Manta Drammeh Head of International Cooperation and External Affairs Division at the Academy.



Permanent Representative of Pakistan to OIC visits the Academy



H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, received H.E. Ambassador Radwan Saeed Sheikh, Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to the OIC, and his Deputy Mr. Ilyas Mehmood Nizami, on Tuesday 05 Shaaban 1443H corresponding to 08 March 2022G at the Headquarters of the Academy in Jeddah. H.E. the Ambassador thanked H.E. the Secretary

General for welcoming him and his deputy again in order to discuss together issues and topics of interest to the Muslim world and to provide the necessary support and assistance for the success of the Academy in playing its pivotal role to the fullest. He also explained that the Islamic Republic of Pakistan is fully prepared to provide technical and advisory support to the delegation of the Academy, which will participate in the meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the OIC to be held in the period between March 22 and 24 in Islamabad, under the auspices of H.E. Prime Minister Imran Khan. Also he added that he was putting all the capabilities of the Permanent Representation at the disposal of the Academy for the success of the delegation's visit and the series of meetings that the delegation intended to hold on the sidelines of the meeting. For his part, H.E. the Secretary General expressed his great thanks and gratitude to the

Ambassador and his Deputy for the visit, praising the continued support provided by the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to the Academy since its inception to the present day, and appreciating the great efforts of the Pakistan leadership and people in the service of the causes of Islam and Muslims everywhere. He then expressed the Academy's firm desire to strengthen relations of cooperation with official religious institutions and long-standing Pakistani scientific and research centers, especially those active in the field of dialogue, combating extremism and terrorism, and spreading moderation and tolerance, stressing the Academy's readiness to sign cooperation agreements, and MoUs with those institutions and centers on the sidelines of the regular meeting of foreign ministers of the OIC. He also expressed his aspiration for the support of the Permanent Representation to the scholars of the Academy, who will visit Afghanistan in the coming weeks.

Pakistani Minister of Religious Affairs Receives the Secretary General in his office in Islamabad

H.E. Dr. Noor-ul-Haq Qadri, Federal Minister for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, welcomed H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, on Monday, 18 Sha'ban 1443H corresponding to 21 March 2022G, at the headquarters of the ministry in Islamabad. The Minister expressed his great happiness at the visit of the Secretary General and his delegation to the Ministry, praising the outstanding efforts undertaken by the Academy under his leadership in all fields, especially in the field of spreading and promoting a culture of moderation, tolerance, and coexistence inside and outside the Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC). He also praised the central role played by the Academy, as the supreme legal reference for the Muslim Ummah, which aims to achieve scientific integration and intellectual exchange among the Ummah's scholars. Meanwhile, His Excellency expressed his aspiration to strengthen the partnership and cooperation between his Ministry and the Academy by signing a model cooperation agreement in the coming days. He then concluded his speech by giving a detailed overview of the activities and programs of the Ministry, which in many of its clauses are compatible with the Academy, especially with regard to programs aimed at correcting concepts and rejecting fanaticism, extremism, and terrorism in all its forms. For his part, H.E. the Secretary General thanked H.E.

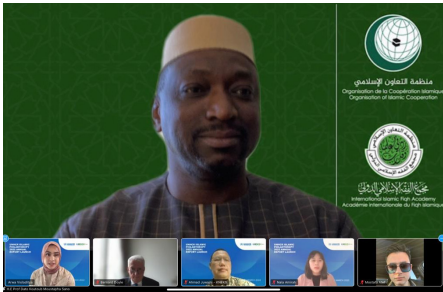


the Minister for the warm welcome and good reception. He also conveyed the appreciation of the Academy for the generous from the leadership and people of Pakistan, praising the initiatives of the distinguished leadership of Pakistan in promoting joint Islamic action and defending Islam and Muslims around the world, especially Muslim communities living outside the Muslim world. In the meantime, he noted the abundant thanks of the Muslim Ummah and the Muslim communities for the great historical initiative presented by the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to combat the phenomenon of Islamophobia (= fear of Islam). This initiative resulted in the United Nations General Assembly declaring the fifteenth (15) of March as the International Day to Combat Islamophobia. Also, he expressed the Academy's appreciation for the efforts of the leadership in persuading neighboring countries to respect the feelings of Muslims, especially with regard to their right

to bury their dead due to the emerging Corona pandemic in the manner determined by the teachings of their religion. His Excellency presented a comprehensive overview of the Academy's vision, mission, and goals, stressing on this occasion the Academy's readiness to build exemplary partnership and cooperation between the Academy and the scientific and religious institutions and centers in Pakistan, led by the Ministry of Religious Affairs. At the end of the meeting, the two parties agreed to coordinate efforts and visions with regard to providing intellectual and Shariah support to the current Afghan authority in the coming days. Then the two parties exchanged souvenirs. The meeting was attended by the Secretary General of the Ministry, the Special Adviser to the Minister, Mrs. Sarah Amjad Hussein, Director of Family and Women's Affairs Department at the Academy, and Mr. Amjad Ibrahim Al-Mansi, Head of the Protocol Division at the Academy.



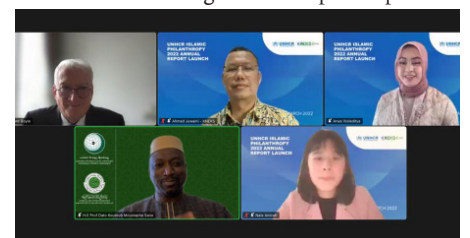
Secretary General participates in the launch of the annual report of Islamic charitable work for the year 2022 of the UNHCR



The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), in cooperation with the Indonesian National Committee for Islamic Economics and Finance in Jakarta, organized on Wednesday 20 Sha'ban 1443H corresponding to 23 March 2022G a virtual dialogue event via zoom technology, in order to launch the UNHCR's annual report on Islamic charitable work and its role in alleviating the suffering of refugees and displaced persons in order to proceed with the appeal to philanthropists to take care of this segment of society by taking advantage of the Islamic social financing tools represented in zakat, alms and donations, which have a significant role in meeting the needs of refugees and displaced persons in the present

era. In an intervention by H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, pointed out the importance of dealing with the issue of refugees and displaced persons as a humanitarian issue in the first place, and therefore, it transcends religions and beliefs, as well as social and economic considerations. It is also directly related to the issue of the supreme shariah purposes that the divine religions called for their preservation and considered them among the necessary interests that must be protected and preserved from any defect. The goal of protection of life is the first of those purposes and the first of necessary interests, and from this goal stems the duty to preserve the human dignity of refugees and displaced persons, by enabling them to obtain a decent living that is appropriate for them, and providing appropriate health care, and infrastructure for them, their children and their spouses, such as schools, clinics, wells, and so on. Prof Sano explained on this occasion that the Academy had previously issued its historic resolution No. 165, in which it explicitly stated that it is permissible by Shariah to spend funds from zakat, alms and donations to meet the needs of refugees and displaced persons, as they

fit the fixed descriptions of the eight cases that merit zakat. Accordingly, refugees and displaced persons fall under the categories of the poor, the needy, the debtors, the wayfarers, and the newly converted to Islam. Therefore, it is permissible in Shariah to help them from zakat funds, just as it is permissible to help them from other funds of donations and alms such as wills, endowments, penances and vows to alleviate their suffering and in solidarity with them in their misfortune and harsh conditions. At the end of the event, H.E. answered the questions put to him by the moderator of the session, stressing the Academy's pride in its partnership with the UNHCR in order to provide Shariah and intellectual support for all UNHCR activities and programs aimed at collecting donations and alms for the Zakat Fund for refugees and displaced persons.



IIFA and the Council of Islamic Ideology sign an MoU in Islamabad

Within the framework of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy's (IIFA) persistent and continuous endeavor to build more relations of cooperation, communication and partnership with the higher authorities responsible for managing religious affairs within the member states of the OIC and in appreciation of the pivotal role played by the Council of Islamic Ideology, as the supreme legal reference for the Islamic Republic of Pakistan in the field of guidance, rectification and rationalization among followers of religions, sects and beliefs in order to preserve the order of the Ummah and social peace in Pakistan. Accordingly, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, and his accompanying delegation, held on Thursday, 21 Sha'ban 1443H corresponding to 24 March 2022G, a meeting with the Council of Islamic Ideology at the Council's headquarters in Islamabad. On behalf of the President of the Council, Dr. Qibla Ayaz, who was on an official mission outside the capital, Prof. Dr. Hafez Ikram al-Haq, Secretary of the Council, welcomed H.E. the Secretary General of the Academy and the accompanying delegation, expressing his great happiness at the Academy's delegation visit to the Council. He also expressed his aspiration to strengthen the bonds of cooperation and coordination between the two institutions who have a long-standing partnership of more than three decades. He then presented an extensive overview of the Council, its history, mission, goals, and members, stressing the Council's desire to make maximum use of the Academy's resolutions, recommendations, and publications, as well as organizing panel discussions and specialized seminars on various issues and topics of common interest. He concluded by expressing the thanks of the President of the Council in particular, and all its members in general, for the approval of the Academy to sign a cooperation agreement between the two institutions at the end of the meeting. For his part, H.E. the Secretary General of the Academy expressed his great appreciation for the warm reception and gracious welcome to him and the delegation at the Council's headquarters, and appreciable practical achievements made praising the distinguished intellectual efforts



by the Council during the past six decades, which maintained and still maintains social peace and harmony and peaceful coexistence between the components of society with their different religions and sects. He also expressed his great pleasure in the diversity that characterizes the members of the Council, which is reflected in its wise openness to the membership of followers of other religions among the Pakistani citizens, in respect of the principle of freedom of religion and choice, and in commitment to the requirements of citizenship. He pointed out, in the meantime, that this is a responsible application of the Madinah Charter which included fixed principles, clear values, and noble foundations for the pillars of a comprehensive citizenship that embraces all citizens regardless of their religions, beliefs and sects. On the other hand, he expressed the Academy's great appreciation to the wise Pakistani leadership for its continuous defense of the rights and interests of Muslims everywhere in the world, congratulating them, in particular, for the blessed historical efforts that culminated a few days ago, in the United Nations General Assembly declaring the fifteenth (15) of March of each year as the International Day to Combat Islamophobia. He also praised the continuous support and generous care that the Academy has enjoyed since its establishment to this day. In the meantime, he noted the Academy's full readiness to enhance cooperation and coordination with scientific and religious institutions and centers, especially the Council and the Ministry, in order to organize specialized scientific seminars and hold international conferences aimed at formulating an integrated plan of action to combat the

phenomenon of fear of Islam (= Islamophobia) in a systematic scientific and practical manner. He also welcomed the signing of a cooperation and partnership agreement between the Academy and the Council at the end of the meeting, explaining that this agreement represents a renewal of the existing relations of cooperation between the two institutions, and that signing it today aims to raise these relations to a more organized and planned level. Then the two sides exchanged cordial conversation on various issues and topics of concern to Muslims in the South Asian region, especially in Afghanistan, and agreed to cooperate and coordinate in order to enable the Academy to implement the decision of the OIC, which requires the Academy to lead the Ummah's scholars delegation to visit Afghanistan for discussion on ways to spread a culture of moderation, tolerance and access to education and work opportunities for both sexes. The two parties concluded the meeting by signing a cooperation agreement, ushering the beginning of a new phase of close cooperation, communication and coordination between them. His Excellency was accompanied by Ms. Sarah bint Amjad Hussein, Director of Family and Women's Affairs Department at the Academy, and Mr. Amjad Ibrahim Al-Mansi, Head of the Protocol Division at the Academy. It is worth mentioning that the Council of Islamic Thought is a supreme federal body established in 1962 and is concerned with giving legal advice to the government and parliament. It proposes laws in accordance with the Qur'an and Sunnah to Parliament and regional councils; advise and answer to Parliament, the prime minister, and provincial governors on any question referred to it.



Permanent Representative of Afghanistan to the OIC visits IIFA



H.E. the Ambassador Dr. Shafiq Samim, Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), visited on Monday 04 Shaaban 1443H corresponding to 07 March 2022G the headquarters of the Academy in Jeddah. He expressed his great thanks to H.E. Prof. Dr. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, the Secretary General, for welcoming him, as well as for the qualitative changes and developments

witnessed by the General Secretariat of the Academy at all levels under his leadership. He also praised his Excellency's keenness to unify the Ummah, spread the correct concepts of religion, and promote the values of moderation and peaceful coexistence. He then touched on the upcoming visit of the delegation of the Academy under the umbrella of OIC to Afghanistan, in order to discuss with Taliban scholars and Afghan leaders a number of issues and topics related to moderation, the education of the two genders and the religious tolerance. The Ambassador concluded by expressing his aspiration for the success of this visit under the leadership of H.E. and confirmed his full readiness to provide all the necessary facilities for the success of the visit. For his part, H.E. the Secretary general welcomed his guest and thanked him for this visit, which demonstrates the appreciation that he and the Afghan Representation have for the Academy,

and emphasizes the sincere desire to strengthen cooperation between the Academy and scientific and religious institutions in Afghanistan. He also emphasized that the Academy looks forward optimistically to the visit of a delegation of scholars of the Ummah to Afghanistan in order to discuss with Afghan leaders and scholars on a number of issues of concern to Muslims in Afghanistan, notably the importance of joining forces to promote tolerance and coexistence, acceptance of the other, empowerment of both genders in education and building Afghani society. He also confirmed to the Ambassador the readiness of the Academy to make available all its scientific capabilities to support Afghanistan and the Afghan people in spreading moderation, establishing a culture of tolerance. The meeting was attended by Dr. Abdul Qahir Qamar, Director of the Research and Studies Department, and Mr. Mourad TLili,

The Director General of the Cabinet and Chief Advisor at the OIC visits IIFA

As part of strengthening cooperation and coordination between the General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and its subsidiaries, H.E. Dr. Mohammed Adam Kalbo, Director General of the Cabinet and Senior Advisor to the Secretary General of the OIC, visited the Headquarters of the General Secretariat of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) in Jeddah on Wednesday 06 Shaaban 1443H correspondent to 09 March 2022G. On his arrival, he was welcomed by His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, thanking him for his first visit to the Academy since he began his duties as Director General of the Office of His Excellency the Secretary General of the OIC. He also expressed to him the gratitude of the Academy and its great appreciation for the generous care, and the continued support it receives from His Excellency the Secretary General of the OIC. In this regard, he noted the keenness of the Academy to harness all its capabilities, and all its efforts to implement the directives and initiatives of the OIC Secretary General aimed at promoting the Organization, its subsidiaries and specialized organs, and upgrading its performance towards quality assurance and perfection. For his part, Dr. Kalbo conveyed the greetings of His Excellency the Secretary General of the OIC to His Excellency the Secretary General of the Academy, praising the qualitative developments and changes taking place at the General Secretariat of the Academy under the leadership of Prof. Sano, and confirming the support of His Excellency the Secretary General of the OIC and the General Secretariat, as the Academy is one of the most important organs of the Organization that it cherishes, and prides itself on its important role in presenting shariah moderately, promoting and spreading the approach of moderation, tolerance



and coexistence within the Muslim world and beyond. He also expressed the Organization's readiness to provide logistical support to the General Secretariat of the Academy to enable it to implement its activities, programs and sensitization projects within the Member States of the Organization, particularly in areas of internal unrest and discord, as a result of the adoption of extremist ideology and terrorism by some of the people of those areas, which requires the Academy to play a major role in correcting misconceptions about the values, principles and teachings of Islam, and combating ideas that feed intolerance, extremism and fanaticism. On the other hand, His Excellency assured his guest that in accordance with the directives of His Excellency the Secretary General of the OIC, the Academy will soon organize a series of specialized seminars and special workshops in the Countries of the Sahel focused on promoting moderation, spreading a culture of tolerance, and coexistence, and reversing and countering the principles and discourse of extremist thought, and terrorism. This will be in cooperation and coordination with a number of leading scientific and academic institutions and centers on the African continent, such as the Union of African Scholars, the International

University of Africa, and the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs of the Republic of Chad, with which the Academy will sign in the coming days a cooperation agreement and partnership. In addition, the Secretary General briefed His Excellency on the recent arrangements of the delegation of scholars of the Academy, which will visit the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan in the coming days, in order to meet with the new Afghan authority to discuss a number of topics and issues of interest to Muslims in Afghanistan, particularly issues of tolerance and coexistence, gender education and the participation of Afghan women in construction and development efforts within the framework of adherence to well-known shariah decisions and teachings, noting that the delegation is fully prepared to make that visit as soon as the directive of his Excellency the Secretary General of the OIC is issued. It is worth noting that the visit of the delegation of scholars of the Academy to Afghanistan is one of the recommendations of the last Extraordinary Meeting of Foreign Ministers of the OIC member states held in Islamabad a few months ago. Since then, the Academy has begun to reach out to several trusted and accomplished scholars of the Ummah to join the delegation. At the end of the meeting, His Excellency accompanied his guest to visit the departments and divisions of the General Secretariat of the Academy.



Consul General of Sudan visits the Academy

H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), received His Excellency Mr. Yasser Ahmed Siddiq, Acting Consul General of the Republic of Sudan in Saudi Arabia on Wednesday 06 Shaaban 1443H corresponding to 09 March 2022G, at the Headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah. His Excellency welcomed his honorable guest and thanked him for the visit and expressed his gratitude and appreciation to the Republic of Sudan for its support and care for the Academy from its inception to the present day. He then gave His Excellency a brief overview of the activities of the Academy and the developments it witnessed in the recent period, noting the Academy's keenness to adhere to moderation and the culture of moderation, tolerance, and coexistence in the world, as well as its relentless pursuit of unity of position, and of the Ummah. His Excellency also praised the outstanding services provided by the Republic of Sudan through the contributions of some of its most prominent scholars, led by His Eminence the leading Maliki jurist Sheikh Rafik al-Dharir, former member of the Academy, and His Eminence Dr. Ahmed Khaled Babaker, former Secretary General of the Academy, and many others. His Excellency concluded by expressing his thanks and appreciation to the



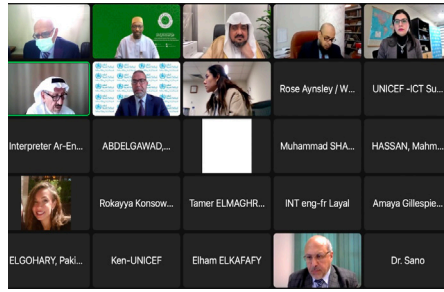
Sudanese Islamic Fiqh Academy, which signed a cooperation agreement with the Academy months ago, stressing the importance of this agreement because it includes an action plan and follow-up on the aspects of cooperation, communication, and coordination between the two institutions. Meantime, the Secretary General of the Academy welcomes the idea of signing a partnership agreement and cooperation with the prestigious academic institutions in Sudan, such as the International University of Africa. For his part, His Excellency the Ambassador expressed his pleasure and honor to visit the Academy expressing his gratitude to his Excellency the Secretary General for the good reception and welcome, stressing his keenness to establish strong and sustainable relations with the Academy and benefit from it in the service of many issues that concern Sudan and the Muslim world in general. His Excellency

also expressed his admiration and appreciation for the important developments witnessed by the Academy at all levels since his Excellency began his duties as Secretary General of the Academy, especially the relations of partnership and cooperation that are constantly built with the old and well-established juristic and scientific institutions in the Muslim world. His Excellency also added that he hopes that his Excellency the Sudanese Minister of Awqaf and Religious Affairs will visit the Academy during his official visit to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia as a sincere expression from the Sudanese government about the status of the Academy and in recognition of its efforts in spreading moderation and tolerance. The meeting was attended by Dr. Abdel Fattah Abnauf, Director of the International Cooperation and Planning Department at the Academy, and Mr. Mourad Tlili, Advisor to the Secretary General for Media and Public Relations at the Academy.



Secretary General calls on Muslims to abide by the instructions of the Health Authorities on Covid-19 during Ramadan

On Tuesday, 12 Sha'ban 1443H corresponding to 15 March 2022G, the Islamic Advisory Group held an online video discussion on safe practices during the holy month of Ramadan with the participation of scholars from the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), Al-Azhar al-Sharif, doctors, and specialists from the World Health Organization (WHO), the Regional Office for the Middle East, UNICEF, the Red Crescent, and the International Red Cross. The Organizing Committee started the discussion by submitting a detailed report on the state of the emerging Corona pandemic, praising the efforts of various regional and international health organizations to combat the pandemic. H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, spoke about the role of Shariah in protecting the health of the individual and society in general and during the holy month of Ramadan with the presence of the Corona pandemic in particular. He started with the point that the term "Shariah" does not be prefixed by the word "Islamic", because Shariah means all the provisions prescribed by God whether they are belief systems, practical provisions or ethics, these provisions are all Islamic, as these provisions cannot be un-Islamic, which means that there is no non-Islamic Shariah! Accordingly, the addition of the word "Islamic" to the term "Sharia" was a misnomer and a common mistake. H.E. then showed that there five objectives of Shariah namely protecting the religions, the family, the wealth, and the intellect. The preservation of these values is one of the necessary pillars on which life depends. He stressed that preservation of life is the first and most important of these five objectives. Therefore, efforts should be concerted in protecting it by adhering to instructions issued by the world's specialized health authorities. He also warned that the holy month of Ramadan is one of the most important occasions to be used to protect oneself and tame it in a distinct



style of diet of reducing eating and drinking in quantity and quality. This means that the month of Ramadan is an opportunity to get rid of excess weights by reducing foods and beverages, to get rid of cholesterol, fats, and other substances harmful to health. In the meantime, He pointed to the bad habits that many of us are involved in during the month of Ramadan where the demand for markets and shops is increasing, and the demand for large quantities of food in this holy month is increasing. This is undoubtedly in stark contravention of the supreme Shariah purpose of the month of Ramadan of the need for a Muslim to feel the difficult living conditions of the poor and destitute who have nothing to eat and drink. He therefore called for a review of this custom and its replacement with redoubling charity, kindness to the poor and needy in this month, as well as the need to consume less food and drink. Prof. Sano then addressed the importance of adhering to all health instructions and precautions issued by the authorities responsible for combating the Corona pandemic in the world, stressing that the pandemic still exists until this moment, as the WHO has not announced its end. Therefore, we must join forces to continue to combat this pandemic and get rid of it by respecting the instructions, precautions, and requirements, stressing that the responsible commitment to the safer practices mentioned in the food, drink and health instructions adopted would achieve the

purpose of self-preservation, and the application of the rule of "neither harm nor be harmed". He concluded his intervention by calling on all Muslims around the world to respect all other instructions, precautions and requirements issued by the health authorities in their individual countries, as an act of obedience to God and his Messenger, peace be upon him, and to the leaders. On the other hand, the panel discussion was attended by Dr. Mohammed Mustafa Shoaib, supervisor of the Observatory of Fatwa and Reviews at the Academy. He addressed the topic of "Fatwas and resolutions of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy on access to vaccines in Ramadan, and the legalization of Covid-19 vaccines and their importance in Islamic law", and Dr. Abdul Qahir Qamar, Director of the Department of Research at the Academy, also delivered a speech on "the importance of adhering to preventive measures during the month of Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr, and facilitating the access of fasters to vaccines during the holy month". The discussion was moderated by H.E. Dr. Yacoub Al Mazroui, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Islamic Advisory Group, and the panel was characterized by a wealth of up-to-date information and useful suggestions, and at the end of which, time was devoted to answering questions from followers from international organizations and viewers from around the world. It should be noted that the Academy issued a fatwa (juristic verdict) on the possibility of taking vaccines available against Covid-19 and the skin and muscle injections of the fasting person on the day of Ramadan, in response to a clarification from the Executive Committee of the Islamic Advisory Group, which will be distributed to states, ministries of health, health organizations and official bodies in the Member States of the Organization for Islamic Cooperation (OIC).

Permanent Representative of Libya meets with the Secretary General



H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy received His Excellency Ambassador Kamal Bashir Aribi Dahan, Permanent Representative of the State of Libya to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), on Sunday 10 Shaaban 1443H corresponding to 13 March 2022G, in his office in Jeddah. He expressed his sincere thanks to his H.E. the Secretary General for welcoming him again in about two months in order to continue to discuss ways and means of strengthening the important role of the State of Libya in the advancement of the Academy, and

enabling it to carry out its mission to the fullest. To achieve this, he reiterated the readiness of the Permanent Representation to provide moral and financial support to the Academy at all levels. He also touched on the upcoming visits to the Academy by some prominent Libyan religious figures in the foreseeable future in the framework of establishing cooperation, communication and coordination between the Academy and religious and scientific institutions and centers in the member states of the OIC. For his part, H.E. the Secretary General welcomed H.E. the Permanent Representative and thanked him for this visit, which indicates the generous care that the Academy enjoys from the Permanent Representation of the State of Libya in particular and the official religious and scientific institutions of Libya in general. He also welcomed all forms of communication, coordination, and cooperation with Libyan institutions in order to serve Muslims in the State of Libya. H.E. also praised the prominent role of the Permanent Representative in strengthening the relations of cooperation between the Academy and the

leading scientific institutions and centers in the State of Libya. He also thanked the State of Libya for paying its annual contribution to the Academy's budget and for its keenness to pay all arrears as soon as possible. The meeting was attended by Mr. Mohamed Mondher El-Chouk, Director of the Department of Cabinet, Mr. Mohamed Adnan Al Fehri, Director of the Department of Administrative and Financial Affairs, and Mr. Mourad TLiLi, Advisor to the Secretary General for Media and Public Relations.



17th Monthly General Meeting of IIFA's Employees



On Sunday, 03 Sha'ban 1443H corresponding to 06 March 2022G, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the seventeenth monthly general meeting of the Academy's employees at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah. His Excellency opened the meeting by welcoming the staff, thanking them for their regular attendance at the periodic general meetings because of their direct impact on the outcomes and quality of work at the Academy. His

Excellency then touched on his participation in the Second African Conference on Promoting Peace in Societies, which was organized by the Abu Dhabi Peace Forum on February 8-10, in the Mauritanian capital, Nouakchott. On the sidelines of this participation, His Excellency held a number of high-level meetings with His Excellency the Prime Minister, Head of the Mauritanian Government, His Excellency the Mauritanian Minister of Foreign Affairs, and His Excellency the Mauritanian Minister of Islamic Affairs and Original Education. His Excellency signed with the latter a strategic partnership and cooperation agreement between the Ministry and the Academy. As is customary in this type of meeting, His Excellency gave the opportunity to all employees to express their opinions and observations about the work progress in the Academy, in addition to receiving their constructive suggestions for the advancement of the Academy and the performance of employees. His Excellency listened with interest and care

to the comments, suggestions, and questions of many employees, and responded to them with adequate and satisfactory answers, and called on everyone to continue to show a spirit of cooperation, synergy and fraternity, and to make maximum efforts to accomplish all the work of the Academy in the required manner. The meeting took several decisions, the most important of which are:

- Requesting from the Administrative and Financial Affairs Department to study the possibility of expanding the health insurance coverage network for the employees of the General Secretariat of the Academy, to improve the quality of health care provided to them.
- Putting surveillance cameras at the entrances and exits of the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy as soon as possible in order to provide the necessary security for the employees.
- Obtain the master digital copy of Zayed's Encyclopedia to be reprinted as soon as possible.

33rd Periodic Meeting of Divisions Heads

On Thursday, 14 Sha'ban 1443H corresponding to 17 March 2022G, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the thirty-third periodic meeting of divisions heads, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat in Jeddah. At the beginning of the meeting, His Excellency the Secretary General welcomed the heads of divisions, thanking them for their regular attendance at these important periodic meetings that discuss the new issues of the Academy and put them for debate, in addition to following up on the implemented activities and programs. Then His Excellency spoke about the suffering that the State of Afghanistan is going through internationally and seeking to address the intellectual and religious problems by forming

a delegation of scholars of the Academy to visit Afghanistan to clarify the correct Shariah position on contemporary issues such as the right of both sexes to education, women's participation in development, construction and renaissance efforts, the importance of adhering to the approach of moderation, spreading a culture of moderation, tolerance and coexistence, and other issues. The meeting then discussed the items of decisions issued by the previous meeting, and several decisions were issued, the most important of which are:

- Preparing a work plan for collecting and drafting the CVs of the members and experts of the Academy.
- Republishing the (Ramadan Sermons) section on the Academy's website, including

- the Academy's resolutions related to fasting and the blessed month of Ramadan. Reviewing the fatwa on vaccinations and their permissibility for the fasting person during the day in Ramadan to be published on the Academy's website.



34rd Periodic Meeting of Divisions Heads

On Thursday, 28 Shaban 1443H corresponding to 31 March 2022G, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the thirty-fourth periodic meeting of division heads, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat in Jeddah. At the beginning of the meeting, His Excellency the Secretary General welcomed the heads of divisions, thanking them for their regular attendance at these important periodic meetings that discuss the new issues of the Academy, in addition to following up on the implemented activities and programs. In addition, His Excellency spoke about the joint event held in cooperation between the Academy and the United Nations High Commission for Refugees, entitled "Islamic Philanthropy and its Impact: Sustainable Partnerships and Practical Solutions". The event marked the launch of the annual UNHCR report on Islamic charitable work. The report highlighted the impact of zakat and alms contributions received by UNHCR's



Refugee Zakat Fund on the lives of thousands of refugees and internally displaced families during 2021. The Academy had an active role in the achievements made in the field of Islamic charitable work during the past year for UNHCR through fatwas that support work mechanisms of the Zakat Fund for Refugees, by permitting the distribution of zakat or part of it to refugees to meet the humanitarian needs of refugees and internally

displaced people in the region and the world, as one of the most needy groups in order to advance the human being and preserve their dignity. The meeting discussed the items of decisions issued by the previous meeting, and several new decisions were issued, the most important of which are:

- Preparing a study on holding a symposium on organizing Islamic charitable work and issues (immigration, asylum and displacement) to issue an Academy resolution to that effect.
- Publish and upload the opening and closing speeches of the old sessions and symposiums to the Academy's website.
- Translating the biographies of the Academy's members that were prepared for the bulletin into English and French.
- Collect an appropriate number of research submitted to the Academy sessions on important current topics in order to edit them, in preparation for printing and publishing them within the publications of the Academy.

69th Weekly Meeting of Departments Directors

His Excellency Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the 69th weekly meeting of the directors of departments, on Tuesday 05 Sha'ban 1443H corresponding to 08 March 2022G, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. At the beginning of the meeting, His Excellency welcomed the attendees and thanked them for their attendance and participation, then His Excellency spoke about the official visit that he will make to Afghanistan with a delegation of senior scholars of the Academy to meet the new Afghan authority for dialogue with them, and to remind of the Islamic rulings related to a number of contemporary issues such as the right of both sexes to education, the participation of women in development, rebuilding and renaissance efforts, the

importance of adhering to the moderation approach, spreading a culture of moderation, tolerance and coexistence, and other issues of concern to Muslims in this honorable country. His Excellency also spoke about the importance of initiating preparations for holding the next session of the Academy in Jeddah, in cooperation with the strategic partners of the Academy and communicating with bodies of common interest regarding financial support for its convening. The meeting then discussed the items of decisions issued by the previous meeting, and several decisions were issued, the most important of which are:

- Starting correspondence with the scholars of the Academy nominated to participate in the delegation of the Academy to Afghanistan to meet with the Afghan authorities.
- Provide a comprehensive

vision of the costs of holding the next session of the Academy in Jeddah, KSA.

- Issuing a clearance and a license for distribution of the book of resolutions in both Arabic and English from the concerned authorities.
- Submitting a detailed report regarding the comprehensive maintenance of the Academy's vehicles in order to ascertain the extent of the need for new vehicles.



70th Weekly Meeting of Departments Directors

Proceeding from the keenness of the General Secretariat of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) to follow up on the work of its departments and to know what activities and programs have been accomplished, and to put all new issues on the meeting table for discussion and to take proper decisions, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, chaired the seventieth weekly meeting of the directors of the departments, on Monday, the 11th of Sha'ban 1443H corresponding to 14 March 2022G, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat in Jeddah. At the beginning of the meeting, His Excellency welcomed the directors and thanked them for their attendance and participation, then His Excellency expressed his sincere condolences and sincere sympathy on the death of the sister of His Royal Highness Prince Khalid Al-Faisal, Advisor to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, Governor of Makkah Al-Mukarramah Region, expressing sincere condolences and sincere sympathy on the death of Her Highness Royal Princess Noura bint Faisal bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud – may God have mercy on her - asking the Almighty to bless the



deceased with the vastness of His mercy and satisfaction and dwell her in His vast gardens, and to inspire the honorable royal family beautiful patience and condolences. Then His Excellency talked about the visit of a delegation from the Academy to Afghanistan, which is scheduled in the coming days with a group of scholars to discuss a number of issues related to the interests of the Academy and its Shariah directives. His Excellency also spoke about his scheduled visit to Pakistan, during which he will meet with a number of officials with the aim of strengthening relations and concluding joint cooperation agreements between the Academy and the relevant authorities. The meeting

then discussed the items of decisions issued by the previous meeting, and several decisions were issued, the most important of which are:

- Preparing letters regarding the support of the Academy's Waqf fund from the heads and trustees of the Shariah boards of Islamic banks inside and outside the Kingdom.
- Sending a telegram of condolences to His Royal Highness Prince Khalid Al-Faisal, Advisor to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, Governor of Makkah Al-Mukarramah Region, on the death of his sister, and to His Highness Prince Bandar bin Khalid Al Saud, Secretary General of the King Faisal Charitable Foundation on the death of his mother – may God have mercy on her and dwell her in His vast gardens.
- Preparing a detailed report on the content of the data and recommendations of the scientific forums that were held last year in order to ascertain what was implemented of those recommendations.
- Starting to reprint the "Fiqh Rules Encyclopedia" according to a new design with a publishing house.

71th Weekly Meeting of Departments Directors



The Academy held its 71st weekly meeting for the directors of departments, on Monday, 25 Sha'ban 1443H corresponding to 28 March 2022G. H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy welcomed the attendees and thanked them for their continued participation in the weekly meetings. He reemphasized the importance of these meetings during which discussions are held on various issues of the Academy in order to make

decisions about them. He then spoke about his recent visit to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to participate in the 48th session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC). He also praised the distinguished efforts of the Republic of Pakistan and thanked them for the hospitality. He highlighted his meeting with the Federal Minister for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Dr. Noor Al-Haq Qadri and the Secretary of the Council of Islamic Ideology. He informed about signing a memorandum of cooperation with the Council at its headquarters in Islamabad, which aimed to strengthen the bonds of cooperation and coordination especially in enabling the Council to benefit from the Academy's resolutions, recommendations, and publications, and organizing a number of specialized seminars on

various issues and causes of common interest. The meeting then took several decisions, the most important which are:

- Preparing a letter of thanks and appreciation to the Prime Minister of Pakistan for securing the approval of the United Nations General Assembly to adopt the 15th of March of each year as the International Day to Combat Islamophobia.
- Preparing a letter of thanks and appreciation to the Pakistani Minister of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony, and to the Chairman of the Council of Islamic Thought for the warm reception and excellent welcome and asking the Chairman of the Council to nominate a member to represent them in the Academy's Council.
- Contacting the translators of the book of resolutions and recommendations and asking them to abide by the terms of the contract signed between them and the Academy.

Rays of Light on the Lives of the Academy's Living Scholars (1)

Four decades have passed since the leaders of the Muslim world created the largest contemporary institution of collective Ijtihad, whose members consist of the elite and eminent contemporary Shariah scholars, supported by distinguished experts in natural sciences, sociology, economics and politics, with the aim of studying contemporary life problems and clarifying the legal provisions on issues of concern to Muslims worldwide, based on the teachings of the Holy Qur'an, the Sunnah; and the supreme objectives of the Shari'ah, and in accordance with the pious predecessors' methodology in legal deduction and inference, as well as the legal and jurisprudential maxims that have passed through the generations. By the grace of Allah, this institution has become the primary reference in fiqh matters, where OIC Member states and Muslim communities seek refuge to learn about the rulings of Shariah concerning the current calamities and

developments in life, and the practical scientific recommendations for guidance, clarification and orientation. As the ascetic Imam Abdullah Ibn Al-Mubarak once said, "The blessed science is that which is referred to its people". The Secretariat General of the Academy believes that there is an urgent need to make known to future generations the journey of those eminent jurists and scholars who concluded these outstanding resolutions and issued these clear recommendations, beginning with those of them who diseased and joined the Supreme Companion, may Allah have mercy on them and place them in His spacious gardens; and thus concluding with those who continue to enlighten us with their brilliant achievements, May Allah bless them with health and well-being, and may He prolong their lives. This blessed initiative by the Academy is to reassure those far and near that the resolutions and recommendations

are correct, as they are issued by prominent scholars known for their piety and fear of Allah, who mastered the instruments and skills of jurisprudential examination, and who fulfilled the requirements of Ijtihad and the ethics of Ifta. To fulfil this crucial responsibility, the Secretariat General of the Academy has decided to devote space in its monthly newsletter to present a brief biography of the Academy's members as scholars and experts, in appreciation of their work and recognition of their contributions, while praying for mercy and acceptance to them. We pray to Allah to assist us in completing this work as soon as possible; we only want to reform as much as we can, and our success is solely dependent on Allah, the Highest, the Greatest.

Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano
Secretary General of the Academy

His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Abdullah bin Humaid

Born in 1950 in the city of Buraidah in Qassim, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, H.E. Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Abdullah bin Humaid grew up learning the Holy Quran and joined the primary and secondary school in Buraidah, then came to Makkah where he joined the secondary school, then the Faculty of Shariah at the University of King Abdul Aziz in Makkah, where he obtained a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree in Islamic Jurisprudence. Finally, he obtained a PhD from Umm Al-Qura University. His Excellency was appointed representative of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy since July 9, 2007. In the same year, His Excellency was elected its President. His Excellency has held many important scientific, administrative and political positions, including as a lecturer at the Faculty of Sharia at Umm Al-Qura University, Head of the Department of Islamic Economics, Director of the Center for Graduate Studies, Dean of the Sharia College for



Graduate Studies, and Dean of the Sharia College at the same university respectively. His Excellency was also appointed as the Vice President for the General President of the Two Holy Mosques and as the General President for the affairs of the Two Holy Mosques. His Excellency was the first

PhD holder to be appointed as a Senior Imam at the Grand Mosque in 1403. His Excellency was appointed Chairman of Shura Council in 1422, Chairman of the Supreme Judicial Council in 1430 and Advisor to the Saudi Royal Court. His Excellency has participated extensively in scientific and international conferences, seminars and lectures inside and outside the Kingdom. His Excellency is the author of several books, researches papers and lectures, including Lifting Embarrassment according to Islamic Sharia: Its Rules and Applications, The Complete Jurisprudence of Calamities, Sermons of the Great Mosque: Guidance and Remembrance, Refutation of Ambiguities around the Issues of Living Reality, The Concept of Wisdom in Dawah, The Happy Home and Disagreement between Spouses, Collective Ijtihad and its Importance in Contemporary Calamities, The Principles of Dialogue and its Etiquette in Islam.

His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano

Born on April 10, 1966 in the city of Kankan in the Republic of Guinea in West Africa, H.E. Prof. Koutoub bin Moustapha bin Ibrahim bin Sano received his foundational education at the Noor al-Islam school and at the hands of the city of Kankan's sheikhs. His Excellency then studied the sciences of grammar, morphology, hadith and tafsir under several sheikhs of the Grand Mosque of Makkah. His Excellency obtained a higher diploma of mastery of the French language from the Ministry of National Education in France, and also obtained a Bachelor's degree in Jurisprudence and its fundamentals with highest honors from Saudi Arabia's King Saud University, where he was the valedictorian. His Excellency then obtained a master's degree in comparative fiqh and its foundations from the same university and a postgraduate diploma in Islamic banking and finance from the International Islamic University of Malaysia. His Excellency then obtained a PhD in Law with a specialization in Fundamentals of Fiqh from the same university with a recommendation to print the thesis. His Excellency also obtained a State Doctorate in Islamic Finance with very high honors (excellent) from the Higher

Institute of the Foundations of Religion at Al-Zaytoonah University in the Tunisian Republic. His Excellency was appointed as a representative member of the Republic of Guinea to the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy in 2001. His Excellency has held important academic, administrative and political positions, including Professor of Comparative Jurisprudence and its principles, Islamic Finance and Maqasid for sixteen years (1993-2009) at the International Islamic University Malaysia. His Excellency was the Founding Director of the International Institute for the Unity of the Islamic Ummah in Malaysia and had also been Deputy Director of the International Islamic University Malaysia for External Relations and Innovation. His Excellency then served as Minister of Religious Affairs of the Republic of Guinea (2009-2011), Minister of International Cooperation (2011-2016), Minister of Diplomatic Affairs at the Presidency of the Republic and Diplomatic Advisor to the President of the Republic (2016-2020), and was then appointed Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy. His Excellency is the author of books and research papers published in Arabic, English and

French, including the following titles: a glossary on fiqh terminology and its foundations, the making of fatwa, Ijtihad in understanding the text: Benchmarks and rules, The Collective Ijtihad Desired For This, unrestricted public interests and their contemporary applications, there is no denial in the issues of Ijtihad, the encyclopedia of Hajj and Umrah, investment of savings according to Islamic jurisprudence, investment according to Islamic jurisprudence: Its provisions and rules, how we deal with the schools of Islamic law, the Muslim woman's rights and duties, and the work of the woman inside and outside the home.



His Eminence Sheikh Ahmed bin Hamad bin Suleiman Al Khalili

Born in 1361 corresponding to 1942, in Zanzibar in East Africa following his father's immigration from the Sultanate of Oman, H.E. Sheikh Ahmed bin Hamad bin Suleiman Al Khalili began his studies of the Noble Quran, religious sciences and Arabic language at the hands of traditional scholars in Zanzibar. His Eminence moved to the Sultanate of Oman in 1384H/1964G, and after he arrived in Oman, he worked as a teacher in Wilayat of Bahla. He was appointed Director of Islamic Affairs in the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs in 1393/1974, as Mufti General of the Sultanate since 1395/1975, with the rank of Minister, a position he holds to this day. His Eminence has also been appointed as a member representing the Sultanate of Oman in the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, since November 19, 1984. His Eminence has held many other important positions, including Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Sultan Qaboos Center for Islamic

Culture; Honorary President of the College of Sharia Sciences; and Chairman of the Publications Committee of the Ministry of Heritage and Culture. His Eminence has also been a member of several academic institutions inside and outside Oman, including as a member of the Board of Trustees of Nizwa University in Oman, a member of the Al al-Bayt Foundation for Islamic Thought in Jordan, a member of the Board of Trustees of the International Islamic University in Islamabad, Pakistan, and a member of the International Council for Rapprochement of Islamic Schools in Iran. His Eminence is the author of more than twenty books on interpretation, worship, fatwas and has also participated in scientific research in specialized conferences and symposia, the most important of which are The Irrefutable Truth; The Proof of Truth; The Call of Truth; Reason between the Restraint of Nature and the Taming of Sharia; The Jewels of Interpretation; An Explanation of the Purposes of the Belief System; Tyranny: Its

Manifestations and Confrontation; The Ummah of Islam Towards Where? A Path and a Destiny; The Death of Atheism with the Proofs of Faith; The Correction of Misconceptions; When Will the Problem of the Human World Appear and Where Will It End? and the Encyclopedia of Fatwas by Sheikh Ahmed bin Hamad Al-Khalili.



His Excellency Sheikh Muhammad Taqi Usmani

Born in 1943 in the village of Deoband in the Indian province of Saharanpur to a family renowned for their knowledge, H.E. Sheikh Muhammad Taqi Usmani bin Muhammad Shafi' Al-Usmani bin Yassin studied many religious sciences in Persian and Urdu, then joined Dar Al Uloom University in Karachi, where he studied Sharia sciences and graduated in 1959, and also obtained the "Fadil Arabi" certificate with distinction in a year earlier in 1958. His Excellency also obtained the certificate "Specialization in Fatwas" in 1961 from the same university. His Excellency went on to study economics and politics and law and obtained a B.A. in economics and politics from the University of Karachi in 1964G, a B.A. in law from the same university in 1967, and an M.A. in Arabic sciences with honors in 1970 from the University of Punjab. His Excellency has been appointed as a representative member to the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, representing the Islamic Republic of Pakistan since November 19, 1984. His Excellency has assumed several important positions, including Judge of the Federal Sharia Court of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan; Chairman of the Sharia Council of



the Accounting and Auditing Organization for Islamic Financial Institutions in the Kingdom of Bahrain; Chairman of the Islamic Economics Center in Pakistan; Vice President of Dar Al Uloom University in Karachi; and Chairman of the Sharia Supervisory Board of some Islamic

banks. His Excellency has taught Islamic sciences at the postgraduate levels equivalent to Master's and PhD at Dar Al-Uloom University in Karachi. His Excellency has also been a professor of Hadith with an international degree equivalent to Master's; and a supervisor of specialization degrees in Ifta and Dawah. His Eminence has also been appointed as a member of the Islamic Fiqh Academy of the World Islamic League, a member of the Aal al-Bayt Foundation of Islamic Thought, a member of the Sharia Supervisory Board of the Islamic Development Bank (Jeddah), and a member of the Sharia Council of the Guidance Financial Group in the United States of America. His Eminence is the author of numerous scholarly publications in Arabic and English, including the Jurisprudence of Sales according to the four schools of law with its contemporary applications; Research on Contemporary Jurisprudential Issues; the translation of the book Maarif al-Quran into English; the completion of Fatah al-Mulhim fi sharh Sahih Muslim; the Origins and Etiquette of Ifta; Sukuk and its Contemporary Applications; Rulings on Tawarruq (securitization); and Rulings on Slaughter.

His Eminence Prof. Rowane Mbaye



Born in Dakar, the Republic of Senegal, in 1934, Prof. Rowanan Mbai received his foundational education in grammar, morphology, and

language in the katatib, then earned a B.A. in philosophy and literature in Dakar, followed by a B.A. in Arabic and Islamic studies, and a B.A. in modern and contemporary history. His Eminence obtained a master's degree and a doctorate from Cheikh Anta Diop University in Dakar, as well as a state doctorate in literature from the Sorbonne University in Paris, France. His Eminence has been appointed as a representative member of the Republic of Senegal to the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy since November 19, 1984. His Eminence has held many positions, including being head of the Center for Islamic Studies, Research and Training; Director General of the Islamic Institute of Dakar; Inspector General of National Education; Advisor to the Head of Government. His Eminence has also worked as a lecturer at the Cheikh Anta Job University, Chair Professor at the Cheikh Anta

Job University of Dakar, and Head of the Jury Committee for admission to the National School of Administration and Magistracy of Senegal. His Eminence has been a member of the Senegalese Society for Judicial Studies and Research, expert to the Human Rights Committee, consultant to UNESCO, expert to ISICO, and head of the International Scientific Committee to edit the UNESCO Encyclopedia on Islamic Culture. His Eminence has also worked as a visiting professor at the University of Memphis in the United States, where he taught pre-Islamic literature, Arabic grammar, jurisprudence, the art and method of translation, Islamic civilization in the medieval period, Islamic history, Islam in Africa, Sufism, and the history of thought. Prof. Mbai is the author of several books and scientific research in various scientific journals.

His Eminence Dr. Ajil Jassim Saud Al-Nashmi



Born in 1946G in Kuwait, H.E. Dr. Ajil bin Jassim bin Saud Al-Nashmi Al-Asadi Al-Otaibi studied and graduated from Kuwait's Religious Institute and obtained a doctorate in Jurisprudence and its principles at Al-Azhar University in 1971. His Eminence obtained a B.A. in Sharia and Law in 1971, an M.A. in 1974 and a Ph.D. in 1977 from the Faculty of Sharia and Law at Al-

Azhar University in the Arab Republic of Egypt. His Eminence was appointed as a representative member of the State of Kuwait to the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, since November 19, 1984. His Eminence has held many important positions, including as a lecturer in the Department of Sharia and Islamic Studies at the Faculty of Law at Kuwait University, as Dean of the Faculty of Sharia and Islamic Studies, as well as Chairman of the Sharia Council of Kuwait Finance House, Chairman of the Sharia Council of Zakat House, and Chairman of the Association of Sharia Scholars in the Gulf Cooperation Council Countries. His Eminence has been appointed as a member of the Islamic Fiqh Council of the Muslim World League, a member of the Sharia Supervisory Board of the Gulf Investment House, a member of the European Fatwa and Research Council, a member of the Sharia Council of the Accounting and Auditing

Organization for Islamic Financial Institutions in the Kingdom of Bahrain, and a member of the Ifta Council of the Kuwaiti Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs. His Eminence has also participated as a researcher, speaker and commentator in many specialized conferences and symposiums in several countries worldwide. His Eminence is the author of several books and research papers, including New developments in financial transactions; fatwas on financial transactions; the changing the value of currency according to Islamic jurisprudence; international arbitration and arbitration according to Shariah; keys to prohibited pretexts; founding beacons of rulings that must be taken into account in contemporary ifta; the impact of the science of logic in arranging the reasoning premises for the branches of jurisprudence according to the Hanbalis; and the observance of the principles of Usul against misunderstanding of texts.

His Eminence Sheikh Mahmoud Mal Bakri

Born in 1947 in the city of Maroua, Diamaré province in Cameroon, H.Em. Sheikh Mahmoud Mal Bakri started his foundation studies in the katabib of the African continent, then he joined the traditional madrassas and studied under the guidance of his father jurisprudence, language, grammar and morphology. In 1967, His Eminence joined the Islamic University and studied at its secondary institute where he obtained a high school diploma in 1969 and a bachelor's degree in 1973. His Eminence has been appointed as a representative member of the Republic of Cameroon to the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, since 1997. His Eminence has held important positions, especially as a public high school teacher of Arabic language since 1977, and also taught Arabic in his private circles. His Eminence has been appointed a regular Imam since 1986 at the Great Mosque of Maro City. His Eminence was also chosen



as the chairman of the Council of Scholars in Cameroon of the Cameroon Islamic Cultural Association, participating in many international conferences organized by the OIC, and the sessions of the Appeal Committee in Africa. His Eminence was also appointed member of the Constituent Assembly of the Islamic World League, Vice President of the Union of African Scholars in the Central African region since 2010. His Eminence has participated in many conferences organized by the latter on various issues affecting the African continent. H.Em. Sheikh Mahmoud Mal Bakri was awarded the OIC Medal of Honor on November 25, 2019 in recognition of his distinguished efforts in the field of social and educational development and health services. In addition to teaching and giving sermons at the Grand Mosque and lectures on various occasions, His Eminence known for his continuous efforts in dawah and ifta in Cameroon.

His Eminence Sheikh Dr. Muhammad Rashid Ibrahim

Born in 1942 on the island of Fuvahmulah, one of the southern islands of the Maldives, H.Em. Sheikh Dr. Muhammad Rashid Ibrahim Muhammad Rashid Ibrahim memorized the Noble Qur'an at a young age, then studied at the Faydiya School on his island and at the College of the Righteous in Poilor in South India, then joined Al-Azhar University in Egypt, where he obtained an elementary certificate from Al-Azhar in 1963, a secondary school certificate in 1967, a secondary school diploma from the Faculty of Shari'a and Law in 1971, a master's degree in comparative jurisprudence from the Faculty of Shari'a and Law in 1973, and a general diploma in education from the Faculty of Education in 1974, from the same university, respectively. His Eminence obtained a PhD from the Faculty of Revealed Knowledge and Humanities of the Islamic University of Maldives, entitled: "Problems of the Muslim Family in the Maldives and their Remedy in the Light of Sharia". His Eminence has been appointed as a

representative member of the Republic of Maldives to the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy since 1996. His Eminence has assumed important scientific, administrative and political positions, including as a teacher at Abi Ubaidah School in Dammam, Saudi Arabia; professor and cultural supervisor at Imam Muhammad bin Saud Islamic University in Riyadh; and lecturer at the Faculty of Sharia at Imam Muhammad bin Saud Islamic University in Riyadh. He has also worked as Advisor to the President of the Republic of Maldives, Special Undersecretary to the President of the Republic, Deputy Minister of Justice, Minister of Justice and Islamic Affairs, Chief Justice of the Maldives, Chairman of the Supreme Council of Islamic Affairs, Chairman of the Committee for Translation of the Meanings of the Noble Qur'an into Maldivian, and Chairman of the Supreme Council of Ifta of the Republic of Maldives. His Eminence is the author of several books and research articles.



His Excellency Dr. Abu Bakr Dokouri

Born in Burkina Faso (formerly Upper Volta) in 1952, H.E. Dr. Abu Bakr Dokouri studied the Holy Qur'an with his father in addition to local sheikhs, and received his primary education at the central school of Ouagadougou, the capital, where he obtained the Arabic primary certificate in 1966. Afterwards, His Excellency received his middle and high school education at Medina's middle and high schools, where he obtained a secondary literary certificate in 1972. His Excellency obtained a Bachelor's degree in Shariah in 1976 with excellent distinction from the Islamic University of Madinah in Saudi Arabia, and a Master's degree in Principles of Jurisprudence in 1980 with excellent distinction from the same university, with a recommendation to print the thesis and exchange it with universities. His Excellency then obtained a PhD in the principles of jurisprudence in 1983, with honors, from the Islamic University of Medina. His Excellency studied French at the Sorbonne University in France and at



the International School of French Language and Civilization in Paris, obtaining a higher diploma in French language and civilization. His Excellency has been appointed as a representative member of the Republic of Burkina Faso to the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy since 19 November 1984. His Excellency has held several important positions in the following local and international institutions: Advisor to the President of the

Republic for Islamic Affairs, Advisor to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Advisor to the Ministry of Higher Education, Advisor to the Supreme Court of the Republic of Burkina Faso, and Chairman of the Executive Council of the World Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO), and Head of the Annex of the Mohammed VI Foundation for African Scholars in Burkina Faso. His Excellency has also been appointed a member of the General Assembly of UNESCO, a member of the Committee of Senior Officials of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, and a member of the Supreme Council of the Islamic World League in Makkah. His Excellency has received numerous academic awards. His Excellency is the author of several books and researches, including: rulings on paper money; zakat on corporate actions; birth control and its limitation in Islam; and the importance of the noble hadith in knowing rulings and ethics.

His Eminence Sheikh Muhammad Abdu Omar

Born in 1942 in Lahj governorate in Yemen, H.Em. Sheikh Muhammad Abdu Omar received his primary, preparatory and secondary education in Makkah and Madinah. His Eminence graduated from the Islamic University of Madinah in 1969, another bachelor's degree in 1974, a Master's degree in Usul al-Fiqh from Al-Azhar University in 1976, and a degree in Law from the Arab League Institute in 1976. His Eminence has held several important positions such as Head of the Supreme Court in Shabwa Governorate in Yemen; Advisor to the Minister of Justice in Aden Governorate; Head of the Social

Judiciary; Undersecretary of the Ministry of Awqaf and Guidance in Yemen; Founding member of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy and member of the Association of Scholars in Yemen. His Eminence has participated in numerous courses and conferences and is the author of several research papers, books and publications in various fields, the most important of which are: the sources of Sharia; the objectives of Sharia; the position of fatwa in Islam; the blood money of women in Islam; the rights of women in Islam; dialogue in Islam; fanaticism and extremism.



His Eminence Sheikh Aziz Jan Mansurov



Born in 1944G in Ferghana, Republic of Uzbekistan, Sheikh Aziz Jan Mansurov (Abdelaziz Mansoor) received his primary education at the Tashkent Islamic High School, which was later named after Imam al-Bukhari, and studied at the Islamic University of the Republic of Sudan. His Eminence was appointed as representative member of the Republic of Uzbekistan to the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy in 2007. His Eminence held many important positions and functions, including executive secretary of the editorial board of the magazine "Muslims of the Soviet East"; head of the Fatwa Department in the Religious Council, researcher at the Institute of Oriental Studies;

head of the publishing house "Movarunaher"; head of the Religious Affairs Committee in the Council of Ministers; state advisor to the President Uzbekistan; Vice-President of the Islamic University of Tashkent; Vice-President of the Center for Islamic Civilization; and Vice-President of the Islamic Council of Uzbekistan. His Eminence has participated as a researcher and lecturer in many regional and international conferences. His Eminence is also reputed for his interpretation and translation of the Holy Quran into Uzbek and Russian, in addition to translating many Islamic books from Arabic and Persian into Uzbek and Russian, the four languages which he speaks fluently.

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IIFA and Al-Baraka Forum Sign a Memorandum of Cooperation



Under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Saud bin Khalid Al-Faisal, Deputy Governor of Al-Madinah Al-Munawara Region, and H.E. Sheikh Abdullah Saleh Kamel, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Al-Baraka Forum, and on the sidelines of the 42nd Al-Baraka Symposium held in Al-Madinah Al-Munawara, on Tuesday 18 Ramadan 1443H corresponding to 19 April 2022G His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), and H.E. Youssef bin Hassan Khalawi, Secretary General of the Al Baraka Islamic Economic Forum, signed a memorandum of strategic cooperation between the Academy and the Forum to foster continuous and fruitful cooperation in all fields and common issues. This agreement aims to build a strategic partnership between the two parties in the field of supporting the scientific and research capacities

of the two institutions, deepening the areas of cooperation between them to confront contemporary issues, and excel in the creation, development, dissemination and application of knowledge to enrich the lives of individuals and societies, and dealing with contemporary issues related to charitable and humanitarian work and the dissemination of knowledge and Islamic culture and preservation of the Islamic cultural heritage. The memorandum also aims to enhance cooperation and continuous communication, and to strengthen coordination between the two institutions in the areas of organizing conferences and symposia, holding workshops and training, exchanging publications, and representing the two sides in the conferences and symposia that are held by each in the field of common interest between them. After signing the memorandum, His Excellency the Secretary General of the Academy expressed his pride in this cooperation and hoped that this memorandum would be the beginning of a new phase in the strong and sustainable cooperation relations between the Academy and the Forum in order to coordinate efforts and provide effective solutions to calamities and developments, especially in the field of economy. His Excellency also expressed his hope to develop databases that serve the areas of joint work, and to make optimal use of the Forum's specialized database staff. His Excellency also affirmed the Academy's readiness to harness all its scientific and moral capabilities

to serve the Forum's agenda and enable it to achieve its noble goals inside and outside the OIC countries, praising the distinguished pioneering role of the Forum in promoting awareness of the status of the Islamic economy, and the need to benefit from the developments of the contemporary economy. His Excellency concluded by congratulating the Forum's organizers for their pioneering and successful initiative in dedicating the current year's symposium to studying the digital economy and forecasting the future. In implementation of the terms of the memorandum, the two parties agreed to form a specialized committee to determine the aspects of cooperation between them, and the ways and mechanisms of implementation according to the perception contained in the memorandum itself. The committee has the authority to seek the assistance of whomever it deems appropriate to implement all the terms of the memorandum.



Secretary General chairs the session on Digital Economy and Future Challenges at 42nd Al Baraka Forum

At the invitation of H.E. Mr. Youssef Khalawi, Secretary General of the Al Baraka Islamic Economic Forum, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired on Thursday 20 Ramadan 1443H corresponding to 21 April 2022G, the fifth session of Sessions of the 42nd session of the Al-Baraka Symposium on the Digital Economy and Future Challenges, which was held in Al-Madinah Al-Munawara, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The title of the session was "The Digital Economy from Islamic Shariah Perspective". He commenced the session by making a fundamental note about the word "Islamic Shariah" stressing that it is a common mistake today to add the description "Islamic" to Shariah, given that Shariah automatically means the teachings, values, principles and provisions of Islam, and therefore there is no need to describe it as Islamic. In other words, Shariah cannot be non-Islamic, which means that describing Shariah as "Islamic" is a redundant description that is not needed at all, and the matter in this is the same as in many of the terms used in the present era, such as the terms Salât, fasting, zakat, and Hajj, and others. These terms do not need to describe "Islamic" because they are all Islamic in structure and meaning, and they do not need to describe any of them as Islamic, so it is not said, for example:



Islamic Salât, Islamic fasting, or Islamic zakat or Islamic Hajj. It has been settled that Shariah is not described as Islamic in the English and French languages, where the word Shariah (Shariah = Charia) is sufficed, and the description of Islamic is not added to it. His Excellency then spoke about the importance of the symposium's topic in general, which is the digital economy, and about the title of the special session, which is the digital economy from the perspective of Shariah, pointing to the importance of stating the Shariah position of this newcomer in the world of economics, and praising the selection of the organizers of the Al Baraka Islamic Economic Forum for this topic as a title for this session since it is a vital, modern, and important topic that should be given a part of rooting, editing and investigation. He also noted the importance of researchers in Islamic economics to benefit

from all the modern mechanisms, means and tools available in order to advance the Islamic economy in thought and application, and to enable it to keep pace with the times, confront challenges, and seize the opportunities. Also he gave an introductory overview of the Academy, explaining to the audience the scientific status of the Academy in this era as the largest scientific institution for contemporary collective ijtihad, and as the supreme and first Shariah reference for the member states of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and Muslim Communities, because it is the only scientific Academy whose members are composed of senior jurists and scholars of the eight Islamic schools of jurisprudence, and its resolutions are binding on the member states of the OIC. He concluded the session by calling for more attention to this topic, studying it, editing and investigating its contents, in order to enable the ordinary Muslim to absorb it and benefit from its positives in a focused manner. He also called for the necessity of being open to new means and tools, contracts, and newly developed transactions, and working to correct them, direct them and orient them instead of rejecting them and fearing them without evidence. Every useful new arrival is therefore welcome, and every harmful new arrival should be treated with caution.

UNHCR releases its annual report on Islamic philanthropy in collaboration with IIFA in Jeddah



UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, held a joint event On Wednesday 27 Shaaban 1443H corresponding to 30 March 2022G in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, in collaboration with the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)'s International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA). As part of the event titled "Islamic Philanthropy and its impact: sustainable partnerships and practical solutions", UNHCR launched its "Islamic Philanthropy Annual Report", which illustrates the impact Zakat and Sadaqah donations made to UNHCR's Refugee Zakat Fund, had on refugees and internally displaced people, in the past year. In 2021, the Refugee Zakat Fund enabled UNHCR to provide life-saving assistance in the form of cash assistance and in-kind assistance to 1,275,000 refugees and internally displaced people in 14 countries: Yemen, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, Egypt, Mauritania, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, India, Malaysia, Indonesia, and Nigeria. The report states that all Zakat contributions received by the Refugee Zakat Fund, were distributed following its 100% Zakat distribution policy, to 53% of the Fund's total beneficiaries (679,000 individuals), while Sadaqah donations helped the remaining 47% of beneficiaries (596,000 individuals). The report also highlighted the launch of the Refugee Zakat Fund's mobile application earlier in 2021, which allows donors to make contributions easily and quickly. Moreover, UNHCR's Refugee Zakat fund received additional fatwas from respected Islamic institutions, such as the Muslim World league's Islamic Fiqh Council, Al Azhar Islamic Research

Academy, the International Sharia Research Academy in Malaysia (ISRA), and the Canadian Council of Imams (CCI), further authorizing the Refugee Zakat Fund's framework. Additionally, the Fiqh Majlis of Canada endorsed the receipt and distribution of Zakat towards UNHCR's 'Aiming Higher' scholarship and education program. The event in Jeddah included discussion panels on the role of Islamic social finance instruments, including Zakat, Sadaqah Jariyah, and Waqf, to meet the humanitarian needs of the most vulnerable, and those affected by conflicts and disasters, especially refugees and internally displaced people, and was attended by representatives of organizations in the Islamic Philanthropy sector in the region. Khaled Khalifa, UNHCR's Senior Advisor on Islamic Philanthropy and Representative to Gulf Cooperation Council Countries thanked UNHCR partners, in particular IIFA, for their support, saying: "Our partnership with institutions, individuals, the private sector and governments has grown consistently, enabling us to provide assistance and respond to the increasing humanitarian needs of refugees and displaced families, those affected by protracted displacement crises, climate change, and COVID-19 pandemic

Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, said: "The refugee issue constitutes a major concern of the Academy, and its pivotal role in highlighting their legitimate needs, their right to human dignity, and a decent life for them. In addition the Academy has a jurisprudential and scientific responsibility in clarifying the Shariah ruling related to intensifying the call to meet their needs and provide care for them. Accordingly, we have granted the Commission a Shariah-based fatwa in order to support the Zakat Fund for Refugees and its governance mechanism." He added: "We are pleased to host today, in partnership with the UNHCR, this special event, through which we seek to discuss ways to develop the role of Islamic charitable work in meeting the humanitarian needs of refugees and internally displaced people in the region and the world, as one of the neediest groups in our societies. The Academy, through its sustainable partnership with the Commission, is committed to achieving the jurisprudential goals aimed at helping the needy wherever they are, advancing the human being and preserving his dignity. Through this platform, as we approach the holy month of Ramadan, we invite all charitable actors to cooperate with UNHCR and not to forget the refugees and their needs." UNHCR is launching its Islamic Philanthropy Annual Report 2022, through a series of events and webinars held in Indonesia, Saudi Arabia, Nigeria, United Kingdom, Canada and the United States of America respectively, in collaboration with Zakat and Fiqh institutions, foundations and other private and public sector entities.



challenges." He added, "partnering with leading institutions in Islamic Philanthropy sector strengthens the impact of Islamic social finance on the lives of millions of the most vulnerable and forcibly displaced families, which is vital to the success of our vision in assisting those in need" For his part, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha



IIFA, Al-Azhar's Islamic Research Academy, and MWL's Islamic Fiqh Council renew confidence in UNHCR's Refugee Zakat Fund



In a meeting at the headquarters of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, UNHCR and IIFA agreed to set-up an annual joint mechanism to verify compliance of the Refugee Zakat Fund with Zakat conditions. The meeting was also attended by several reputable jurisprudential bodies, including Secretary Generals of the Muslim World League's Islamic Fiqh Council, Al Azhar Islamic Research Academy, and the Tabah Foundation for Research and Consultancy. All attendees confirmed IIFA's coordination role in the annual verification exercise which would enhance UNHCR's Refugee Zakat Fund's governance, and thus its impact on the lives of the most vulnerable refugees and internally displaced persons worldwide. Attendees also agreed on issuing an annual review report confirming compliance and detailing the necessary recommendations to further enhance the governance of the fund. The meeting was held on the side-lines of the launch event of UNHCR's Islamic Philanthropy Annual Report, which illustrates the impact of Zakat and Sadaqah donations received through the Refugee Zakat Fund, on the lives of refugees and internally displaced persons, in the past year. The report also indicated that UNHCR's Refugee Zakat Fund received more than US\$ 35 million through Zakat, Sadaqah, and Sadaqah Jariyah donations in 2021, helping 1,275,000 refugees and internally displaced people in 14 countries: Yemen, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, Egypt, Mauritania, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, India, Malaysia, Indonesia, and Nigeria. While stating that all Zakat contributions received by the Refugee Zakat Fund, were distributed following its 100% Zakat distribution policy, without deduction of any administrative or operating fees. In

this context, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Mustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, said: "The plight of refugees is an integral component of IIFA's humanitarian concerns and efforts in facilitating solutions to the increasing humanitarian needs. A fatwa was issued in 2020 to support the Refugee Zakat Fund, indicating confidence in its policy." He added: "We are pleased to witness the development of our partnership with UNHCR, and with it our role in strengthening the governance mechanism, and credibility of the Refugee Zakat Fund, and thus its impact on refugees and internally displaced persons. We also urge all stakeholders to support UNHCR's efforts in assisting the most vulnerable refugees and those internally displaced secure their needs." On this, Dr Nazir Ayad, Secretary General of Al Azhar Islamic Research Academy said: "Our participation in this session confirms the pivotal role of the Academy in highlighting the situation of refugees and their needs, and in clarifying Fiqh evidence that ensure their smooth integration in host communities and facilitates for them to receive much needed support. Dr Ayad added: "We worked with UNHCR in the past, through launching a joint campaign and issuing a fatwa related to Zakat. We hope this session contributes to enforcing our collaboration and increasing the impact of the Refugee Zakat Fund which was granted a fatwa from Al Azhar Islamic Research Academy last year, endorsing it to receive and distribute Zakat funds to eligible refugees according to specific conditions." Additionally, Dr Saleh bin Zaben Al Marzouqi, Secretary General of the Islamic Fiqh Council, said: "What we heard from UNHCR about arrangements in place for Zakat distribution to eligible beneficiaries,

such as no deduction of administrative costs, effective distribution mechanisms, and so forth, encourage us to say that UNHCR is allowed to receive and distribute Zakat funds to eligible beneficiaries as per the Holy Quran." He added: "There is no doubt that this work done by UNHCR, and other accredited bodies, serves the high goals of Islamic Sharia, which aim to help people in need especially in countries of the Muslim world." UNHCR Senior Advisor and Representative to the Gulf Cooperation Council, Khaled Khalifa, expressed his appreciation to IIFA's support and said: "The development of our partnership with all these entities, including IIFA, plays a pivotal role in ensuring the compliance of the Refugee Zakat Fund with Zakat conditions. This constitutes a priority and comes in accord with following the received fatwas." He continued, "We strongly believe in the role that our partnerships with key Islamic institutions play in enhancing the impact of humanitarian tools on the lives of millions of refugees and IDPs." He further elaborated "The verification mechanism is yet another step toward enhancing the credibility of the Refugees Zakat Fund and opens doors to further expand its scope and reach, to assist those in need." UNHCR launched its Islamic Philanthropy Annual Report through a series of events and webinars held in each of Indonesia, Saudi Arabia, Nigeria, United Kingdom, and Canada, in collaboration with Zakat and Fiqh institutions, foundations and other private and public sector entities. The Refugee Zakat Fund was established by UNHCR in 2019. It is a globally trusted and efficient Islamic social finance programme, fully compliant with Zakat laws. It is governed by strict regulations to ensure transparency at every stage, from donation to distribution of Zakat funds.



Executive Director of Malaysian-based ISRA pays a visit to IIFA Headquarters

His Excellency Dr. Akram Lal Al-Din, Executive Director of the International Academy for Shariah Research in Islamic Finance in Malaysia (ISRA), visited on Monday 17 Ramadan 1443H corresponding to 18 April 2023, the headquarters of the Secretariat General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) in Jeddah. He was received by Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy. His Excellency started the meeting by welcoming his guest and thanking him for the kind visit, which confirms the depth and solidity of relations of cooperation, coordination and communication between the Academy and ISRA. He also stressed the importance of initiating the implementation of the terms of the strategic cooperation agreement linking the two parties in order to achieve the goals set through it. Then His Excellency presented to his guest a brief summary of the Academy's vision, mission, objectives, five-year strategic plan, and the various activities and programs of the Academy, pointing out that the Academy will host in the coming weeks a specialized symposium on stunning poultry and animals in Islam, and on this occasion he invited ISRA to participate in it in order to enrich the content on the one hand and spread the benefit within the OIC member states on the other. For his part, His Excellency



Dr. Akram Lal Al-Din, the Executive Director of ISRA, thanked His Excellency the Secretary General of the Academy for the warm reception. He also expressed his personal pride and ISRA's great pride in the fruitful relations of cooperation with the Academy and the importance of benefiting from the capabilities and expertise of both parties in all areas of common interest. In this context, the Academy's guest presented an official invitation to His Excellency the Secretary General to participate in the symposium that ISRA will organize next June in London on Islamic finance. His Excellency also presented a new project that ISRA is working on to highlight intentional dimensions in various products of the Islamic financial industry, and the need to take into account the consequences of actions. His Excellency the Secretary General welcomed

this ambitious project and assured His Excellency the Academy's readiness to provide intellectual and Shariah support for the success of this project and its becoming a tangible reality, enhancing the performance of the Islamic financial industry, and achieving the goals of the Islamic economy represented in achieving sustainable development and comprehensive welfare for all members of society. The meeting was attended from the Academy side by Mr. Mohamed Al-Mondher El-Chouk, Director of Cabinet and Protocol Affairs, Dr. Abdel Qahir Qamar, Director of Research and Studies, Dr. Abdel Fattah Mahmoud Abnauf, Director of International Cooperation and Planning, Ms. Sarah Amjad Hussein, Director of Family and Women's Affairs, and Mr. Mourad TLili, Advisor to the Secretary General for Media and Public Relations.



Secretary General of the Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture pays a visit to IIFA Headquarters

His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), received on Tuesday 04 Ramadan 1443H corresponding to 05 April 2022G, His Eminence Dr. Youssef Al-Khalawi, Secretary General of the Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah. At the beginning of the meeting, His Excellency welcomed his honorable guest, thanking him for the visit, and expressing his appreciation for the efforts of the Islamic Chamber in coordinating between the Islamic Chambers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture within the member states of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC). His Excellency also expressed his great gratitude for the distinguished efforts of the Al Baraka Islamic Economic Forum in promoting awareness of the status and importance of the Islamic economy and its ability to provide effective solutions to the economic problem in the world, based on the eternal Islamic values and principles and based on the established legitimate purposes for orientation and guidance. Proceeding from the mission of the Academy embodied in presenting Shariah in a correct and moderate manner by highlighting its advantages and its full ability to address the problems of contemporary challenges, and a desire to achieve one of the most important goals of the Academy represented in coordinating between fatwa bodies, juristic bodies and Islamic councils in the Muslim world and beyond it in order to avoid contradictions and conflicts. Therefore, His Excellency expressed his aspiration to enhance cooperation, coordination and partnership between the Academy and the Islamic Chamber on the one hand, and between the Academy and the Al-Baraka Forum for Islamic Economy on the other, especially with regard



to organizing specialized seminars, scientific conferences and workshops on calamities and economic developments in order to shed light on the Shariah provisions appropriate to them in a systematic and scientific methodology, with the aim of providing Islamic solutions to the problems of life, especially calamities, developments, and escalating economic changes. For his part, His Eminence Dr. Al-Khalawi expressed his great thanks and great appreciation for the warm welcome, praising the qualitative shift and the great changes that took place in the headquarters of the General Secretariat in terms of organization and planning, which is gratifying and calls for optimism for a prosperous future for the Academy. His Eminence also expressed his gratitude and welcome to all aspects of cooperation and partnership possible between the Academy and the Al-Baraka Forum for Islamic Economy on the one hand, and between the Academy and the Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry on the other, noting the importance of coordination and integration between scientific institutions that are active in the field of Islamic economics, and the need for concerted efforts in order to avoid repetition and unwanted

competition. Furthermore, His Eminence spoke about the next session of the annual Al Baraka Symposium to be held between 19-20 of Ramadan in Madinah under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Faisal bin Salman bin Abdelaziz Al Saud, Governor of the Madinah Region, calling on this occasion His Excellency to participate in the symposium and chair one of its sessions that will address the digital economy and artificial intelligence. His Eminence also welcomed the initiative to sign a cooperation and partnership agreement between the Academy and the Al Baraka Islamic Economic Forum on the sidelines of the symposium, which includes specific areas of cooperation with the means of implementation. To this end, His Excellency directed the Department of Planning and International Cooperation at the Academy to prepare a draft of the aforementioned areas of agreement and present it to the Forum before the symposium for approval. At the end of the meeting, His Eminence reiterated his thanks to His Excellency for the warm welcome, for the new edition of the book of Resolutions and Recommendations of the Academy in Arabic and English, and for some distinguished publications of the Academy. The meeting was attended by Dr. Abdel Fattah Abnauf, Director of the Planning and International Cooperation Department at the Academy.



IIFA Secretary General receives the Director of MWL's Office in France

His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), welcomed His Excellency Ambassador Amjad Hussein Badawi, Director of the Office of the Muslim World League (MWL) in Paris, France, on Monday, 10 Ramadan 1443H corresponding to 11 April 2022G, in his office in the General Secretariat of the Academy in the city of Jeddah. His Excellency began the meeting by expressing his thanks to his guest for visiting the Academy, and also congratulating him on the distinguished and remarkable role played by the MWL's office within the French Republic in the field of strengthening cooperation and communication between members of Muslim communities, and spreading the culture of moderation, tolerance and peaceful coexistence in France, as well as supporting constructive dialogue between followers of religions in the European continent in general and in France in particular. For his part, the Ambassador expressed his great thanks and great appreciation to His Excellency for the kind reception and



warm welcome, praising the qualitative leap that the General Secretariat of the Academy has witnessed since His Excellency assumed the duties of the Secretary General of the Academy, praying to God Almighty for continuous success to His Excellency and to the Academy. On the other hand, the Secretary General informed his guest about the visit of a delegation from the Academy to France in the very near future, in order to discuss with the French authorities

a number of issues of concern to Muslims in France, and in support of the commendable and successful efforts of the League's office in France. At the end of the meeting, His Excellency presented his guest with souvenirs, including a copy of the Academy's book of Resolutions and Recommendations in Arabic, English and French, and a number of issues of the monthly newsletter.



IIFA and OIC's WDO discuss ways to enhance Cooperation, Partnership, and Coordination



The Secretariat General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) held a meeting with the Women's Development Organization (WDO) of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) on Monday, 10 Ramadan 1443H corresponding to 11 April 2022G. The meeting discussed the issue of women's advancement and empowerment in the member countries of the OIC in the main priority areas identified in the organization's work program for the year 2025. The meeting also touched on aspects of cooperation and coordination between the Academy and the Organization for the Development of Women in areas of common interest, especially those that have a direct relationship to the Academy's competencies and its Shariah and scientific role within the framework of the OIC. Women receive a great deal of attention and care in the agenda of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and its subsidiary and specialized organs, to enable them to participate in the desired positive contribution in the advancement of peoples, and to achieve the desired social and economic development for the societies of the OIC member states in particular and the Muslim communities in general. During the meeting, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, pointed out the importance of the role that the Women Development Organization should play, whether at the level of the daily challenges that women experience in social, economic and political life, or at the level of

opportunities that should be exploited to enable women to contribute to drive development. His Excellency emphasized that the teachings of the Islamic religion guarantees women all the political, economic, social, educational and cultural rights that are guaranteed to the man. His Excellency added that the Islamic religion has always been a forerunner to giving women all their Shariah and civil rights, such as their right to education, health and work, which means that there is no relationship between Islam and a set of practices and abuses that demean women, infringe on their rights, and exclude them. In order to correct those practices and customs that are contrary to the values, principles and teachings of Islam, the Academy issued a number of resolutions and recommendations that include a clear statement of women's rights and duties, and strongly condemn all forms of violence, humiliation and assault against women. His Excellency concluded by emphasizing the Academy's full readiness to support the efforts of the Women's Development Organization, and to enhance coordination and cooperation with it through the Women and Family Affairs Department in the Academy. For her part, Counsellor Fatima Al-Zahra Hassan, Director of the Programs, Policies and Intergovernmental Support Department at WDO, expressed her deep gratitude for this opportunity to meet with representatives of the Academy, led by His Excellency the Secretary General, and also expressed her great admiration for the work provided by the Academy in the field of supporting and strengthening the role and status of women in Muslim countries and communities by presenting comprehensive proposals based on the teachings of our true Islamic religion and raising Muslims' awareness of them. She added that the results reached by the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and the great progress it has achieved in the field of empowering women in the Muslim world remains on the one hand incomplete, and on the other hand it is governed by disparity between one country and another. While

we find countries that have made great strides in the process of empowering women socially and economically, we find other countries that still need to make more efforts to empower women, and to overcome many practices and customs that contradict the values and principles of Islam. Her Excellency concluded her speech with the importance of concerted efforts between the Academy and the WDO, especially that the Academy represents the supreme Shariah reference for the member states of the OIC, which makes its resolutions and recommendations acceptable and appreciated by all Muslim countries and Muslim communities. The Counsellor took advantage of the occasion and invited the Academy to partner with the WDO in the activities of the International Family Day, which falls on May 15th. The meeting was attended from the WDO side by Ms. Asma Hassan, Senior Strategic Partnerships Officer, Ms. Rabiato Ahmed, Senior Program Officer, and Ms. Amira Fadel, Program Officer. And from the Academy's side by Mrs. Sarah Hussein Amjad, Director of the Department of Family, Women, Childhood and Elderly Affairs, Mr. Mohamed Al-Mondher El-Chouk, Director of the Cabinet Affairs and Protocol, Dr. Abdel Qaher Qamar, Director of the Research and Studies, Mr. Abdullah Al-Tamimi, Director of the Sessions and Conferences, and Mr. Mourad Tlili, Adviser to His Excellency the Secretary General for Media Affairs.



منظمة تنمية المرأة
Women Development Organization
l'Organisation pour le Développement de la Femme

Dr. Muhammad Mustafa Shuaib represents IIFA at the Symposium celebrating Orphans Day in the Muslim World



On Monday, 17 of Ramadan 1443H corresponding to 18 April 2022G, the Secretariat General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) organized a virtual interactive seminar on the occasion of the Day of the Orphan in the Islamic World. His Eminence Dr. Muhammad Mustafa Shuaib, supervisor of the Observatory of Fatwas and Reviews, as a representative of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), participated in it, at the

headquarters of the OIC's General Secretariat in Jeddah. The symposium touched upon the efforts of humanitarian and social bodies and institutions concerned with orphans' issues in a number of member states of the OIC, where visual clips from the Islamic world were shown reflecting the Organization's interest in orphans, following up on their issues, and efforts exerted in their care and patronage, based on Islam urging in more than one place in the Holy Qur'an and the Sunnah of the Prophet to treat orphans well, treat them kindly, be kind to them, and take care of them educationally, healthwise, socially and their living conditions, with the call to preserve their rights and raise them well. Dr. Shuaib spoke in his intervention about the virtue of patronage of orphans in the Qur'an and Sunnah and the necessity of caring for them psychologically, mentally, physically, educationally and socially, and the necessity of preserving the orphan's money – if he has money – and even investing it for them. He also

explained the danger of neglecting the orphan and its impact on society, the importance of the role of the mother in caring for the orphan, and the need to rehabilitate and train those who are caring for orphans. The celebration of this day comes in light of exceptional circumstances this year that require a different approach in working to secure comprehensive care and patronage for orphans, and to make more efforts to protect and take care of them, especially in light of the various repercussions of the Corona pandemic, disasters and conflicts in some OIC member states of the Organization. It should be noted that the Islamic world celebrates the fifteenth of Ramadan every year as the Muslim Orphan Day. The Council of Foreign Ministers of the OIC Member States, in its fortieth session, which was held in Conakry, Republic of Guinea, in December 2013, issued a resolution considering the fifteenth day of Ramadan every year a day for orphans in the Islamic world to raise awareness of their issues, discuss their needs, and preserve their legitimate rights.

Dr. Muhammad Mustafa Shuaib represents IIFA at the 18th meeting of the Scientific Committee for Accreditation of the General Council of Banks

His Eminence Dr. Muhammad Mustafa Shuaib, the supervisor of the Observatory of Fatwas and Reviews at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), representing the Secretary General of the Academy, participated in the work of the eighteenth meeting of the Scientific Committee for Accreditation of the General Council of Islamic Banks and Financial Institutions, on Tuesday 18 Ramadan 1443H corresponding to 19 April 2022G, virtually through Zoom technology. The meeting began with the adoption of the agenda for discussion and deliberation, and the approval of the minutes of the previous seventeenth meeting, then the Secretary General of the Council presented a report on the activities of the General Council

during the last period. The notes on the Shariah audit portfolio (level three) were also discussed, and the notes taken were confirmed to be correct, and then returned to the arbitrator again to ensure their validity for approval. The meeting was attended by: Dr. Abdelilah Belatiq, Secretary General of the Council, Dr. Faisal Al-Atabani from the Institute of Islamic Economics of King Abdelaziz University, Dr. Akram Lal Al-Din, from the International Academy for Shariah Research in Malaysia, Dr. Riyadh Al-Hindawi from the Institute of Banking Studies in Jordan, Dr. Muhammad Boris, from the Saleh Kamel Center at Al-Azhar University in Egypt, and Dr. Abdullah Muhammad, from the Islamic Development Bank Research Institute in Saudi Arabia.



18th Monthly Meeting of IIFA's Personnel



On Sunday, 02 of Ramadan 1443H corresponding to 03 April 2022G, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub

Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the eighteenth monthly periodic meeting of the Academy's employees at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah. His Excellency opened the meeting by welcoming the attendees, thanking them for their regular attendance at the periodic general meetings, and congratulating the employees on the arrival of the blessed month of Ramadan, asking God to grant us strength for fasting it and carrying out our religious duties. His Excellency called on everyone to seize the opportunity of this holy month by getting closer to God, holding oneself accountable, clearing hearts of all that is tainted with them, benefiting from other

acts of worship and all acts of righteousness, returning to God and repenting to Him, and turning to the Noble Qur'an for recitation, reflection and study. His Excellency also stressed the importance of enhancing cooperation and integration between the various departments and divisions, noting in this regard that the monthly meeting is an opportunity for self-accountability, performance evaluation, and making suggestions and observations in order to improve work and correct the course. To achieve this, His Excellency called on everyone to express their complaints, and not hesitate to do so, in the hope of creating an atmosphere of communication and integration required for the advancement of the Academy.

35th Periodic Meeting of Division Heads

On Thursday 14 Ramadan 1443H corresponding to 15 April 2022G, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the thirty-fifth periodic meeting of divisions heads, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat in Jeddah. At the beginning of the meeting, His Excellency the Secretary General welcomed the heads of divisions, thanking them for their regular attendance at these important periodic meetings that discuss the new issues of the Academy in addition to following up on the implemented activities and programs. Then His Excellency congratulated everyone on the issuance of the seventeenth issue of the Academy newsletter and thanked the Media Department for its commitment to the date set for publication. Then His Excellency spoke about the poultry stunning symposium to be held next month, in which he called on the heads of divisions to cooperate and make more effort to prepare well for this symposium with the rest of the Academy's departments, based on the Academy's

values that call for productivity, cooperation, and integration in order to achieve the desired results through completing activities and programs. His Excellency also spoke about starting to prepare a concept for holding a symposium on Islamic charitable work, and issues of (immigration, asylum, and displacement) in preparation for the issuance of resolutions by the Academy. The meeting discussed the items of decisions issued by the previous meeting, and several new decisions were issued, the most important of which are:

- Selecting researchers before the end of Ramadan for a specialized symposium entitled: "The Family: Challenges and Prospects", with a proposal for a date to hold it in person before the end of 2022.
- Preparing a biographical dictionary of the Academy's scholars, members and experts, before the end of August, provided that the number of scholars is not less than 150 in the first edition.
- Completing the drafting of the second issue

of the Academy's scholars' biographies so that it can be published in the next issue of the Academy's newsletter.

- Contacting members of the Academy for the Sultanate of Oman and the Islamic Republic of Iran, to request the supply of the Academy's library with the original books approved by the Ibadi and Jafari schools of thought.



36th Periodic Meeting of Division Heads

On Tuesday, 25 Ramadan 1443H corresponding to 26 April 2022G, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the thirty-sixth periodic meeting of division heads, at the headquarters of the Secretariat General in Jeddah. At the beginning of the meeting, His Excellency the Secretary General welcomed the heads of divisions, thanking them for their regular attendance at these important periodic meetings that discuss the new issues of the Academy and put them for debate, in addition to following up on the implemented activities and programs. His Excellency then spoke about the virtues of the last ten days of Ramadan, calling on everyone to take advantage of these days by drawing closer to Allah by achieving good deeds, and at the same time he called for reconciliation and rejecting hatred and animosity.



His Excellency also spoke about the symposium on stunning poultry and working on good preparation for it and cooperating with the symposium's committees so that it is held at the required and appropriate level for the Academy. Then, His Excellency touched on the Academy's

strategic plan, and called on the heads of divisions to cooperate with the directors to implement all the activities and programs that were agreed upon. The meeting then discussed the items of decisions issued by the previous meeting, and several new decisions were issued, the most important of which are:

- Sending all the last issues of the Academy's journal for printing after reviewing them.
- Posting the Academy's address on google maps.
- Drafting the third batch of the Academy's scholars to be published in the coming issue of the newsletter.
- Contacting members of the Academy's council for the Sultanate of Oman and the Islamic Republic of Iran to request from them the original books approved by the Ibadi and Jafari sects.

72nd Weekly Meeting of Departments Directors

His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the 72nd weekly meeting of directors of departments, on Monday, 03 Ramadan 1443H corresponding to 04 April 2022G, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat in Jeddah. At the beginning of the meeting, His Excellency welcomed the attendees and thanked them for participating in the periodic meetings during which various issues of the Academy are discussed in order to make decisions about them. Then His Excellency spoke about the speech of the Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia regarding the approval of holding a symposium on stunning poultry and called on the departments to begin preparation for the symposium to be held at the end of next May, stressing the importance of continuous cooperation and coordination between departments to ensure its success. His Excellency also spoke about the need to work to support the Academy's Waqf fund

by communicating with Awqaf and charitable institutions and addressing the Shariah bodies of Islamic banks in the hope of obtaining their financial support to enable the Academy's General Secretariat to continue its progress in advancing the Academy to achieve its goals and ambitions. The meeting then discussed the items of decisions issued by the previous meeting, and several new decisions were issued, the most important of which are:

- Finalizing the research papers on the stunning poultry symposium and preparing the gift bag for the participants, well before the symposium.
- Drafting the keynotes, the symposium program, and planning the sessions according to the design adopted in the symposium on cryptocurrencies.
- Contacting the translators of the book of resolutions and recommendations to abide by the terms of the contracts signed between them and the Academy.

- Preparing a letter for Awqaf Al-Rajhi Foundation to request for support for the Academy's Waqf fund.
- Starting preparations for a specialized symposium on wills, by preparing a list of researchers on the aforementioned symposium.



73rd Weekly Meeting of Departments Directors

The Secretariat General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) held its 73rd weekly meeting for department directors on Monday 10 Ramadan 1443H corresponding to 11 April 2022G, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat in Jeddah. The meeting was chaired by Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, who started it by welcoming the attendees and thanking them for continuing to participate in the weekly meetings, reiterating the importance of these meetings during which various issues of the Academy are discussed in order to make decisions about them. His Excellency then spoke about his participation in the virtual meeting that was held between the Academy and the Organization for the Development of Women of the Organization



of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), which revolved around the issue of the advancement of women and enabling them to participate positively in advancing development within the member states of the Organization. His Excellency indicated during the meeting that the teachings of Islamic religion guarantees for women all political,

economic, social, educational and cultural rights that were guaranteed for men. The meeting then discussed the items of decisions issued by the previous meeting, and several new decisions were issued, the most important of which are:

- Reprinting a number of copies of the Academy's book of resolutions in Arabic to be gifted to the Academy's guests and visitors.
- Reprinting the missing issues of the Academy's journal and uploading the journal's issues on the Academy's website in order to spread the benefit of this rich heritage.
- Reviewing the poultry stunning symposium research papers by the scientific committee before final printing in the required design.
- Preparing a list of researchers for the twenty-fifth Session.

74th Weekly Meeting of Department Directors



The General Secretariat of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) held its 74th weekly meeting for department Directors on Monday 17 Ramadan 1443H corresponding to 18 April 2022G, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat in Jeddah. The meeting was chaired by His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the

Academy, who initiated it by welcoming the attendees, and especially welcomed the return of the colleague, Mr. Moez Al-Riyahi, Director of the Department of Finance, Investment and Projects, safe and sound from medical treatment, thanking everyone for their fraternal stance with him, and praying for his recovery. Then His Excellency touched on the topic of the upcoming seminars that the Academy will hold after the Eid holiday, calling on all departments to intensify their efforts and continue coordination among them so that all the tasks entrusted to them are completed to the fullest. His Excellency also briefed the attendees on the recent developments related to holding the annual session of the Academy in Jeddah, directing everyone to start preparing well for it. The meeting then reviewed the provisions of the decisions issued by the previous

meeting in order to ensure their implementation, and several new decisions were issued, the most important of which are:

- Preparing a booklet that includes a detailed description of the program of the Symposium on stunning poultry and animals in its sessions.
- Inserting the important amendments in the new printing of limited number of copies of the Academy's Book of Resolutions in Arabic.
- Sending the revised version of the sponsorship packages for the Annual Session of the Academy to Medad Center and following-up with them to make sure they deliver what has been agreed upon.
- Call for papers from researchers about the themes of the specialized symposium on "the institution of the family: its challenges and prospects in the twenty-first century".

75th Weekly Meeting of Department Directors

In seeking to enhance collective work between the Academy's Departments and to continue coordination and consultation on various issues in order to take appropriate decisions regarding them, the General Secretariat of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) held its seventy-fifth weekly meeting for the directors of the departments on the 24 Ramadan 1443H corresponding to 25 April 2022G at the headquarters of the General Secretariat in Jeddah. The meeting was chaired by His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy. He opened the meeting by welcoming the attendees, thanking them for their regular attendance and participation in these meetings. Then His Excellency congratulated everyone on the occasion of the approaching Eid al-Fitr, asking God to accept fasting, prayers, and good deeds from everyone, and to return it on us and the Muslim Ummah with grace and blessings, and grant our Ummah security and

prosperity. Then His Excellency spoke about the diligent preparations by all departments to hold the symposium on stunning poultry and animals, which is scheduled to be held next June. His Excellency also touched on the subject of the Academy's five-year strategic plan and called on all directors to review the plan with their team and work to implement all its articles in order to ensure the completion of all projects and programs of the Academy as agreed and stated in the plan. The meeting then discussed the items of decisions issued by the previous meeting, and several new decisions were issued, the most important of which are:

- Activating the committees responsible for the symposium on stunning birds and animals in order to coordinate and prepare well for it.
- Calling more scholars and experts to the animals stunning symposium in order to enrich the discussion and enhance the value of the

symposium locally and internationally.

- Preparing a detailed quarterly report from each department on the accomplished activities and programs in accordance with the Academy's strategic plan.
- Preparing a detailed report and a clear vision on the annual evaluation of employees of all levels and presenting it to the next meeting for consideration and discussion.
- Cooperating with the strategic partners of the Academy in West Africa to distribute the books and publications of the Academy in the local languages of the West African region.



Rays of Light on the Lives of the Academy's Living Scholars (2)

Four decades have passed since the leaders of the Muslim world created the largest contemporary institution of collective Ijtihad, whose members consist of the elite and eminent contemporary Shariah scholars, supported by distinguished experts in natural sciences, sociology, economics and politics, with the aim of studying contemporary life problems and clarifying the legal provisions on issues of concern to Muslims worldwide, based on the teachings of the Holy Qur'an, the Sunnah; and the supreme objectives of the Shari'ah, and in accordance with the pious predecessors' methodology in legal deduction and inference, as well as the legal and jurisprudential maxims that have passed through the generations. By the grace of Allah, this institution has become the primary reference in fiqh matters, where OIC Member states and Muslim communities seek refuge to learn about the rulings of Shariah concerning the current calamities and

developments in life, and the practical scientific recommendations for guidance, clarification and orientation. As the ascetic Imam Abdullah Ibn Al-Mubarak once said, "The blessed science is that which is referred to its people". The Secretariat General of the Academy believes that there is an urgent need to make known to future generations the journey of those eminent jurists and scholars who concluded these outstanding resolutions and issued these clear recommendations, beginning with those of them who diseased and joined the Supreme Companion, may Allah have mercy on them and place them in His spacious gardens; and thus concluding with those who continue to enlighten us with their brilliant achievements, May Allah bless them with health and well-being, and may He prolong their lives. This blessed initiative by the Academy is to reassure those far and near that the resolutions and recommendations

are correct, as they are issued by prominent scholars known for their piety and fear of Allah, who mastered the instruments and skills of jurisprudential examination, and who fulfilled the requirements of Ijtihad and the ethics of Ifta. To fulfil this crucial responsibility, the Secretariat General of the Academy has decided to devote space in its monthly newsletter to present a brief biography of the Academy's members as scholars and experts, in appreciation of their work and recognition of their contributions, while praying for mercy and acceptance to them. We pray to Allah to assist us in completing this work as soon as possible; we only want to reform as much as we can, and our success is solely dependent on Allah, the Highest, the Greatest.

Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano
Secretary General of the Academy

His Excellency Prof. Omar Jah

Born in 1934 in The Gambia, Prof. Omar Jah earned a degree in religious studies at Al-Azhar University in 1960, a diploma in French at the French Cultural Center in Cairo in 1965, and a bachelor's degree in Humanities at Cairo University in 1966 with the second-highest honours. His Eminence also earned a master's degree in Islamic Thought and Civilization and a doctorate in History, Islamic Thought and Civilization at McGill University in Montreal, Canada in 1970 and 1973, respectively. Prof. Jah has held significant positions in education, administration and diplomacy, including secondary school teacher at Armitage High School in The Gambia (1966-1967), a visiting professor at Hamilton College in New York, USA (1970- 1972), a lecturer at the University of Toronto, Canada (1974), an associate professor at York University, Toronto, Canada (1974), a lecturer at McGill University, Montreal, Canada (1974), a lecturer at Bayero Kano University, Nigeria (1973-1980), an assistant professor at Imam Muhammad University, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia (1980-1982), Assistant Vice President of the Islamic Development Bank (in the Office of Special Assistance), Jeddah, Saudi Arabia (1991-1996), Professor of Islamic Thought and Civilization at the International Institute of

Islamic Thought and Civilization (ASTAC), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (1997-2005), and Advisor to the Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (2005). His Eminence has served on the Boards of Trustees of the International Islamic University in Islamabad, Pakistan, the Islamic Dawah Organization in Sudan, a member of the Organization of the Islamic World Conference in Pakistan, Aal al-Bayt Foundation for Islamic Thought in Jordan, as a former chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Research Center for Islamic History, Arts, and Culture (IRCICA) and chairman of the Sheikh Abdullah Jah Charitable Foundation. His Eminence is currently the head of several institutions and a part-time professor of Islamic philosophy at the University of The Gambia. His Eminence served as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of The Gambia to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Gulf States, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Turkey, Ethiopia and Somalia. He has been awarded the Order of the Republic of Sudan, the King Abdul Aziz Medal and the Order of the State of the Republic of The Gambia, on two occasions. As a member of the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, H.E. Prof. Omar Jah has been representing the Republic of the Gambia since November 19, 1984.



His Eminence Dr. Thaqil bin Sayer Zaid Al-Shammari

Born in 1957 in the State of Qatar, H.E. Sheikh Thaqil bin Sayer Zaid Al-Shammari attended Umm Salal Muhammad Primary School, graduated from the Doha Secondary Religious Institute, and earned a bachelor's and master's from Imam Muhammad bin Saud Islamic University in Saudi Arabia. His Eminence also earned a doctorate at Cairo University's Dar Al Uloom College. His Eminence has held important positions, including legal researcher, deputy judge, senior judge, then president of the Islamic Court of First Instance, president of the Court of Appeal, judge at the Court of Cassation, member of the Supreme Council of the Judiciary,



vice-president of the Court of Cassation and the Supreme Council of the Judiciary, chairman of the Shari'ah Committee at the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs. Furthermore, His Eminence chaired the Sharia Committee for the Revision of the Qatari Civil Law, as a member of the Committee to Draft the Penal Code, the Code of Criminal Procedure and the Judicial Authority Law of Qatar, and also chaired the Committee to draft the Family Law (Personal Status). As a member of the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, H.E. Dr. Thaqil Al-Shammari has represented the State of Qatar since November 14, 1988.

His Eminence Sheikh Muhammad Ahmad Muhammad Husayn

Born in 1950 in Al-Quds Al-Sharif, Jerusalem, capital of Palestine, H.E. Sheikh Muhammad Ahmad Muhammad Husayn received a bachelor's degree from the Faculty of Shariah at the University of Jordan in 1973 and a master's degree from Al-Quds University. Since 1982, His Eminence has been teaching and preaching at Al-Aqsa Mosque, the Islamic Orphanage in Jerusalem and Al-Aqsa Islamic High School in Jerusalem. From 2006 to the present, Sheikh Husayn has served as the Grand Mufti of Palestine's Dar Al Ifta, Director of the Department of Al-Aqsa Mosque Affairs from 1986 to 2006, and Observer of Islamic Guidance in the Department of Awqaf in Jerusalem. He has also served as Chairman of the Supreme Council of Ifta in Palestine, Chairman of the Advisory Board of the College of Quranic and Islamic Studies, founding member of the Council of Scholars and Preachers in Jerusalem, member of the Board of Directors of the Martyr Yasser Arafat Foundation,



general supervisor of Dar Al-Isra magazine in Palestine, member of the General Secretariat of the National People's Assembly in Jerusalem, member of the Board of Trustees of the Jerusalem Waqf Fund, member of the Board of Trustees of the Khaled Al-Hassan Center for Cancer

Treatment and Bone Marrow Transplant, Head of the Christian-Islamic Committee, member of the Muslim World League, member of the General Secretariat of Ifta Councils, member of Royal Aal al-Bayt Institute for Islamic Thought in Jordan, member of the Supreme Islamic Council and of the Board of Trustees of the University of Palestine, member of the Council of Awqaf and Islamic Sanctuaries Affairs in Jerusalem, member of the Supreme Committee for Jerusalem (2020) as the capital of sports for Muslim countries, and former member of the Council of Islamic Awqaf in the West Bank. His Eminence has received several prestigious academic awards from Egypt, Palestine, Morocco, and Jordan. As a member of the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, H.E. Sheikh Muhammad Ahmad Muhammad Husayn has represented the State of Palestine since April 10, 2007.

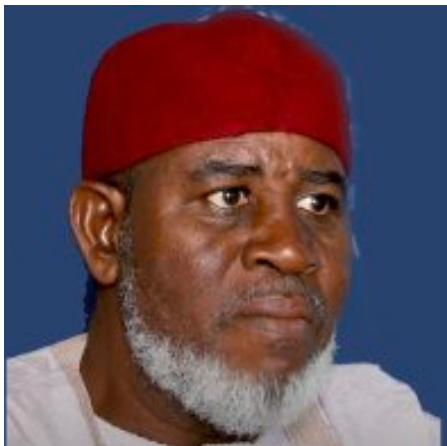
His Eminence Dr. Saidmukarram Abdukodirzoda

Born in 1963 in Tajikistan, H.E. Saidmukarram Abdukodirzoda memorized the Qur'an at a young age, attended Imam Al-Tirmidhi University in Tajikistan, and obtained a bachelor's and a master's in Hadith and Tafsir from the International Islamic University of Islamabad in 2000 and 2003, respectively, in addition to another master's degree at the National University of Tajikistan in 2008 and a doctorate in Tajik Literature and Language at the same university in 2012. His Eminence has held a number of significant positions and responsibilities, including a professor at the Islamic University of Tajikistan; Undersecretary for Educational



Affairs at the University of Tajikistan; Director of the Department of Religious Institutions in the President of the Republic's Executive Office; and head of the jury of several Quran competitions in the Republic of Tajikistan. Furthermore, His Eminence has participated in various international scientific conferences. His Eminence Dr. Saidmukarram Abdukodirzoda is currently the Grand Mufti of the Republic of Tajikistan, Director of the Islamic Center of Tajikistan and Tajikistan's representative member to the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy since September 13, 2012.

His Eminence Prof. Mamadou Abdo Bachi



Born in 1957 in the Republic of Togo in West Africa, Professor Mamadou Abdo Bachi received his basic education in a an environment of scholarship under his father's tutelage who taught him the Holy Quran and Maliki jurisprudence. His Eminence then enrolled in the regular school, then in the school of Lome (now known as the educational complex), obtaining his secondary school certificate in 1400H/1980G at the Islamic University of Madinah's Secondary Institute, followed by a bachelor's degree in 1985 from the same university's Faculty of Dawah and Theology. His Eminence has taken part in several important workshops, forums

and conferences, including the National Special Committee's workshop on reviewing family law and other laws pertaining to women, comparing them to similar issues in Islamic jurisprudence. His Eminence spoke at the forum on AIDS, how to combat it, how to follow up on those affected, and how to sponsor orphans. In addition, His Eminence was offered a translation permit before Togo's Court of Appeal in 2007. As a member of the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, H.E. Prof. Mamadou Abdo Bachi has represented the Togolese Republic since September 13, 2012.

His Eminence Sheikh Dr. Ahmad Said Galadanci



Born in 1933 in the Federal Republic of Nigeria, H.E. Sheikh Dr. Ahmad Said Galadanci received a bachelor's degree from the University of London in 1962, a master's degree from Kantab University in 1969, and a doctorate from Dar Al Uloom, Cairo University in 1974. His Eminence has held significant positions such as Director of the College of Arabic Language and Islamic Studies, Kano, Nigeria, Lecturer in the Faculty of Arabic Language and Islamic Studies, Ahmadu Bello University, Nigeria, Dean of the Abdullah Bayero Faculty of Ahmadu Bello University, Vice-Chancellor of Usman Danfodio Sokoto University, Nigeria, Visiting Professor at Northwestern University in the United States, Professor at Bayero University, Ambassador

of the Republic of Nigeria to Riyadh, National Commissioner of the Independent National Electoral Commission of Nigeria, Chairman of the National University Commission of Nigeria, Chairman of the Islamic Foundation of Nigeria, and Guide of the National Mosque in Abuja, Nigeria. His Eminence has received numerous awards in Nigeria, including the National Medal of Honour, the Certificate of Honour for Education, the Government Certificate of Honour, the Professor's Award, and the Distinguished Vice-Chancellor's Award of Usman Dan Fodio University. As a member of the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, H.E. Dr. Ahmad Said Galadanci has represented the Federal Republic of Nigeria since 1997.

His Eminence Dr. Farid Yaqoub Al Miftah



Born in 1960 in Bahrain, H.E. Dr. Farid Yaqoub Al Miftah earned his bachelor's, master's, and doctorate degrees at Saudi Arabia's Imam Muhammad bin Saud Islamic University. He has served significant positions in the Kingdom of Bahrain, including officer of the Court of Cassation, head of the Sharia Board of Khaleeji Commercial Bank, and deputy director of Salaam Bank's Sharia Board. His Eminence has also served as Professor of Islamic Studies

at the University of Bahrain, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Awqaf, a member of Bahrain's Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs, and a member of Abdullah bin Khalid College for Islamic Studies' Board of Trustees. As a member of the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, H.E. Dr. Farid Yaqoub Al Miftah has represented the Kingdom of Bahrain since April 10, 2007.

His Eminence Sheikh Al-Hassan Omar Al-Farouq

Born in 1967 in the Republic of Benin, West Africa, H.E. Sheikh Al-Hassan Omar Al-Farouq received a higher diploma in 1989 from the Faculty of Shariah affiliated with Dar Al-Fatwa in Beirut, Lebanon and a master's degree in 1995 from the Al-Makaassid Society's Higher Institute of Islamic Studies with a thesis titled "The Political Situation and its Impact on Muslims in West Africa: An Applied Study on Benin". His Eminence has held various significant positions, including Professor of Political and Administrative Sciences for two years at the Lebanese University, Lecturer at Sierra Leone's Islamic University of Magburaka,

Senior Officer in the Department of Dawah and Guidance at the Islamic Forum's Benin Office and Head of the Islamic Forum's Togo Office. He currently serves as a religious advisor for the Islamic Union of Benin, Vice President of the Supreme Islamic Council of Benin, and Chairman of the Charitable Association for Education and Social Development's Board of Directors. As a member of the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, H.E. Sheikh Al-Hassan Omar Al-Farouq has represented the Republic of Benin since March 22, 2015.



His Eminence Prof. Irshad Aghabi Ungarov

Born in 1975 in the Republic of Kazakhstan, H.E. Prof. Irshad Aghabi Ungarov received a bachelor's degree in Shariah from Al-Azhar University in 2004, a master's degree from the Higher Institute of Islamic Studies at Cairo University in 2007, and a doctorate from the National University of Kazakhstan in 2010. His Eminence has held important positions, including Vice President of the Religious Directorate of Muslims in Kazakhstan, Deputy to the Grand Mufti of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Head of the Department of International Relations and Ceremonies at the Religious Directorate of Muslims in Kazakhstan (2015-2019), Head of the Department of Dawah and Guidance at the Religious Directorate of Muslims of Kazakhstan (2013 -2015), Deputy Head of the Department of Relations with Religious Study Institutions at the Agency for



Religious Affairs (2012-2013), Head of the Department of Islamic Research at the Center for Research and Analysis of the Agency for Religious Affairs (2012), Director of the Department of Religious Affairs at the Agency for Religious Affairs in the former capital of Kazakhstan, Almaty (2011), Professor at Al-Farabi National University in Kazakhstan (2009-2011), an Islamic editor at Aseel TV channel (2009-2011), head of the editorial and analytical department at the Religious Directorate of Muslims in Kazakhstan (2008-2009), and specialized official at the Department of Education at the Religious Directorate of Muslims in Kazakhstan (2007-2008). As a member of the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, H.E. Prof. Irshad Aghabi Ungarov has represented the Republic of Kazakhstan since November 18, 2013.

His Eminence Dr. Hamdati Chbihna MA Laynine

Born in 1938 in the Kingdom of Morocco, H.E. Dr. Hamdati Chbihna MA Laynine studied under the most eminent scholars of the Moroccan Sahara and obtained a state doctorate from Dar Al-Hadith Al-Hassaniya in the Kingdom of Morocco. His Eminence has held significant positions in the Kingdom of Morocco, such as chargé de mission at the Royal Court, head of an honorary chamber at the Supreme Council of Magistracy, lecturer at Dar al-Hadith al-Hassaniya, head of the Council of Scholars in

Quneitra, and president of the Sadd Court in Morocco. His Eminence was also a member of the High Constitutional Court and a member of the Royal Advisory Committee to revise the Mudawana (Family Code), in his capacity as the author of various research and published studies. As a member of the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, H.E. Dr. Hamdati Chbihna Ma' Al-Aynain has represented the Kingdom of Morocco since November 14, 1998.



His Eminence Dr. Hj Japar Hj Mat Dain

Born in 1961 in the Sultanate of Brunei, H.E. Dr. Hj Japar Hj Mat Dain Maiden earned his secondary certificate from Hassan Al-Balqiah Arab Religious School for Boys (1972-1978) and studied at Al-Junaid Islamic School in Singapore (1979-1982). His Eminence also earned a bachelor's degree in 1987 from Al-Azhar University's Faculty of Theology, an Honors degree in Jurisprudence in 1994 from Brunei Darussalam's Institute of Islamic Studies, a master's degree in 2000 from Malaysia's Malaya University in Kuala Lumpur, and a doctorate from the same university in 2011. His Eminence has held various significant positions, such as senior official in the Ministry of Religious Affairs (1988 - 1992), a judge in the Department of Brunei Muara (1992 - 1994), the longest-serving interpreter of rulings at Dar Ifta of Brunei Darussalam (1994 - 2001), and head of the Department of Judgment



Derivation the same institution (2002- 2015), as well as deputy mufti of the Sultanate of Brunei Darussalam since 2015. His Eminence has also been a member of the Islamic Religious Council of Brunei Darussalam, Vice Chairman of the Supreme Council for the Recitation of the Holy

Quran, a member of the Zakat Committee of the Islamic Religious Council, a member of the Review Committee for Halal Certification and Halal Labels, a member of the Senate Committee for the Revision and Interpretation of the Quran in Brunei Darussalam, member of the Committee for the Collection and Expenditure Fund for the Construction of Mosques, member of the Board of Directors of the Brunei Darussalam Monetary Authority, and Member of the National Council of the General Authority for Sharia Financial Supervision in the Ministry of Finance of Brunei Darussalam. His Eminence has participated in numerous regional and international conferences and presented significant worksheets. As a member of the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, H.E. Dr. Haji Jaafar bin Haji Met Dine Maiden has represented Brunei Darussalam since March 14, 2017.

His Eminence Dr. Abdullah Al Maruf Muhammad Shah Alam

Born in 1963 in Noakhali province, Bangladesh, H.E. Dr. Abdullah Al Maruf Muhammad Shah Alam began his studies in religious schools where he received basic education in Islamic sciences, Arabic language, hadith and tafsir, then joined the Islamic University of Madinah where he obtained a bachelor's in Arabic language in 1987, followed by a master's from the Department of Arabic Language in 1989, and doctorate in 2003 at the University of Dhaka, Bangladesh. His Eminence began his career as a researcher at the Islamic Institution of the Ministry of Religious Affairs of Bangladesh in 1989, where he worked for approximately 25 years before being appointed director. His Eminence then worked as an associate professor at the University of Dhaka in 2014,

until being promoted a general professor in 2019. His Eminence has held significant positions such as Director of the Institute of Languages at the Islamic Foundation of the Ministry of Religious Affairs, member of the Bangladesh Medical Research Council, member of the Bangladesh Curriculum Council, advisor to the Supreme Court on historical fatwas, member of the Holy Qur'an Digital Programs Council, consultant to UNICEF Bangladesh, chairman of the Textbook Amendment Committee under the Bangladesh Education Council for Religious Schools, Chairman of the Bangladesh Halal Committee, and member of the Bangladesh Women's Rights Council Committee. As a member of the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh



Academy, H.E. Dr. Abdullah Maruf Muhammad Shah Alem has represented the People's Republic of Bangladesh since March 14, 2017.

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IIFA mourns His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, may Allah shower mercy his soul



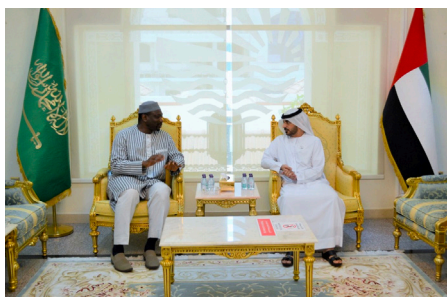
“And give good tidings to the patient, who, when disaster strikes them, say, “Indeed we belong to Allah, and indeed to Him we will return.” Al-Baqarah: 154-156 “And it is not [possible] for one to die except by permission of Allah at a decree determined. And whoever desires the reward of this world – We will give him thereof; and whoever desires the reward of the Hereafter – We will give him thereof. And we will reward the grateful.” Aal-Imran: 145 The International Islamic Fiqh Academy received the news of the passing of His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates and Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, to his Lord today, Friday, 12 Shawwal 1443, corresponding to May 13, 2022, with hearts filled with absolute faith in Allah’s decree and predestination and souls

submitted to His will and His inevitable fate. On this sad occasion, the International Islamic Fiqh Academy’s Presidency, General Secretariat, members, experts, and staff offer their sincere condolences to the government and people of the United Arab Emirates, praying to the Noble Lord to have mercy on the deceased, to forgive him, to accept him in the heavens, to welcome him in his vast gardens, and to reunite him with those whom Allah has blessed among the prophets, the truthful, the martyrs, and the righteous. Indeed, these are the best companions. We ask the Almighty to grant His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President of the United Arab Emirates, Prime Minister, Minister of Defense, and Governor of Dubai, and His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy

Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, and all the relatives, friends, and loved ones of the deceased, as well as his admirers, the Emirati people, and the Ummah, patience, consolation, and satisfaction with the decree of Most Merciful. The International Islamic Fiqh Academy will be eternally thankful to His Highness for the kind care and ongoing support from the United Arab Emirates. May Allah the Almighty sustain its security, stability, and prosperity, and protect its authorities and people. May Allah multiply your rewards, forgive your loss and comfort you in the greatest manner possible. To Allah we belong and to Him we shall return.

Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano
Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy
Jeddah

Secretary General presents IIFA’s Condolences to UAE’s Consul General in Jeddah



On Saturday, 13 Shawwal 1443H corresponding to 14 May 2022G, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), visited the Consulate General of the United Arab Emirates in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, to offer his and the Academy’s sincere condolences to the government and people of the United Arab Emirates, on the occasion of the passing of Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates,

on Friday 12 Shawwal 1443H corresponding to 13 May 2022G. His Excellency seized this sad occasion to express the Academy’s great thanks and permanent appreciation for the generous support and care that the Academy enjoyed from His Highness, may God have mercy on him, and place him in his vast gardens, and gather us with him in the gardens of bliss in a seat of sincerity with the Merciful Lord. His Excellency also expressed his great gratitude and great appreciation to the government of the United Arab Emirates for its generous care and great support of the Academy, asking the Almighty to have mercy on the deceased, and to preserve the UAE’s security, unity, stability and prosperity For his part, His Excellency Mr. Nasser bin Huwaiden Al Ketbi, Consul General of the United Arab Emirates in Jeddah, expressed his deep thanks and appreciation to the Secretary General of the Academy and the accompanying delegation for the condolences and kind words he heard from His Excellency, stressing that the

United Arab Emirates will continue to strengthen cooperation with the Academy under the leadership of His Excellency. At the end of the visit, His Excellency recorded a message in the mourning book. His Excellency was accompanied during the visit by Mr. Mohamed Al-Mondher El-Chouk, Director of Cabinet and Protocol Affairs at the Academy, and Mr. Mohamed Adnan Al Fehri, Director of the Department of Administrative and Financial Affairs at the Academy.



Sudanese Minister of Religious Affairs and Awqaf visits IIFA

On Tuesday, 16 Shawwal 1443H corresponding to 17 May 2022G, His Excellency Dr. Abd al-Ati Ahmed Abbas, Minister of Religious Affairs and Awqaf of the Republic of Sudan, and his accompanying delegation visited the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) in Jeddah. He was received by Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy. His Excellency the Minister thanked the Secretary General of the Academy for the kind reception and warm welcome, and expressed his great pleasure at visiting the Academy, this great scientific edifice of which the entire Muslim Ummah is proud. He also expressed his personal pride, and that of the ministry's delegation, in the solid and fruitful relations of cooperation with the Academy, and the importance of benefiting from the capabilities and expertise of both parties in all areas of common interest. In this context, His Excellency presented a number of proposals that serve Islam and Muslims, not only in Sudan, but in the entire Muslim world. He also expressed his aspiration for His Excellency the Secretary General's visit to Sudan to learn closely about the issues and concerns of the Sudanese Muslims and thus support and enhance the efforts of the Sudanese Ministry and Government in this regard. For his part, His Excellency the Secretary General welcomed His Excellency the Minister,



and thanked him for this generous visit, which confirms the depth and strength of relations of cooperation, coordination and communication between the Academy, the Ministry and the leading scientific institutions in Sudan, which culminated a few months ago with the signing of a memorandum of cooperation between the Academy and the Sudanese Islamic Fiqh Academy of the Ministry. His Excellency also seized the opportunity to express the importance of initiating the implementation of the provisions of the memorandum in order to achieve the objectives stipulated in it. Then His Excellency presented his guest with a brief summary of the Academy's vision, mission, objectives, five-year strategic plan, and its various activities and programs. His Excellency also indicated that the Academy has

called for papers from a number of distinguished Sudanese researchers to contribute research papers in the upcoming Session of the Academy. The meeting was attended from the side of the Ministry by Mr. Ahmed SIRR Al-Khatem, Director of Hajj and Umrah Department, Dr. Mohamed Abdel-Wahab, Executive Director of Hajj and Umrah, Eng. Ahmed Al-Mubarak, Director of Information Technology, and Mr. Abdel Aziz Al-Sadiq, Director of Media and Public Relations. On the side of the Academy, Mr. Mohamed Al-Mondher El-Chouk, Director of Cabinet and Protocol Affairs Department, Dr. Abdel Fattah Mahmoud Abnauf, Director of International Cooperation and Planning Department, and Mr. Mourad TLiLi, Advisor to the Secretary General of the Academy for Media Affairs.



US Ambassador for International Religious Freedom Visits IIFA



His Excellency Mr. Rashad Hussein, Ambassador-at-Large of the United States of America in charge of International Religious Freedom and his accompanying delegation, paid a courtesy visit to the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) on Thursday 11 Shawwal 1443H corresponding to 12 May 2022G. Upon his arrival at the Academy, he and the accompanying delegation were received by His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, who thanked him for the visit, congratulating him on his assumption of the position of Ambassador-at-Large in charge of International Religious Freedom in the United States of America, wishing him all success. His Excellency the Secretary General also expressed his thanks and appreciation to His Excellency the Ambassador for his blessed efforts in defending the rights and interests of Muslims in the United States of America, and combating extremist

ideology wherever it comes from, especially Islamophobia and the attacks it causes on Muslim communities in Western countries and on relations between peoples and cultures in general. His Excellency also affirmed the Academy's readiness to work together to enhance awareness among Muslim communities of the importance of adhering to the requirements of citizenship in their countries, and the need to respect laws and regulations while preserving their religious identity, as there is in fact no conflict between religious affiliation and loyalty to the country in which the Muslim person resides. His Excellency expressed the Academy's readiness to organize scientific events that serve these ideas inside the United States of America directed at Muslim communities, sign cooperative agreements with the leading scientific institutions in the United States and invite Muslim American scholars to participate in the upcoming Sessions of the Academy to enrich dialogue and spread benefit. For his part, Ambassador Rashad Hussein expressed his deep thanks and great gratitude to His Excellency the Secretary General of the Academy for the warm reception and courteous welcome, stressing his great interest and keenness to make this visit to the Academy in order to see and benefit from the contributions of the Academy in the areas of pluralism, religious tolerance and coexistence among religions and cultures and to fight and combat extremist ideology, terrorism and violence. His Excellency added that his country's government views with appreciation the moderate and sober thought offered by the Academy and all

its commendable efforts to spread moderation and peaceful coexistence between religions, and that he looks forward to more cooperation and coordination with the Academy in order to serve these noble humanitarian goals through the joint organization of purposeful scientific events inside and outside the United States of America, and the participation of prestigious American religious institutions in the Academy's Sessions and various scientific conferences. His Excellency the Ambassador was accompanied in the meeting by Mr. Allen Krause, Chief of Political and Economic Section at the American Consulate in Jeddah, and Mrs. Jennifer Ham, Vice Consul, Political and Economic Section at the American Consulate in Jeddah. On the side of the Academy, the meeting was attended by Mr. Mohamed Al-Mondher El-Chouk, Director of Cabinet and Protocol Affairs, Ms. Sarah Amjad Hussain, Director of Family and Women's Affairs, Dr. Al Hagi Manta Drammeh, Head of International Cooperation and External Relations Section, and Mr. Mourad TLiLi, Advisor to the Secretary General for Media Affairs.



IIFA Secretary General participates in International Conference on Islamic Unity in Abu Dhabi



H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Academy of Islamic Fiqh (IIFA), participated in the International Conference of the World Council of Muslim Communities on: "Islamic Unity: Concept, Challenges and Opportunities", on Sunday and Monday 7 -8 of Chawal 1443 corresponding to May 9-10, 2022 in Abu Dhabi. He gave a keynote speech at the opening of the second day of the conference in the presence of a large number of conference participants and thanked the government and people of the United Arab Emirates for their tremendous efforts to unite the Ummah and promote cooperation and communication among Muslims. He also congratulated the leadership of the Council for organizing this important and timely conference at this difficult stage of the troubling circumstances that the world in general and the Muslim world in particular are going through. He praised in particular the good choice of the title and the themes of the conference, "in the hope that the participants of the conference arrive at a correct concept and clearly defined of the term unity. It will also allow us to correct a series of misconceptions that have suddenly been woven around this term." Also he

pointed out that the term Islamic unity is misused for suspicious purposes contrary to the principles of Islam and is incorporated in areas where it cannot be achieved. He went on to point out that "the texts of the Holy Quran and the prophetic tradition have moved beyond talking about Islamic unity in the traditional sense to talking about the unity of the Ummah, is broader and more complete than peoples, clans and tribes, because they include non-Muslim individuals and groups, and these Islamic texts have decided that the existence of peoples, tribes and clans is a universal reality and an eternal will which cannot be neglected as shown in the following Quranic passage: [O people, We created you male and female, and We made you peoples and tribes so that you might know one another]. This verse indicates that there are many peoples and various tribes, and these make up what is now called the nation-state, which is made up of individuals and groups sharing traditions and customs in a nation-state governed by a system to which they adhere". Therefore, the term unity is not intended to unite peoples into one people or to integrate tribes into one tribe and is not intended to rationally transfer and eliminate traditions and the customs of peoples, tribes and clans, but rather to unite consciences, feelings, rituals among Muslims. This says that the hoped-for unity is a unity in diversity and a diversity in unity. From there, it is urgent today to transcend this pretentious concept which has besieged the concept of unity by uniting the Muslim peoples in a so-called and illusory state, which is the state of the great caliphate which does not have ever been achieved in history. To this end, good Islamic unity aims to achieve as much cooperation, integration, support and synergy as possible among Muslims. This is in no way incompatible with

the multiplicity of States, with the multiplicity of peoples and tribes whose existence is part of the eternal cosmic reality mentioned above. He then explained that "Islamic unity rests on five pillars stipulated in the Hadith of the Prophet (PBUH), in which he says: {Do not be jealous, do not hate each other, do not be a malefactor, do not betray, do not buy what your brother wants to buy, and be servants of Allah and brothers. It is a great sin to disrespect one's brother, to oppress or humiliate him}. He concluded his intervention by saying, "The desired Islamic unity has three manifestations which are mentioned in the Hadith of the Prophet: {the similarity of the believers in their love, compassion and sympathy is like one body; if one limb complains of pain, the rest of the body falls with fever and restlessness}. Love, compassion and mutual sympathy are the most important manifestations of true Islamic unity. Today, more than ever, the Ummah is called upon to strengthen these manifestations in terms of emotional bonds, feelings and rituals, so that the unity demanded by the Quran and the Sunnah is achieved". The conference brought together more than 400 participants from more than 100 countries.



Consul General of Japan visits IIFA headquarters in Jeddah

His Excellency Mr. Shimmura Izuru, Consul General of Japan in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, visited the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) on 25 Tuesday Ramadan 1443H corresponding to 26 April 2022G. His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, welcomed him and thanked him for his visit, which is the first of its kind for His Excellency since he came to KSA to undertake his duties. His Excellency Mr. Shimmura Izuru expressed his deep thanks and great gratitude to His Excellency the Secretary General of the Academy for the good reception and warm welcome, stressing his great interest and keenness to make this visit to the Academy in the context of his country's relentless endeavor to strengthen relations of cooperation and coordination with the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and its affiliated bodies, especially the International Islamic Fiqh Academy. His Excellency added that his country's government views with appreciation the moderate and



sober thought offered by the Academy and all commendable efforts to spread moderation and peaceful coexistence between religions, and that he looks forward to more cooperation with the Academy in order to serve these noble humanitarian goals, by organizing some purposeful scientific activities within Japan and beyond. For his part, His Excellency the Secretary General of the Academy expressed his great thanks and great appreciation to His Excellency the Consul and congratulated him

on his recent appointment as the first special envoy of his country to the OIC, wishing him success in his duties, noting that this meeting would mark the beginning of solid and sober cooperation and coordination between the Academy and the authorities supervising religious affairs in Japan. His Excellency seized the occasion by giving His Excellency the Consul a brief overview of the Academy's vision, mission, goals, programs, and activities. His Excellency also affirmed the Academy's readiness to enhance awareness among Muslim communities of the importance of adhering to the requirements of citizenship in their countries, and the need to respect laws and regulations while preserving their religious identity, as there is, in fact, no conflict between religious affiliation and loyalty to the country in which the Muslim man resides. The meeting was attended by Mr. Mohamed Al-Mondher El-Chouk, Director of Cabinet Affairs and Protocol at the Academy, and Mr. Mourad TLiLi, Advisor to the Secretary General of the Academy for Media Affairs.

German Consul General and Special Envoy to the OIC visits IIFA

H.E. Dr. Eltje Aderhold, Special Envoy of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and Consul General of Germany in Jeddah, visited the headquarters of the Academy (IIFA) on Sunday 14 Shawwal 1443 corresponding to May 15, 2022. She was received by Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy. She expressed her deep thanks and gratitude to the Secretary General for the warm welcome, and expressed her aspiration to strengthen the relations of cooperation and coordination with the OIC and its affiliated bodies, in particular the IIFA, noting the Germany's desire to consolidate partnership and joint dialogue with the OIC on a number of topics and issues of common interest, and on this occasion, she called on the Academy to participate in the second round of the strategic dialogue to be held during the second half of this year in the German capital, Berlin. She added that her country's government appreciates the Academy's esteemed efforts to spread a culture of moderation and coexistence between religions and peoples. She also expressed her gratitude for the pioneering role of the Academy in promoting awareness of the importance of empowering women of their natural rights and allowing them to actively participate in efforts to build, progress and develop in the countries, praising the role of the Academy's successful resolutions related to the issues of FGM, underage marriage and female



labor. Separately, she said she looks forward to greater cooperation with the Academy to serve these issues, coordinating with the Academy's Department of Women and Family Affairs to determine topics of common interest and work together in their execution, in addition to the joint organization of certain useful scientific events inside and outside Germany. For his part, the Secretary General of the Academy expressed his deep thanks and appreciation to the Special Envoy for her commendable efforts in building bridges of cooperation and coordination with the Academy regarding common issues and topics concern of Muslim communities in European countries, particularly the Federal Republic of Germany. He added that this meeting is an excellent start for strong and firm cooperation and coordination relations between the Academy and the German authorities. He also affirmed the Academy's desire to make

Muslim communities aware of the importance of adhering to the requirements of citizenship in their country and the need to respect laws and regulations while preserving their religious identity, because it is not There is in fact no conflict between religious affiliation and loyalty to the country in which a Muslim lives. He then expressed the Academy's agreement to participate in the second round of the strategic dialogue between the OIC and Germany, in addition to the Academy's willingness to organize scientific events in Germany targeting the Muslim community there. low and addressing issues and topics that concern them and the German government. The meeting took place in the presence of Ms. Arwaa Ragban, Interpreter at the Consulate General of Germany in Jeddah, Mr. Al-Mondher El-Chouk, Director of Cabinet Affairs, Ms. Sarah Amjad Hussain, Director of Family and Women's Affairs, and Mr. Mourad TLiLi, Advisor to the Secretary General for Media Affairs.



UN Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women visits IIFA



His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), received on 14 Shawwal 1443H, corresponding to 15 May 2022G, Her Excellency Ms. Reem Al-Salem, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. His Excellency welcomed the honorable guest and thanked her for the visit, congratulating her on her assumption of the position of the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women, and wishing her every success in her endeavors. His Excellency also expressed his great appreciation and thanks to Her Excellency for her commendable efforts in order to highlight the various forms of violence and abuse of women by depriving them of their basic civil rights such as education, work, health and others in many countries of the world, especially some countries of the Muslim world. Shariah considered her the man's sister and partner in the tasks of building peoples and the renaissance of nations

and also assigned her duties not different from the duties assigned to her brother the man, emphasizing the importance of the contribution of both sexes to achieving renaissance, progress and development. His Excellency also touched on the upcoming visit of the delegation of the Academy under the umbrella of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, in order to discuss with the Taliban scholars and current Afghan leaders a number of issues and topics of concern to the international community, and the need to open a door for dialogue and discussion with them. His Excellency affirmed that he looks forward with optimism to the visit, which will deal with a number of issues of concern to Muslims in Afghanistan, on top of which is the issue of women's right to education, and their full participation in building Afghan society, based on the teachings of our religion, which necessitate education and learning for both sexes. For her part, the Special Rapporteur expressed her great pleasure at visiting the Academy, and her great appreciation for the appreciable efforts it made in correcting practices with regards to women in all areas are withheld, and she also expressed her gratitude for the central role of the Academy in promoting awareness of the importance of empowering women to participate in the efforts of construction, progress and development in the Muslim world, praising in the meantime the successful decisions of the Academy related to issues such as women's education, female genital mutilation, underage marriage, women's work, and others. Her Excellency concluded by

expressing her aspiration for the success of the delegation of the Academy, led by His Excellency the Secretary General, in its efforts to convince the new authorities in Afghanistan to grant Afghan women their right to education, work and active participation in public life. She also affirmed her complete readiness to support the efforts of the Academy in this regard and to harness all her capabilities and expertise in the service of the Academy's noble mission. At the end of the meeting, His Excellency thanked his honorable guest for her proposals and cooperation initiatives, noting that he looks forward to strengthening cooperation between her Excellency's office and the Department of Women and Family Affairs at the Academy in many issues and topics of concern to both parties in order to achieve results that benefit Muslim women wherever they are. The meeting was attended by Mr. Mohamed Al-Mondher El-Chouk, Director of Cabinet and Protocol Affairs at the Academy, Ms. Sarah Amjad Hussain, Director of Family and Women's Affairs at the Academy, and Mr. Mourad TLiLi, Advisor to the Secretary General of the Academy for Media Affairs.



IIFA Secretary General speaks on the Signs of Judgment Day at Hashemites Lecture Series in Amman, Jordan



H.E. Prof Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, gave a lecture on “The Signs and Preludes of the Last Day Judgment”, as part of a series of lectures organized by the Hashemite Meetings, on Friday 28 Ramadan 1443 corresponding to April 29, 2022, at the Islamic Cultural Center of the King Abdullah I Mosque in the capital, Amman. After thanking His Majesty King Abdallah II ben Al Hussein and the government of the Hashemite Kingdom, he specified that to arrive at a sound understanding of the signs of the Day of Judgment, it will be necessary to follow a methodological approach based on the definition of the term “The Signs of the Day of Judgment” then the relationships between the different signs. Starting from this approach, he defined the term as “a group of cosmic events and phenomena that contradict the laws, norms and human nature that precede the Day of Judgment announcing its imminence, or for its actual appearance. If these events and phenomena announce the approach of the Day of Judgment, they are called the Minor Signs of the Day of Judgment. But if they signal the actual occurrence of the Day of Judgment, then it is called the Great Signs of the Day of Judgment.” Regarding the main signs of the Day of Judgment, he explained that there is a prophetic hadith that includes a comprehensive explanation of these signs. This hadith was narrated by the Hudhayfa bin Usayd Al-Ghafari, may God be pleased with him, who said: “The Prophet, may God bless him and grant him peace, was in a room while we were below him, so he looked at us and said: What are you talking about? We said the Day of Judgment, he said: The Day of Judgment will only come when ten signs occur: an eclipse in the east, an eclipse in the west, an eclipse in the Arabian Peninsula, the smoke, the ‘Antichrist, the beast of the earth, Gog and Magog, the sun rises from the west, and fire comes out of Eden which moves people. One of them said that the tenth sign is the descent of Jesus, prayer and peace of God be upon him, and the other said: A wind that throws people overboard.” This hadith clarifies the main signs of the Day of Judgment, and these signs are almost accepted and approved by all scholars, with a minor difference between them in the order of events. Then he said that: “If this hadith deals with the major signs of the Day of Judgment in a detailed and specific way, then we believe that there is another honorable prophetic hadith which deals in detail and specifically with the minor signs of the Day of Judgment. Judgement. I refer here to the hadith of Gabriel, with its many narrations, which includes an honest summary of those events and phenomena whose occurrence indicates the imminence of the Day of Judgment, and they are known as the Minor Signs of the

Day of Judgment. “Knowledge of multiple accounts of Hadith is decisive in defining the exact meaning of the conditions mentioned in the hadith. For this purpose, there are two most important narrations of hadith, which are the narration of Omar Ibn Al-Khattab and the narration of Abu Huraira. As for the narration of Umar Ibn Al-Khattab, it stipulated two signs, and this is the text as reported by Muslim in his Sahih: Umar Ibn Al-Khattab, may God be pleased with him, said: “A day when we were with the Messenger of God, prayer and peace be upon him, a man with very white clothes appeared to us, very black hair, no traces of travel can be seen on him, and none of us knew him, until he sat down beside the Prophet, prayer and peace of God be upon him, and he put his knees on his knees, put his palms on his thighs and said, “..Tell me about the Day of Judgment.” He said, “He that’s asked about it is no more learned than he that asks the question.” He said: So tell me about its signals. He said: “Let the slave give birth to his mistress, and you will see the bare feet, the bare, the dependents, the shepherds building buildings of very high standing. Then he left...”. It is clear that this famous account of the hadith of Gabriel mentioned two signs, namely: that the slave gives birth to his mistress, and that we see bare feet, bare people, the shepherds build the buildings of high standing. As for the second narration, it is the narration of the companion Abu Huraira, may God be pleased with him, and this narration stipulated three signs, and here is this text as reported by Muslim in his Sahih: Abu Huraira, may God be pleased with him, said: The Messenger of God, prayer and peace of God be upon him, was one of the days with the people, then a man came to him and said: O Messenger of God, when is judgment day? He said: “He who is questioned is not more learned than he who questions, but I will tell you about his signs: If the slave gives birth to his master, then this is one of its signs, and if bare and bare feet are the rulers of the people, then that is one of its signals, and if the shepherds build high buildings, then that is one of his signs. This account mentions three signs instead of the famous two, which are: the woman gives birth to her master, the naked and barefoot become leaders of the people, and that one sees the shepherds building buildings of high standing. In addition, he clarified that the narration of Abu Huraira which Al-Bukhari included in his Sahih is of great importance, as it clearly defines what is meant by the word “slave” in the narration of ‘Omar Ibn Al-Khattab, who is the woman in general and not the slave as it is common and famous. This text of the narration in Al-Bukhari: Abu Hurairah, may God be pleased with him, said: The Messenger of God, may God’s prayers and peace be upon him, was one of the days out with the people, when a man approached him walking and said: O Messenger of God, when is the day of judgment? He said, “He who is questioned is no more knowledgeable than he who questions, but I will tell you about his signs: If the woman gives birth to her master, then that is one of her signs, and if bare and bare feet have become rulers of the people. Indeed, this narration is consistent with the figurative sense of the prophetic message represented in that what

is meant by a woman giving birth to her master or mistress is an expression of the phenomenon of disobedience to parents, which is an event contrary to human nature, whether the mother is a slave or a free person. Disobedience to parents is therefore contrary to human norms and nature, and its spread as observed and experienced in the present day is a condition of the minor signs of the Day of Judgment. Then, His Excellency said that the narration of Abu Hurairah indicated that seeing the naked and barefoot rulers of the people and their kings is a separate condition from seeing the shepherds grow. And based on this precise rooting of the accounts of the hadith of Gabriel and the content of his most famous accounts, he confirmed that the hadith of Gabriel with its multiple accounts is one of the complete accounts, because it is the reference and the source of all other signs: “The minor signs of the Day of Judgment are summed up in the spread of three phenomena contrary to the norms and to human nature, namely: corruption of morals, reversal of scales, corruption and idleness. As for the corruption of morals, it was expressed in the hadith that a woman gives birth to her master or mistress, and by this is meant much disobedience of parents and ingratitude. As for the overturning of the ladders, the Prophet, may the prayer and peace of God be upon him, expressed it by saying that barefoot and bare people become the leaders of the people (kings of the people = loss of confidence = betrayal of the oath), and under this sign fall several minor signs mentioned in other narrations, such as the narration: (If the trust is lost, then wait for the Day of Judgment, He said: How is it lost? He said: If the management of public affairs would be entrusted to those who are not competent, then wait for the Day of Judgment). As for the corruption of people and idleness, it was expressed by the Prophet, saying that the shepherds build buildings of high standing (= boastfulness, extravagance and waste). Instead of caring for the human being by cultivating and preserving his dignity and humanity, the concern and care for material things and the adornment of life becomes ostentation, extravagance and waste. With this precise scientific analysis of the hadith of Gabriel and the logical relationship between the minor signs, the lecturer appealed saying, “The time has come to give more attention and care to establishing a new science which has been referred to in this conference as “Judgment Day Science”. This science would shed light on all matters related to the Day of Judgment and its signs.



IIFA and Mohamed bin Zayed University sign an MoU



Within the framework of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy's (IIFA) endeavor to achieve intellectual convergence and knowledge integration between the leading scientific institutions in the member states of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), and a desire to benefit from the expertise and experiences that are rich in prestigious and well established universities and scientific institutes inside and outside the Muslim world, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, and His Excellency Dr. Hamdan Musallam Al Mazrouei, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Mohamed bin Zayed University for Human Sciences, signed a strategic cooperation agreement between the two institutions on Sunday 07 Shawwal 1443H corresponding to 08 May 2022G, at the university's headquarters in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates. This new agreement aims to build a strategic partnership in the field of mutual benefit from the scientific and research capacities and capabilities of the two institutions, and a joint

study of contemporary calamities and issues for their proper direction and rationalization. The agreement also aims to jointly organize conferences and symposia, hold workshops and training, exchange publications, and represent the two sides in the work of conferences and symposia that are held by each of them in the field of common interest between them. After signing the memorandum, His Excellency the Secretary General expressed his great joy at the clear development and steady progress that this young university is witnessing, praising the insightful message that this university aims to achieve, and praising the promising programs and the excellent plans included in its curricula, which calls for optimism for the future of its graduates each year. His Excellency also expressed his aspiration that this agreement would be an opportunity for the Academy to benefit from the expertise and scientific capabilities that this university has, by recruiting researchers from its various faculties and institutes to participate in the Academy's sessions, seminars and conferences, in order to enhance close scientific and research cooperation between the two institutions in various fields. His Excellency concluded by calling to start implementing the first joint work represented in a comprehensive review of the new revised edition of the largest contemporary encyclopedia of jurisprudence and fundamental principles, which is "Zayed's Encyclopedia of Fiqh and Usuli Maxims", in an effort to enable scholars and researchers around the world to benefit from this unique scientific treasure. For his part, His Excellency the President of the University expressed his great pleasure on

the occasion of signing this memorandum in order to enhance relations of cooperation and partnership between the University and the Academy, which is the largest scientific body for contemporary collective ijtihad. His Excellency added that Mohamed bin Zayed University is looking forward to making the most of the renowned expertise and scientific capabilities of the members and experts of the Academy, noting the university's readiness to start activating all provisions of the agreement in scientific and research fields of common interest, and to exchange knowledge sources and publications. In implementation of the terms of the memorandum, the two parties agreed to form a specialized committee to define aspects of cooperation between them, and the methods and mechanisms of implementation as envisaged in the agreement. The signing ceremony was attended from the University side by His Excellency Dr. Khaled Al Dhaheri, President of the University, and His Excellency Dr. Khalifa Al Dhaheri, Vice President of the University for Academic Affairs. On the side of the Academy, Mrs. Sarah Amjad Badewi, Director of the Family and Women's Affairs Department, and Mr. Amjad Ibrahim Al-Mansi, Head of the Protocol Division.



IIFA Secretary General Participates in AAOIFI's Annual Conference



On Monday 15 Shawwal 1443H corresponding to 16 May 2022G, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), participated in the 20th Annual Shari'ah Boards Conference of the Accounting and Auditing Organization for Islamic Financial Institutions (AAOIFI) in the Kingdom of Bahrain. The subject of His Excellency's intervention was the possibility of considering the agent in services or the agent in management as a party that may be obligated to redress the loss on the one hand, and the ruling on the investment agent's undertaking to purchase investment units and sukuk from the sukuk holders at a specified price on the other hand. His Excellency began his intervention by defining what is meant by the terms agent in services, agent in management, and agent in investment, where he clarified that the agent in services in modern economy is meant to be in Islamic jurisprudence the agent with wages,

and the hiring, as it is meant by the agent in management, the speculator sometimes, and the lessee some other times. As for the agent in investment, it is intended to refer to the speculator on occasions and the business partner on other occasions. Based on this, His Excellency decided that these three agents, the services agent, the management agent, and the investment agent, may not be obligated to make reparations for the loss or damage of money, and they may not be obligated to guarantee the money they manage unless it is proven that they abused it, or failed to protect it. In other words, these three agents do not guarantee the money that they manage in the event of loss or damage unless they abuse it, or failure in preserving and protecting it, because the agent with a wage is trusted, the hiring is trusted, the speculator is trusted, the business partner is trusted, and there is no guarantee in Shariah on a trustee except in case of abuse or negligence, because the trustee is like the owner of the money, and there is no guarantee on the owner of the money in the event of loss or damage of his money. Likewise, there is no guarantee for the trustee except in the case of abuse and negligence. Then His Excellency clarified that the Shariah rules that dealt with issues and questions of security in Islamic jurisprudence should be preserved and adhered to, and it is not permissible to deviate from them. He also pointed out that these rules are solid and firm, and the most important of which are: The rule of the agent is trustworthy, the rule that there is no guarantee except by infringement, and

the rule of fine in case of benefit, the rule of the agent's hand is a hand of trust, not a hand of guarantee, and the rule of guarantee and wages do not go together. His Excellency also clarified that the failure of the three agents to redress the loss, and not to oblige them to guarantee the money, is considered a preservation of the Shariah purposes in transactions and contracts, especially the purpose of justice between the contracting parties, the purpose of clarity of the pillars and conditions of contracts, and the purpose of the stability and security of rights. As for the Shariah ruling on the extent to which the investment agent or the management agent may undertake to purchase the investment units or sukuk at the nominal value, the market value, or a specific price, His Excellency made it clear that it is not permissible for the management agent or the investment agent to undertake to purchase those units or sukuk, because their pledge to purchase is inconsistent with the principle of risk, which entails accruing a percentage of the profit in the event of a successful investment according to Shariah. If the risk factor is absent, then the right to profit is negated according to Shariah. In conclusion, His Excellency called on those working in Islamic financial institutions to stay away from obligating commitments and promises that contradict Shariah principles and rules, as is the case in this issue. He also called on those interested in the development of the Islamic financial industry to always pay attention to the Shariah purposes in contracts and financial transactions, especially the goals of justice and clarity.

19th Monthly Meeting of IIFA's Personnel

H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, chaired the nineteenth monthly periodic meeting of the staff of the Academy, by videoconference from his residence in Abu Dhabi, on Monday 08 Shawwal 1443 corresponding to 09 May 2022. At the beginning of the meeting, he welcomed everyone, thanking them for their presence. He then spoke about his visit to the United Arab Emirates and his participation in the International Conference of the World Council of Muslim Communities on the theme of "Islamic unity... the concept, the opportunities and the challenges". He gave a speech in which he specified that the desired unity is the unity of consciences, the unity of feelings and the unity of rituals. This unity in no way conflicts with modern nation states. And for good reason, the Holy Quran declares this: [O



humanity! Indeed, We created you from a male and a female, and made you peoples and tribes that you might come to know one another] (verse: 13). This verse simply means the multitude of peoples, tribes as well as the multitude of states and nations. Therefore, the desired unity is a

unity in diversity and a diversity in unity where there is social, intellectual and economic unity, and these forms of unity are based on integration, solidarity, cooperation, synergy and support among Muslim peoples. Then he mentioned the memorandum of understanding concluded on Sunday, May 08, 2022 with the Mohamed bin Zayed University of Human Sciences in Abu Dhabi, hoping that this memorandum will open up prospects for cooperation and communication with this young promising university, particularly in the fields of scientific research, the exchange of sources of knowledge and publications, as well as the organization of conferences, seminars and workshops. His Excellency concluded by thanking everyone and calling for cooperation, integration and solidarity.

37th Periodic Meeting of Divisions Heads



On Thursday 11 Shawwal 1443 corresponding to May 12, 2022, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, chaired

the thirty-sixth meeting of heads of division, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat in Jeddah. At the beginning of the meeting, he welcomed the division heads, thanking them for their presence. He then spoke of his participation in the Hashemite Meetings held in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in Amman, where he gave a lecture entitled "The Signs of the Day of Judgment" featured in the hadith of Gabriel. He then highlighted on his visit to Abu Dhabi, and his participation in the Conference of Islamic Unity, where he delivered an important speech in which he spoke of the need to correct the concept of unity and interpret it as unity in diversity and diversity in unity. This unity in no way signifies the unification of the Islamic peoples into a single state, but the existence of

the peoples is an inevitable divine rule. The meeting discussed the decisions issued by the previous meeting, and several new decisions were issued, the most important of which:

- Preparation of an outline for the conduct of the symposium on the organization of Islamic charitable activities and on issues such as immigration, asylum and displacement, with a view to adopting resolutions thereon by the Academy.
- Call for researchers to write papers for the specialized symposium entitled: "The institution of the family: Challenges and horizons".
- Tracking and sending revised issues of the Journal of the Academy to the printer to determine the cost of printing in order to print it before the 25th session.

38th Periodic Meeting of Divisions Heads

On Thursday, 25 Shawwal 1443H corresponding to 26 May 2022G, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the thirty-eighth periodic meeting of division heads, through video communication technology, from his residence in the American capital, Washington. At the beginning of the meeting, His Excellency welcomed the heads of divisions and thanked them for their regular attendance at these important periodic meetings that discuss the issues and works of the Academy and urged everyone to continue working hard to achieve the objectives of the Academy. Then he talked about the participation of the Academy's delegation in the strategic dialogue between the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and the United States of America, which was organized by the US State Department at its headquarters in Washington. His Excellency stated that this dialogue dealt in detail with many issues and topics of common interest, such as the topics of combating extremism, terrorism, religious phobia, environmental and health

issues, women's empowerment and others. His Excellency also added that the delegation of the Academy took advantage of its presence in the United States of America to hold meetings with a number of prominent institutions, organizations and centers in the United States, especially those concerned with issues and themes that intersect with the goals and objectives of the Academy. The delegation visited the Institute of Religious Freedom in Washington and met with its President, Dr. Thomas Farr. The delegation also visited the Religions for Peace Foundation in New York City and signed with them a strategic cooperation agreement. The meeting discussed the items of decisions issued by the previous meeting, and several new decisions were issued, the most important of which are:

- Preparing an integrated concept for holding a specialized seminar on Islamic charitable work and related issues such as immigration, asylum and displacement.
- Starting the call for papers on the themes of the specialized symposium entitled "The institution Family Challenges and horizons".



- Forming a scientific committee at the Academy to review the research of the symposium on stunning poultry & animals, provided that it finishes its work before the end of this month.
- Forming a specialized committee tasked with collecting and displaying pictures of the old members of the Academy in the corridors of the ground floor of the headquarters of the Academy, to be ready before the next symposium of the Academy.

76th Weekly Meeting of Departments Directors

The General Secretariat of the Academy held its 76th weekly meeting of department directors on Thursday 11 Shawwal 1443 corresponding to 12 May 2022, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat in Jeddah. His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, started the meeting by congratulating everyone on the occasion of Eid Al-Fitr, asking God to grant success to all. He then spoke about the visit he will make to the United States of America, in order to activate the strategic partnership between the American administration and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC). His Excellency also spoke about the visit of the delegation of Ummah



scholars led by the Academy to Afghanistan to discuss many issues. He also indicated during the meeting the need to hold a special meeting to discuss the strategic plan and the activities and programs that have been carried out during the

first quarter of this year. The meeting then issued decisions, the most important of which are:

- Organization of a specialized symposium on the institution of the family, its challenges and its prospects in the 21st century, next September.
- Invite new researchers and technicians from Muslim communities in countries such as Brazil, Sweden, Belgium and Germany to participate in the next symposium on the stunning of chickens before slaughter.
- Prepare a detailed report and a clear concept of the annual evaluation of employees at all levels and present it to the General Secretary for discussion at a special meeting.

77th Weekly Meeting of Departments Directors



The General Secretariat of the Academy held its 77th weekly meeting of department directors on Monday 15 Shawwal 1443 corresponding to 16 May 2022, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat in Jeddah. H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, opened the meeting by welcoming the participants. He

then spoke about his visit to the UAE Consulate in Jeddah to offer his condolences on the passing of His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates, who passed away on Friday, May 13, 2022. He also congratulated His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan on his election by the Supreme Council of the State as President of the United Arab Emirates to succeed Sheikh Khalifa, asking Almighty God to grant him success in the service of his people and the Muslim Ummah and to be the best successor of the best predecessor. The meeting discussed the points of the decisions issued by the previous meeting, and several new decisions were issued, the most important of which are:

- Send a reminder to all departments regarding the preparation of a comprehensive report

from each department on the activities and programs carried out in accordance with the annual strategic plan for the first quarter.

- Prepare a report regarding the financial cost of printing the latest issues of the Journal of the Academy, attaching quotes from other companies for comparison and choosing the best and cheapest offers.
- Reactivate the committees that were formed at the Cryptocurrency Symposium to work as specified to them at the Poultry and Animal Stunning Symposium to be held with the General Food and Drug Authority.
- Prepare a detailed report and a clear concept of the annual evaluation of employees of all levels, and what is related to promotions and bonuses for employees in accordance with the OIC statute.

78th Weekly Meeting of Departments Directors

The General Secretariat of the Academy held its 78th weekly meeting for department directors on Monday 24 Shawwal 1443 corresponding to May 25, 2022, by videoconference. H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, welcomed the participants, thanked them, then spoke about his current visit to the United States of America to participate in the strategic dialogue organized by the Department of American State between the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and the United States of America in Washington. During his participation, he made a point of introducing the Academy and highlighting its most significant achievements in many areas of common interest between the OIC and the United States, including the issuance of

resolutions and recommendations calling for to combat extremist ideology and terrorism, to spread a culture of moderation, tolerance and coexistence, and to promote the middle ground within and outside the Muslim world, as well as to correct misconceptions about the teachings and principles of Islam, and practices that contradict the values of Islam with regard to women's issues such as education, participation, rights and duties. He clarified that the Academy has expressed its full willingness to enhance cooperation and understanding between some of the affiliated agencies of the US State Department and the Academy in the aforementioned areas. The meeting took decisions, the most important of which:

- Remind departments of the need to submit

their reports on activities and programs that have been accomplished in accordance with the annual strategic plan for the first quarter.

- Submit a full report regarding the financial cost of printing the latest issues of the Academy's Science Magazine.



79th Weekly Meeting of Departments Directors



H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, chaired the 79th weekly meeting of department directors on Monday 30 Shawwal 1443 corresponding to May 31, 2022. He welcomed the participants, thanked them for their participation, then he spoke about the latest news from its visit to the United States of America, where the Academy delegation held a meeting with the Executive Director of the Council for American Islamic Relations (CAIR)

in Washington, DC, discussing possible aspects of cooperation and coordination between the two parties, especially regarding issues and conditions of Muslim communities in the United States of America. It should be noted that this council is considered the official spokesperson for Muslims and is recognized by the US government. He also informed the meeting that the delegation would hold a series of activities and scientific meetings, in addition to signing a memo of cooperation with the Religions for Peace Foundation, which is concerned with religious affairs and the extent of its contribution to the maintenance of security, peace and stability. In addition he informed that he was invited by the officials of the famous Al-Hijrah Mosque in the American capital, Washington, United States of America, to deliver the Friday sermon and then to lead the prayer of the Friday. The meeting issued several

decisions, the most important of which:

- Preparation of a plan for holding a symposium on the phenomenon of Islamophobia and presenting to the Permanent Representation of Pakistan to the OIC to host the event.
- Verify attendance and departure dates and determine the itinerary of Poultry Stunning Symposium attendees when sending tickets to attendees.
- Prepare contractual clauses which clearly and precisely include the conditions required for the printing of the scientific magazine of the Academy.
- Communicate with the OIC General Secretariat regarding the holding of a specialized symposium on "the institution of the family, its challenges and horizons in the 21st century", in order to cooperate and coordinate with them for the holding of this symposium.

Rays of Light on the Lives of the Academy's Living Scholars (3)

Four decades have passed since the leaders of the Muslim world created the largest contemporary institution of collective Ijtihad, whose members consist of the elite and eminent contemporary Shariah scholars, supported by distinguished experts in natural sciences, sociology, economics and politics, with the aim of studying contemporary life problems and clarifying the legal provisions on issues of concern to Muslims worldwide, based on the teachings of the Holy Qur'an, the Sunnah; and the supreme objectives of the Shari'ah, and in accordance with the pious predecessors' methodology in legal deduction and inference, as well as the legal and jurisprudential maxims that have passed through the generations. By the grace of Allah, this institution has become the primary reference in fiqh matters, where OIC Member states and Muslim communities seek refuge to learn about the rulings of Shariah concerning the current calamities and

developments in life, and the practical scientific recommendations for guidance, clarification and orientation. As the ascetic Imam Abdullah Ibn Al-Mubarak once said, "The blessed science is that which is referred to its people". The Secretariat General of the Academy believes that there is an urgent need to make known to future generations the journey of those eminent jurists and scholars who concluded these outstanding resolutions and issued these clear recommendations, beginning with those of them who diseased and joined the Supreme Companion, may Allah have mercy on them and place them in His spacious gardens; and thus concluding with those who continue to enlighten us with their brilliant achievements, May Allah bless them with health and well-being, and may He prolong their lives. This blessed initiative by the Academy is to reassure those far and near that the resolutions and recommendations

are correct, as they are issued by prominent scholars known for their piety and fear of Allah, who mastered the instruments and skills of jurisprudential examination, and who fulfilled the requirements of Ijtihad and the ethics of Ifta. To fulfil this crucial responsibility, the Secretariat General of the Academy has decided to devote space in its monthly newsletter to present a brief biography of the Academy's members as scholars and experts, in appreciation of their work and recognition of their contributions, while praying for mercy and acceptance to them. We pray to Allah to assist us in completing this work as soon as possible; we only want to reform as much as we can, and our success is solely dependent on Allah, the Highest, the Greatest.

Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano
Secretary General of the Academy

His Eminence Prof. Ali Gomaa

Born on March 3, 1952, in Beni Suef governorate, Arab Republic of Egypt, Prof. Ali Gomaa Mohamed Abdel Wahab earned a bachelor's degree from the Faculty of Islamic and Arabic Studies at Al-Azhar University in 1979, a master's degree and a doctorate in Usul al-Fiqh from the Faculty of Sharia and Law in 1985 and 1988, with the highest distinction, respectively. His Eminence has served in various duties as Mufti of Egypt from 2003 to 2013, Professor of Usul at the Islamic Studies Faculty of Al-Azhar University, Chairman of the Misr Al-Khair Board of Trustees, co-supervisor of Harvard University in Egypt in the Department of Oriental Studies, co-supervisor of Oxford University in the Middle East in Islamic and Arabic Studies, and Chairman of the Fiqh Committee of Al-Azhar's Council of Senior Scholars. His Eminence was appointed as a member of the Egyptian House of Representatives in 2021, a member of Al-Azhar's Council of Senior Scholars, and is an active member of the Egyptian Scientific Academy, of Al-Azhar's Ifta



Committee, of the Royal Aal al-Bayt Institute for Islamic Thought in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, of the Fiqh Studies Committee of the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs. In addition, His Eminence has received several decorations and awards, mainly the Star of Jerusalem, Shield of the Egyptian Army, First Class Medal of Science and Arts, and the First Class Medal of Independence of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. His Eminence authored significant books,

articles, and studies, including The Effect of the Subject Matter's Alteration or Disappearance on Judgments, Islam and Equality between Reality and Aspiration, Ifta between Jurisprudence and Reality, Sharia Rulings according to Usuli jurists, Commandments and prohibitions according to the Usulis, The consensus according to the Usuli jurists, the analogy according to the Usuli jurists, Companions' Opinions according to Usuli jurists, Tools of Ijtihad, Extent of Dreams as Arguments according to Usul jurists, Renewal in Usul Fiqh, the question of the term "Usuli" with application on analogy's definition, The Prophet's Four Examples of Coexistence with each other, Introduction to the study of Madahib, Encyclopedia of Authenticated Fatwas, Fatwas Volumes, Supplications and Remembrance, Exegesis of the Noble Qur'an, Rules of Jurisprudential Renewal, Islamic Truths face-to-face with Suspicions. As a member of the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, H.E. Prof. Ali Gomaa has represented the Arab Republic of Egypt since 2004.

His Eminence Prof. Kamel Bouzidi

Born in 1956 in Algiers, Prof. Kamal Bouzidi earned his baccalaureate in 1977 at Amara Rachid High School, a bachelor's degree in 1986 at the Faculty of Islamic Sciences in Caroubier, and a magister degree in jurisprudence and its foundations in 1992 with a thesis entitled: "A Companion's Opinion and its Influence on Sharia rulings", and earned a state doctorate in jurisprudence and contemporary fiqh issues, entitled: "Exemption in Sharia and its Impact on Contemporary Fiqh Rulings". His Eminence served in important scientific positions as Chairman of the Scientific Council of the University of Algiers's Faculty of Islamic Sciences (Le Caroubier), Director of the Sharia Department, and Chairman of the Scientific Committee of the Faculty of Sharia and Law at the same university, respectively. His Eminence has also served as an expert member for the Evaluation

Committee of Islamic Sciences Curricula under the Ministry of Higher Education, as well as coordinator of the scientific colloquia organized by the Faculty of Islamic Sciences monthly. His Eminence has also been a senior member of several institutions, including the Supreme Islamic Council (Algeria), National Ifta Committee of the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Awqaf, National Committee of Religious Affairs of the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Awqaf, National Committee of Fatwas and Islamic Financial Industry of the Supreme Islamic Council, as well as the chairman of the Ifta Committee of the Supreme Islamic Council. As a member of the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, H.E. Prof. Kamel Bouzidi has represented the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria since April 29, 2009.



His Eminence Sheikh Muhammad Al-Mukhtar Ould Imbala



Born in 1957 in Imbala, Mauritania, H.E. Sheikh Muhammad Al-Mukhtar earned a bachelor's degree (higher diploma) from the Higher Institute of Islamic Studies and Research of Mauritania. His Eminence has served several important positions as chairman (with minister grade) at the Higher Council of Ifta and Grievances in Mauritania, advisor (with minister grade) for Islamic Affairs at the Mauritanian Presidency, member of the Independent Elections Committee, chairman of the Higher Hajj Committee; chairman of the Board of Directors of the Technical Training Centre for Mahdhara (traditional school) Graduates, the Supreme

Islamic Council (with minister grade), teacher at Ibn Abbas Islamic Studies Institute; professor at the National School of Administration, the University of Nouakchott, the Higher Institute of Islamic Studies and Research of Mauritania; member of Chinguetti Prize's Board of Directors, the Waqf Council, the Islamic Fiqh Council of the Muslim World League, and the Maliki Fiqh Advisory Council in Daleel (Dubai). As a member of the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, H.E. Sheikh Muhammad Al-Mukhtar Ould Imbala has represented the Islamic Republic of Mauritania since March 9, 2011.

His Eminence Dr. Hamza Abu Fares

Born in 1945 in Libya, Dr. Hamza Abu Fares earned a special teaching license in Arabic language and religion in 1967, and a secondary certificate (literary stream) in 1971, then studied at the Faculty of Education (formerly École Normale Supérieure) in Tripoli in the Languages Department, obtaining a French language and literature bachelor's in 1975, then he enrolled in postgraduate studies at the Faculty of Education in Tripoli. His Eminence also earned a diploma in Islamic studies in 1980, a master's from the Faculty of Education in Tripoli in 1984, and a state doctorate in 2000 in Islamic sciences (comparative jurisprudence) from Al-Zaytouna University in Tunis, entitled "Qadi Abdul-Wahhab Al-Baghdadi and his Exegesis Methodology of Al-Rissala".



His Eminence has worked as a professor at the Department of Sharia - Faculty of Law at the University of Tripoli, as a visiting professor at the European Institute of Humanities in Paris the Château de Chinon. His Eminence has examined and supervised more than eighty theses and dissertations and has participated in numerous research seminars in Libya, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco, Mauritania, United Arab Emirates, United States, Jordan, Qatar, Bahrain and Saudi Arabia. He has also served as Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs in Libya. As a member of the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, H.E. Dr. Hamza Abu Fares has represented the State of Libya since September 13, 2012.

His Eminence Dr. Abdul Rahman Muhammad Ali

Born in 1971 in Djibouti, Dr. Abd al-Rahman Muhammad Ali received a bachelor's degree from Imam Muhammad Islamic University in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, a master's degree from Al Jazeera University in Sudan, and a doctorate from the University of the Noble Qur'an and Authentic Knowledge in Sudan. His Eminence has served in various positions as Chairman of the Supreme Council of Fatwa, Chairman of the Djiboutian Scholars Association, Friday Khatib at Al-Aqsa Mosque in Balboa, Djibouti, Deputy Chairman of the National Sharia Supervisory Board at the Centre Bank, Chairman of the Dawah and Guidance Department at the Islamic Affairs Ministry in Djibouti, Professor at the Yemeni School, and Head of the Voluntary Committee of the Diwan



Zakat Foundation in Djibouti. His Eminence has also participated in many television and radio programs. As a member of the Council

of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, H.E. Dr. Abdul Rahman Muhammad Ali has represented Djibouti since March 22, 2015.

His Eminence Sheikh Dr. Othman Batikh



Born in 1941 in the Republic of Tunisia, H.E. Dr. Othman Batikh earned a graduation certificate in 1963, a law degree in 1967 and a Sharia degree in 1972 from the Department of Fiqh and Sharia Policies, and a third-cycle doctorate, followed by a state doctorate in 1982. His Eminence has served in significant positions as judicial judge at the Tunis Court of First Instance from 1968 to 1971, professor at the Faculty of Sharia and Theology at al-Zaytuna University from 1980 to 2001, member of the Supreme Islamic Council from 1987 to 2010, advisor to Tunis Municipality for three parliamentary sessions, attaché to the Republic's Presidency in charge of Religious Affairs Department from 2005

to 2010, Imam at Al-Zaytouna Mosque from 2002 to 2010, and Imam-Khatib at Mahrez bin Khalaf Mosque, then at Al-Abidin Mosque in Carthage. His Eminence was Mufti of the Tunisian Republic from 2009 to 2013, Minister of Religious Affairs in 2015, and again the Republic's Mufti with minister grade from 2016 to date. Some of his research and articles have been published in local and international journals and newspapers. As a member of the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, H.E. Sheikh Dr. Othman Batikh has represented the Republic of Tunisia since March 22, 2015.

His Eminence Dr. Abdullah Idris Abu Bakr Mega

Born in 1950 in Niger, H.E. Dr. Abdullah Idris Abu Bakr Mega began his basic education by learning the Noble Qur'an and the principles of Islamic sciences from the village katatib (traditional schools), and then studied under Sheikhs and their circles in Niamey between 1957 and 1971. His Eminence obtained a certificate of secondary studies in 1974 and enrolled at the Islamic High School of the Islamic University of Madinah in 1977, until obtaining a bachelor's from the Faculty of Sharia in 1981 and a master's in Islamic Jurisprudence in 1985 from the same university. In 1992, His Eminence earned a state doctorate from the Faculty of Letters and Humanities' Islamic Studies Department at Mohammed V University in Morocco. His

Eminence has held significant positions at local and international levels, as a member of the National Preparatory Committee for Establishing the Islamic University of Niger, faculty member and head of the Faculty of Islamic Studies and Arabic language, lecturer at the Faculty of Sharia and Islamic Studies, Vice-Dean of the College of Sharia and Islamic Studies, Vice-Rector, at the Islamic University of Niger respectively, as well as Imam-Khatib of the Prince Sultan Cultural Centre Mosque in Niamey. His Eminence has participated in numerous symposiums and conferences. As a member of the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, H.E. Dr. Abdullah Idris Abu Bakr Mega has represented the Republic of Niger since March 14, 2017.



His Eminence Dr. Hamza Moustapha Maiga

Born in 1976 in Mali, H.E. Dr. Hamza Mustafa Maiga earned a bachelor's degree in 1996 in Arabic Language, Islamic Studies and Political Science, a master's degree in 1999 in Dawah and Civilization, and a Doctorate in 2004 in Comparative Religions and Religious Dialogue from the Open University of Tripoli, Libya. His Eminence has held significant positions in Mali, including as Professor of Islamic Education and Civilization at the Institute of Arab Studies at the World Islamic Call Society (WICS), Imam-Khatib at WICS Mosque, Secretary-General



of the Foundation for Solidarity and Aid to the Malian People, Founding President of the National Council of Students of Arabic Language and Islamic Culture in Mali, Deputy and First Assistant to the President of the National Union of Muslim Youth in Mali, researcher and lecturer on Islam inside and outside Mali, and Secretary for Religious Affairs at Muslim Spiritual Leaders Congress of Mali. As a member of the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, H.E. Dr. Hamza Mustafa Maiga has represented the Republic of Mali Since March 14, 2017.

His Eminence Sheikh Datuk Haji Wan Zahedi



Born in 1942 in Malaysia, H.E. Sheikh Datuk Haji Wan Zahedi earned a bachelor's degree in 1971 and a Master's degree in 1974 from Al-Azhar University. His Eminence has held significant positions in Malaysia as a senior official in the Ministry of Education, lecturer in the Faculty of Sharia at Kebangsaan University, a professional officer at the Deputy Prime Minister's office, a lecturer in the Faculty of Law at the same university, an international advisor on Islam and Sharia to Yayasan Dawah Islamiya, President of Sultan Azlan Shah University, Federal Mufti in Malaysia, and Honorary Fellow of the Islamic University of Malaysia. In addition, His Eminence has been a member of Malaysian

Fatwa Committees, of Federal Islamic Bodies, Board member of Malaysian Islamic Foundation for Economic Development, PPZ-MAIWP, and MAIWP, Chairman of Dar Al-Hadith Malaysia, and Chairman of National Committee of Ifta since October 2017. His Eminence received the Most Distinguished Personality Award on several occasions, including at the mawlid and hijra celebrations in 1437, respectively, and at the hijra celebration in the State of Perak in 1438. As a member of the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, H.E. Sheikh Datuk Haji Wan Zahedi has represented Malaysia since November 3, 2019.

His Eminence Sheikh Ahmed bin Abdelaziz Al-Haddad

Born in 1955, Sheikh Dr. Ahmed bin Abdulaziz bin Qassim Al-Haddad received his bachelor's, master's, and doctorate degrees in Islamic Law from Umm Al-Qura University. His Eminence has served in significant positions as the Grand Mufti and Director of Dubai's Ifta Department, member of the Dubai Council of Senior Scholars, member of the Emirate Ifta Council representing the Emirate of Dubai, member of the Emirate Ifta Committee at Abu Dhabi Judicial Department, member of the Council of Muslim Elders, chairman of the Supreme Sharia Council for Islamic Financial Banks at the Central Bank, Associate Professor at Mohamed bin Zayed University for Humanities, Associate Professor at



the College of Islamic Studies and Imam Malik College for Sharia and Law, member of the Sharia Committee for Classification and Control at the General Council of Islamic Banks and Financial Institutions, an expert member at the Islamic Fiqh Council of the Muslim World League, AAOIFI member, member of the Sharia Committee of the General Awqaf Authority, member of Zakat Fund's Sharia Committee, as well as other Sharia committees in different financial institutions. As a member of the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, H.E. Sheikh Ahmed bin Abdulaziz Al-Haddad has represented the United Arab Emirates since March 14, 2017.

His Eminence Prof. Abdullah Al-Najjar

Born in 1948 in Gharbia governorate in Egypt, H.E. Dr. Abdullah Mabrouk Al-Najjar finished memorizing the Noble Qur'an at age ten and joined the Religious Science Institute in Dessouq region, affiliated to Al-Azhar, and then graduated from Al-Azhar preparatory and secondary schools. His Eminence then continued at Al-Azhar's Faculty of Sharia and Law, obtaining a bachelor's in Sharia and Law in 1975, a master's in Comparative Jurisprudence in 1979, then a doctorate in Comparative Jurisprudence, with highest distinction, in 1984. His Eminence held significant positions, as the first dean of the Faculty of Higher Studies at Al-Azhar University, professor at the Faculty of Sharia and Law, professor of higher studies and head of the Department of Private Law at the Faculty of Islamic Studies and Arabic Language for Girls at the same university. His Eminence has also been a member of Al-Azhar's Islamic Research Academy, the Supreme Council of Al-Azhar, the Supreme Committee for Legislative Reform at the Ministry of Justice, and the Fifth Egyptian

Constitution Drafting Committee. His Eminence has served as Egypt's expert at the Arab Women's Organization, chairman of the Board of Trustees of Imam Hussein Mosque, chairman of the Board of Trustees of Sayyida Nafisa Mosque in Cairo, Secretary of the Promotion Committee of Al-Azhar Professors and various Egyptian and Arab universities, member of the Council of Al-Azhar University and the Councils of the Faculties of Sharia, Law, Islamic and Arabic Studies for Girls, Chairman of the Committee for Updating Islamic Jurisprudence and Dismantling Extremist Thought at the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs, alternate rapporteur of the Fiqh Research Committee, rapporteur of Al-Quds Committee, and member of the Committees of Quranic Sciences, Sunnah, and Theology at Al-Azhar's Islamic Research Academy. His Eminence is the recipient of the First-Class State Medal for Science and Arts. H.E. Prof. Abdullah Al-Najjar has been an appointed member from the Arab Republic of Egypt in the International Islamic Fiqh Academy since April 25, 2009.



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IIFA hosts Symposium on Pre-Slaughter Stunning of Poultry and Animals

The International Islamic Fiqh Academy, in cooperation with the General Food and Drug Authority of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, organized a scientific symposium entitled “Stunning of birds and animals before slaughter, and its impact on their legitimacy” on 14-15 Dhul -Qa’dah 1443 AH corresponding to June 13-14, 2022 AD in the city of Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The symposium aimed to discuss the latest developments in stunning methods, in particular electric shock, in the hope of using these developments to review a number of decisions and recommendations issued by the Academy regarding slaughter in general, and stunning methods in particular. In view of the growing developments and successive changes in this field, the General Secretariat of the Academy has decided to hold this colloquium in order to keep abreast of these developments and changes, by studying it from a technical perspective allowing members and experts from the Academy to determine whether or not to review its previous decisions. The symposium included an opening session, six scientific sessions and a closing session.

His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Abdullah bin Humaid, Chairman of the Scientific Council of the Academy, Member of the Council of Great Scholars, Imam of the Grand Mosque, delivered the keynote speech, in which he expressed his joy at this opportunity for fruitful cooperation between the Academy and the General Food and Drug Authority in this important and sensitive area for general Muslims around the world. He added: “Within the Academy, we always seek to provide advice and rationalization to companies and institutions that work in the field of meat



and food in general, inside and outside. outside the Islamic world, in order to enable them to respect the teachings and provisions of the Sharia relating to this sector.” HE Dr Hisham, the Executive Chairman of the General Food and Drug Authority, also spoke at the opening session, praising this cooperation between the two institutions: “We are happy to cooperate through this symposium with the Academy in order to meet the requirements and needs of the companies and national institutions of the Gulf that operate in the field of the supply of halal meat, reviewing the latest scientific studies, keeping abreast of the most technical developments important in this vast sector over the past three decades, and considering and studying them in all their aspects in order to express the correct and appropriate jurisprudential and legitimate opinion”.

For his part, His Excellency Prof. Dr. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, in his introductory speech at the opening session, expressed his satisfaction with this partnership between the Authority and the Academy on a subject of such importance for Muslims in the east and west of the world. He

added: “Previous decisions and recommendations of the Scientific Council of the Academy, issued in the field of sacrifices and halal matters of food, drink and medicine, are conclusive evidence of the concern of the Council as a jurisprudential reference. supreme for the OIC Member States in scientific matters which concern the orientation of the activities of enterprises and commercial establishments which operate in this field. Therefore, we seek today, through the sessions of this symposium, to inform the jurists of the Ummah of the new discoveries and facts which have been reached by contemporary scholars on a number of important fundamental questions which can fundamentally affect the formulation of legal decisions on the question of the taming of birds and animals before their slaughter.”

It should be noted that the General Authority and control structures in the OIC country space abide by the decisions and recommendations of the Academy on the issue of sacrifices and halal issues, believing that these sober collective decisions are issued by the jurists of the Umma after having studied, scrutinized and consulted the experts specialized in this field.



IIFA Delegation participates in the Strategic Dialogue with the US State Department in Washington



At the invitation of the US State Department, HE Prof. Dr. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, and Ms. Sarah Amjad Hussein, Director of Family and Women’s Affairs at the Academy, participated in the strategic dialogue between the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and the United States of America in the capital, Washington, on Monday and Tuesday 22 and 23 of the month Shawwal 1443 AH corresponding to May 23 and 24, 2022 AD.

In his address, His Excellency highlighted the Academy’s esteemed efforts in promoting moderation, spreading a culture of tolerance and coexistence around the world, and rejecting extremism and bigotry, as well as the proposal

of a set of intellectual and practical measures to combat extremist ideology and terrorism. He also spoke about the Academy’s efforts to correct misconceptions about certain legal terms, such as the term jihad and the term loyalty and disavowal. He then noted the clear impact of the decisions of the Academy on the handling of various issues related to the Corona pandemic, starting with the provision of precautionary measures, provisions for those infected with the Corona virus and those who died because of it, taking vaccines and spending zakat funds to buy them and provide them to people, communities and countries.

Ms. Sarah bint Amjad Hussein, spoke about the Academy’s efforts related to the empowerment of women and the fight against all forms of violence and injustice against them, noting that the Academy has issued effective decisions that clearly explain the rights granted by Sharia to women, first and foremost the right to education and the right to work. The right to own property, the right to inherit, the right to choose and the right to move. She also clarified that Sharia does not distinguish between men and women in many legal duties such as prayer, zakat, fasting and pilgrimage. This with another particular proof,

which means that men and women are equal in rights and duties, as confirmed by the divine texts. The Academy’s participation was very well received and commended, and the US side expressed great appreciation for the Academy’s efforts in all areas, especially its recent efforts to combat vaccine rumors, and to urge Muslims around the world to observe health precautions; They also expressed their desire to establish cooperation and understanding partnerships between some of the affiliated bodies of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Academy, in the hope of achieving more coordination and integration.



IIFA Secretary General meets with the President of RFI in Washington

During the official visit of His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), to the United States of America at an official invitation from the US State Department, His Excellency visited the Religious Freedom Institute in Washington, on 24 Shawwal 1443H corresponding to 25 May 2022G. His Excellency and the delegation were received by His Excellency Dr. Thomas Farr, President of the Institute. His Excellency welcomed the Secretary General and thanked him for his keenness to strengthen relations and partnership between the Academy and the Institute, and then briefed His Excellency on the most important programs, and projects organized by the Institute. He also expressed the Institute's readiness to conclude a solid strategic partnership between the two institutions in areas of common interest, especially enhancing awareness of religious freedom and its role in achieving peace and stability around the world, as well as coordinating efforts to promote constructive dialogue, acceptance of others, and peaceful coexistence among followers of religions, noting the Institute's readiness to sign multiple partnership agreements on various topics related to religious freedom, and to organize joint scientific events inside and outside USA. For his part, His Excellency the Secretary General expressed his gratitude to the President of the Institute for the hospitality, and his pleasure to



meet him again four years after their last meeting in Malibu, California. His Excellency praised the distinguished efforts made by the Institute in the field of consolidating religious freedom inside and outside USA, which contributes to establishing security, peace and coexistence between religions and races. His Excellency seized the occasion to give an overview of the vision, mission, values, objectives, and five-year strategic plan of the Academy, noting that the Academy, as the first jurisprudential reference for the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and Muslim Communities outside the Muslim world, enjoys the appreciation and respect of all Muslims. Therefore, the Academy looks forward to strengthening cooperation with the Institute in areas of enhancing cooperation and communication among followers of religions. His

Excellency then explained that there is a great convergence between some of the goals of the Academy and the goals of the Institute, especially the rejection of fanaticism, sectarian fanaticism, extremism and terrorism, and the goal of dialogue with followers of other religions and cultures with the aim of cooperating in achieving the good of human society. His Excellency also expressed the Academy's aspiration to sign several agreements and to hold specialized seminars and workshops on the concept of freedom and its necessity, and the importance of promoting international peace and security. In conclusion, His Excellency the Secretary General invited the President of the Institute to visit the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah, as permitted by his schedule, to enhance and consolidate cooperation and communication. His Excellency was accompanied to this meeting by Ms. Sarah Amjad Hussein, Director of Women and Family Affairs at the Academy.



Academy and the Religions for Peace Foundation sign a Memorandum of Cooperation in New York



His Excellency Professor Dr. Koutoub Moustapha SANO, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, and Professor Dr. Azza Karam, Secretary General of the Religions for Peace Foundation, signed a memorandum of cooperation between the two institutions, on the evening of Wednesday 24 Shawwal 1443 AH corresponding to May 25, 2022 AD at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Foundation in New York, US.

This agreement aims to build a strategic partnership based on strengthening cooperation and coordination between the two institutions in order to highlight the central role of religions in the fight against all forms of extremism, fanaticism, and terrorism, by coordinating efforts and organizing programs and activities aimed at sensitizing followers of religions to the importance of coexistence and tolerance on the one hand. On the other hand, the agreement aims at the cooperation of the two institutions in the joint organization of conferences and seminars, the setting up of workshops and training, the exchange of works and publications, and the representation of two parties to the work of the conferences and seminars which

are held by the knowledge of each of them in the field of common interest between them.

Following the signing of the memorandum, HE Professor Sano expressed his great pleasure in concluding this agreement which is so important for both parties at this stage when "it is urgent that religions fully play their indispensable and necessary role in extinguishing the sources of tension and the unnecessary conflicts that reign throughout the world because of the influence of certain interpretations of fanatics and extremists. Those who have fabricated conflicts between religions thus contributing to the promotion of violence. He also hoped that this memorandum would allow the two institutions "to combine their efforts with a view to jointly organizing conferences, seminars and workshops on raising awareness of respect for religions and religious symbols, on the fight against Islamophobia and the phobia of religions, and to the probation of fanaticism, extremism and terrorism". Moreover the Academy "is very keen to play its central role of correcting the negative stereotype about Islam on the one hand, and correcting misconceptions and practices that contradict the values, principles and teachings of Islam. Islam on the relationship of the Muslim with the world around him on the other hand, noting in this regard the paramount importance of spreading moderation, the culture of balance and tolerance, and urging Muslim communities outside the Islamic world to adhere to the requirements of citizenship and abide by the laws of their country.

He concluded by expressing his appreciation for the distinguished and tangible achievements of the Foundation under the able and enlightened leadership of Professor Dr. Azza Karam, and

the team working with her, hoping that this memorandum would be an opportunity to advance cooperative relations between the two institutions towards quality and perfection.

For her part, Madam Secretary General of the Foundation expressed her sincere thanks and gratitude to the Secretary General for her visit to the headquarters of the Foundation, and she also expressed her great pleasure in signing this agreement with an international scientific institution with a long-standing stature of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, noting in this regard the great scientific status and deep appreciation they enjoy the Academy to the world, in addition to its leading role in spreading the culture of moderation, tolerance and coexistence in the world. She then expressed her eager anticipation for a bright future of fruitful bilateral cooperation between the Foundation and the Academy on all issues and topics of common interest.

The signing ceremony was attended by Dr. Nabihro Masahiro Nemoto, Deputy Secretary General of Religions for Peace, and Ms. Sarah Amjad Hussein, Director of Women and Family Affairs at the Academy.



IIFA Secretary General delivers the Friday Sermon at Dar Al-Hijrah Mosque in Washington



At the kind invitation of the management of the famous Al-Hijrah Mosque in the American capital, Washington, USA, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), delivered a Friday sermon on Friday 26 Shawwal 1443H corresponding to 27 May 2022G, and then led worshipers to perform Friday prayers. His Excellency chose the hadith narrated by Jabir bin Abdullah, may God be pleased with them, who said: The Messenger of God, may God's prayers and peace be upon him and his family, was asked: Who is the most beloved of people to God? He said, may God's prayers and peace be upon him: The most beneficial of them to people, then he was asked about the best of deeds, and he said: the pleasure you enter into the heart of a Muslim. Or as he said. His Excellency explained: "Yes, the love of God Almighty is the greatest purpose in life, the dearest goal on the face of the earth, and the highest rank that a Muslim

can attain in this world. All that one of us does in this life is to seek and obtain the satisfaction of God and enjoy His love for us. If we obtain His satisfaction, then everything beyond that is worthless, for worship is a comprehensive name for all that God loves and is pleased with, be it saying or doing. Accordingly, this great prophetic message shortened the distance for us, and revealed to us that secret that we would not have reached without this clear prophetic statement. Yes, each of us is able to be the most beloved of people to God. It is enough for us to be one of those who benefit people by providing treatment to them at our clinics, hospitals, and pharmacies, and by providing useful knowledge in schools, universities, and institutes, and by providing social services that our loved ones need, our cities, communities, and to provide security and safety for our citizens and residents. They are in short, our brothers and sisters, our doctors, our teachers, department and office employees, security men, cleaners, our engineers, everyone who watches for our comfort, and the preservation of our security and stability, and everyone who strives to achieve happiness and prosperity for our families, neighbors, and counterparts. Congratulations to those whom God has guided to master a profession that benefits people. Congratulations to those whom God has guided to a saying or a deed that benefits people. Congratulations to everyone who works day and night for the benefit of people. Congratulations to those who are concerned with benefiting people and

making them happy with a kind word or a good deed." Then, in the second part of the khutbah "sermon", His Excellency spoke about the second part of the hadith, which stated that the most beloved of deeds to God is a joy that the Muslim would enter into the heart of a fellow Muslim, noting the vastness of God's mercy, grace and generosity as He opened the doors of goodness, prosperity and success in both worlds for people. In this regard, His Excellency emphasized that: "The fact that a person brings happiness to the soul of another is evidence of the clarity of their heart, the purity of their inside, and the greatness of their soul. So, let each of us begin our day by bringing happiness to the souls of those around us, including our parents, children, fathers, mothers, relatives, neighbors and colleagues. And let's end our day by making everyone happy with whom we spend a moment or meet them for a while. It is truly a divine gift that we should seize and benefit from." The sermon was well received by the worshipers, who wished that His Excellency would visit their mosque repeatedly.



Secretary General participates in the International Conference on the Life and Contributions of Muhammad Asad



His Excellency Professor Dr. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Academy of Islamic Fiqh, participated in the work of the virtual international conference on "The personality and contribution of Mohammad Asad as a journalist, political theorist, interpreter and religious scholar in the 20th Century" organized by the Institute of Objective Studies, New Delhi, India, in collaboration with the International Institute of Islamic Thought in the United States of America, on 27-28 Shawwal 1443 AH corresponding to the May 28-29, 2022 AD.

The conference included five technical sessions. The number of papers submitted to the conference amounted to 45 papers which dealt with the analysis and editing of Mohammad Asad's personality, orientation, thought, time, understanding of religions, his reactions to Western political ideas, and his perspective on the reconstruction of Islam.

In his intervention, HE Professor SANO spoke about the "ideas of Mohammad Asad and their contemporary significance", noting that

Mohammad Asad was indeed a great scholar and thinker who contributed greatly to Islamic thought and to relations between Muslims and the West in many ways, since he wrote several volumes on different aspects of Islam. His various works have strongly influenced Islamic thought within Islamic countries and Muslim communities in the West in general, and in Europe in particular. He added: "One of the most important works of Mohammad Asad is his translation of the Quran into English, where he used new tools of interpretation, especially his social, cultural and intellectual background through textual analysis. He acquired and accumulated it over the years from his study of primary and secondary Islamic sources, and deliberately translated this message into English, and to this day is the only European Muslim scholar who has translated and explained the Quran, so that non-Arabic speakers can understand it and realize its meanings, and he translated the Quran to bring its depth. His wisdom is for the hearts and minds of people who are far removed from the preconceptions that have plagued the West from the days of the crusade through the colonial period. He then pointed out that among the critical issues that Mohammad Asad addressed in his works was that of helping to restore Muslims to the two main sources that were the basis of their spiritual and civilizational renaissance embodied in the Quran and the Sunnah. Assad criticized the imitation of the bitter and fruitless experiences of Muslims in the Middle Ages on the one hand, and the imitation of the West in its social, economic and political concepts on

the other. Mohammad Asad believes that the original answer is to return to the teachings of the Quran and the hadiths of the Prophet.

In conclusion, he explained that Mohammad Asad has made a critical study of the reasons for the decline of Muslims and the forces and problems that haunt them and hinder their rebirth. Motivated by the zeal of the reformer, Mohammad Asad tried to bridge the gap between tradition and modernity because it is particularly important today for the efforts of ijtihad to present Islam free from the hostile stereotypes which tend to tarnish its pure image. Assad's work can be used to develop relations of interest with the West on the basis of respect, and Islam must be presented as an intermediary religion which promotes the values of cooperation, dialogue and coexistence as values foundations of Islam through which extremist ideologies, fanaticism, violence and Islamophobia are defeated.



Secretary General Participates in Saudi Foreign Affairs and OIC Conference on Mediation: Lessons and Horizons



HE Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, participated in the fourth conference on Mediation: Lessons and Horizons, organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in collaboration with the General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) in Jeddah on 6-7 Dhu Al-Qa'dah 1443H corresponding to June 5-6, 2022G. He began his speech by thanking the host country, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, for hosting this important conference in this difficult stage that humanity is going through. Also, he expressed his hope that the conference can lead to realistic results and recommendations capable of preventing thousands of displaced people from resorting to living in camps devoid of the minimum necessities of human life. It should also enable displaced persons and refugees to return to their homes. In addition, he specified that the choice of the theme of mediation from a humanitarian perspective in the light of crises as the title of this session is "a confirmation of the importance given to the humanitarian aspect, that successful mediation should put a an end to the tragic conditions in which the victims of conflicts live, in particular children, women and the elderly. Hence the importance of intellectual and scientific attention to highlight this human dimension that we hope to achieve through the successful mediation to which our contemporary world aspires. Mediation should restore joy to the needy, ease the anxiety of the frightened, and restore safety and security to the bereaved. Then,

Professor Sano evoked the Sharia origins of the term "mediation and its foundations" explaining that "the term mediation means, in its simplest sense, the task of reconciliation and settlement between the parties in conflict by a neutral party in order to put an end to the state of conflict and combat between them". The Sharia considers this step to be one of the greatest sacraments, the best actions and the most loved by Almighty God. There are many noble verses in the Qur'an that relate to this great sacrament, including: ((They ask you O Prophet concerning the spoils of war. Say: "Their distribution is decided by Allah and His Messenger. therefore from Allah, regulate your affairs and obey Allah and His Messenger if you are "true" believers)); ((The believers are one brotherhood, so make peace among your brothers. And remember Allah that you may have mercy on you)); ((And if two groups of believers fight each other, then make peace between them. But if one of them transgresses the other, then fight the group of transgressors until they want to submit to the settlement of 'Allah. If they do so, then make peace between the two "groups" in fairness and act with justice. Surely Allah loves those who uphold justice)); ((There is nothing good in most of their secret talks except those that promote charity, kindness or reconciliation between people. And whoever does this seeking the pleasure of Allah, we will grant him great reward)); In addition to these noble Quranic texts, there are prophetic hadiths which explain and confirm the importance of this sacrament and its status with Almighty God. Among the most important of these hadiths is the one narrated by Abu al-Darda', may God be pleased with him, who said: The Messenger of God, may Allah's prayers and peace be upon him, said: " Should I tell you something? better than fasting, prayer and almsgiving? They said, "Yes, O Messenger of God. He said: Reconcile people, for quarrels between people are disastrous" or as he said. Then he clarified that the rooting of Sharia for mediation was not theoretical, but rather that history tells us of living examples of mediation that led to the peace by which God protected the loss of souls , the desecration of honor and the extermination of wealth. The Treaty of

Hudaybiyah is the greatest example of this, as is the peace that Omar Ibn Al-Khattab, may God be pleased with him, concluded with the people of Jerusalem, and as a result he gave them the keys of Jerusalem, in another example of successful mediation by which God protected lives, honor and money. Finally, he called for mediation to become an independent art and a scientific specialization in universities, institutes and colleges: "The Ummah is called today more than ever to prepare a generation of young people who are fully qualified in the art of mediation, emerging from the invocation of the human dimension. This generation should be able to master the tools, the mechanisms of mediation. It should also be able to master the mores and requirements in this area in order to put an end to the continuous tragedy, to the infinite suffering because of the conflicts which are burning all over the world, particularly in the space of the OIC countries".

Certainly, the Academy is aware of its intellectual responsibility which resides in the organization of seminars, conferences, workshops and forums aimed at increasing awareness of the importance of mediation with a view to formulating resolutions and recommendations that call on Muslim peoples to respect common values, rally behind leaders and renounce violence, extremism, fanaticism and terrorism. The Academy will continue to fulfill its scientific responsibility to correct misconceptions about the values, principles and teachings of Islam, to spread a culture of moderation, tolerance and coexistence, and the promotion of constructive dialogue with the aim of cooperating to achieve the good of human society based on the principle of respect for human dignity.



OIC Special Envoy to Africa visits IIFA

On the sidelines of his participation in the conference organized by the Saudi Foreign Ministry and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) on "Mediation: Experiences and Prospects", His Excellency Mr. Nasiru Baku Arivary visited the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) on Monday 7 Dhu al-Qi'dah 1443H corresponding to 06 June 2022G. He was received upon his arrival by Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, who thanked him for his visit and congratulated him on his appointment as a Special Envoy of the Secretary General of the OIC to Africa, stressing on this occasion the full readiness of the Academy to provide all the support needed by His Excellency for the success of his mission , especially with regard to the intellectual contribution to promoting awareness of the importance of moderation and spreading



the culture of moderation, tolerance, coexistence and harmony among followers of religions in Africa. His Excellency also took the opportunity to give a brief introductory overview of the Academy's vision, mission, goals, programs and activities, looking forward to close cooperation and solid coordination with His Excellency on

all issues and questions related to intellectual security, and putting an end to the states of war and turmoil experienced by some countries on the continent. For his part, His Excellency the Special Envoy expressed his great happiness with this visit, praising the distinguished intellectual efforts made by the Academy in the field of combating extremist ideology, terrorism, fanaticism and extremism, and praising the qualitative developments witnessed by the Academy's General Secretariat since the appointment of Prof. Sano as Secretary General, which is a proof of his competence, management expertise, and vast experience. He concluded by saying: "I thank your excellency for the warm welcome, and I hope that this old Islamic scientific edifice flourishes to continue fighting ignorance and correcting misconceptions of the foundations and teachings of Islam in the hope that it will further awaken the world and radiate light everywhere."

Ambassador of People's Republic of China to Saudi Arabia visits IIFA



At the head of a large delegation, His Excellency Mr. Chen Weiping, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Special Envoy of his country to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), is returned to the headquarters of the Academy in Jeddah, on Sunday 06 Dhul-Qa'dah 1443H corresponding to June 05, 2022G. He and the accompanying delegation were received upon their arrival by HE Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, who thanked him for his visit, which is the first of its kind by a senior Chinese official. at the General Secretariat of the Academy since its creation. HE the Ambassador expressed his heartfelt thanks and great gratitude to the Secretary General for the warm welcome underlining his great interest and his desire to pay this visit to the Academy within the framework of his country's incessant efforts to strengthen relations of cooperation, coordination and partnership with the OIC and its affiliated bodies, in particular the Academy, which is the supreme jurisprudential reference for the Member States of the Organization and for the Muslim communities outside the Muslim world. He also commended the distinguished intellectual

and scientific efforts undertaken by the Academy to spread the culture of moderation, tolerance and coexistence for a safe and stable world.

He added that the government of his country views with satisfaction and praises these great efforts, and looks forward to consolidating the ties of cooperation and coordination with the Academy in order to serve these noble humanitarian goals which call for cooperation, communication, integration, coexistence and understanding between peoples. He then informed of the official invitation sent to His Excellency by his country to visit China. For his part, HE Professor SANO expressed his sincere thanks to HE the Ambassador for this visit, which is a clear expression of China's willingness to strengthen cooperation on various issues and topics that concern Muslim communities in China. . He also congratulated the Ambassador for his appointment as Special Envoy of his country to the OIC, wishing him every success in his functions, and wishing that this meeting be the beginning of the establishment of solid and lasting relations. of cooperation between the Academy and the authorities supervising religious affairs in China. He then gave an overview of the vision, mission, objectives, programs and activities of the Academy, emphasizing, among other things, the full readiness of the Academy to cooperate with the Chinese authorities in order to promote moderation, temperance and tolerance among the Muslim communities living in the Republic, and helping them to preserve their Islamic identity, while respecting the requirements of citizenship, and respecting the laws and regulations in force in their country; Noting in this respect that religious freedom is a natural right guaranteed by instinct to every human being everywhere.

This says that allowing everyone to practice the rites of their religion of choice and belief in complete freedom is a natural duty that must be guaranteed everywhere in the world. In other words, forcing a person to embrace a particular religion or preventing him from practicing his religion is considered an insult to human dignity and an attack on his freedom of choice. Thus, the Academy's efforts are always focused on calling for respect for freedom of belief, the rejection of extremism, bigotry, exclusion and terrorism, and the correction of misconceptions. on the values, principles and teachings of Islam that reject any form of conflict between membership in Islam and commitment to the requirements of citizenship. Finally he thanked his host for the invitation to travel to China in the very near future to meet the Chinese authorities overseeing religious affairs and to visit Muslim communities in China. The meeting was attended by Mr. Liu ZhenYong, First Secretary, Head of Political Section at the Embassy, Mr. Li Jinglun, Third Secretary at the Embassy, Mr. Mohammed Al-Mondher El-Chouk, Director of Cabinet Affairs and Protocol at the Academy, Ms. Sarah Amjad Hussein, Director of Women and Family Affairs at the Academy, and Mr. Mourad TLiLi, Advisor to the Secretary General of the Academy for Media Affairs.



Permanent Representative of Indonesia to OIC visits IIFA

HE Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, received His Excellency Ambassador Eko Hartono, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Indonesia to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and Consul General to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on Wednesday 09 Dhu al-Qa'dah, 1443H, corresponding to June 08, 2022G, at the headquarters of the Academy in Jeddah. The Ambassador expressed his pleasure to visit the Academy, thanking the Secretary General for the warm welcome, emphasizing his keen interest since assuming the position of Permanent Representative of the Republic of Indonesia to the OIC in strengthening relations of cooperation and partnership with the Organization and its subsidiary bodies, in particular the Academy. He expressed his aspiration to activate the role of his country within the Academy by the appointment of a new member representing his country. He also affirmed the wish of Indonesia for the participation of its prominent scholars in the delegation of scholars of the Umma which will visit Kabul very soon. He concluded by expressing his thanks for the visit made by His Excellency with a delegation of the Academy to Indonesia during the past year, which left a good impression. For his part, HE The



Secretary General thanked HE the Ambassador for the visit and congratulated him on his appointment as Permanent Representative of the Republic of Indonesia to the OIC, wishing that this appointment could strengthen cooperation and partnership relations with the Academy at all levels. He also expressed his commitment to consolidate cooperation with various major scientific institutions which were visited by the delegation of the Academy, particularly the Council of Indonesian Scholars, Sharif Hidayah University. On this occasion, he evoked the aspiration of the Academy that the Republic of Indonesia organizes one of the next sessions of the Academy in application of the commitments made by the Indonesian official authorities during the visit of the delegation. , emphasizing in this

regard the full readiness of the Academy for Indonesia to become an international center of Islamic social finance. He concluded by giving a detailed overview of the activities and programs of the Academy and its five-year strategic plan, which includes a number of programs, projects and initiatives that can benefit OIC Member States. The meeting was attended by Mr. Ilham Effendy, First Secretary of the Consulate General of Indonesia, Ms. Sarah Amjad Hussain, Director of Women and Family Affairs, Dr. AlHagi Manta Drammeh, Head of International Cooperation Division, and Mr. Mourad TLiLi , Advisor to the Secretary General of the Academy for Media Affairs.



A delegation of imams from the Republic of Serbia visits IIFA

Within the framework of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy's (IIFA) endeavor to build a strategic partnership and close cooperation with the leading scientific and intellectual institutions in the countries of Muslim communities and based on the Academy's keenness to communicate and coordinate with the supervisors of religious affairs in Muslim communities in order to preserve their religious identity while adhering to the requirements of citizenship and residency in those societies, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, received today a large delegation consisting of imams of mosques in the Republic of Serbia, led by Dr. Anwar Getic, Dean of the College of Islamic Studies in the Republic of Serbia, on Thursday 10 Dhul-Qa'dah 1443H corresponding to 09 June 2022G at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. His Excellency welcomed the honorable delegation and commended the efforts of the College of Islamic Studies in the field of developing and training qualified religious cadres that bear the responsibility of guiding, directing and caring for Muslims within their communities. His Excellency also commended the efforts of the College to train imams and guides through seminars and shariah sessions, and keenness to



enable them to understand the developments and calamities of the era in order to deal with them in a manner that meets the aspirations and needs of Muslims in the Republic of Serbia and the Balkans in general. In support of these efforts, His Excellency expressed the Academy's full readiness to provide intellectual aid, shariah support and backing to the supervisors of religious affairs in Serbia by organizing training courses for them in fatwas and guidance to raise their levels and strengthen their perceptions and enable them to deduce and infer in calamities and developments. His Excellency concluded by calling on imams and guides to continue to carry out their religious duty towards Muslims, and to be a role model and a shining example to follow in behavior, conduct and wisdom, stressing the importance of adhering to the approach of moderation, and spreading tolerance, dialogue and coexistence. His Eminence

Dr. Anwar Getsic expressed his great thanks and great appreciation to His Excellency the Secretary General for his kind reception, warm welcome and useful directions, and for providing this good opportunity for imams to visit the Academy, confirming his keenness to enhance cooperation and communication with Muslim communities. At the end of the visit, His Excellency led the delegation on a tour of all the departments and divisions of the Academy, during which he gave them an overview of the Academy and its modus operandi and distributed to them a selection of its most important publications to give them an idea of its various activities and projects. The guests thanked His Excellency for the welcome they received and praised what they heard during His Excellency's speech of lofty meanings and valuable lessons that will guide them during the performance of their duties in Serbia.



H.E. Dr. Muhammad Shuaib represents IIFA in Jury of Holy Qur'an Recitation Competition in Kazan, Russia



His Eminence Dr. Muhammad Mustapha Shuaib, supervisor of the Observatory of Fatwas and Reviews at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), representing the Secretary General of the Academy, participated in the arbitration of the Kazan International Competition for Memorizing the Holy Qur'an, which was organized by the Government of the Republic of Tatarstan, the Islamic Youth Cooperation Forum in Istanbul, and the Religious Administration of Muslims of the Republic of Tatarstan, during the period From 16 to 19 Shawwal 1443H corresponding to 17 to 20 May of 2022G. The

competition comes within the framework of the international program: Kazan, the Youth Capital of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation for the year 2022. It also falls within the activities of the celebration of the one thousand and one hundred years since the introduction of Islam in the region. Fifty male and female students from twenty countries competed in the competition, and Dr. Muhammad Mustafa Shuaib was one of the five arbitrators in the competition. The rest of the arbitrators are: the Mufti of Kazan, H.E. Sheikh Kamel Samiullah, H.E. Sheikh Maamoun Shaaban Al-Rawi from Iraq, H.E. Sheikh Isaac

Danesh from Turkey, and H.E. Sheikh Yashar Chodar from Turkey. The first place for male students went to: Gatiev Musa Salmanovich, with a total score of 100%, and the first place for the female students went to: Dewi Yukha Nida, from Indonesia, with a total score of 99.75%. His Eminence Dr. Muhammad Mustafa Shuaib also attended the celebration of the one thousand and one hundred years since the introduction of Islam in Bulgaria, which was organized by the presidency of the Republic of Tatarstan as part of the Kazan Expo, on 20 May 2022.

20th Monthly Meeting of IIFA's Personnel

On Monday, 08 Dhu al-Qa'dah 1443H corresponding to 07 June 2022G, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the twentieth monthly periodic meeting of the Academy's employees, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy in Jeddah. At the beginning of the meeting, His Excellency the Secretary General welcomed everyone, thanking them for their regular attendance at these important periodic meetings that discuss the issues of the Academy. Then His Excellency spoke about the promotions and amendments that were made to the employees of the Academy in detail, based on the principle of transparency and fairness. His Excellency also indicated that the Academy has formed an internal committee to study the files of applicants in March of 2021.



The Committee then submitted its report along with a letter addressed to the Assistant Secretary General for Financial and Administrative Affairs of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and followed-up on that thereafter. And based on the keenness of His Excellency the Secretary General of the Academy to rectify

the situations of employees who hold scientific qualifications, he has, based on his powers granted to him according to the regulations, corrected the situations of these employees according to their qualifications, and granted an incentive reward to some employees who were unable to be promoted and/ or their situation modified. His Excellency then listened to everyone's opinions and suggestions on this subject and with regard to improving the work of the Academy, as the discussions concluded that a clear vision to be drawn up on the possibility of disbursing the entitlement to the overtime wage and replacing it with vacation days. His Excellency also instructed the Investment and Projects Department to take urgent action to make the most of the apartment endowed for the Academy in Makkah Al-Mukarramah for this Hajj season 1443H especially that it is close to the Jamarat in Mina.

39th Periodic Meeting of Divisions Heads



On Thursday, 10 Dhu al-Qa'dah 1443H corresponding to 09 June 2022G, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the thirty-ninth periodic meeting of the heads of divisions, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah. At the beginning of the meeting, His Excellency welcomed the heads of divisions, thanking them for attending and participating, and urging them to continue work and intensify cooperation and coordination

between the various departments and divisions for the success of the upcoming symposium organized by the Academy in partnership with the Food and Drug Authority in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on the issue of stunning poultry and animals and its impact on the legitimacy of slaughter. Then His Excellency spoke about the OIC's statute that defines the conditions and entitlements for promotion and amendment, and the incentive reward for a number of the Academy's employees and explained to the attendees in detail what each expression means in order to remove any confusion among some employees. His Excellency also clarified the procedures and endeavors undertaken by the General Secretariat of the Academy to promote some employees, amend the status of some of them, and grant some of them incentive bonuses, as permitted by the statute of the Organization and the General Secretariat of the Academy. His Excellency indicated that a large number of the Academy's employees benefited from these endeavors, the first of their kind in the Academy.

The meeting then discussed the items of the previous meeting's decisions, and issued several new decisions, the most important of which are:

- Holding a specialized symposium on Islamic charitable work and related issues such as immigration, asylum and displacement before the end of November 2022.
- Setting the end of the month of Dhul-Qa'dah as the last date to call for papers on the themes of the specialized symposium entitled "The Family Foundation: Challenges and Prospects."
- Completing the review of the issues of the Academy's scientific journal and handing it over to the publishing house in order to arrange it and determine the cost before the final printing.
- Inviting all employees of the Academy to participate in the stunning poultry symposium for the purpose of supporting the various committees working for the success of the symposium.

80th Weekly Meeting of Departments Directors

His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the eightieth weekly meeting of directors of departments, on Wednesday, 09 Dhu al-Qa'dah, 1443H, corresponding to 08 June 2022G, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat in Jeddah. At the beginning of the meeting, His Excellency welcomed the attendees and thanked them for participating in the meeting, re-emphasizing the importance of these meetings during which discussions are held on various issues of the Academy in order to make decisions about them. Then His Excellency spoke about the recent arrangements for holding a symposium on Stunning Poultry to be held with the Food and Drug Authority (FDA) in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in the period between 13-14 June 2022G corresponding to 14-15 Dhu al-Qa'dah 1443H, stressing the importance of good preparation for the symposium by reviewing all issues and questions related to it, and the importance of cooperation and coordination between all committees and departments to



ensure its smooth running and success. The meeting then discussed the items of decisions issued by the previous meeting, and issued several decisions, the most important of which are:

- Inviting His Excellency the Director of the Department of Islamic Affairs and Charitable Activities in Dubai and the Director of the University of Sharjah to participate in the symposium in order to activate the memoranda of cooperation signed with them.
- Collaboration and contracting directly with translators from the OIC for the Stunning Poultry symposium.

- Preparing contract clauses for printing the Academy's journal and considering the remarks made upon reviewing the new version by Mufakirun Press House, while emphasizing the principle of auditing and reviewing for external auditors. Approval of the allocated budget that was prepared for the Stunning Poultry symposium, which includes: entitlement of researchers to the symposium, media coverage, drivers... and other items that the FDA will not cover, from the items of scientific activities mentioned in the Academy's budget.
- Sending the final list of participants in the symposium to the branch of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Makkah region to be approved.
- Allocating two separate mobile phone lines to be used during the scientific activities and programs held by the Academy to communicate with the participants in those activities.

81st Weekly Meeting of Departments Directors



His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the 81st weekly meeting of the directors of departments, on Thursday 17 Dhu al-Qi'dah 1443H corresponding to 16 June 2022G, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat in Jeddah. At the beginning of the meeting, His Excellency welcomed the directors and thanked them for attending, re-emphasizing the importance of these meetings during which various issues of the Academy are discussed and decisions are made. Then His Excellency congratulated everyone on the successful convening of the symposium

on "stunning poultry and animals before slaughtering them and its impact on the legitimacy of slaughter", which was held by the Academy and the Food and Drug Authority in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in the period between 14-15 Dhu al-Qi'dah 1443H corresponding to 13-14 June 2022G, explaining that it achieved the basic objectives for which it was held, which is considered one of the important symposiums related to the halal industry in Muslim countries and Muslim Communities. His Excellency also indicated to the Academy's ambition to hold more conferences in this field, especially as it revolves around important issues in the halal industry in Muslim communities, which is called for by the urgent need to address such issues and intensify efforts and support them. Then His Excellency spoke about his upcoming visit to Afghanistan with a delegation of scholars and the General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) in order to discuss many issues, especially women's issues and their work, role and participation in construction efforts. The meeting discussed the items of decisions issued

by the previous meeting, and issued several new decisions, the most important of which are:

- Organizing a symposium in Pakistan on the phenomenon of Islamophobia after reviewing the resolutions of the Academy in its regard and extracting action programs from it.
- Sending a letter of thanks and appreciation to His Excellency the CEO of the Food and Drug Authority for the distinguished strategic partnership in holding the symposium.
- Sending a letter of thanks and appreciation to all researchers and participants in the Stunning Poultry Symposium.
- Sending a letter of thanks and appreciation to His Excellency the Director General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs branch in Mecca Region for the distinguished facilities provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the guests participating in the symposium.
- Allocating two telephones with separate numbers to be used in scientific activities and programs held by the Academy to communicate through them with the participants in those activities.

82nd Weekly Meeting of Departments Directors

His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), presided over the eighty-second weekly meeting of the departments on Monday, 20 Dhu al-Qi'dah, 1443H, corresponding to 19 June 2022G, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat in Jeddah. At the beginning of the meeting, His Excellency welcomed the directors and thanked them for their attendance, stressing that this meeting will be a special one for evaluating the last scientific symposium organized by the General Secretariat of the Academy on "stunning poultry and animals before slaughtering and its impact on the legitimacy of the slaughter" during the period between 14-15 Dhu al-Qi'dah 1443H corresponding to 13-14 June 2022G. His Excellency congratulated everyone on the success of the symposium and on achieving the basic objectives for which it was held and stressing that this clear success does not prevent a comprehensive evaluation of all issues and questions related to planning, organization and implementation, in the hope of avoiding the gaps and mistakes that occurred for the upcoming



symposiums and conferences, especially the upcoming twenty-fifth Annual Session of the Academy. His Excellency then briefed the attendees on the mid-year report on the strategic plan prepared by the Planning Department based on the reports submitted by each department, the performance indicators in the plan, and the activities that the Academy decided to hold in the first half of the year 2022, i.e. from January to June. It was decided that everyone should read it in detail, to find out the activities and programs that were supposed to be implemented, as well as deliberation about what has been accomplished and implemented, provided that

deliberations take place in an ad hoc session. After extensive discussions, decisions were issued by the meeting, the most important of which are:

- The necessity of adjusting the topics of each scientific symposium, with an emphasis on informing the research contributors not to deviate from it and ensuring the seriousness of the submitted research.
- Assigning a dedicated full-time employee to follow up on the issue of tickets and visas in subsequent events.
- Immediately start coordinating and reviewing the research papers of the twenty-fifth session.
- Approval of the scientific committee for the seminars, consisting of: Dr. Abdel Qahir Qamar, Dr. Muhammad Shuaib, Dr. Ismail Jibaji, Dr. Abdelfattah Abnauf, Dr. Mohamed Lamine Silla, and Mr. Walid Al-Hadhrami.
- Inviting the new institutions with which a memorandum of cooperation was recently signed by the Planning Department to participate with research papers and asking them to nominate researchers they consider suitable to participate in the next session.

83rd Weekly Meeting of Departments Directors

The General Secretariat of the Academy held its 83rd weekly meeting for the directors of the departments on Wednesday 30 of Dhu al-Qi'dah 1443H, corresponding to 29 June 2022G, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat in Jeddah. The meeting was chaired by His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, who started it by welcoming the attendees, then spoke about his visit to Afghanistan with a delegation of the Ummah's eminent scholars. This visit comes in implementation of the decision of the Ministerial Council of the Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) in its extraordinary session in Islamabad, Islamic Republic of Pakistan last December, which stipulated that the Academy lead a delegation of the Ummah's scholars to visit Afghanistan in order to dialogue with the current authority on the issue of girls' education, the issue of women's work, and the issue of coexistence. His Excellency

and the delegation of scholars met with a number of prominent Afghan scholars, and also met with many Afghan officials, led by the Deputy Prime Minister for Political Affairs, and the Ministers of Higher Education, Minerals, Interior, Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice, and Justice. The delegation called on the current authority to allow Afghan girls to return to classes in government schools. The delegation also called on the authority to allow Afghan women to work according to the Shariah regulations approved by the authority. His Excellency indicated that what the delegation heard from Afghan officials about girls' education is heartening. His Excellency also indicated that he would send a detailed report to His Excellency the Secretary General of the OIC. Then he discussed the items of the decisions of the previous meeting, and issued several new decisions, the most important of which are:

- Invitation to discuss the concept presented for the mini-symposium on the phenomenon

of Islamophobia in Pakistan with the Permanent Representative of Pakistan.

- Provide an initial list of translators in order to cooperate with them in the upcoming seminars.
- Inviting new institutions with which a memorandum of cooperation was signed recently to participate in the next session.
- Allocating a separate e-mail for each of the Academy's activities to communicate with researchers, participants, to facilitate the Academy's workflow and good management of its activities.



Rays of Light on the Lives of the Academy's Living Scholars (4)

Four decades have passed since the leaders of the Muslim world created the largest contemporary institution of collective Ijtihad, whose members consist of the elite and eminent contemporary Shariah scholars, supported by distinguished experts in natural sciences, sociology, economics and politics, with the aim of studying contemporary life problems and clarifying the legal provisions on issues of concern to Muslims worldwide, based on the teachings of the Holy Qur'an, the Sunnah; and the supreme objectives of the Shari'ah, and in accordance with the pious predecessors' methodology in legal deduction and inference, as well as the legal and jurisprudential maxims that have passed through the generations. By the grace of Allah, this institution has become the primary reference in fiqh matters, where OIC Member states and Muslim communities seek refuge to learn about the rulings of Shariah concerning the current calamities and

developments in life, and the practical scientific recommendations for guidance, clarification and orientation. As the ascetic Imam Abdullah Ibn Al-Mubarak once said, "The blessed science is that which is referred to its people". The Secretariat General of the Academy believes that there is an urgent need to make known to future generations the journey of those eminent jurists and scholars who concluded these outstanding resolutions and issued these clear recommendations, beginning with those who passed away and joined the Supreme Companion, may Allah have mercy on them and place them in His spacious gardens; and thus concluding with those who continue to enlighten us with their brilliant achievements, May Allah bless them with health and well-being, and may He prolong their lives. This blessed initiative by the Academy is to reassure those far and near that the resolutions and recommendations

are correct, as they are issued by prominent scholars known for their piety and fear of Allah, who mastered the instruments and skills of jurisprudential examination, and who fulfilled the requirements of Ijtihad and the ethics of Ifta. To fulfil this crucial responsibility, the General Secretariat of the Academy has decided to devote space in its monthly newsletter to present a brief biography of the Academy's members as scholars and experts, in appreciation of their work and recognition of their contributions, while praying for mercy and acceptance to them. We pray to Allah to assist us in completing this work as soon as possible; we only want to reform as much as we can, and our success is solely dependent on Allah, the Highest, the Greatest.

Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano
Secretary General of the Academy

His Excellency Sheikh Abdullah bin Bayyah

Born in 1935 in Tambadha, east of Mauritania, H.E. Sheikh Abdullah bin Sheikh Al-Mahfouz bin Bayyah was raised and educated in a house of knowledge and piety, where he received knowledge from his father, Sheikh Al-Mahfouz, who was a judge, and undertook Arabic classes with Sheikh Muhammad Salem Ibn Al-Shin, and he also studied Quranic sciences under Sheikh Bayyah bin Al-Salik Al-Masoumi, included all other Islamic sciences in this mahdara, traditional school. His Excellency has served in various positions, as Chairman of the Emirates Ifta Council since its establishment to date, Chairman of the Forum for Promoting Peace in Muslim Societies, Chairman of the Al-Muwatta Foundation in Abu Dhabi, and Head of Sharia Department in the Ministry of Justice in the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Vice-President of the Court of Appeal, Vice-President of the Supreme Court, High Commissioner for Religious Affairs at the Presidency of the Republic, where he proposed the establishment of a Ministry of Islamic Affairs, hence became its first minister, then minister of Fundamental Education and Religious Affairs, minister of National Guidance and Party Organizations, Permanent Secretary of the ruling Mauritanian People's Party, Chairman of the Gaza Institute and Institute for Arab and Islamic Sciences in eastern Mauritania, Chairman of the Board of Trustees and of the Board of Directors of the Global Center for Renewal and Rationalization (GCRG) in London, and Chairman of the Sharia Board of the French Council of Islamic Finance. His Excellency has been a member of the International Commission for Scientific Miracles in the Qur'an and Sunnah, the World Supreme Council of Mosques in the Muslim World League, the International Islamic Charitable Organization in Kuwait, the Islamic World Conference Karachi, the European Council for Fatwa and Research, the Islamic



Fiqh Academy of India, the Scientific Committee of Prince Nayef Prize for the Prophet's Sunnah and Islamic Studies, the Supreme Committee of the Maqasid Studies Center, Academic Staff at King Abdulaziz University in Jeddah, with rank of professor, Member of the Muslim Council of Elders, Royal Aal al-Bayt Institute for Islamic Thought, the Supreme Advisory Council of Taibah Foundation in Abu Dhabi. His Excellency participated in various seminars and conferences, including the first summit conference of Islamic countries in Rabat, the first founding conference of the Organization of the Islamic Conference in Jeddah, the summit conference for non-alignment in Algeria, the Arab African summit in Cairo, among others. He also participated in Islamic-Christian dialogue in Rome and Madrid, as well as in the Islamic-Christian summit in Rome following the event of 9/11. His Excellency is the author of a myriad of works, notably Clarifying the different opinions on financial transactions issues, Dialogue on Human Rights in Islam, the Security Discourse in Islam and the Culture of Tolerance and Harmony, Meanings of Proofs and Areas of Divergence, Blocking Means to Evil and its Application on Transactions, Intellectual Fatwas, Making Fatwa and the Fiqh of Minorities,

Maqasid of Transactions and Monitoring Issues, Contemplations in Maqasid, Efforts to Revive Usul, impact of Benefit in Waqf, Al-Burhan, Terrorism, Analysis and Solutions, the patient's guide for what God has as a large reward, alerting the references to the rooting of the jurisprudence of reality. His Excellency is the recipient of numerous medals and awards, including the King Abdul Aziz Medal of Excellent Class, King Abdullah II Medal of Excellent Class, the Chinguetti Award for Islamic Studies for his book "Dialogue from afar," and Mohammed VI Honorary Award for Thought and Islamic Studies, King Abdullah II Award for Scholars and Preachers in Jordan, and the Organization of the Islamic Conference Certificate of Excellence. Georgetown University chose Sheikh Abdullah bin Bayyah as one of the 50 most influential Islamic personalities in the world for the years 2009-2016. His Excellency Sheikh Abdullah bin Bayyah was appointed by the Council of the Academy as an appointed member in recognition of his academic standing, having participated as a researcher, commentator and speaker in its various sessions and conferences.

His Excellency Sheikh Abdullah bin Suleiman Al-Manea



Born in 1349 corresponding to 1930 in Shaqra Governorate, Saudi Arabia, H.E. Sheikh Abdullah bin Suleiman bin Muhammad Al-Manea began his primary studies at Shaqra Primary School, then joined the Scientific Institute, which was the early foundation of Imam Muhammad bin Saud University in Riyadh, where he continued his studies until obtaining a university degree. His Excellency has been a member of Saudi Arabia's Council of Senior Scholars since its foundation, having also served as a Deputy General for the Grand Mufti of Saudi Arabia, H.E. Sheikh Abdul Aziz bin Baz, may Allah shower him with mercy, a judge of cassation in the Court of Cassation in Makkah Al Mukarramah, President of the Court of Cassation. His Excellency has served as head of various Sharia boards and councils for Islamic financial institutions in Saudi Arabia,

Bahrain, and UAE. His Excellency is the author of several works, including: paper money: its history – rulings, and truth, my conversations on the radio, Compilation of Research and Fatwas (4 volumes), Research on Islamic economics, A Treatise on Zakat of Trade Offers, a Window on Society (3 volumes), A Dialogue with Socialists in light Sharia, an opinion on the permissibility of the sacrifice of tamattu' before the day of sacrifice, Insurance and its Sharia Ruling. As a member of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, H.E. Sheikh Abdullah bin Suleiman Al-Manea has represented the Muslim World League and has accompanied IIFA's journey from its foundation until today, having participated as a researcher, commentator, and speaker in its various sessions and seminars.

His Excellency Prof Abd al-Wahab Abu Sulaiman

Born and raised in Makkah in 1356H, corresponding to 1937G. H.E. Prof. Abdel Wahab Ibrahim Muhammad Abu Suleiman received his general education in Makkah, studied under scholars of Al-Masjid Al-Haram, and obtained a bachelor's degree at the Faculty of Sharia in Makkah, in 1377/1958, then earned a PhD from London University in 1390/1970, in addition to diploma in law from London College of Legal Studies. His Excellency has served in various positions, as Dean of the College of Sharia at Umm Al-Qura University, a member of the Council of Senior Scholars, and a visiting professor in a number of universities in Saudi Arabia, America, Malaysia, UAE, and the Islamic Republic of Iran. He also participated in numerous scientific conferences and supervised several master's and doctoral dissertations. His Excellency is the author



of several publications, including Imam Al-Shaafi's Approach to Fiqh and Usul, Research Methodology in Fiqh: its Characteristics and Shortcomings, Usuli Fiqh: A Critical Analytical Study, the Taxonomy of Fiqh Themes and their Contexts within the Four Schools of Law. His Excellency is the recipient of several awards and medals from universities, scientific institutions, and literary clubs, most notably Prince Nayef International Prize for the Prophet's Sunnah, and King Faisal International Prize for Islamic Studies. As a member of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, H.E. Prof Abd al-Wahab Abu Sulaiman has represented the Council of Senior Scholars, and has participated as a researcher, commentator, and speaker in its various sessions and seminars.

His Eminence Dr. Nazih Hammad

Born in 1946 in Nablus, Palestine, H.E. Dr. Nazih Hammad obtained a bachelor's degree in Sharia from Damascus University in 1967, a master's degree from Baghdad University in 1970, and a Ph.D. with first honors from Cairo University's Faculty of Dar Al Uloom, in 1973, the field of Contracts and Financial Transactions in Comparative Islamic Jurisprudence, entitled "Rulings of Qabd (Taking Possession) in Contracts in Islamic Jurisprudence." His Eminence held served in significant positions, as a professor of Islamic jurisprudence and its fundamentals at the College of Sharia for seventeen years, chairman of the Sharia Supervisory Board of Minhaj Consulting Company in Islamic Finance in Dubai, Chairman of Sharia Board of Citi Islamic Investment Bank in Bahrain, Chairman of Sharia Board of the Fund Islamic Investment Limited, Chairman of Shariah Board of the Takaful Company in Dubai. His

Eminence has also served as a member in Oasis Islamic Trust in UK, Al Fanar Holding Company in Britain, and the Islamic Leasing Fund in Australia and New Zealand. His Eminence authored several books, including Perspectives of Fiqh in the Development of Islamic Banking, Compensation for Commitment in Islamic Jurisprudence, How to Determine Wages and its Applications in Contemporary Labor and Leasing Contracts, Contemporary Fiqh Issues in Finance and Economy, Taking Possession in Contracts in Islamic Jurisprudence (Dar Al Bayan Library PhD thesis), and a Glossary of Financial and Economic Terminology According to the Language of Islamic Jurists. As a member of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, H.E. Dr. Nazih Hammad has represented the Islamic community in Canada, and has participated as a researcher, commentator, and speaker in its various sessions and seminars.



His Eminence Dr. Muhammad Al-Bashari

Born in 1967 in Oujda, Kingdom of Morocco, H.E. Dr. Muhammad al-Bashari received his basic education in Morocco and obtained a doctorate in computer science from the University of Paris. His Eminence has served in several positions, as Secretary General of the World Council of Muslim Communities in UAE since its foundation, Dean of the Ibn Sina Institute for Human Sciences in Lille, France, Secretary General of the European Islamic Conference, President of the General Federation of Muslims in France, Vice-President of the French Council of the Muslim Faith, Vice-President of the Awqaf Foundation for Islamic Actions in France, Vice-President of the Association of Islamic Universities in Egypt. His Eminence has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the Forum for Promoting Peace in Muslim Societies, the Royal Aal al-Bayt Institute for Islamic Thought in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the Supreme Council of the Secretariat General for World's Ifta Councils and Bodies (Egypt), the Advisory Board of the King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz International Center for Dialogue between Followers of Religions and cultures (Austria), the European Council of Religious



Leaders (Norway), the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs, the Supreme Council for Islamic Culture in the West (ISESCO, Morocco), the Global Dialogue Forum (Jeddah, Saudi Arabia). His Eminence has also been contributor to the Emirati newspaper Al Ittihad and served as a former advisor on Islamic issues and European-Arab relations in the European Parliament, as well as a former advisor on European-Arab relations in the Arab League Parliament. His Eminence is the recipient of several awards such as Jordan's King Abdullah II Medal for Excellence and Egypt's Medal for Sciences and Arts. His Eminence authored several research and works, including *Islam, Western Media and the Challenges of Post-9/11* (2004 - Dar al-Fikr), *The Islamic world and the Challenges of 9/11 - Reality and Aspirations* (2006 - Dar al-Fikr), and *The Question of Tolerance: An Introduction to a Civilized Human Pattern* - 2020. As a member of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, H.E. Dr. Muhammad Al-Bashari has represented the Islamic community in France, and has participated as a researcher, commentator, and speaker in its various sessions and seminars.

His Eminence Prof. Mortada Badr

Born in 1968 in Turkey, H.E. Prof. Mortada Badr obtained a bachelor's degree in 1992 from the Faculty of Theology at Marmara University, a master's degree in 1995 in law from the University of London, and a doctorate in 1999 at the Faculty of Arts from the University of Manchester, with a thesis entitled "The Emergence of Fundamentals of Hanafi Jurisprudence (Legal Affairs)". His Eminence has served in important positions, as Dean of the Faculty of Theology at Istanbul University, Professor of Jurisprudence at Istanbul University, Assistant Professor and

Associate Professor at Sakarya University, a visiting researcher at Harvard Law School, and currently a professor at the Faculty of Theology at Istanbul University. He is a member of the Supreme Council of Turkish Religious Affairs, has supervised several PhD dissertations and participated on the management committees of international and local conferences. As a member of the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, H.E. Prof. Mortada Badr has represented the Republic of Turkey since March 22, 2015.



His Eminence Dr. Abdul Rahim Adam Suleiman



Born in 1968 in Sudan, H.E. Dr. Abd al-Rahim Adam Suleiman obtained his bachelor's in 1993 in Sharia law from Omdurman Islamic University in Sudan, a master's degree in 1997 from the same university, and a doctorate in 2009 in the principles of jurisprudence, respectively. His Eminence served in several positions, as President of the Sudanese Islamic Fiqh Academy, Dean of the Faculty of Islamic Studies in Khartoum, Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Law and at the Faculty of Islamic Studies at the University of Rabat, a lecturer at the Faculty of Islamic Studies in Khartoum, Head of the Department of Fundamentals of Jurisprudence, at the University of Rabat. His Eminence also worked as a lawyer in the Sudanese courts, and is member of Sudan's Supreme Hajj Council,

a member of the subcommittees for peace negotiations, of the preliminary workshop to discuss the state-religion relation, a member of the Supreme Awqaf Council, and a member of the preparatory committee for the first insurance conference. His Eminence participated in several international and local conferences, and published several research papers, such as the application of Sharia rulings on non-Muslims in Sudan, Sharia ruling according to Usuli Jurists, Inheritance and Sharia in light of ECOWASA Accord, Customary Marriage and its Ruling, among others. As a member of the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, H.E. Dr. Abdul Rahim Adam Suleiman has represented the Republic of Sudan since December 24, 2020.

His Excellency Dr. Muhammad Ahmad Muslim Al-Khalayla



Born in 1967 in the city of Zarqa in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, H.E. Dr. Muhammad Ahmad Muslim Al-Khalayla received a bachelor's in 1995 from Yarmouk University, a master's in 2001 from the University of Jordan, and a doctorate in 2009 from the International University of Islamic Sciences, specializing in Jurisprudence and its Fundamentals, respectively. His Excellency has served in several duties, such as Minister of Awqaf, Islamic Affairs and Holy Sites of Jordan since 2019, Grand Mufti of Jordan (2017-2019), Chairman of the Ifta Council, Mufti of the Jordanian capital (2008-2011). His Excellency was also a lecturer at Prince Hassan College of Islamic Sciences in Amman, at the International University of Islamic Sciences, and in the General Department of Ifta, editor-in-chief at the Ifta Bulletin issued by the Public Ifta Department, and Chairman of the Holy Qur'an Committee in the Jordanian Ministry of Awqaf. His Excellency also served as a member of the Jordanian

Ifta Council, Research and Islamic Studies, a member of the Council of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs and Holy Sites in the Jordanian Ministry of Awqaf, a member of the Committee for the Reconstruction of Al-Aqsa Mosque, a member of the Jordanian Ministry of Education's Education Council Committee and Curriculum Committee, Chairman of the Sharia Audit Committee in the Directorate of Orphans Fund Development/ Department of Judges, Member of the Board of Directors of the Zakat Fund at the Jordanian Ministry of Awqaf. His Excellency is the recipient of Jordan's King Abdullah II Medal for Excellence, in recognition of his outstanding contributions in the field of ifta and his efforts to highlight the true face of Islam and its values. As a member of the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, His Excellency Dr. Muhammad Ahmad Muslim Al-Khalayla has represented the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan since 2020.

His Eminence Dr. Suwaid Jumua Miyanga

Born in 1966 in the Republic of Uganda, H.E. Dr. Suwaid Jumua Miyanga obtained a bachelor's degree in Sharia from the Islamic University of Madinah, Saudi Arabia in 1990, and obtained a master's degree in 1996, and a doctorate in the principles of jurisprudence in 2000, respectively. His Eminence also obtained a Higher Diploma in Education from the Islamic University of Uganda in 2003, and a Diploma in Law from the Institute of Law in Kampala in 2008. His Eminence has served in several positions, as a lecturer at the Faculty of Arabic Language and Islamic Studies at the Islamic University in Uganda, dean of the same faculty, then as dean of the aforementioned faculty. His Eminence also served as dean of

the Faculty of Sharia and Law, and head of the Sharia Department at the University of Zanzibar in Tanzania. He is currently a professor at the Islamic University of Uganda, and Imam-Khatib at Makerere University Mosque in Kampala, Uganda. His Eminence participated in numerous seminars on international humanitarian law in the Islamic Republic of Iran, on terrorism in Africa in the Republic of Sudan, and participated in the creation of the Union of African Scholars in the Republic of Mali. As a member of the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, His Eminence Dr. Suwaid Jumua Miyanga has represented the Republic of Uganda since 2021.



His Eminence Dr. Kahlan Al Kharousi

Born in 1972 in the Sultanate of Oman, H.E. Dr. Kahlan bin Nabhan bin Abdul Rahman Al Kharusi obtained a bachelor's in Sharia Judiciary from the Institute of Sharia Judiciary, Preaching and Guidance in Muscat in 1995, and obtained a master's in Islamic Studies in 1999, and a PhD in Islamic Studies in 2003 from Oxford University, respectively. His Eminence has served in several positions, as a scientific researcher at the Ifta Bureau at the Ministry of Awqaf and Religious Affairs, a legal advisor at the Office of the General Mufti of Oman, an assistant to Oman's General Mufti, Chairman of the Supreme Authority for Sharia Supervision of Islamic Banks in the Sultanate of Oman, Chairman of the Committee for Editing and Publishing Manuscripts, Chairman of Sharia Committee for Awqaf Institutions, Vice Chairman of the



National Bioethics Committee, Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the College of Sharia, and a member of the Sharia Council of the Accounting and Auditing Organization for Islamic Financial Institutions (AAOIFI). Participated in many conferences and seminars inside and outside Oman. His Eminence authored several publications, including Muslims and the West, Contemporary Fiqh Issues, the Great Battle of Badr, Witness to History with Moments of Reflection, Family Violence, Consumer Protection as Guarantee and Protection for Man, and Maqalid al-Tanzil by Abi Nabhan Al Kharusi: Study and Analysis. As a member of the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, His Eminence Dr. Kahlan Al Kharousi has represented the Sultanate of Oman since 2021.

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Secretary General leads the Delegation of Muslim Scholars to visit Kabul



In implementation of the decision of the Ministerial Council of the Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) at its extraordinary session in Islamabad, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan last December, stipulated that the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) leads a delegation of the scholars of the Muslim Ummah to visit Afghanistan in order to discuss and dialogue with the current authority in Afghanistan about a number of issues and questions, such as the issue of women's education and work, tolerance and coexistence, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha

Sano, Secretary General of the Academy and the delegation of Muslim scholars, arrived on Monday, 21 Dhu al-Qi'dah 1443H corresponding to 20 June 2022G, to the Afghan capital, Kabul. The delegation participating in this first visit of its kind consists of His Eminence Prof. Qibla Ayaz, from the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Her Eminence Prof. Dr. Amani Lopes, from the Republic of Indonesia, His Eminence Imam Al-Daraqutni, from the Republic of Indonesia, His Eminence Mr. Zulfik Mustafa, from the Republic of Indonesia, His Eminence Dr. Mohammed Younis Al-Zoubi, from the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, His Eminence Dr. Omar Abdel Hamid Al-Taboush, from the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, His Eminence Dr. Tahir Toral, from the Republic of Turkey and His Eminence Mr. Abdul Jalil Al-Bakiri, from the Republic of Turkey. The delegation is also accompanied by the Ambassador Tariq Bakheet, Assistant Secretary General for Humanitarian, Cultural and Social Affairs of the OIC, Dr. Faisal Sharabi, General director of Administrative and financial Affairs,

OIC, M. Amjad Ibrahim, Head of Protocol Division, IIFA and Dr. Yasmi Adriansyah Yunus, Assistant to the OIC Special Envoy for Afghanistan. The delegation was received upon its arrival in Kabul by the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice, the representatives of the Minister of Foreign Affairs. HE Prof. Sano thanked the current authority for the warm reception, stressing his aspiration for fruitful meetings with scholars and senior officials from the current authority in Afghanistan in order to clarify the provisions of Shariah about issues related to tolerance, girl's education and women's work.



Delegation of Muslim Scholars meets with the Ambassadors of the OIC in Kabul

The delegation of the Ummah's scholars visiting Afghanistan held on Monday 21 Dhu al-Qi'dah 1443H, corresponding to 20 June 2022G, a consultative meeting with their Excellencies, ambassadors and representatives of the member states of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) accredited to Afghanistan, upon its arrival in Kabul. H.E. Ambassador Tariq Bakheet, Assistant Secretary General of the OIC for Humanitarian, Cultural and Social Affairs and the Special Envoy of the OIC to Afghanistan, began the meeting by thanking the ambassadors and representatives of diplomatic missions for accepting the OIC's invitation to meet with the delegation of the Ummah's scholars who had just arrived in Kabul Under the leadership of His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, in implementation of the decision



of the Ministerial Council of Foreign Ministers of the Member States of the OIC in its extraordinary session in Islamabad last December. Then His Excellency the Secretary General of the Academy, head of the delegation, spoke about the importance of this visit, which is the first of its kind for Muslim scholars since the current authority assumed the reins of government in Afghanistan. He thanked the ambassadors and

representatives of diplomatic representations for attending this meeting, which aims to inform them about the mission of the delegation, and the message that it would like to convey to the current authority, noting in the meantime that the delegation looks forward to hearing their suggestions and ideas in order to enable them to achieve the desired goals of the visit. Subsequently, each of the ambassadors and representatives presented their views and suggestions to the delegation, wishing it success in its mission. The meeting was attended by ambassadors and representatives of the Republic of Indonesia, the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Turkish Republic, the Islamic Republic of Iran, and the Director of the OIC's office in Kabul, Dr. Muhammad Saeed Al Ayyash.

Delegation of Muslim Scholars meets with UN Agencies in Kabul



The delegation of Muslim scholars visiting Afghanistan, met on Monday 21 Dhu al-Qi'dah 1443H corresponding to 20 June 2022G, with representatives of the various agencies of the United Nations working in Afghanistan in Kabul. The Ambassador Tariq Ali Bakheet, the Assistant Secretary General of the OIC, and the Special Envoy of the OIC to Afghanistan, thanked them for their keenness to cooperate and coordinate with the OIC in order to provide the support and assistance that the Afghan people need at this stage, especially in the relief and humanitarian fields. Then HE Prof Dr. Koutoub Moustapha Sano,

Secretary General of the Academy and head of the delegation, thanked representatives of various UN agencies for their commendable efforts in helping the Afghan people and supporting development and relief projects. He also assured them of the delegation's readiness to cooperate and coordinate in whatever they needed. Then he presented to the attendees a brief overview of the Academy as the supreme jurisprudential reference for the Muslim Ummah inside and outside the Muslim world, pointing out that the visit of the scholars to Afghanistan is one of the main activities and tasks carried out by the Academy which aims at enlightening and clarifying of the provisions of Shariah and the teachings of Islam. Accordingly "The scholars are looking forward to meeting with the distinguished scholars and the officials from the current authority in order to discuss with them a number of issues and questions of concern to Muslims in Afghanistan, especially the issue of tolerance and harmony between followers of religions and sects, the issue

of women's education, and the participation of Afghan women in the efforts of nation building. We hope that the delegation's meetings will contribute to achieving more progress, stability, security and safety for the Afghan people." Then the representatives of the agencies talked about the activities of their agencies, and their aspiration to cooperate and coordinate with the OIC. Subsequently, each of the representatives presented their views and suggestions to the delegation, wishing it success in its mission.



Afghan Minister of Justice receives the Delegation of Muslim Scholars in Kabul



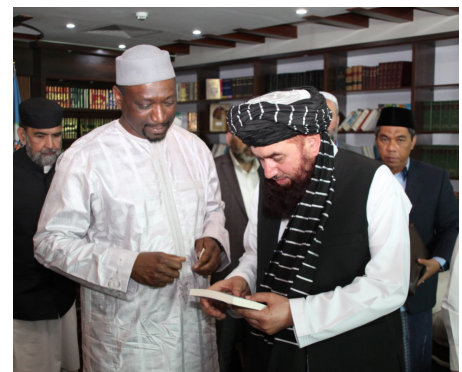
H.E. Mullah Abdul Hakim Shari'i, Acting Minister of Justice in the current authority in Afghanistan, received on Tuesday 21 Dhu al-Qi'dah 1443H corresponding to 22 June 2022G, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, and the accompanying delegation of Muslim scholars at the Ministry of Justice in Kabul, Afghanistan. He welcomed the delegation and thanked them for visiting Afghanistan at this difficult stage that the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan is going through. For his part, His Excellency the Secretary General, head of the delegation, thanked the current authority in Afghanistan for the warm welcome, and the minister for meeting the delegation at the beginning of its visit to Afghanistan. He presented an introductory overview of the Academy as the supreme jurisprudential reference for the Muslim Ummah inside and outside the Muslim world. Then he stressed that the objectives of the visit of the delegation of Muslim scholars, were to discuss with the scholars and officials of Afghanistan a number of issues of concern to the Afghan people, especially the issue of tolerance and harmony among followers of religions and the issue of women's education and work. In this regard, he spoke about the importance of spreading the culture of moderation, tolerance and coexistence in Islam, citing a number of the verses of the Noble Qur'an and the authentic Sunnah of the Prophet, that "forbid compulsion in religion, such as ((Let there be no compulsion in religion)). Consequently these verses establish coexistence and tolerance. In other words, extremism and terrorism are all crimes committed in the name of Islam, and Islam is innocent from it." Also he clarified that "education in Islam is considered a sacred and fixed right over which there is no dispute. It is also a great obligation for every Muslim in society, and it is not permissible to differentiate between a man and a woman, because the Quranic and hadith texts on this topic ordering to seek knowledge never differentiated between man and woman, nor between young and old, but rather made it obligatory for everyone to request it. Further the verse "read" is an order for the Noble Prophet, upon whom be the best prayer and peace, to read which is the request for knowledge, and this matter is an order for his

entire Ummah. Also the hadith which states that: {seeking knowledge is an obligation for every Muslim, male and female} is a clear text that seeking knowledge is obligatory for both sexes without distinction." He added that educating women is one of the most emphatic duties and the greatest of offerings that ensures the education of generations, because woman is the most influential school that should be prepared in an integrated manner, which requires concerted efforts and harnessing all capabilities in order to ensure her education in all modern educational stages and in all areas that society needs such as medicine, nursing, economics, architecture, engineering, literature, language and others. As for women's work, he explained that "work is an obligation and a duty for both sexes as evidenced by the texts of the Noble Qur'an, the honorable Sunnah of the Prophet, and the consensus of the Ummah. During the prophetic era women were allowed to do all the jobs that men used to do, such as trade, dyeing, weaving, teaching, and nursing, etc. Moreover work is



considered as an act of worship for both sexes, such as prayer, zakat, fasting, Hajj and others, and Islam never differentiated between a male and a female, or a man and a woman in performing the above-mentioned duties and obligations, likewise, it never differentiated between the sexes in the obligation to work, and therefore, preventing one of them, male or female, from carrying out this great duty contradicts the teachings of the religion that commanded it to them." Certainly, woman's work is in fact a matter of consensus among the scholars of the Ummah, and it is not permissible to leave this clear Shariah duty for considerations that contradict what is

indicated by the texts of the Qur'an, Sunnah and consensus. He clarified that "women's work is not in any way considered to be displaying, rather the forbidden displaying is the displaying of the pre-Islamic era in which women do not adhere to the Islamic veil. Also a woman's work is in no way considered a violation of the order to stay home that was mentioned in Surat Al-Ahzab ((Settle in your homes, and do not display yourselves as women did in the days of pre-Islamic ignorance)), because the command to stay home in this verse is specific to the Prophet's wives, peace and blessings be upon him, because, as the verse stipulates, they are not like any of the women, and therefore, they are commanded to wear two types of hijab, and they are: the hijab of persons, the hijab of the body, and according to the veil of persons, they are obliged to stay indoors and do not go out except for necessity, and according to the veil of the body, they must adhere to the well-known Shariah veil when they go out of necessity. As for the rest of the Muslim women, it is agreed upon that they are not concerned with the hijab of persons that necessitates staying in the homes, but with hijab of the body, which requires adherence to the Shariah rules of dress, which is the well-known Islamic veil." Accordingly, the delegation called on the current authority to do everything in its power to enable Afghan girls to quickly return to schools and to allow Afghan women to work and participate in the efforts of renaissance of new Afghanistan. HE the Minister reassured the delegation of conveying the scholars' appeal to the concerned authorities.



Afghan Minister of Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice meets with the Delegation of Muslim scholars in Kabul

His Excellency Sheikh Muhammad Khalid Hanafi, Acting Minister of Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice in the current authority in Afghanistan, met with a delegation of Muslim scholars visiting Kabul headed by Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, at the headquarters of the Ministry in Kabul, Afghanistan, on Tuesday 22 Dhul Qi'dah 1443H corresponding to 21 June 2022G. HE the Minister thanked the delegation for visiting Afghanistan, noting that his ministry is working hard to enable the Afghan people to adhere to the teachings of Islam and Afghan traditions in all areas of life. For his part, HE the Secretary General thanked the ruling authority in Afghanistan for the warm reception and hospitality. Then he presented an introductory overview of the Academy and explained that the visit of the delegation of Muslim scholars comes in implementation of the decision of the Ministerial Council of Foreign Ministers of the Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), which recommended that the Academy to discuss and engage with the current authority, scholars and officials, on a number of issues and topics of concern to the Afghan people, foremost of which is the issue of tolerance, coexistence and harmony among followers of religions, the issue of women's education and work.



In order to achieve this, he spoke about the importance of adhering to the approach of moderation, and spreading the culture of tolerance and coexistence in Afghan society, in compliance with what was decided by the texts of the Qur'an, Sunnah and consensus of forbidding compulsion in religion. He also spoke about the importance of educating both sexes, male and female, and not to differentiate between them, in compliance with the consensus of the Ummah that seeking knowledge is an obligation for every Muslim, and that knowledge is an act of worship in which it is not permissible to differentiate between males and females. He also spoke about the importance of the participation of both sexes in the efforts to build the state of Afghanistan by enabling men and women to work in all areas of life that each one of them is good thus work is considered in Islam as an act of worship like knowledge and one

of the pillars of Islam, faith, and virtues mentioned in the Holy Qur'an, the honorable Sunnah. He concluded by expressing the aspiration of the delegation of scholars for the ministry, through its agencies and in cooperation with all state agencies, to enhance awareness of these topics and the aforementioned issues, in accordance with the Shariah regulations decided by the rulers in every era and state to safeguard religion and rule the country. In response to the delegation, HE the Minister thanked the delegation for the advice and of the reminder to the current authority of its responsibility before God and the Afghan people. He also promised the delegation that he would convey sincerely and honestly the suggestions and opinions presented by the scholars, calling the delegation to future visits to Afghanistan whenever the opportunity arose.



Afghan Minister of Interior welcomes the Delegation of Muslim Scholars in Kabul



His Excellency Mullah Sirajuddin Haqqani, Acting Minister of Interior of the ruling authority in Afghanistan, welcomed the delegation of Muslim scholars visiting Kabul, led by His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), on Wednesday 22 Dhu al-Qi'dah 1443H corresponding to 23 June 2022G at the headquarters of the Ministry of Interior in the Afghan capital, Kabul. His Excellency the Minister warmly welcomed the delegation and thanked them for visiting Afghanistan. He also thanked the Ummah's scholars for their concern for the future of the Afghan people, stressing that this visit is the first visit of a large delegation at a high level to the Islamic Emirate since its arrival to power, noting in this regard the emirate's aspiration to call upon Muslim countries to recognize the ruling authority in Afghanistan as the only legitimate

authority representing the Afghan people. For his part, the Secretary General, head of the delegation, began his speech on behalf of the delegation by expressing the delegation's great pleasure and great appreciation for the generous hospitality and warm welcome, thanking him for the efforts exerted by his ministry in ensuring security and safety throughout Afghanistan, praising what has been achieved in this regard recently. Then His Excellency spoke about the Academy as the supreme jurisprudential reference for the Muslim Ummah in everything related to clarifying the Shariah rulings in calamities and issues of concern to Muslims everywhere, pointing out that it is the largest scientific institution for collective ijtihad in the present era, which makes its resolutions and recommendations acceptable to the Ummah. He explained that the visit of the delegation of Muslim scholars to Afghanistan, led by the Academy, came in implementation of the decision recommended by the Ministerial Council of Foreign Ministers of the Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), with the aim of discussing with the scholars of Afghanistan and Afghan officials on a number of issues and topics of concern to the Afghan people, especially the issue of tolerance, coexistence and harmony between followers of religions and sects, the issue of extremism and terrorism, and the issue of women's education and work. The delegation of scholars then exchanged with

His Excellency on the aforementioned topics in a friendly and frank manner, as well as on how to translate the proposals made by the delegation into a tangible and permanent reality, especially with regard to the empowerment of both sexes in education at all educational levels, and ensuring the participation of Afghan women in building and progressing efforts in accordance with the Shariah regulations, as well as working to spread the culture of moderation, tolerance, coexistence and harmony among the components of the Afghan people, with their races, sects and ethnicities. His Excellency the Minister concluded the meeting by renewing his thanks and appreciation to the delegation, promising that the Islamic Emirate will spare no effort in achieving security, safety, stability and prosperity for all members of the Afghan people without discrimination. He hoped that the delegation's visits to Afghanistan would be repeated in the future.



Delegation of Muslim Scholars talk with Afghan Scholars in Kabul



The delegation of Muslim scholars headed by His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), held, on Wednesday 23 Dhul Al-Qi'dah 1443H corresponding to 22 June 2022G, a consultative meeting with influential Afghan scholars at the headquarters of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Kabul. His Excellency Maulvi Muttaqi Amir Khan, Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs welcomed the delegation of Muslim scholars and the Special Envoy of the OIC to Afghanistan, and the Director General of the OIC's Office in Kabul and thanked them for the visit, noting that this delegation is the largest delegation to visit Kabul after the Taliban came to power ten months ago. This visit is also a confirmation of the great interest of the OIC member states in the Afghan issue. He then "made it clear that the current authority needs some time to enhance security and stability throughout the country, and to meet the necessary needs of the Afghan people in terms of food, medicine, infrastructure etc".. Therefore, he appeals to the honorable scholars "to mediate with their countries in order to speed up the recognition of the ruling authority in Afghanistan as the only legitimate authority representing the Afghan people, and as the only authority that controls the entire Afghan territory without exception, as all the country's governorates (35 in total), are today under the authority of the Islamic Emirate". He also appeals to the scholars "to mediate with their countries in order to release Afghanistan's assets illegally held by some countries". In response to this, HE Prof. Sano, head of the delegation, thanked the current authority for the hospitality and warm welcome. He expressed the great gratitude of the Academy for the reverence and respect the current authority grants for scholars in confirmation of the known Afghan traditions of glorifying science and scholars, and revering saints and elders. Then he gave an introductory overview of the Academy, stressing that "this delegation represents the Ummah's trusted scholars in the member states of the OIC, and they carry with them a message of affection, and respect for the eminent scholars of Afghanistan, and their visit to Afghanistan comes within the framework of their fulfillment of their duty to clarify matters, and to give advice to the Muslim Rulers and common Muslims in compliance with his saying of the Prophet, may God's prayers and peace be upon him and his family: {Religion is advice, we said to whom? He said: to God, his Prophet, his book, to Muslim rulers, and common Muslims}. Their advice to their honorable fellow scholars revolves around

a number of issues that have recently raised questions and inquiries that deserve dialogue such as the issue of girls' education, the issue of women's work, and the issue of tolerance and coexistence." As for the girls' education, he said: "There is a consensus among the scholars of the Ummah that seeking knowledge is obligatory for both sexes, male and female, and there is equally a consensus that seeking knowledge is one of the most emphatic duties. The evidence for this obligation is contained in the folds of many Shariah texts in the Holy Quran and the honorable Sunnah that never differentiated between the sexes, and forbid scholars to differentiate between them as our distinguished scholars in Afghanistan know that. Accordingly, the delegation of scholars came to dialogue with their brothers on how to implement this clear divine command, especially with regard to educating Afghan girls, by removing all the obstacles that prevent this, in order to avoid falling into the forbidden of non-compliance with the command of God, which seek knowledge is compulsory upon every Muslim." As for the issue of Afghan women's work, he addressed the Afghan scholars saying, "You, our sheikhs and professors, know very well that working in our religion is a duty that God has enjoined upon every capable and adult person, where they are rewarded for their action and punishment for leaving it without excuse. There is no difference between it and other imposed Shariah duties such as prayer, zakat, fasting, pilgrimage etc.. just as there is no difference in its obligation between a man and a woman as stipulated by numerous texts from the Noble Qur'an, the honorable Sunnah, and the consensus of the Ummah, as the Almighty says: ((Tell them, O Prophet, Do as you will. Your deeds will be observed by Allah, His Messenger, and the believers)) and his saying ((Whoever does good, whether male or female, and is a believer, we will surely bless them with a good life, and We will certainly reward them according to the best of their deeds)) and others. Therefore, the scholars of the Ummah are looking forward to seeing the scholars of Afghanistan playing their aspired role in correcting misconceptions on this subject, especially those that contradict the texts and do not distinguish between the texts specific to Prophet's wives and the general texts that stipulate the obligation to work on both sexes. The Ummah's scholars hope from the scholars of Afghanistan to continue their efforts in promoting awareness of the importance of the participation of men and women in the efforts of construction, progress and development in the Islamic Emirate in compliance with the command of God Almighty". As for the issue of tolerance

and harmony among the components of the Afghan people, he explained by saying, "You, our great scholars, agree with me that this is an eternal Islamic principle, and a prophetic approach to governance, and therefore the commitment of the Islamic Emirate to this approach will achieve stability and broad participation of all segments of Afghan society in nation building, and your outstanding efforts in supporting this trend with the ruling authority are much appreciated". He concluded by renewing his thanks to the scholars for listening attentively to his advice, and to the advice given by each member of the delegation. Then His Eminence Sheikh Maulvi Muhammad Ismail, the chief of the influential scholars of Afghanistan, who in turn welcomed the delegation of Muslim scholars, thanking them for visiting Afghanistan after the Afghan people regained their independence after four decades of wars that destroyed everything. He then gave a focused overview of what the Afghan people were subjected to during four decades of humiliation that impoverished the people, widowed women, orphaned children, and impacted Afghan traditions and customs, noting that "the Islamic Emirate needs considerable time to repair what was spoiled by years of wars and foreign occupation, the distinguished scholars of Muslim world should understand these difficult conditions that the State is going through since God enabled it to extend its influence over all Afghan territories". He affirmed that the issues raised by the the delegation, especially girls' education, are considered by the Islamic Emirate as one of the most important priorities of the Emirate, which fully believes in the right of both sexes to education as well as in their right to work. However, there are obstacles and difficult conditions that impede the return of some girls to school. Once these obstacles are removed, they will be allowed to return to school. As for the issue of tolerance and coexistence between followers of religions and sects, he explained that the Emirat Islam guarantees minorities the right to practice their faith freely and respectfully, and that it included in its ministries and agencies representatives of different races and ethnicities to confirm its tolerance and acceptance of coexistence. He concluded by inviting a number of Afghan scholars to comment on what their fellow scholars said. Then, HE the Minister of Foreign Affairs concluded the meeting by inviting the delegation of scholars to visit Afghanistan whenever circumstances allowed them to do so, stressing that the Emirate benefited from the good advice given by the delegation of the Ummah's scholars.

Afghan Deputy Prime Minister for Political Affairs welcomes the delegation of Muslim scholars in Kabul



His Excellency Maulvi Abdul Kabir, Deputy Prime Minister for Political Affairs of the ruling authority in Afghanistan, welcomed the delegation of Muslim scholars visiting Kabul headed by His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), on Thursday 24 Dhu al-Qi'dah 1443H corresponding to 23 June 2022G, at the Prime Ministry headquarters in the Afghan capital, Kabul. His Excellency began his speech by welcoming the delegation of Muslim scholars and thanking them for coming to Kabul to check on the Afghan people, and to meet their counterparts from prominent Afghan scholars and officials in the Afghan government, hoping that this visit would be followed by other visits of scholars and officials from Muslim countries. His Excellency then spoke about the Islamic Emirate's aspiration to support Muslim peoples through its scholars, especially mediating with the leaders of the Muslim world in order to speed up the recognition of the ruling authority in Afghanistan, and to provide all kinds of aid that the Afghan people need after four decades of wars and turmoil.

For his part, His Excellency the Secretary General, head of the delegation, expressed the delegation's thanks to His Excellency for giving them the opportunity to meet him despite his many preoccupations. He also expressed the delegation's gratitude to the ruling authority for the great welcome, good reception, and generous hospitality, praising the historic meeting the day before, which for the first time brought together a delegation of Muslim scholars and prominent Afghan scholars. His Excellency then explained that "the visit of the delegation of Muslim scholars to Afghanistan, led by the Academy, comes in implementation of the decision of the Ministerial Council of Foreign Ministers of the Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), with the aim of discussing and engaging with Afghan scholars on a number of issues and topics about which questions and inquiries were raised from the international community, especially the issue of the education of girls, the issue of tolerance and coexistence in Afghan society, and the issue of women's work and their participation in the efforts to build Afghanistan. It is known that our religion has clearly articulated its ruling on these issues, as it made seeking knowledge a duty for every Muslim man and woman, as it required work on every adult person male or female and made tolerance and coexistence a means to achieve the goal of acquaintance, synergy, cooperation and solidarity. Therefore, the delegation of scholars came in order to carry out the duty of advice, and to remind of the importance of dealing with

the mentioned issues and questions in accordance with what the noble Shariah commands." Then each member of the delegation expressed their suggestions aimed at removing all difficulties and obstacles that prevent girls from continuing their education at the intermediate and secondary levels. They also talked about the importance of enabling Afghan women to participate effectively in building society in accordance with the Shariah regulations established by the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, and the importance of promoting moderation, spreading a culture of , tolerance and coexistence, and strengthening relations of cooperation and coordination with neighboring countries in order to achieve security, stability and prosperity for the Afghan people. At the end of the meeting, His Excellency the Deputy Prime Minister renewed his heartfelt thanks and great appreciation to the delegation, promising that the Islamic Emirate is moving forward in establishing security, stability and achieving prosperity for all the Afghan people without distinction or discrimination.



Afghan Minister of Minerals meets the Delegation of Muslim Scholars in Kabul

His Excellency Sheikh Maulvi Shihab-al-Din Dilawar, Acting Minister of Minerals and Energy, met on Thursday 24 Dhu al-Qi'dah 1443H corresponding to 23 June 2022G, with the delegation of Muslim scholars visiting Kabul, at the headquarters of the Ministry of Minerals in Kabul. HE the Minister thanked the delegation for the visit, stressing that this visit is a sincere expression of the great attention that the Afghan issue receives from the Ummah's scholars and thinkers. He also expressed his hope that this visit will be followed by other visits in order to strengthen the relations of affection and brotherhood between the Afghan people and the scholars of the Ummah. For his part, His Excellency Prof. Dr. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, the Secretary General of the Academy and head of the delegation, expressed the delegation's thanks for the generous hospitality, praising the good efforts made by the current authority in maintaining the security and rule of law after many years of war and turmoil. Then he spoke about the position of the Academy in the Muslim world as the supreme jurisprudential reference for the Ummah that clarifies the Shariah rulings in issues of concern to Muslims in the world. He stressed that "the visit of the delegation to Afghanistan aims to dialogue with Afghan scholars and officials on a number of issues of concern to the Afghan people, on top of which are the issues of tolerance, girl's education, and women's work. He indicated that the delegation's visit to the Ministry of Minerals and Energy aims to talk with His Excellency not as Minister of Minerals and



Energy, but as one of the prominent and well-established scholars of Afghanistan with extensive experience and deep knowledge of the Holy Quran, the Noble Sunnah and Islamic heritage". He added: "The Ummah's scholars are fully confident that His Excellency and the scholars of Afghanistan share the clear and forthright Shariah opinion that seeking knowledge (=learning and teaching) is an act of worship that is imposed on everyone, whether man or woman, and that the Qur'anic and hadith texts do not differentiate between the two. The scholars of the Ummah know very well that His Excellency and the eminent scholars of Afghanistan share the same opinion that work is also an act of worship that is imposed on both sexes, and they must comply with that divine command. Finally, Muslim scholars are fully aware of the commendable efforts that His Excellency and the scholars of Afghanistan are making to correct misconceptions about women's education and work, and about the necessity of tolerance. Based on this, the delegation would like to remind

about the importance of compliance with the directives commanded by our religion namely allowing both sexes/boys and girls access to education at all educational levels, and ensuring the participation of Afghan women in the efforts to nation building and progress, and continuing efforts of promoting moderation and tolerance and harmony among the components of the Afghan people of all races and ethnicities". Then he gave the floor for the delegation members to give each their opinion on the aforementioned topics. HE the Minister renewed his thanks and appreciation to the delegation, noting that the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan is committed to achieving all the suggestions, explaining that the approach of the Afghanistan's scholars in da'wah for the Afghan people was and will continue to be based on the three scientific foundations that were referred to in the Almighty's saying: ((Invite all to the Way of your Lord with wisdom and kind advice, and only debate with them in the best manner)). He concluded by inviting the scholars to revisit Afghanistan in the coming days.



Afghan Minister of Higher Education meets with the delegation of Muslim Scholars in Kabul

His Excellency Mullah Sheikh Abdul Baqi Bassir, Minister of Higher Education held, on Saturday 26 Dhu al-Qi'dah 1443H corresponding to 25 June 2022G, a meeting with the delegation of Muslim scholars visiting Kabul, headed by Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, at Kabul International Airport in Kabul. HE the Minister welcomed the delegation and thanked them for their visit, hoping that this visit would not be the last visit of the scholars and officials of the Ummah. Then, he touched on the efforts made and are still being made by the current authority in Afghanistan to enable all Afghans to receive education, noting in the meantime that universities are open to both sexes, and primary schools are also open to both sexes. As for the intermediate and secondary levels, they are still not open because of obstacles and difficulties that the authority looks forward to the cooperation and support of Muslim countries and the international community in order to remove them as soon as possible so that the girls of the two mentioned stages can resume their studies. He also affirmed that the Islamic Emirate fully believes that education is one of the basic rights of both sexes, and therefore it will do everything in its power to guarantee that right for all members of the Afghan society. He concluded by appealing to the delegation to mediate with their countries in order to provide moral support and material assistance which will help to upgrade



the infrastructure of educational institutions, and to lift restrictions on the movements of His Excellency, his deputy and some officials. For his part, His Excellency the Secretary General, head of the delegation, expressed the delegation's thanks to him for the opportunity of meeting with him despite his many preoccupations. He also expressed the delegation's gratitude to the ruling authority for the welcome and hospitality, praising the historic meeting that brought together the delegation and prominent Afghan scholars the other day. Then he clarified that the visit of the delegation to Afghanistan led by the Academy aims to discuss and engage with Afghan scholars and officials on a number of issues of concern to the Afghan people, especially the issue of girls' education and Afghan women's participation in nation building, and the issue of tolerance and coexistence among followers of religions and sects. He pointed out

that what the delegation heard from prominent Afghan scholars and senior officials on the subject of education in general and girls' education warmed their hearts and reassured them that the return of girls in the intermediate and secondary levels to their schools is only a matter of time, and will be achieved soon, after removing the difficulties and logistical obstacles that are considered the main reason for postponing the resumption of their studies. He noted that the delegation will convey with sincerity to the leaders of their countries the needs of the Afghan people and the current authority, and they will strive to meet those needs as soon as possible. At the end of the meeting, he renewed the delegation's invitation to visit Afghanistan again for consultation and dialogue on all issues and questions of concern to the Afghan people.



Delegation of Muslim Scholars meets with Afghan Women Scholars in Kabul



His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy and Head of the delegation of Muslim Scholars to Afghanistan, met with the eminent women scholars of Afghanistan, on Saturday, 26 of Dhu al-Qa'dah, 1443 AH, corresponding to 25 June, 2021 AD, at the delegation's residence in the capital, Kabul. At the beginning of the meeting, His Excellency welcomed the women scholars, and thanked them for their keenness to meet the delegation in order to discuss and exchange on various issues and issues related to Afghan women, especially girls' education, and allowing women to work and participate in the efforts of the country's reconstruction and advancement. He also thanked them for their great efforts in the field

of awareness, education and rehabilitation among Afghan women, stressing that the meetings that the delegation held with Afghan scholars and officials in the current authority were successful and reassuring, as there is a congruence between the views of the delegation and the views of scholars and officials, and the delegation did not find any opposition to the importance of girls' education and women's work. Accordingly, the problem is limited to the logistical capabilities that the authority promised to overcome them in due course in order to allow girls to return to school in the near future. As the women empowerment, the authority has begun to implement it gradually in different departments. His Excellency informed the women scholars that the delegation reminded

the distinguished scholars of Afghanistan and the honorable officials of the authority that seeking knowledge in Islam is obligatory for both sexes, as well as working for both sexes, therefore it is not permissible to prevent either sex from education or work as this is clearly stipulated in the texts of the Holy Quran, the honorable Sunnah and the consensus of the nation. His Excellency called on the female scholars to cooperate with the current authority in order to help Afghan girls and women. Then he asked Dr. Amani Lopes, member of the delegation of Muslim scholars, to address the women scholars on this occasion. Then the women scholars spoke one after another, expressing their thanks to the delegation, and pledged to continue cooperation and communication with the current authority in order to fasten the return of the girls to the schools and to enable women to work in the different departments of the Ministries within the Emirate. The meeting was attended by Dr. Muhammad Saeed Al Ayyash, Director of the OIC office in Kabul.



IIFA and the Islamic Cultural Center in London sign an MoU



Within the framework of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy's (IIFA) endeavor to build strategic partnership relations with scientific and research institutions and centers that work in the field of spreading the culture of moderation, tolerance, coexistence and harmony among followers of religions, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, and Dr. Ahmed Al-Dabyan, Director General of the London Central Mosque Trust and the Islamic Cultural Centre, signed, on Friday 18 Dhul-Qi'dah 1443H corresponding to 17 June 2022, a memorandum of cooperation between the two institutions, virtually via Zoom technology. This agreement aims to build a strategic partnership based on strengthening cooperation between the two institutions in order to promote moderation, spread the culture of tolerance and reject all forms of extremism, fanaticism, and terrorism, through coordinating efforts and organizing programs, seminars, conferences and activities aimed at achieving these goals. The aforementioned agreement also aims to enhance cooperation between the two institutions in relation to working together to enable Muslim communities in the United Kingdom to maintain their religious identity with strict adherence to the requirements of citizenship. After signing the memorandum, HE the Secretary

General of the Academy expressed his great pleasure in completing this important agreement for both parties, expressing his regret that he was unable to travel this time to London to sign this memorandum in person. He also expressed his confidence that "this memorandum will enable the two institutions to intensify work and coordinate efforts in order to immediately start implementing a number of provisions of the agreement, especially with regard to organizing specialized and focused scientific symposia on the current issues and problems of Muslim communities, foremost of which is the problem of the halal industry, coexistence, and the problem of intolerance, extremism, religious phobia, hate speech in all its forms and manifestations, and civil status issues in Britain and Europe in general". He added that "the Academy is very keen to play its full role in correcting the negative stereotype about Islam in the West on the one hand, and correcting misconceptions and practices that contradict the values, principles and teachings of Islam regarding the Muslim's relationship with the world around him on the other hand, noting in this context the necessity of spreading moderation and a culture of peace and tolerance, urging Muslim citizens in the United Kingdom to adhere to the requirements of citizenship and to abide by the laws of their country, as well as their full and effective participation in building their homelands, and contributing to their prosperity and stability." He concluded by expressing his admiration and appreciation for the distinguished and tangible achievements of the London Central Mosque Trust and the Islamic Cultural Centre under the wise leadership of the Director General, Dr. Ahmed Al-Dabyan, and all his colleagues, wishing them more success and affirming the Academy's

full readiness to provide the institution with full Fiqh and intellectual support so that it can carry out its tasks to the fullest and serve the Muslim community in the United Kingdom through the various services it provides to them. For his part, the Director General of the Centre expressed his sincere thanks and great appreciation to His Excellency the Secretary General for the keenness to complete this agreement between the two parties that serves Muslims in Muslim communities, praising the leading scientific position and the good international reputation enjoyed by the Academy worldwide. He also expressed his aspiration for a bright page of fruitful cooperation between the Centre and the Academy on all issues and topics of common interest, especially issues of concern to the Muslim community in the United Kingdom. He concluded by giving an official invitation to His Excellency, the Secretary General of the Academy, to visit the Centre's headquarters in London, in order to closely inspect the Centre's activities and promising programs, in addition to the great moral boost this visit will give to the Muslim community in the United Kingdom because of the international standing of His Excellency Professor Sano in Islamic circles all over the world.



IIFA and the East London Mosque discuss Ways of Bilateral Cooperation



His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, held a virtual meeting via Zoom technology with His Eminence Sheikh Muhammad Abdul Qayyum, the first imam of the famous East London Mosque in the United Kingdom, on Saturday 19 Dhul-Qi'dah 1443H corresponding to 18 June 2022G. He welcomed the first imam and his team and thanked the management of the East London Mosque for the kind invitation to visit the mosque in London and speak to the masses of Muslims in the British capital. He also expressed his willingness and honor to communicate with them on a number of issues and questions that concern the life of the Muslim community in the United Kingdom in general. He stressed that this meeting is a real beginning of stronger and sustainable relations of cooperation between the Mosque and the Academy on common topics and issues of concern to both parties. Then he shed light on the historical importance of the mosque, and its pivotal societal role,

noting that "the mosque's activity was not and should not be limited to performing prayers and delivering sermons only, but it should also include discussing economic and social issues, as it should be a place to raise awareness, enlightenment, education and rehabilitation, which requires that the sermons delivered should discuss the problems of society and provide solutions to them. It should also explain in detail the calamities and developments of interest to Muslims citizens and residents, in order to capacitate and enable them to actively participate in the process of building their countries and to contribute to their prosperity, growth and stability." He added that he is eagerly looking forward to visiting London soon to meet the Muslim communities and intellectual institutions. He also expressed his hope that the Academy and the Mosque would sign a memorandum of understanding in order to establish a long-term strategic relationship between the two parties. For his part, His Eminence the First Imam expressed his great pleasure and great appreciation to His Excellency the Secretary General for giving the representatives of the Mosque the opportunity to meet with him and discuss a number of issues and topics of concern to the Muslim community in the United Kingdom. He also added: "The mosque is very grateful for the intellectual and jurisprudential support provided by the Academy to religious and scientific institutions within the countries of Muslim communities, and that he

personally closely follows all the activities of the Academy with interest and passion, and regularly seeks to see the Academy's periodic publications and all its jurisprudential resolutions that he personally uses in many of the jurisprudential positions he held in the United Kingdom." He also welcomed the idea of concluding a memorandum of understanding and cooperation with the Academy, given the position of this prestigious international jurisprudence institution, as it represents the scholars of the Muslim Ummah inside and outside the Muslim world. He emphasized that the Academy, for example, could help unifying the Shariah councils in the United Kingdom in order to obtain unified positions on new issues related to the halal industry, and other thorny social and family issues. He concluded by expressing the mosque's aspiration to use the scientific capabilities of the scholars and experts of the Academy in order to achieve these noble goals and objectives



US Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism visits IIFA

His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), held a meeting with a high-level delegation from the United States of America headed by Ambassador Dr. Deborah Lipstadt, Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism on Thursday 01 Dhul Hijjah 1443H corresponding to 30 June 2022G at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. At the beginning of the meeting, the Ambassador expressed her great pleasure at visiting the Academy and thanked His Excellency for welcoming her and the accompanying delegation, stressing that this visit represents the first in a series of visits that she would like to make to the region, and it also comes as an affirmation of the great importance of this great Islamic edifice that strives to promote and disseminate the values of love, tolerance and coexistence. She praised the Academy's esteemed efforts in dismantling hate speech, violence, extremism, and hostility to religions and symbols, through its resolutions and recommendations, and through seminars and conferences it organizes from time to time. She also expressed her happiness with the Academy's desire to coordinate and work together to organize programs and activities aimed at combating hate



speeches and rejecting the other, and promoting violence, extremism and exclusioFor his part, His Excellency welcomed the Ambassador and the delegation accompanying her and thanked her for allocating time to visit the Academy and learn about the work and activities it is doing in the field of combating all forms of extremism, violence and abuse of religions and symbols, including anti-Semitism and religious phobia. His Excellency seized the opportunity to congratulate the Ambassador on her appointment as special envoy to combat anti-Semitism, wishing her success in her duties, stressing the Academy's full support for all efforts and activities aimed at promoting human brotherhood and human dignity, and rejecting violence, extremism and fanaticism. His Excellency explained that the Academy's position

as the supreme religious authority of the Muslim Ummah dictates on it to harness all its capabilities, abilities and experiences in supporting and promoting a culture of moderation and tolerance and building bridges of communication and understanding between people of different religions and beliefs. His Excellency concluded by expressing his aspiration for close cooperation and coordination between the Academy and the Ambassador's office to achieve the common goals. The meeting was attended by His Excellency Mr. Faris Asaad, Consul General and Special Envoy of the USA to the OIC, Mr. Ludovic Hood, Senior Adviser to the Special Envoy, Ms. Sarah Badewi, Director of Women and Family Affairs at the Academy, and Mr. Mourad TLiLi, Adviser to the Secretary General for media.



Secretary General participates in CIBAFI Symposium on the Women's Economics Empowerment



HE Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy delivered a keynote speech at the opening of the scientific virtual symposium organized by the General Council of Islamic Banks and Financial Institutions (CIBAFI) under the title "Women's Economic Empowerment: The Role of Islamic Financial Institutions in Bridging the Current Gaps", on Monday 21 Dhu al-Qi'dah 1443H, corresponding to 20 June 2022G. He began his speech with thanking the organizers of this event for choosing the topic of the symposium, which is one of the sensitive and important topics and issues in the Muslim world and in a large number of other countries, stressing that "the issue of women's active and comprehensive participation in the development of various aspects of life socially, culturally, politically and economically, is a religious obligation, a modern necessity, and a temporal interest, because Shariah did not differentiate between a male or a female in the field of righteous deeds, but promised each one of them a good life if they did a righteous deed as the Almighty says:

((Whoever does good, whether male or female, and is a believer, We will surely bless them with a good life, and We will certainly reward them according to the best of their deeds.)) {Surat An-Nahl, Verse: 97.} Accordingly, achieving women's economic empowerment is essential to achieving prosperity and economic growth in any society. He pointed out that "Despite the great efforts that have been made over the years in many Muslim countries to empower women, provide them with the necessary skills and provide them with equal opportunities to reach economic emancipation, there is still a need for more work to bridge the gaps in women's economic integration and their participation in economic activity, whether at the level of production, investment or distribution." He added that Shariah has preserved all economic rights of women for a long time, and urged for their good education and upbringing, and their active participation in the development of the economy, and for the active contribution to the creation of national wealth. Shariah also considered her the man's partner in the process of building the nations and ordered her to perform same duties assigned to her brother the man. He affirmed, "the true teachings of Islam guaranteed women all the political, economic, social, educational and cultural rights that were guaranteed to their male brothers. The Holy Quran says: ((The believers, both men and women, are guardians of one another. They encourage good and forbid evil)) {Surat At-Tawbah, Verse: 71.} and ((Whoever does good, whether male or female, and is a believer, We will surely bless them with a good life)) {Surat An-Nahl, Verse: 97}. The true Islamic teachings had always been a forerunner to give women all their legitimate and civil rights, such as

their right to education, health and work, which means that there is no relationship between Islam and the practices and abuses that demean women and infringe on their rights and exclusion." At the conclusion of his speech, he referred to the daily challenges faced by Muslim women in social, economic and political life, or at the level of opportunities that should be exploited to enable them to contribute to advancing development. He called on Islamic financial institutions to play a pivotal role in empowering women and bridging the huge gaps that exist between men and women in this regard. He stressed that this can be done through the provision of customized financial services and digital offers that take into account the needs of women and increase their access to financing that enables them to engage in entrepreneurship and create wealth and jobs. Financial institutions can also contribute by increasing the representation of women in the workplace and creating appropriate environments for their advancement and assuming leadership positions worthy of their educational level and practical experience.



Secretary General participates in the UN Roundtable on Religious Pluralism



On Thursday, 01 Dhu al-Hijjah 1443H corresponding to 30 June 2022G, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), participated in the virtual roundtable event of the United Nations High Level Council on Religious Pluralism organized by the Religions for Peace Foundation New York. At the beginning of his intervention, His Excellency expressed his thanks to the organizing committee and praised the good selection of the topic of the event, stressing that this meeting is a valuable opportunity to express the common visions among all religions and the solidarity of their followers and scholars, for the happiness of mankind, and renounce violence, hate speech and exclusion, in the hope to build our global

community on the basis of the values of love, brotherhood, tolerance, harmony and lasting peace. He added: "The religious pluralism and ethnic pluralism are an eternal will that cannot be ignored or prevented. Rather, we should work on dealing with it well, considering that all human beings are from one father and one mother, people are all equal, and people are either your brother in religion or equal in creation. Therefore, the followers of religions, including imams, rabbis, monks, and priests, should unite their efforts and coordinate between them and stand united against violence, exclusion and coercion, and spread the culture of moderation, love and peace and build permanent bridges of dialogue, communication and cooperation for the good of humanity." His Excellency added that human religious, ethnic and cultural diversity is inevitable and requires tolerance and love from us to embrace these differences. We urgently need to transcend the enmity and hatred that arise from difference and diversity and return to the religious foundations in general that call for fraternity, love and peace. Therefore, we must acknowledge that there are different civilizations and that they complement each other and interact culturally and socially as a source of enrichment and a factor of true unity. His Excellency stressed that guaranteeing the basic rights of human beings, such as

freedom of belief, is one of the most important pillars upon which world peace, fraternity and love between peoples and societies must be built. Religion, in its essence, is an agent of refinement and enlightenment that guides humanity to the common noble values of tolerance, love and peace. His Excellency concluded by calling for more distinguished intellectual events for senior religious leaders in the world, such as today's meeting, in order to raise comprehensive awareness of all societies around the world, and also to support and strengthen international concerted efforts for a safe and tolerant world. It should be noted that for the first time in decades, a United Nations High-Level Committee on Religions is being formed, during which more than thirty senior religious leaders from around the world share their experiences and recommendations for effective pluralism and ensuring freedom of belief as a basis for building open, pluralistic and inclusive societies for the enjoyment of their human rights. This dialogue was moderated by Her Excellency Dr. Azza Karam, Secretary General of Religions for Peace organization and Member of the United Nations Secretary-General's High-Level Council on Effective Pluralism.

Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the OIC visits IIFA



His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, received, on Thursday 01 Dhul Hijjah 1443H corresponding to 30 June 2022G, His Excellency Ambassador Rizwan Saeed Sheikh, Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to the OIC, and his Deputy, Mr. Liaquat Ali Warrish, at the headquarters of the Academy in Jeddah. The Ambassador expressed his sincere thanks to His Excellency for the opportunity of

meeting with him directly upon his return from Afghanistan, where he headed the delegation of Ummah scholars. He stressed that his country's government, as the current chair of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Member States of the OIC, is following with great interest the course of events in Afghanistan. He also expressed once again his country's full readiness to provide full support to the Academy in order to succeed in its mission. For his part, the Secretary General thanked the ambassador and his deputy for the visit, and for his keenness to keep pace with the activities of the Academy. He also praised the continuous support provided by the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to the Academy over the years. He then touched on the topic of the visit of the Ummah scholars' delegation to Afghanistan and briefed the Ambassador on the official meetings held by the delegation with senior officials and scholars

from the Taliban government. He conveyed to the ambassador the delegation's satisfaction with the progress of the meetings and its optimism that this first round of dialogue would yield positive results that would benefit the Afghan society. At the end of the visit the two parties agreed to continue coordination and communication regarding the Afghan topic and other issues of mutual interest, such as holding an international conference on Islamophobia in Pakistan during the last quarter of 2022.



Permanent Representative of Japan to the OIC meets the Secretary General

His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, received the Consul General, His Excellency Mr. Izuru Shimmura, Permanent Representative of Japan to the OIC, on Sunday 04 of Dhu al-Hijjah 1443H corresponding to 03 July 2022G at the headquarters of the Academy in Jeddah. He thanked His Excellency for the opportunity of meeting with him after his return from Afghanistan, stressing that his government is following with interest the outcomes of the fruitful discussions held by the scholars' delegation with the Afghan scholars and officials, especially the issue of girls' education, noting the readiness of his country to provide material support that could contribute to enabling Afghan girls to return to school at the earliest. For his part, HE the Secretary General thanked him for the visit and for his keenness to follow



up the outcomes of the visit of the scholars' delegation to Afghanistan, pointing out that the delegation was able to hold a series of discussions and meetings with Afghan scholars and officials on a number of issues, especially the issue of girls' education, the Afghan woman's empowerment and the issue of coexistence and tolerance. He assured his guest that he is optimistic that the visit will achieve its objectives, and that the topics

discussed by the delegation with all transparency and clarity will find satisfactory solutions in the near future. Then he renewed his thanks and gratitude to the Permanent Representative for his country's sincere desire to provide material and logistical support to Afghanistan, which needs great material assistance to face the difficult conditions it is experiencing as a result of four decades of wars and turmoil.



Secretary General participates in the Grand Hajj Symposium

His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), participated in the Hajj Great Symposium in its 46th edition in Makkah Al-Mukarramah, on 4-5 of Dhu Al-Hijjah 1443H corresponding to 3-4 July 2022G, entitled "Pilgrimage after the Pandemic... Rites and Care". The symposium included sessions, discussions, research, and lectures, in the presence and with the participation of a number of Ministers, scholars, jurists and thinkers from inside and outside the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The symposium was inaugurated by His Excellency the Saudi Minister of Hajj and Umrah, Dr. Tawfiq bin Fawzan Al-Rabiah, who delivered the keynote speech during the opening session, in which he welcomed the Excellencies, Eminences, and specialists present and participants in the symposium. The opening session witnessed the participation of His Excellency the President of the Two Holy Mosques Affairs Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sudais, His Excellency Dr. Muhammad Al-Khalayleh, the Jordanian Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs and Holy Places, His Excellency Mr. Mufti Abdul Shakoor, the Pakistani Minister of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony, and His Excellency the Minister of Religious Affairs and Awqaf of the Republic of Algeria, Mr. Youssef bin Mahdi. The session was moderated by His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Humaid, President of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, advisor at the Royal Court and member of the Council of Senior Scholars. The first main session of the second day of the Hajj Great Symposium, titled: "The Islamic Jurisprudence System and the Calamities of the Age", was attended by: His Excellency the Secretary General of the Academy, Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, His Eminence the Grand Mufti of the Arab Republic of Egypt, Dr. Shawki Allam, and His Excellency the member of the Council of Senior Scholars in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Dr. Saad bin Nasser Al-Shathri, while the session was moderated by His Excellency the Secretary General of the Council of Senior Scholars, Dr. Fahd bin Saeed Al-Majed.



At the beginning of his speech, His Excellency the Secretary General the Academy expressed his thanks, appreciation and gratitude to the leadership, government, and people of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for the great and accessible services they provide to Muslims around the world to enable them to perform Hajj and Umrah in the best conditions. His Excellency also thanked the Ministry of Hajj for organizing this specialized symposium, for inviting the Academy to participate, and for the well chosen topic. During his intervention, His Excellency stressed that the jurisprudential system is based on a set of principles, rules, and purposes that the mujtahid uses to clarify the provisions of Shariah in calamities and problems of contemporary life, and this system includes the sum of Shariah evidence from the Qur'an, Sunnah, consensus, analogy, interests, and others. It also includes what has become known as the major Fiqh rules such as the rule of things with their purposes, the rule of necessities permits prohibitions, the rule of no harm to either party, and others. This system also includes the purposes of the five universal principles of preserving life, religion, family, property, and intellect, in addition to that this system includes attention to the consequences of actions. As for calamities, His Excellency clarified that they are "issues and matters that do not have direct texts, and the predecessors did not deal with them because they occurred after their time and era, which opens the door for renewed and broad ijtihad.

Accordingly, the jurist must rely on this system to guide the calamities of the age, correcting them and directing them, based on the principles of inference and deduction, and based on Fiqh rules, and on the supreme objectives of Shariah, while paying attention to the consequences of actions." His Excellency added: "Given the complication and complexity of the nature of calamities and the predominance of generalities, scholars should address ijtihad through Fiqh academies, legal bodies and supreme councils, considering that ijtihad in calamities and public issues must be collective ijtihad, not individual ijtihad, and it must be undertaken by Fiqh councils and official institutions in the member states to avoid individual interpretations that could err and cause confusion, contradiction and disharmony". His Excellency indicated that "the ability of the Fiqh system to direct calamities and developments in every age and time requires its ability to consider three things, namely, keeping pace with calamities by fully absorbing them, taking into account development by making use of all available technologies and modern means, and taking into account realism through the selection of Shariah rulings that are appropriate to time and place based on the rule that does not deny the change of fatwa with the change of times, places, conditions, and situations". It is worth mentioning that the Hajj Great Symposium, one of the most prominent scientific events organized by the Ministry of Hajj and Umrah annually since 1390H corresponding to 1970G, aims to discuss calamities and issues related to Hajj and the service of pilgrims.



IIFA and the High Board of Religious Affairs of Turkey sign an MoU in Jeddah

His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, signed with Prof. Abdurrahman Hackali, President of the High Board of Religious Affairs of the Republic of Turkey, a memorandum of cooperation on Wednesday 30 Dhu al-Qi'dah 1443H corresponding to 29 June 2022G. This agreement aims to build a strategic partnership in the field of supporting the scientific and research abilities and capabilities of the two institutions, and to benefit from the publications issued by each institution. The memorandum also aims to enhance cooperation in the areas of joint organization of conferences and seminars and to represent the two parties in the conferences and seminars that are held with the knowledge of each of them in the field of common interest. After signing the agreement, HE the Secretary General stated: "We hope that this memorandum will be the beginning of a new phase of strong and fruitful cooperation relations between the Academy, as the supreme jurisprudential authority of the Muslim Ummah, and the



High Board of Religious Affairs in Turkey, as the reference for fatwas in the Republic of Turkey, with the aim of coordinating efforts and providing appropriate solutions to the problems of contemporary life, and to all issues of concern to Muslims in Turkey. The Academy will provide all scientific and intellectual support to the Council to enable it to carry out its mission". For his part, the President of the High Board commented: "We are pleased today to meet His Excellency Professor Sano, the Secretary General of the Academy, and I am honored to sign a

cooperation agreement between our institution and the Academy, this great Islamic scientific edifice. While we are proud and honored of this historic achievement, we look forward for a bright future of continuous cooperation and coordination on all issues and topics of interest to both sides. We are enthusiastic to the participation of Turkish researchers in the Academy's Sessions and pioneering scientific". The signing ceremony was attended from the Turkish side by Dr. Mustafa Bulent Dadas, member of the High Board, Prof. Dr. Haji Muhammed Konay, Professor of Islamic Thought at Sakarya University in Turkey and member of the High Board, Dr. Mustafa Jakir, economist in the High Board, and Mr. Yunus Acar, Attaché for Religious Affairs at the Turkish Consulate in Jeddah. On the side of the Academy, Mr. Mohammed Walid Al-Idrissi, Director of Media Affairs and Public Relations, and Mr. Mourad TLili, Advisor to the Secretary General of the Academy for Media Affairs.

Guinean Minister of Religious Affairs visits IIFA



His Excellency Mr. Karamu Diawara, Minister of Religious Affairs of the Republic of Guinea, and his accompanying delegation visited on Sunday, 18 Dhu al-Hijjah 1443H corresponding to 17 July 2022G, the General Secretariat of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) in Jeddah, and was received by Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy. His Excellency the Minister expressed his sincere thanks and great appreciation to the Secretary General for the warm welcome and good reception, praising his pride and the pride of the authorities of the Republic of Guinea in the relations of cooperation and communication between the Academy and the General Secretariat for Religious Affairs. He also expressed his happiness, pride and gratitude for the unprecedented qualitative leap

and rapid development witnessed by the Academy's General Secretariat at all levels, since His Excellency, a prominent son of Guinea, assumed the duties of Secretary General nearly a year and nine months ago. His Excellency also praised the Academy's keenness to activate the terms of the memorandum of cooperation that it signed with the General Secretariat for Religious Affairs in the capital Conakry, by inviting the General Secretariat of Religious Affairs to nominate a number of scholars and scientists of the Republic of Guinea to participate in the next session of the Academy. His Excellency concluded by praying to God Almighty to preserve His Excellency the Secretary General and grant him success and prosperity. For his part, His Excellency the Secretary General expressed his great thanks and great gratitude to His Excellency the Minister and his accompanying delegation for visiting the Academy's headquarters despite his many preoccupations and congratulated him on the success of his mission in leading his country's delegation to perform Hajj for this year, praising the excellent facilities and distinguished services provided by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to pilgrims each year. His Excellency also thanked his honorable guest for the generous support and great care that the Academy enjoys from the government

and people of the Republic of Guinea, to enable it to carry out its mission in the best way, stressing the full readiness of the Academy to enhance cooperation, communication and coordination with various institutions and scientific and research centers in the Republic of Guinea, chief among them the General Secretariat for Religious Affairs, which is headed by His Excellency the minister. His Excellency concluded by informing His Excellency the Minister that the Academy's book of Resolutions and Recommendations has been translated for the first time into the Anko language, which is one of the most important local languages spoken by the people of the Republic of Guinea and about one hundred million people in West Africa, especially in the Republic of Mali, Cote d'Ivoire, Burkina Faso, Gambia, Sierra Leone, and Liberia.



Secretary General meets President of the Iraqi Sunni Waqf in Makkah



His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), welcomed His Excellency Dr. Abdul Khaleq Medhat Al-Azzawi, President of the Sunni Waqf Office in the Republic of Iraq, and his accompanying delegation, on the evening of Tuesday 13 Dhul Hijjah 1443H corresponding to 12 July 2022G at his residence in Makkah Al Mukarramah.

He thanks the President of the Sunni Waqf and his delegation for the visit, stressing the full readiness of the Academy to strengthen relations of cooperation and partnership and coordination with the Sunni Waqf Office in all issues and questions of concern to the Iraqi people. He also expressed his heartfelt thanks to the Republic of Iraq for its continuous support for the Academy from its establishment to the present day. He concluded by reiterating the Academy's readiness to sign a cooperation agreement with the Sunni Waqf in the near future to expand and define possible areas of cooperation between the two institutions for the benefit of the Iraqi People. For his part, His Excellency the President of the Sunni Waqf expressed his great thanks to His Excellency for the warm welcome to him and his delegation, praising the pioneering role of the Academy in the field of combating extremism, extremist ideology and terrorism, promoting moderation and spreading tolerance. He also

expressed his aspiration for closer cooperation and coordination between the Sunni Waqf and the Academy in all possible areas especially the exchange of scientific visits, and the holding of specialized seminars on topics of common interest. He concluded his speech by inviting His Excellency to visit the Republic of Iraq in the near future in order to sign an agreement between the two institutions. At the end of the meeting, the two sides exchanged souvenirs.



The President of the Association of Scholars of the Sahel visits IIFA

His Eminence Dr. Abu Bakr Waler Mado, President of the Association of Scholars, Preachers and Imams of the Sahel Countries and a member of the Chadian Parliament, and his accompanying delegation visited on Monday 19 Dhu al-Hijjah 1443 AH corresponding to 18 July 2022G the General Secretariat of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy in Jeddah, and he was received by His Excellency Prof. Dr. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy. He expressed his great thanks to His Excellency the Secretary-General for the warm reception, praising the major achievements and profound changes witnessed by the General Secretariat of the Academy since he took the helm. He also expressed his pleasure at this "visit, which was full of benefit for me and the delegation accompanying me from the experiences of HE the Secretary-General, and the achievements he spoke about it. The Association extends its deepest thanks and gratitude for the great services provided by the Academy to the Ummah and



the world." The Association looks forward to concluding a cooperation agreement with the Academy with the hope of building a prosperous cooperation between the two institutions, by supporting the Council through holding joint specialized seminars on issues and concerns of African countries and the Sahel region in particular and specifically addressing issues of extremism and terrorism, and providing intensive training courses to develop and raise the level of the association's

scholars. For his part, HE the Secretary-General expressed his thanks to His Eminence Sheikh for the visit and he valued the efforts of the League of Scholars of the Sahel States to educate Muslims in the region about the danger of extremism and terrorism and the importance of spreading a culture of moderation, moderation and peace. He also expressed the Academy's full readiness to cooperate with the League in the field of joint organization of conferences and seminars that provide objective treatments and effective solutions to the problems of contemporary life facing Muslims in Africa, stressing that the Association will find all support and encouragement from the Academy. The meeting was attended by Mr. Harun Muhammad Saleh Al-Issa, Commissioner of the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Mr. Muhammad Walid Al-Idrisi, Director of the Media Department of the complex, and Mr. Murad Al-Tilili, Advisor to the Secretary-General for Media Affairs.

SG of International Council of the Arabic Language visits the Academy

His Excellency Prof. Dr. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, received Prof. Dr. Ali bin Abdullah bin Musa, Secretary General of the International Council for the Arabic Language, on Sunday, 18 Dhu al-Hijjah 1443H corresponding to 17 July 2022G at the Academy in Jeddah. He welcomed him and thanked him for the visit, praising the highly appreciated efforts made by the International Council of the Arabic Language to preserve the language of the Noble Qur'an, and the Prophet of Islam, Peace Be upon him. Then he emphasized that the Arabic language is considered the first official language of the Academy, and its mastery is a prerequisite for ijthah and fatwas in Islam and the Academy considers it the most honorable languages, as it is the language chosen by God to embrace His great revelation and His Noble Prophet. Then he provided his guest with an overview of the



Academy, and to brief him on its programs, goals and projects. He expressed the desire to consolidate the relationship between the Academy and the Council by concluding a strategic cooperation agreement between the two parties. For his part, the Secretary-General of the Council expressed his great pleasure to HE the Secretary-General of the

Academy, "...who received us with his generous manners, and I was pleased with the efforts made by the Academy to serve Islam and Muslims, and we appreciate his great role in serving the language of the Holy Qur'an, and its importance in raising the Islamic issue. Certainly, we will be happy to cooperate and communicate with the Academy as a reference for our Ummah, and a source of our pride and appreciation". Finally he invited His Excellency to attend the International Conference on Laws, Regulations, Legislation, Policies and Language Planning, which will be organized by the Council in the period 22-25 November 2022 in Cairo, the Arab Republic of Egypt. The meeting was attended by Dr. Omar Zuhair Hafez, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General, Mr. Muhammad Walid Al-Idrisi, Director of the Department of Media, Public Relations, and Mr. Murad Al-Tilili, Adviser to the Secretary-General for Media Affairs

A Delegation from the Iraqi Fiqh Academy visits IIFA



His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, received a delegation from the Iraqi Fiqh Academy headed by Sheikh Dr. Mahmoud Abdel Aziz Al-Ani, member of the Supreme Commission and President of the Council of Iraqi Scholars, on Wednesday, 21 Dhu al-Hijjah 1443H corresponding to 20 July 2022G

at the headquarters of the Academy in Jeddah. He thanked Sheikh and his delegation for the visit, stressing the full readiness of the Academy to strengthen relations of cooperation with the Iraqi Fiqh Academy in all issues especially with regard to spreading the culture of moderation and tolerance. Then he provided the delegation with an overview of the Academy and expressed the Academy's readiness to sign a cooperation agreement with the Iraqi Fiqh Academy in the near future to identify and outline possible areas of cooperation between the two institutions. For his part, the President of the Council thanked His Excellency for the warm welcome to him and his delegation, noting the great place that the Academy occupies in the hearts of Muslims because of its good reputation and profound impact on all aspects of their lives through sound

resolutions that it has issued over the years. He also praised the pioneering role of the Academy in combating extremism, extremist thought and terrorism. He also expressed his aspiration to strengthen cooperation and coordination between the two institutions in all possible areas especially the exchange of scientific visits, and the holding of specialized seminars on topics of common interest. On the Iraqi side, the meeting was attended by Sheikh Dr. Hassan Suhail, Sheikh Dr. Ahmed Al-Mashaykhi and Sheikh Dr. Muhammad Al-Hassan. On the part of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, Dr. Abdel-Fattah Mahmoud Abnauf, Director of the International Cooperation and Planning Department, and Mr. Mohammed Walid Al-Idrissi, Director of the Department of Media, Public Relations.

21st Monthly Periodic Meeting of the Academy's Employees

On Tuesday, 20 Dhu al-Hijjah 1443H corresponding to 19 July 2022G, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the twenty-first monthly meeting of the Academy's employees, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah. At the beginning of the meeting, His Excellency the Secretary General welcomed everyone and expressed his condolences for the death of the mother of our colleague Ahmed Ali Jazouli, who passed away recently. His Excellency also thanked everyone for their regular attendance of these important periodic meetings that discuss the issues of the Academy. His Excellency also offered congratulations on the occasion of Eid al-Adha, then spoke about his participation in the Great Hajj Symposium, in which a number of Their Excellencies the ministers and eminent scholars, jurists and thinkers inside and outside the Kingdom of Saudi



Arabia participated. His Excellency the Secretary General also presented his thanks, appreciation and gratitude to the leadership, government and people of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for the great and accessible services they provide to Muslims around the world to enable them to perform Hajj and Umrah in the best and most favorable conditions. His Excellency also thanked the Ministry of Hajj for organizing this specialized

symposium, for inviting him to participate, and for well choosing its topic. After listening to the staff's opinions, suggestions and interventions regarding the preparations for the twenty-fifth session, the discussions concluded with the following points:

- The need to start reviewing the Session's research papers and to ensure its compliance with the set topics.
- Continuously updating information about the number of research papers and researchers' information such as their recent passport copies, and so on.
- Starting to write to the bodies with which the Academy has signed cooperation agreements with the aim of nominating researchers on topics in which there is still a need for research.
- Starting to print the Session's finished research papers.

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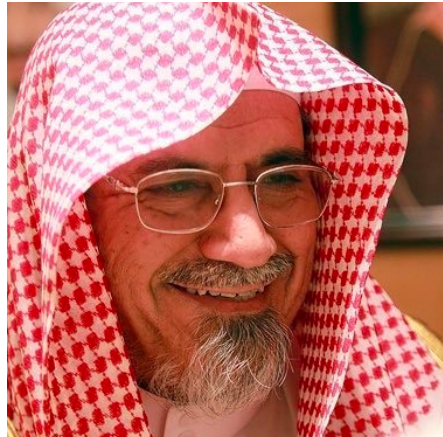


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OIC Secretary General commends IIFA's Efforts at Opening of Bureau Meeting



H.E. Mr. Hussein Ibrahim Taha, Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Chairman of the Bureau, chaired on Thursday, 29 Dhu al-Hijjah 1443 corresponding to 28 July 2022 the first meeting of the Bureau of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) for the current year 2022 via videoconferencing. His Excellency delivered an important opening speech in which he expressed his great thanks to the members of the Bureau for their continuous support for the Academy, praising the guidance of H.E. Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Abdullah bin Humaid, Chairman of the Academy's Council, and the qualitative leap that the Academy's Secretariat General is witnessing at all levels under the leadership of H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy. He also expressed the importance of the Academy and its position within the subsidiary organs of the OIC, as it is the intellectual and scientific reference that works and watches over the unification of the Muslims' voice, and the realization of the intellectual and jurisprudential approach aimed at achieving unity and rapprochement among Muslims in various fields of life, noting that political and economic solidarity between OIC Member states is achieved when it has the balanced intellectual and religious environment that the Academy works to provide. Then he spoke about the importance of the period of convening this meeting of the Bureau, as there is an unprecedented escalation of the feelings and practices hostile to Islam and Muslims in many Western countries, and the abhorrent insult to the person of the Noble Prophet, may God bless him and his family, by some extremist Indian



politicians, which requires the Academy to double its effort to formulate a unified Islamic position for all religious references in the member states of the OIC towards these shameful provocations and campaigns. The Academy is also urged to create a rational collective stance through formulating authentic and applicable concepts and policies in order to stop the torrent of abuse and insult to Islamic symbols. He concluded by praising the commendable efforts exerted by the Academy on the Afghanistan file in order to converge between the views of the current authority and the opinion of religious references in the Muslim world and the international community. He especially blessed the last successful visit organized by the Academy for a delegation of the Ummah's scholars to Afghanistan, considering it a great success that will remain in the Academy's record of achievements for decades. For his part, HE Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Abdullah bin Humaid, President of the Academy, expressed his great thanks to the Secretary General of the OIC for his continuous support for the activities of the Academy. He offered the best words of congratulations to the host country for the success of this year's Hajj season. He also offered, on behalf of the Academy, the most sincere thanks and gratitude to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdelaziz Al Saud, and his Crown Prince, His Royal Highness the Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdelaziz Al Saud, and the Kingdom's government, for the recent royal gift of the payment of the arrears of the least developed member states to the OIC and its subsidiary organs, including the Academy. Then he praised the great results achieved by the Academy under the leadership of HE the Secretary General, noting that what was stated in the report of the General Secretariat of the Academy submitted for this meeting is the best evidence of the remarkable achievements of the General Secretariat on a regular basis at the local, regional and international levels. In his speech, the Secretary General of the Academy, Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, expressed his great gratitude to the Secretary General of the OIC for the great support to the Academy, praising the trust of His Excellency in the Academy with the good opportunity granted by him to the Academy by assigning him to lead the Ummah's scholars delegation to Afghanistan with the aim of dialogue and discussion with the current authority and



the scholars of Afghanistan on issues related to tolerance, girls' education, and the empowerment of Afghan women. The Academy thanked the ruling authority in Afghanistan for the warm welcome and hospitality which enabled the delegation to carry out its mission with ease and comfort. He renewed the Academy's thanks to the host country for all the distinguished facilities and services that it continues to provide to the Academy to enable it to carry out its tasks in an optimal manner. The meeting then discussed the items on its agenda presented by the Secretary General of the Academy, which included the approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, briefing the members on the report and recommendations of the delegation of the Ummah's scholars to Afghanistan led by the Academy, the draft recommendations of the symposium on Stunning Poultry and Animals and its impact on the legitimacy of slaughter, and the MoUs signed between the Academy and scientific institutions. It also included a discussion of the nominations submitted by some countries for new members of the Academy's Council, as well as a financial report on the contributions of member states to the Academy's budget for the current year. Finally, the Chairman and members of the Bureau expressed their great appreciation to the Secretary General of the Academy and his assistants, congratulating them for their efforts. They also commended the Academy's stable financial position during the first half of this year. Also participated in the meeting, His Eminence Sheikh Dr. Abu Bakr Doukouri, representing the African group, His Eminence Prof. Ajil Al-Nashmi, representing the Arab group.



Speech of OIC Secretary General at the 2022 Bureau Meeting



Excellencies and Eminences, Assalamu Alaikum wa rahmatu Allah I am pleased to be with you at the opening of the first meeting of the Bureau of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) for the current year, expressing my heartfelt thanks to you for your support for the Academy. I am also pleased to express on behalf of all of you my great appreciation to H.E. Sheikh Saleh bin Humaid, President of the Academy, for the guidance he provides to the Academy in order to enable it to achieve the noble goals for which it was founded. I would also like to record my gratitude and thanks to H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, for the qualitative leap witnessed by the General Secretariat of the Academy at all levels since he assumed his duties, wishing him continued success. The General Secretariat of the OIC considers the Academy as one of its most important subsidiary organs, given the paramount importance of the

unification of Muslims and the approximation of their jurisprudential and intellectual approaches in order to achieve unity and rapprochement between Muslims in other sectors and fields. The political and economic solidarity between member states is more effective when it has a balanced and convergent intellectual and religious environment that the Academy is working to provide, which is considered the most important goal for which it was established in 1981. The Academy was established in light of the urgent need to unify the efforts of Muslims in matters of ijthihad and fatwas in order to enhance moderation, and to spread a culture of tolerance, and the rejection of fanaticism, extremism and terrorism. This meeting, as you know, comes at a critical period witnessing an escalation of anti-Islam sentiment in many Western countries and in the midst of a crisis of defamation to the person of the Noble Prophet, peace be upon him, by some Indian politicians, which calls for a redoubled effort from

the Academy to formulate a unified position for all religious references in the member states towards these continuous provocations and shameful campaigns. The formulation of a collective position based on rationality and the formulation of original effort innovative, and applicable concepts and policies in the case I referred to above is the best way to stop the torrent of attacks on Islamic symbols and the Islamic religion in general, and to transform these continuous attacks into opportunities to introduce the true values of the Islamic religion and the greatness of its symbols and their great positive impact on mankind. Your Excellencies and Eminences, In concluding this speech, I would like to mention the great effort that the Academy makes with regards to the Afghanistan file in order to converge between the views of the current authority and the opinion of religious references in the Muslim world and international public opinion. The recent visit organized by the Academy for a delegation of scholars to Afghanistan is considered one of the most important practical contributions to help the Afghan people overcome this stage, and this visit is considered a great success that will remain in the record of the Academy's achievements for decades and will enhance its role in resolving outstanding issues in many of our Muslim societies. We in the General Secretariat of the OIC can only register our blessing for these efforts, thank them, and renew our support for them with all available capabilities. In conclusion, I renew my heartfelt thanks to all members of the Bureau, wishing your Meeting all success.

Speech of IIFA President at the 2022 Bureau Meeting

In the name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful. Praise be to God, Lord of the Worlds, and prayers and peace be upon the Messenger of God, and upon his good and pure family, and may God be pleased with his companions, and have mercy on his followers until the Day of Judgment. His Excellency my dear brother, Mr. Hussein Ibrahim Taha, Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Chairman of the Bureau. His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) Your Excellencies and Eminences the Honorable Members of the Bureau, May the peace, mercy and blessings of God be upon you. At the opening of this first meeting of the Bureau for the current year, I am pleased to welcome all of you, and thank you for your participation and continuous support for your Academy, which is looking forward to your guidance and suggestions to carry out its great responsibility towards the Muslim Ummah. It is the responsibility of clarification, guidance, directing, and orientation, through the resolutions and recommendations issued by the Academy regarding calamities, developments and issues of concern to Muslims at all times and in all places. Given that the Academy's optimal implementation of this responsibility requires moral and material support for its General Secretariat from the leadership, peoples and institutions of the OIC Member States, therefore, we hope that the General Secretariat of the OIC under the leadership of my brother, Mr. Hussein Taha, the Secretary General, will continue to urge Member states to provide



more support and care, especially with regard to the payment of their mandatory contributions to the annual budget of the Academy, and to provide in-kind and cash donations to the Academy's Waqf Fund, which was specifically established to provide additional fixed resources for the Academy. Your Excellencies and Eminences, I take this good occasion to thank, on behalf of all of you, the Government of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, may God protect him, for the recent valuable contribution represented in the payment of financial arrears of the least developed Member States. The Academy is looking forward to the approval of His Excellency the Secretary General of the OIC, may God grant him success, to transfer a percentage of that contribution to the General Secretariat of the Academy to finance its activities and programs, noting that the arrears

of the mentioned countries to the Academy are estimated at about twelve million US dollars. Your Excellencies and Eminences, I hope that together we will reach decisions that will help advance the Academy, I thank you again for your participation, and on behalf of all of you, I reiterate my thanks and appreciation to His Excellency the Secretary General of the OIC for his continuous support to the Academy, and I also thank His Excellency the Secretary General of the Academy and all his staff for the successful changes and comprehensive renaissance that the General Secretariat is witnessing, asking the Almighty God to help us all to serve Islam and Muslims. Thank you to the General Secretariat of the Academy for its good preparation for this meeting. Peace, mercy and blessings of God be upon you.

Speech of IIFA Secretary General at the 2022 Bureau Meeting



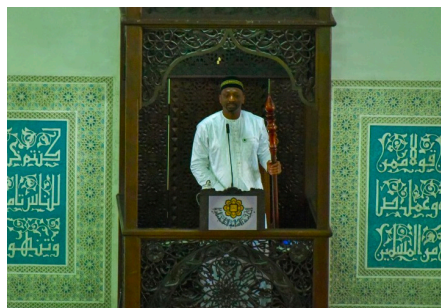
In the name of Allah the Merciful. At the beginning, the Secretariat General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) has the honor to congratulate their Excellencies and Eminences, the Chairman of the Bureau, his deputy, and its members on the blessed Eid al-Adha, praying to God Almighty to return it to us and the Ummah with bounties, joys and victories, and to accept from us and you our good deeds, and to grant us success in serving our religion and our Ummah, and every year and you and the Ummah are fine. The General Secretariat also takes this opportunity to present to the members of the Bureau a brief and focused report on the most important activities and programs organized by the General Secretariat after the last meeting of the Bureau that took place on Thursday, 26 Jumada Al-Awwal 1443H corresponding to 30 December 2021G via satellite communication, expressing our deep thanks and appreciation to His Excellency the Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Mr. Hussein Ibrahim Taha, may God protect

him, Chairman of the Bureau, for the support and assistance he provides to the Academy, and praising that solid guidance and sober direction that the General Secretariat has been receiving from His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Abdullah bin Humaid, Adviser at the Royal Court, member of the Council of Senior Scholars, imam and Khatib of the Grand Mosque, and President of the Academy, may God reward him, and preserve him as an asset to Islam and Muslims. Your Excellencies and Eminences, the report comprises a summary of the minutes of the previous bureau's meeting, and a briefing on the specialized jurisprudence symposium held by the General Secretariat of the Academy in cooperation with the Food and Drug General Authority on stunning poultry and animals before slaughtering and its impact on the legality of slaughter. It also contains a briefing of the Ummah delegation of scholars led by the Academy that went to Afghanistan in order to engage and discuss with Afghan scholars on topics of concern to the Afghan people, foremost of which is the issue

of girls' education, the issue of women's work, and the issue of tolerance and coexistence, in implementation of the decision of the Ministerial Council of Foreign Ministers of the Member States of the OIC, which stipulated the Academy's lead a delegation of scholars to carry out the visit. In addition to this, the report included a briefing on the most important memoranda and agreements of cooperation and understanding signed by the General Secretariat with a number of official institutions within the member states of the organization in order to enhance cooperation, communication and coordination with them in achieving the goals of the Academy. Finally, the report includes a presentation of the CVs of new members nominated by their countries to represent them in the Academy's Council. The report concludes with a summary of the contributions of the Member States to the Academy's budget, which amounted to 55%, and is expected to reach within the next two months between 65-75%. There are positive indications that some member states are ready to pay their arrears in the coming days. The General Secretariat is pleased to seize this opportunity to express its deep thanks and gratitude to the Headquarters State, its leadership and people, for the great facilities and great services it provides to it at all levels, which enabled it to organize its activities and implement its programs and projects with ease and comfort. The General Secretariat also records its great gratitude of the KSA's fulfillment of its promise to pay part of the arrears of the least developed countries, and we hope that the Secretariat General of the OIC will enable the Secretariat General of the Academy to have its share of those arrears, knowing that these countries owe an estimated twelve million dollars. Excellencies and Eminences, we now start discussing the report, hoping for your generous guidance, comments and observations.

Secretary General delivers the Friday Sermon at IIUM Mosque in Malaysia

At the kind invitation of the International Islamic University, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), was honored today 21 Muharram 1444, corresponding to 19 August 2022, to deliver the Friday sermon at the Mosque of the International Islamic University in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in the three languages, Arabic, English and Malay. The topic of the sermon was: "DUA Supplication" in Islam: its importance, its position, its times, the conditions for its acceptance." In his sermon, His Excellency called on the worshippers of the university's students and employees, to make the most of the eternal prophetic DUAs that the greatest Messenger, may God's prayers and peace be upon him and his family, left for his Ummah and he used to teach his companions, may God be pleased with them, noting that "the Messenger of God, may God's prayers and peace be upon him and his family, taught us DUAs covering all sides of Muslim's life. There are DUAs for the prevention of diseases and bad ailments, DUAs for the prevention of poverty and humiliation, DUAs to help eliminate debts, to remove the growing concerns, DUAs for the prevention of human and jinn demons, DUAs to enjoy the blessing of hearing, sight and reason, there are even DUAs



for fear of the oppressors, and DUAs to relieve stress in times of adversity. Thus, it is necessary for the Muslim to fortify himself with these DUAs and remembrances at all times and on every occasion, and he should not leave his home before reading those DUAs that are authentic, for they are his invincible weapon, his fortress that is not defeated, and his unbeatable protection. Congratulations to whoever benefited from these treasures, learned them, and taught them to his family." His Excellency also spoke about special times for DUAs that the Prophet, may God's prayers and peace be upon him and his family, recommended, such as the time of rain, between the call to prayer and the iqamah, the last third of the night, Friday, Laylat al-Qadr, the day of

Arafa, and when breaking the fast. He concluded his sermon by clarifying the conditions that must be met for those DUAs to be answered, and these are the conditions that were referred to in the authentic hadith: "the servant will still be answered as long as he does not supplicate for sin, or severing the ties of kinship, and as long as he does not rush. It was said oh Prophet of God, what's rush? He said: To say: I have prayed, I have prayed and there is no response, so he will regret it, and abandons the DUA". This sermon was well received by the audience. It is worth mentioning that His Excellency had previously been given the honor of teaching in this prestigious university in both Arabic and English for sixteen (16) years, and he also received the royal decoration known as "Dato" from His Majesty the late Sultan Haji Ahmed Shah Al-Musta'in Billah, the son of the late Sultan Abu Bakr Re'ayat Al-Din Al-Moazam Shah, the former King of Malaysia, in recognition of his contribution to the advancement of education in Malaysia, both in terms of teaching and development. This large mosque, located in the center of the university city in Gombak, can accommodate up to ten thousand worshippers.

Publication of IIFA Resolutions and Recommendations in French



H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy presented, on 4th of Dhul Hijah 1443H corresponding to 3 July 2022G, to H.E. Mr. Taha Ibrahim Hussein, Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), the first printed copy of the second publication of the Book of Academy's Resolutions and Recommendations in the French language. This new edition comes after two decades have passed since the publication of the first issue in 2000, when it included one hundred and seventeen (117) resolutions; as for this new edition, it contains two hundred and thirty-eight (238) resolutions and recommendations issued during twenty-four sessions. The Secretariat General of the Academy is pleased to inform readers and

researchers that the translation of Academy's Book of Resolutions and Recommendations into various languages of the OIC Member States will be completed soon and will be available on the Academy's official website before this year's end.



Secretary General meets with Executive Board of the Fiqh Council of America



H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), held a virtual consultative meeting on Monday evening, 03 of Muharam 1444, corresponding to August 1, 2022, with the members of the Executive Board of the Fiqh Council of North America (FCNA), represented by Dr. Muzammil Siddiqi, President, Dr. Zainab Al-Alwani, Vice President, Dr. Zulfiqar Ali Shah, Executive Director, and Dr. Jasser Odeh, member of the Council and President of the Canadian Fiqh Council. At the outset, Dr. Muzammil thanked His Excellency for giving the Executive Board the opportunity to meet with him to consult on ways to strengthen cooperation and communication between IIFA and FCNA in all areas of common interest. He added that "nearly thirty-six years have passed since the establishment of the Council and it was chaired by the distinguished Professor Taha Jaber Al-Alwani, may Allah have mercy on him, and the Council includes under his leadership many representatives of Islamic organizations, scholars and prominent imams in North America." He concluded his speech by wishing that the desired cooperation between the two institutions would result in the signing of a cooperation agreement between them at a later date. On his part, the Secretary General expressed his sincere thanks and appreciation to the members of FCNA's Executive Board

for accepting the request of the Academy to consult on how to strengthen the relations of cooperation, partnership and coordination between both institutions, based on the fact that some of the similar objectives are the realization of coordination between ifta, jurisprudence and Islamic Councils; among others, inside and outside the Muslim world, in order to avoid contradictions and conflicts of opinions on the issues causing affliction. He added: "FCNA is considered one of the most important fiqh councils outside the Muslim world. It has great weight and influence in explaining Sharia rulings to North American Muslims, which makes cooperation and coordination with it important to provide fiqh and scientific support, and to enable its members to benefit from the Academy's publications, especially its resolutions and recommendations," His Excellency stressed. "The Council is indebted to its late Chairman, Sheikh Dr. Tahar al-Alwani, who was an active and influential member, and represented the Fiqh Council well in the Academy until his death. Therefore, the Academy is pleased today to reinforce the historic partnership he made between the two institutions. Therefore, I request the Fiqh Council to appoint a competent member from among its jurists to replace the deceased, and become an appointed member of the Council, starting from the next session of the Academy, in

recognition of the Council's pioneering role, and in appreciation of its intellectual and scientific status in North America". His Excellency also expressed his content with Dr. Zainab Al-Alwani's membership on the Executive Board of the Council for her distinguished scientific level, and her sound legal knowledge of the objectives of Sharia and family issues. He also expressed his delight at Dr. Jasir Odeh's membership, as one of the promising young scholars of maqasid, and welcomed Dr. Zulfiqar, whom he had never met before. Then, His Excellency gave a brief introductory overview of the vision, mission, objectives, programs and activities of the Academy, emphasizing the Academy's full readiness to sign a cooperation agreement or a memorandum of understanding with the Council in the future. His Excellency also spoke about the methodology of the Academy in issuing its resolutions and recommendations through thorough scientific discussions, as the researches submitted to the session are discussed in a deep and broad manner in order to arrive at a sound and authentic formulation of the resolutions and recommendations, which today amounted to two hundred and thirty-eight resolutions and recommendations concerning various topics and issues of concern to Muslims at that time. Then, His Excellency discussed with the Council members on many issues and topics of common interest and called upon the Executive Board members to visit the headquarters of the Secretariat General of the Academy in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, in the very near future. In conclusion, the Council members thanked the Secretary General for inviting them to this meeting and for the additional information he provided about the Academy, its activities and programs. They also asked His Excellency to participate in the annual meeting of the Council to be held next October. The meeting was attended by Dr. Alhagi Manta Drammeh, head of international cooperation and external relations division at the Academy.

Secretary General participates in the Kaaba Washing Ceremony

At the kind invitation of the Saudi government and its Ministry of Foreign Affairs, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary-General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, attended on Monday evening, 17 Muharam 1444 corresponding to 15 August 2022, the historic annual ceremony of washing the Kaaba which is a reenactment of the Sunnah of the Messenger of Allah, PBUH, when he opened (fath) Makkah in the 8th year after the hijra. HRH Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Crown Prince, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense had the honor to wash the Kaaba on behalf of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, may Allah protect them. This honorable occasion was attended by a number of dignitaries and personalities invited by the Saudi Royal Court. After washing the Kaaba, HRH Prince Mohammed bin Salman and his guests performed two rak'ahs inside the Kaaba, and His Royal Highness circumambulated (tawaf) the Ancient House with them. On this blessed occasion, the Secretary General of the Academy expressed his great happiness, pleasure and thanks to the government of Saudi Arabia for giving him the opportunity to attend this honorable



occasion, he said: "And ever has the favor of Allah upon you been great (Quran 4:113). It is a great honor to witness this important historical moment that reminds us of that immortal day on which the Prophet of guidance and light, washed with his own hands the Ancient House, may Allah's blessings and peace be upon him, circumambulated a number of honorable companions, may Allah be pleased with them, in the year of conquest, the 8th year after the hijra. Language cannot describe the feeling I had while kneeling for two rak'as in this pure and blessed place gathering the events of this great epic. In fact, I have no words to express the feeling that

possessed me and my eyes shed silent tears as I thanked Allah for His grace and mercy in allowing me to witness this occasion. What a wonderful occasion! what a noble house! What a pristine location! And what a great blessing to remember and be thankful for!! On our own behalf and the Ummah, May Allah reward the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, as King, government, and people, with the best reward and blessings, for their care and patronage of the Ancient House and all the holy places. And May Allah grant the Kingdom, its wise leadership, and its people endless state of security, safety, stability, and prosperity."



IIFA and International Islamic University Malaysia sign an MoU



Within the framework of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy's (IIFA) endeavor to make the most of the distinguished scientific expertise that abounds in universities, institutes and intellectual centers inside and outside the Muslim world, and with a desire to strengthen the relationship between the Academy and prestigious research institutions within the member states of the OIC, HE Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, and Prof. Emeritus Tan Sri Dato' Dzulkifli Abdul Razak, Rector of the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM), signed on Thursday 27 Muharram 1444H, corresponding to 25 August 2022G, a memorandum of understanding in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. This agreement, the first of its kind between this esteemed university in the islands of the Malay Archipelago, aims to build a solid strategic partnership between the two institutions in various fields of common interest, especially in the field of benefiting from the scientific and research capabilities and abilities of the two institutions, joint study of calamities and contemporary issues, exchanging scientific visits, and promoting coordination and cooperation efforts in the field of consolidating and spreading the culture of moderation, tolerance and coexistence in scientific institutions and bodies. It also aims to enable the two institutions to jointly organize conferences and symposiums, hold workshops and training, exchange publications, and represent the two sides at conferences and

symposia held by each of them in the field of common interest between them. The signing ceremony began with a welcoming speech by the Rector of the University, who expressed his "...thanks and deep appreciation to His Excellency the Secretary General of the Academy for visiting this university, of which he was a member and active participant in its advancement and development, noting that His Excellency's presence today on this occasion is a confirmation of his appreciation and affection for his university in which he taught, and participated in graduating a distinguished generation during his years of work there as a great and capable professor". He also expressed "... his utmost gratitude to him for his precious confidence in the IIUM in terms of leadership and direction, as it is almost the only global university that seeks through its programs and activities to qualify a generation of graduates who are capable of making Islam a mercy to the world, and capable of carrying out the duty of integrating between religious and human sciences", stressing in the meantime that "the university will spare no effort in harnessing all capabilities in order to ensure the success of this agreement, and to activate its provisions to build an exemplary strategic partnership between the university and the Academy, which enjoys a distinguished scientific position and a great international reputation inside and outside the OIC's member states." He concluded by expressing his aspiration to start implementing the terms of this agreement as soon as possible. For his part, HE the Secretary General expressed his great happiness and honor to sign this important agreement with a reputable scientific institution that is considered one of the most prominent and most successful universities in the Muslim world, and in Malaysia in particular, noting the clear pioneering role played by the university in providing a unique and successful model of quality Islamic education that combines authenticity and modernity, with its students' mastery of religious and worldly sciences, which made its graduates assume leadership and

pioneering positions in their societies inside and outside the Muslim world, as well as making them a model of moderation and peace. He also expressed his aspiration for the participation of many prominent male and female researchers of this university in the upcoming sessions, symposiums and conferences of the Academy, to highlight the ability of Islam to solve the problems of the times, direct calamities, and confirm the validity of the teachings of Islam for every time and place by offering a moderation of Islam which characterized by inclusivity, flexibility, and realism. He concluded by expressing his great appreciation to the university management for providing this opportunity of collaboration between the two institutions, stressing the Academy's full readiness to make this agreement a model for a successful partnership between the two institutions in various fields. The signing ceremony took place at the university's Senate hall in the Gombak Valley, located in the suburb of Kuala Lumpur, the university's headquarters, and was attended by the university's deputy rectors and the deans of the faculties. It should be noted that HE the Secretary General has previously taught at this university for sixteen (16) years, supervised dozens of master's and doctoral theses, served as founding director of the International Institute for Muslim Unity (IIMU), the first Vice Rector for External Relations and Innovations, and was granted by His Majesty the late Sultan Ahmed Shah Al-Musta'in Billah, the former King of Malaysia, the "Dato" royal decoration in recognition of his efforts in the field of education in Malaysia.



IIFA and University of Islamic Sciences Malaysia sign an MoU



Within the framework of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy's (IIFA) endeavor to achieve intellectual convergence and knowledge integration between the leading scientific institutions in the member states of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), and a desire to benefit from the expertise and experiences at prestigious universities and scientific institutes inside and outside the Muslim world, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, and His Excellency Prof. Sharifuddin Shaarani, Rector of the University of Islamic Sciences Malaysia, signed a memorandum of cooperation between the two institutions, on Wednesday, 19 Muharram 1444H, corresponding to 17 August 2022G, in the Malaysian administrative capital, Putrajaya. This new agreement aims to build a strategic partnership in the field of mutual benefit from the scientific and research capabilities and abilities of the two institutions, and a joint study of contemporary calamities and issues in order to direct and rationalize them. The agreement

also aims to jointly organize conferences and symposia, hold workshops and training, exchange publications, and represent the two sides in conferences and symposia that are held with the knowledge of each in the field of common interest between them. After signing the memorandum, His Excellency the Secretary General of the Academy expressed his great pleasure and great pride in completing this important agreement for both parties, praising the prestigious scientific level that characterizes Malaysian universities in general and the qualitative development witnessed by this university in particular, praising the promising programs and the well-devised plans included in its curricula, which calls for optimism for a prosperous future for Islamic sciences that combine Islamic and scientific disciplines. His Excellency also expressed his aspiration that this agreement would be an opportunity for the Academy to benefit from the expertise and scientific capabilities that this university is brimming with, by recruiting male and female researchers from its various faculties and institutes to participate in the Academy's sessions, seminars and conferences, in order to enhance the close scientific and research cooperation between the two institutions in various domains. For his part, His Excellency the Rector of the University expressed his sincere thanks and great appreciation to His Excellency the Secretary General for his endeavor to complete this agreement between the two parties, which serves Muslims in Malaysia and the region of Southeast Asia in general, praising

the leading scientific position and the good international reputation enjoyed by the Academy inside and outside the member states of the OIC. His Excellency also expressed his aspiration for a prosperous phase of fruitful cooperation between the university and the Academy on all issues and topics of common interest, especially the joint organization of conferences and seminars, the exchange of scientific visits, and the joint preparation of research and studies concerned with guiding calamities in all fields, especially the field of fatwas, and the halal industry through its international center for fatwas and halal products. His Excellency concluded by expressing the University's aspiration to make the most of the scientific expertise and capabilities of the members and experts of the Academy in the near future. It should be noted that, in implementation of the terms of the memorandum, the two parties agreed to form a specialized committee to determine aspects of cooperation between them, and ways and mechanisms of implementation as envisaged in the memorandum itself.



IIFA and INCEIF sign an MoU in Kuala Lumpur

In order to achieve the desire of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) to benefit from the expertise and experiences that abound in many prestigious and esteemed universities and scientific centers inside and outside the Muslim world, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, and His Excellency Prof. Azmy Omar, President and Executive Director of the International University specialized in Islamic Finance (INCEIF), signed a strategic cooperation agreement between the two institutions on Wednesday 19 Muharram 1444H, corresponding to 17 August 2022G, at the university's headquarters in Kuala Lumpur. This agreement aims to build a strategic partnership in the field of mutual benefit from the scientific and research capabilities and abilities of the two institutions, and a joint study of the issues of the financial industry and Islamic finance in order to develop this important sector and advance its governance in accordance with Shariah and its principles. The agreement also aims to enable the two institutions to jointly organize conferences, seminars, workshops and training that deal with industry developments in terms of analysis, development and guidance. Following the signing of the agreement, His Excellency the Secretary General expressed his happiness with the tangible development that the university is witnessing,



and the steady progress in the field of intensive education and specialization in Islamic finance, and his appreciation for the scientific results and achievements that the university has achieved in recent years at the level of scientific research and the graduation of qualified specialists in the field of Islamic finance. His Excellency also noted that this agreement will be an opportunity to recruit male and female researchers from the various colleges and institutes of the university to participate in the Academy's sessions, seminars and conferences. His Excellency added that the Academy looks forward to strengthening close scientific and research cooperation with the research teams of the university's faculty members, and to what they will provide of opinions and experiences that contribute to taking appropriate

Fiqh decisions. His Excellency also indicated that the university, with its advanced research capabilities in the field of Islamic finance, can effectively contribute through experts, researchers and faculty members in various financial and economic issues that fall within the interests of the Academy. In implementation of the terms of the memorandum, the two parties agreed to form a specialized committee to determine aspects of cooperation between them, and the ways and mechanisms of implementation as envisaged in the memorandum itself, and it has the authority to seek the assistance of whomever it deems appropriate to implement all the terms of the agreement. The signing ceremony of the agreement was attended by Prof. Mansour Ibrahim, Executive Vice President of the University, and Prof. Akram Lal El-Din, Executive Director of the International Academy of Islamic Finance (ISRA).



President of US-based Family Watch International visits the Academy

A delegation from Family Watch International of the United States, led by its President, Dr. Sharon Slater, Mr. Gregory Scott, Ms. Jennifer Olney, and Ambassador Omar Dahab Fadl, visited the Academy's headquarters in Jeddah on Sunday 15 Muharam 1444 corresponding to 14 August 2022. The delegation was received by Mr. Moez Al-Riyahi, Acting Secretary General of the Academy, Director of Finance, Investments and Projects, Dr. Abdulqahir Qamar, Director of Research, Studies, and Encyclopedias, Mr. Muhammad Walid Al-Idrisi, Director of Media and Public Relations, and Dr. Alhagi Manta Drammeh, Head of the Academy's International Cooperation and External Relations Division. At the beginning of the meeting, Mr. Al-Riyahi welcomed the delegation on behalf of the Secretary General, Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, and conveyed his greetings and best wishes for their visit, and presented to them an overview of the Academy, one of the most important organs of the OIC, which was established in 1981 to be the leading reference for the OIC Member states and Muslim communities in clarifying legal provisions on calamities and issues of concern to Muslims worldwide. He also pointed out that the members of the Academy are considered to be among the most prominent scholars and jurists representing the OIC's 57 Member states, in addition to various scholars and experts in different fields of knowledge from within and outside the Muslim world. Dr. Abdulqahir Qamar spoke about the great acceptance and reputation that the



Academy enjoys in the Muslim world and among Muslim societies. He added that Family Watch International shares many values and objectives with the Academy regarding the importance and prestige of the family institution and the need to preserve and protect it. Mr. Mohammed Walid Al-Idrisi reiterated the same and once again welcomed the guests of the Academy. Dr. Alhagi Manta Drammeh spoke about the importance of the family institution, as the Academy has established an independent department called the Department of Family, Women, Children, and the Elderly, and appointed a director for this department, Mrs. Sarah Amjad Hussein, who was on personal leave during their visit. Dr. Alhagi Manta noted that the Academy plans to organize a series of seminars and conferences to discuss many family-related issues and calamities in the coming months and suggested on this occasion that the delegation and the Academy could work together in areas of common interest after the conclusion of an MoU. For her part, the President of Family Watch International, Dr. Sharon Slater, thanked the Academy for

the warm welcome and the opportunity to visit the Academy in order to learn more about the Academy's expertise in dealing with issues and topics related to the family institution, and to discuss the establishment of cooperative relations with the Academy in improving the family's foundations and preserving its values. She added that her organization would be honored to cooperate with the Academy in areas of common interest. She also stated that her organization works to protect and strengthen the family as the basic unit and building block of society, and that it monitors and reports on policy and research developments related to the new cultural, social, and legal dynamics affecting children and the family. At the end of the meeting, Mr. Al-Riyahi reiterated his thanks to the delegation for their visit and expressed the Academy's will to strengthen cooperation between both sides. Dr. Slater expressed her sincere gratitude to the Academy, hoping to sign an MoU with the Academy in the near future. Both parties exchanged commemorative souvenirs.



22nd Monthly Meeting of the Academy's Personnel

The Secretary General of the Academy, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, chaired the twenty-second monthly meeting of the Academy's personnel on Sunday, 09 Muharam 1444 corresponding to 07 August 2022, at the Academy's headquarters in Jeddah. At the meeting's opening, His Excellency welcomed the participants, recalling that this meeting is dedicated to dialogue and consultation and that it should be an opportunity for self-criticism, problem solving, suggestions and discussion of issues of interest to the Academy in a free and transparent manner. He then referred to the final preparations for the 25th Session, and emphasized the importance of the cooperation agreements and memoranda concluded by the Academy with a number of institutions within and outside the OIC Member States, while welcoming the good results that have been achieved, as a number of



these institutions and centers have nominated qualified scholars and researchers to participate in the research of the forthcoming session. His Excellency also informed the participants of Al-Azhar University's approval to sign a cooperation protocol with the Academy. His Excellency listened to the opinions and suggestions on the preparations for the twenty-fifth session. The meeting issued the following decisions:

- To ensure that the research standards are strictly adhered to, to return to researchers

the articles; which are overtly long; in order to modify them in a reasonable length.

- Update information on the number of the received research articles as well as their authors' personal data based on their latest passports, etc.
- Create an email for receiving research, or a link to communicate with session participants, other than the main email.
- The Gift Committee should come up with new ideas for the gift basket that will be distributed to the next session's participants as well as to guests and visitors to the Academy's headquarters.
- Renew the flags of Member states, that are over a year old.
- Begin preparations for the twenty-sixth session of the Academy, identifying topics to be discussed at that session.

85th Weekly Meeting of the Academy's Departments



His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the 85th weekly meeting of the directors of the departments on Monday, 26 Dhu al-Hijjah 1443H corresponding to 25 July 2022G at the headquarters of the

General Secretariat in Jeddah. At the beginning of the meeting, His Excellency welcomed the attendees and thanked them for participating in the meeting, stressing that this meeting will follow up on the progress of preparations for the twenty-fifth Session of the Academy, which will be held very soon. His Excellency instructed the committee concerned to submit a detailed report on the research of the session that has been received with the names of the participants and their countries. His Excellency also instructed the Seminars and Research departments to work closely together on a daily basis to coordinate, arrange and review the Session's research papers to ensure that researchers adhere to the set topics, and to inform all those

who do not adhere to them. Then the meeting discussed the items of decisions issued by the previous meeting, and several new decisions were issued, the most important of which are:

- Call for papers from researchers of the Iraqi Fiqh Academy on topics of the Session.
- Calling for an urgent meeting of the Board of Trustees in September to discuss new issues regarding the Academy's Waqf fund.
- Writing to the Department of Islamic Affairs and Charitable Activities in Dubai regarding hosting a symposium on "Wills" and its role in combating poverty and destitution in the present era.

86th Weekly Meeting of the Academy's Departments

The Secretariat General of the Academy held its eighty-sixth weekly meeting of departments' directors, headed by H.E. Prof. Koutoub Sano, on Monday 03 Muharam 1444, corresponding to 01 August 2022, at the Academy's headquarters in Jeddah. At the beginning of the meeting, His Excellency greeted the participants, thanked them for their regular participation, spoke of the latest preparations for the twenty-fifth session of the Academy. He also discussed with them a number of topics and issues related concerning the session, especially with regard to research. His Excellency requested the Scientific Committee to ensure that the research papers are carefully examined and comply with the topics and standards outlined in the call letters. His Excellency highlighted the Bureau meeting, held on Thursday 28 July, 2022, under the chairmanship of the OIC's Secretary General, Chairman of the Bureau, who expressed his thanks over the Bureau's efforts, and praised the Academy as an intellectual and scientific reference that works and watches for

unification. The OIC Secretary General also commended the visit of the Ummah's scholars, led by IIFA, to Afghanistan in order to dialogue and converge the views of the ruling authority with the opinions of the Muslim world's religious references as well as the international public opinion. This visit is considered a great success that will be recorded in the history of the Academy for many decades or centuries to come and will strengthen its role and place in solving major outstanding problems of Muslim societies. The meeting also discussed decisions from the previous meeting, and issued new ones, notably:

- Preparing a letter of thanks to the OIC Secretary General for chairing and moderating the Bureau meeting and sending him the meeting report to benefit from his comments and suggestions.
- Sending a letter to the researchers requesting them to speed up submitting their research to be printed after its approval.
- Setting a date for a Bureau meeting



next September to discuss new issues regarding the Waqf Fund.

- Launching a gift committee specializing in the preparation of gifts and publications of the Academy, headed by Ms. Ola Asiri, and consisting of: Mr. Khaled Jarbin, Mr. Amjad Al-Mansi, Mr. Saad Al-Samar, Mr. Ahmed Jazouli, and Mr. Abdulaziz Arzak.
- Preparing a letter to the OIC Secretariat General regarding the payment of financial arrears to the least developed Member states based on the last Bureau meeting's conclusions.

87th Weekly Meeting of the Academy's Departments



Under the chairmanship of the IIFA Secretary General, Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, the eighty-seventh weekly meeting of the Academy's departments was held on Monday 10 Muharam 1444, corresponding to 08 August 2022, at the Academy's headquarters in Jeddah. His Excellency talked about the need to follow up the next session's research and to submit a

detailed report on the number of research papers that conform to the themes and that have been edited, according to each topic of the session. His Excellency gave instructions to prepare a list of presenters who have been approved for the next session, and to start sending them their research papers and to set a deadline for receiving their final presentations. His Excellency also spoke about the smooth running of the Academy's financial transactions, which have become easier thanks to the improvement of Academy's electronic transactions which have saved it more time and effort in obtaining its financial rights and protecting its staff. His Excellency instructed the Finance Committee to draft the estimated budget of the total cost of the twenty-fifth session. The meeting reviewed the previous meeting's decisions and issued new decisions, notably:

- Publishing the OIC Secretary General's speech delivered at the last Bureau meeting on the Academy's website.
- Contacting tourist and airline companies to obtain the estimated cost of tickets for the participants at the next session, with a detailed report on the same.
- Contacting researchers who have not sent photos of their passports to expedite this matter.
- Collecting the topics carried over from previous sessions of the Academy for further study, and to prepare the list of topics for the twenty-sixth session, as well contacting Academy members and experts to suggest new topics for the twenty-sixth session.

Rays of Light on the Lives of the Academy's Living Scholars (5)

Four decades have passed since the leaders of the Muslim world created the largest contemporary institution of collective Ijtihad, whose members consist of the elite and eminent contemporary Shariah scholars, supported by distinguished experts in natural sciences, sociology, economics and politics, with the aim of studying contemporary life problems and clarifying the legal provisions on issues of concern to Muslims worldwide, based on the teachings of the Holy Qur'an, the Sunnah; and the supreme objectives of the Shari'ah, and in accordance with the pious predecessors' methodology in legal deduction and inference, as well as the legal and jurisprudential maxims that have passed through the generations. By the grace of Allah, this institution has become the primary reference in fiqh matters, where OIC Member states and Muslim communities seek refuge to learn about the rulings of Shariah concerning the current calamities and

developments in life, and the practical scientific recommendations for guidance, clarification and orientation. As the ascetic Imam Abdullah Ibn Al-Mubarak once said, "The blessed science is that which is referred to its people". The Secretariat General of the Academy believes that there is an urgent need to make known to future generations the journey of those eminent jurists and scholars who concluded these outstanding resolutions and issued these clear recommendations, beginning with those who passed away and joined the Supreme Companion, may Allah have mercy on them and place them in His spacious gardens; and thus concluding with those who continue to enlighten us with their brilliant achievements, May Allah bless them with health and well-being, and may He prolong their lives. This blessed initiative by the Academy is to reassure those far and near that the resolutions and recommendations

are correct, as they are issued by prominent scholars known for their piety and fear of Allah, who mastered the instruments and skills of jurisprudential examination, and who fulfilled the requirements of Ijtihad and the ethics of Ifta. To fulfil this crucial responsibility, the General Secretariat of the Academy has decided to devote space in its monthly newsletter to present a brief biography of the Academy's members as scholars and experts, in appreciation of their work and recognition of their contributions, while praying for mercy and acceptance to them. We pray to Allah to assist us in completing this work as soon as possible; we only want to reform as much as we can, and our success is solely dependent on Allah, the Highest, the Greatest.

Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano
Secretary General of the Academy

His Eminence Professor Mohammed bin Ali Al-Qarri

Born in 1949 in Saudi Arabia, H.E. Dr. Mohammed bin Ali Al-Qarri obtained a bachelor's degree from King Abdelaziz University in Saudi Arabia in 1975, a master's degree in economics from the University of California in the United States in 1981, and a doctorate in economics from the same university in 1984. His Eminence is an expert member at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), and held other important positions, including: former professor of Islamic economics at King Abdelaziz University in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, and the former director of the Islamic Economics Research Center at the same university. Currently, His Eminence serves as a member of the Shariah Council of the Accounting and Auditing Organization for Islamic Financial

Institutions (AAOIFI), a member of the Board of Trustees, a member and chairperson of many Shariah boards of Islamic banks, central banks and insurance companies around the world. His Eminence is the author of many books on Islamic finance and has published a number of articles on this subject in both Arabic and English, and delivered conferences around the world. His Eminence is the recipient of the Islamic Development Bank Prize in the field of Islamic banking and finance for the year 1424 (2004), the Cliff Prize (Malaysia) in Islamic Financing for his outstanding contribution to Islamic finance, and the Euromoney Award for his outstanding contribution to the Islamic finance sector.



His Eminence Professor Monzer kahf

Born in 1940 in Damascus, H.E. Dr. Monzer Kahf obtained a bachelor's degree in Commerce in 1962 from Damascus University, a Higher Diploma in 1967 in Planning at the Institute of Economic and Social Planning in Damascus, and a Ph.D. in 1975 in Economics at the University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah - the United States of America, and its subject is "The Theory of Monetary Development". His eminence is an expert member at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) in Jeddah and also held other important positions, including: economic researcher at the Islamic Research and Training Institute of the Islamic Development Bank, and he taught Islamic



economics in many universities in different countries, and has several books, research papers and articles on Islamic economics and contemporary financial transactions. He has participated in many seminars and conferences as a researcher and commentator in various aspects of Islamic economics, a lecturer in many training courses in various aspects of Islamic economics, and he prepared and implemented a number of seminars and conferences in all aspects of Islamic economics in many countries in America, Europe, Africa and Asia, and gave tens of public lectures, television and radio talks on Islamic economics and finance.

His Eminence Shaikh Ahmed bin Saud bin Saeed Al Siyabi



Born in 1954 in the Sultanate of Oman, H.E. Sh. Ahmed bin Saud bin Saeed Al Siyabi received traditional learning at Al Khor Mosque in Muscat in Arabic language and Islamic Fiqh, and obtained a BA from Beirut Arab University, at the Faculty of Arts - Department of Arabic Language, and a high diploma in Islamic Shariah from Dar Al Uloom, Cairo University, and a master's degree in Islamic Jurisprudence from Al-Zaytouna University - Tunisia. His Eminence is an expert member at IIFA, in addition to many key positions, including: Director of the Department of Qur'anic Schools, DG of Islamic Affairs, DG of the Iftaa Office, Adviser to Awqaf and Islamic Affairs, Acting

Undersecretary for Awqaf and Islamic Affairs, member of the Main Committee of the Islamic Shariah Symposium in 1988, member of the Symposium on Proximity between Islamic Doctrines at the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in Rabat, Vice-Chairman of the Committee for Drafting the Personal Status Law of the Sultanate and Head of the Working Group, member of Aal al-Bayt Foundation for Islamic Thought in Jordan, member of the Islamic Research Academy in Al-Azhar in the Arab Republic of Egypt, member of the Arabic Language Academy in the Arab Republic of Egypt, and currently the Secretary General of the Office of the Sultanate of Oman's Grand Mufti.

His Eminence Professor Hassan bin Mohammed Safar



Born in 1953 in Makkah, H.E. Dr. Hassan bin Mohammed Safar obtained his primary, intermediate and secondary education in Makkah, a bachelor's degree in Shariah and Islamic Studies from the Department of Shariah (specializing in Fiqh and Usool) from Umm Al-Qura University in Makkah in 1976, a Master's degree in International Studies in Comparative Systems from the Institute of International Studies in 1983, Monterrey, California, and a PhD in Shariah Politics from Umm Al-Qura University in 1985, specializing in Governance, Judiciary and Pleading Systems. His Eminence also received a master's degree in his specialization (Governance, Judiciary and Pleading Systems). His Eminence is an expert member at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) and also held other important positions, including:

Head of the Department of Islamic Studies, member of the College Council, Chairman of the Graduate Studies Committee, a scientific and jurisprudence researcher in the Fiqh Rules Encyclopedia, general supervisor of the office of the Minister of Hajj for eight years at the rank of Undersecretary, and he is currently a professor of governance and legal studies in Islamic constitutional and judicial jurisprudence at King Abdelaziz University, where he teaches the subjects of the system of government in Islam, the judicial system, methods of proof, legal pleadings and various other subjects. He is an international judicial arbitrator accredited by the Ministry of Justice, and the official of legal marriages in the courts of the city of Jeddah accredited by the Ministry of Justice. He has several books in various fields.

His Eminence Professor Mohammed Fathallah Al-Ziyadi

Born in 1950 in Tripoli, Libya, H.E. Dr. Mohammed Fathallah Al-Ziyadi held important positions including: Dean of the College of Islamic Da'wah, Head of the Graduate Studies Department at the Islamic Da'wah College, Head of the Qur'anic Studies Department at the Islamic Da'wah College, Head of the Arabic Language Department at the College of Languages at the University of Tripoli, Lecturer in the Sciences of the Qur'an in the Department of Arabic Language at the Faculty of Education at the University of Tripoli, lecturer in Islamic culture at Al-Zawiya University, lecturer in Orientalism and Christianization at the Islamic Da'wah College in Tripoli, Director of the Da'wa Office and Islamic Centers at the World Islamic Da'wa Association in Tripoli, member of the

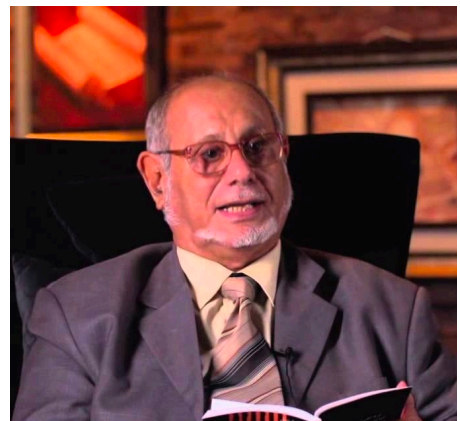


Scientific Advisory Committee of the General Authority of Awqaf in Libya (Al-Iftaa Authority), member of the Board of Trustees of the Da'wa Organization in Khartoum, expert member at IIFA in Jeddah, member of the Libyan side in the Joint Commission for the Establishment of Islamic Centers (a joint body between Libya and the United Arab Emirates), member of multiple committees to develop Islamic studies curricula, member of the Libyan side in the dialogue with the Vatican, and editor-in-chief of the Journal of the College of Islamic Da'wa. His Eminence participated in a large number of international scientific conferences in various fields of Islamic studies and in different regions of the world. His Eminence is the author of various books and is currently a retired professor.

His Eminence Dr. Mohammed Ali Al-Bar

Born in 1939 in Aden, Yemen, H.E. Dr. Mohammed Ali Al-Bar obtained a bachelor's degree in Medicine and Surgery from Cairo University in 1964, and a diploma in internal diseases from the same university in 1969. His Eminence received membership in UK's Royal Colleges of Physicians (London, Edinburgh and Glasgow) in February 1971, and the Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians in London in 1994. His Eminence is an expert member at IIFA and held other important positions, including: expert at the Islamic Fiqh Academy of the Muslim World League (MWL) in Makkah, founding member of the Authority for Scientific Miracles in the Qur'an and Sunnah (MWL), and member of the Higher Committee for Brain Death in GCC region.

His Eminence participated in conferences and symposia of the Islamic organization For medical sciences in Kuwait, and with research in several in Islamic medicine conferences and symposia against smoking, alcohol and drugs, and delivered many lectures on smoking, alcohol, drugs, sexual diseases, AIDS and medical miracles in the Qur'an in many universities, associations and schools, and lectured in many universities and seminars in the Arab world and abroad, especially on medical ethics. His Eminence is currently a Consultant in Internal Medicine and Advisor of the Department of Islamic Medicine at King Fahd Center for Medical Research in King Abdulaziz University in Jeddah, and Director of the Medical Ethics Center, International Medical Center in Jeddah.



His Eminence Shaikh Hassan Al-Jawahiri

Born in 1949 in Najaf, Iraq, H.E. Sh. Hassan Al-Jawahiri studied at Muntada Al-Nasher Primary School, then at Al-Sudair Middle School, then at Al-Najaf Preparatory School. He then joined the College of Fiqh and graduated from it in 1971 with a bachelor's degree. He was receiving religious lessons (such as grammar, Fiqh and Usool) in the mosques of Najaf, in addition to his academic studies at the Fiqh College. His Eminence Sheikh Hassan al-Jawhari is an



expert member at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), member of the Islamic Fiqh Academy (the Fiqh Academy of Ahl al-Bayt) in Iran - Qom - since its establishment for three years and was elected a member of the International Academy of Ahl al-Bayt. Currently settled in Najaf Al-Ashraf where he teaches Fiqh and Usool in the mosque of the Sheikh of the community, the owner of the jewels, and imam at the same mosque.

His Eminence Professor Hamza bin Hussein bin Hamza Al-Far Al-Sharif



Born in 1950 in Taif, H.E. Dr. Hamza bin Hussain bin Hamza Al-Far Al-Sharif received his education in the knowledge circles of the Grand Mosque, obtained a bachelor's degree in 1972, then a master's degree in 1976 in the subject of (Causality and its Impact on Fiqh Rulings) from Umm Al-Qura University, and then he obtained his doctorate in the subject of (The Summary of Al-Rawdah by Alaa Al-Din Al-Kafani Al-Aqlani) Investigation and Study, from the same university, specializing in Fiqh principles. His eminence is an expert at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) and also held other important positions, including: teaching assistant at the College of

Shariah in Makkah Al-Mukarramah in 1972, then a lecturer in 1976, then an associate professor in 1995, and a teacher at the Grand Mosque, Head of the Shariah Department in the Faculty, then vice-Dean for postgraduate studies, then Dean of the Institute of Scientific Research at the university. He is a member of some charities and Qur'an Societies, member of the Board of Directors of the Saudi Fiqh Society, and expert at the Islamic Fiqh Academy of the Muslim World League. His Eminence is the author of several books, research papers and articles, and has participated in many seminars, lectures and symposia.

His Eminence Professor Abdul Majeed Al-Najjar

Born in 1945 in Tunisia, H.E. Dr. Abd al-Majid al-Najjar obtained a BA in "Usool Al-Din" from Al-Zaytoonah University in Tunis in 1972, a master's degree in "Aqeedah and Philosophy" from the Faculty of Usool Al-Din at Al-Azhar University, Cairo in 1974, and a doctorate in the field of "Aqeedah and Philosophy" from the Faculty of Usool Al-Din at Al-Azhar University in 1981. The title of the thesis was "Al-Mahdi Ibn Tumart: His Life, Opinions, and Impact in Morocco." His Eminence is an expert at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) and also held other important positions, including: Member of the National Constituent Assembly in Tunisia, Rapporteur of the Committee on Preparatory and General Principles for Writing the Constitution, Member of the Scientific



Council of the European College of Human Studies, France / Chateau Cheanau, Member of the Eastern European Muslims Committee / London, Member of the Advisory Board of various Scientific Journals, member of the European Council for Fatwa and Research, its Assistant Secretary-General and Head of its research committee, Founding member of the Board of Trustees of the World Organization of Al-Quds, and head of the International Center for Research and Scientific Consultations in Tunisia. He also worked as a professor in many Arab and Islamic universities. His Eminence is the author of various books, research papers and articles, and has participated in a great number of conferences and seminars, locally and internationally.

His Eminence Professor Mohammed bin Yahya bin Hassan Al-Nujaimi



Born in 1961 in Abha, Saudi Arabia, H.E. Dr. Mohammed bin Yahya bin Hassan Al-Nujaimi obtained his Bachelor's degree from the Shariah Department affiliated to Imam Mohammed bin Saud Islamic University in Riyadh, in 1985, a Master's degree from the Department of Comparative Fiqh at the Higher Institute of the Judiciary in 1988 under the title "Rulings on the Apostate in Islamic Shariah", and a doctorate from the Department of Fiqh at the College of Shariah of the Islamic University in Madinah in 1992. His Eminence is an expert at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) and also held other important positions such as: a teaching assistant, lecturer, assistant professor, associate professor, a chair professor (Professor) at King Fahd Security College, a professor of graduate studies at the

Higher Judicial Institute, head of the Civil Studies Department at King Fahd Security College, head of the comparative Fiqh department at the Higher Judicial Institute, taught at King Saud University in Riyadh, expert at the Islamic Fiqh Academy of the Muslim World League in Makkah Al-Mukarramah, member of the Council of Shariah Jurists in America, member of the Saudi Fiqh Association, expert in human rights issues, women's rights, combating terrorism and drugs, member of the National Committee of Medical Ethics, member of the Shariah and Legal Committee, and member of the Counseling Committee and Dealing with Terrorism Issues in the Ministry of Interior. He has several books, research papers and articles in various fields.

His Eminence Shaikh Mohammed Salah Al-Din Al- Mistawi

Born in 1952 in Tunisia, his father, Sheikh Habib al-Mistawi, was one of Tunisia and Maghreb's leading scholars. H.E. Sheikh Mohammed Salah al-Din al-Mistawi graduated from the Faculty of Shariah, Al-Zaytoonah University, and obtained a master's degree in Maliki Fiqh. His Eminence is an expert member at IIFA and holds other important positions, including as researcher at Aix-en-Provence Marseille University in France, professor at the Higher Institute of Usool Al-Din at Zaytoonah University, member of the Supreme Islamic Council in Tunisia, member of the Council of the World Academy for Proximity of Islamic Doctrines in Tehran, member of the World



Council for Islamic Da'wah in Tripoli, UNESCO expert in Paris, Imam-Khatib at the Great Mosque of Upper Megrine since 1975, member of the Scientific Council of the Center for Islamic Studies in Kairouan, managing editor of Jawhar al-Islam magazine, member of the Association of Quranic Societies, member of the National Committee for the Review of Islamic Education Programs, professor at Al-Zahra suburb schools, director of the Department of Quran Affairs In the Prime Ministry, and a member of the House of Representatives (1994-2004), respectively. His Eminence is the author of various publications and participated in many international and local events.

His Eminence Dr. Mohammed Mustafa Al-Zuhaili

Born in 1941 in Damascus, H.E. Dr. Mohammed Mustafa Al-Zuhaili obtained a bachelor's degree in Shariah from the College of Shariah at Damascus University in 1965, a Bachelor's degree in Law at the College of Law at Damascus University in 1966, a Diploma in Personal Status law at the College of Shariah and Law at Al-Azhar University in 1966, a master's degree in Comparative Fiqh at the Faculty of Shariah and Law at Al-Azhar University in 1967, a Law Diploma in 1968, a Diploma in Islamic Shariah in 1967, a master's degree in Law at the Faculty of Law at Cairo University, and a doctorate in Comparative Fiqh in 1971 at the Faculty of Shariah and Law at Al-Azhar University. His Eminence is an expert at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) and also held other important positions, including:

Dean of the College of Shariah and Islamic Studies at the University of Sharjah, Vice Dean of the College of Shariah for Scientific Affairs at the University of Damascus, a member and expert in international Fiqh academies, a member of the Fatwa Committee in the Department of Islamic Affairs, a Shariah advisor to the General Secretariat of Awqaf in Sharjah, a member of the Board of Trustees at the University of Tripoli - Lebanon, a founding member of the Academy of Shariah Jurists in America, a member of the Committee for the elaboration of personal status law in the United Arab Emirates, and a Shariah advisor to a number of Islamic financial institutions. He wrote and revised several books, research papers, and religious and cultural articles.



His Eminence Dr. Al-Ayachi Al-Sadiq Faddad

Born in 1955 in Algeria, H.E. Dr. Al-Ayachi Al-Sadiq Faddad obtained a Bachelor's degree in Islamic Shariah - specializing in Fiqh and Usool in 1982, at the Faculty of Shariah - Umm Al-Qura University in Makkah, and a Master's degree in Islamic Economics, whose subject is "The Concept of Profit and Its Controls in Islamic Economics" in 1987, from the Department of Postgraduate Studies, Umm Al-Qura University in Makkah, and a doctorate in Islamic economics, and its subject is "Value and its Theory in Islamic Economics" in 1994 from the same university. His Eminence is an expert member at IIFA and served several other important positions, including: Senior Researcher at the Islamic Research and Training Institute at the Islamic Development Bank, with 28 years of experience till the end of 2021, member of the Shariah Board of the Accounting and Auditing Organization for Islamic Financial Institutions - Kingdom of



Bahrain (since its creation till 2014), member of the Shariah Board of the International Islamic Rating Agency since its inception until he left - Bahrain, chairman and member of the Executive Committee of the Shariah Rating and Supervision Board of the General Council for Islamic Banks and Financial Institutions since its inception until completion of its work, and member of the Shariah Board of Al-Baraka Bank. He has several books, research and articles in Islamic economics and contemporary financial transactions, and specialized research in zakat and Awqaf. His Eminence participated in a abundant number of conferences, seminars and workshops devoted to the topics of Zakat and Awqaf and the study of contemporary jurisprudential transactions and Islamic economics at the local and international levels. Currently he works as a consultant, researcher and expert in Islamic Finance.

His Eminence Professor Youssef bin Abdullah bin Saleh Al-Shubaily

Born in 1971 in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, H.E. Dr. Youssef bin Abdullah bin Saleh Al-Shubaily obtained a BA from the College of Shariah at Imam Mohammed bin Saud Islamic University in 1993, a MA in Comparative Fiqh from the Higher Institute of Judiciary at Imam Mohammed bin Saud Islamic University in 1997, and a Ph.D. in Comparative Fiqh in 2001 at the same institute. His Eminence is an expert at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) and also held other important positions, including: Member of the Civil Transactions Team in the Judicial Legislation Committee in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Member of the Shariah Council of the Accounting and Auditing Organization for Islamic Financial Institutions (AAOIFI), Head and Member of the Shariah

Board of a number of Islamic banks and financial institutions, Chairman and member of a number of arbitration committees in commercial disputes, Member of the Saudi Fiqh Society, Member of the Saudi Judicial Scientific Society, Member of the Advisory Committee of the Saudi Scientific Islamic Banking Association, Member of the Board of Directors of the General Authority for Jurisdiction over the Funds of Minors and the Like, and a member of the Advisory Council of the Center for Fiqh Excellence in Contemporary Fiqh Issues. He has several books, research papers, articles and participations on the topic of financial transactions, and is currently a professor at the Department of Comparative Fiqh at the Higher Judicial Institute in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.



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IIFA President visits the headquarters of its Secretariat General in Jeddah

His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Abdullah bin Humaid, Advisor at the Royal Court, member of the Council of Senior Scholars, imam and khatib of the Grand Mosque, and president of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), on Sunday 29 Safar 1444H corresponding to 25 September 2022G, visited the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah, where he was received by Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy. His Excellency welcomed the great guest, thanking him for this honorable visit, and expressing his personal gratitude, as well as the gratitude of all the employees of the General Secretariat, to His Excellency for the constant care, great support, and continuous guidance. He also expressed to him the great thanks and appreciation of the Academy for the great facilities and distinguished services provided to it by the headquarters state under the wise leadership of



the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdelaziz Al Saud, and his trusted Crown Prince, His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdelaziz Al Saud, may God preserve them, to enable it to carry out its mission with ease and comfort. Then His Excellency briefed His Excellency the President on the latest preparations for holding the twenty-fifth Session of the Council of the Academy, to be held this year in Jeddah under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Khalid bin Faisal bin Abdelaziz Al Saud, Adviser to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, Governor of the Makkah Region. For his part, His Excellency the President of the Academy expressed his great pleasure and great appreciation for the esteemed efforts exerted by the General Secretariat of the Academy at all levels, which enhances the position of this leading

scientific institution within the member states of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and Muslim communities outside the Muslim world, congratulating His Excellency the Secretary General and his assistants on the Royal approval to hold the next Session in Jeddah, expressing his readiness to provide all the support and guidance needed by the General Secretariat to ensure the success of the Session. At the end of the visit, His Excellency accompanied His Excellency the President on an introductory tour of the recent expansion of the new departments and divisions of the General Secretariat. His Excellency expressed his admiration and blessing for the profound changes and qualitative improvements that have taken place in the Secretariat General, thanking His Excellency the Secretary General for this qualitative shift in form and content in record time and wishing him and his assistants success.



Undersecretary of Saudi Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Da'wah and Guidance visits IIFA



His Excellency the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Da'wah and Guidance for Islamic Affairs in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Sheikh Dr. Awwad bin Sabti Al-Anzi, visited the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) on Wednesday 11 Safar 1444H corresponding to 07 September 2022G. Upon his arrival, the guest was received by Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy. At the outset of the visit, His Excellency welcomed the honorable guest and the delegation accompanying him, thanking in particular His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Abdul Latif Al Sheikh, Minister of Islamic Affairs, Da'wah and Guidance, for his continuous support and great appreciation of the Academy, its activities and programs, as well as his keenness to strengthen and consolidate relations of cooperation and coordination between the Academy and the Ministry. His Excellency seized the occasion to commend the great efforts that the

Headquarters State, as the land of the Two Holy Mosques, continues to make in serving Islam and Muslims, supporting the Ummah's causes, and spreading the approach of moderation, peace and tolerance. His Excellency pointed out that there is a congruence between many of the goals of the Academy with the goals of the Ministry, which makes the Academy aspiring to closer cooperation and coordination between the two sides on many issues of concern to the Muslim Ummah. For his part, His Eminence Sheikh Dr. Awwad bin Sabti Al-Anzi expressed his great pleasure and happiness at visiting the Academy and meeting with His Excellency the Secretary General, where he conveyed to him the greetings of His Excellency the Minister Sheikh Dr. Abdullatif Al Al-Sheikh, and assured him of the Ministry's keenness to support and strengthen the bonds of cooperation and coordination with the Academy in all issues and topics that concern both sides, especially with regard to spreading the method of moderation, and rejecting extremism and fanaticism. He also praised the qualitative leap that the Academy has witnessed since His Excellency assumed the reins of leadership in the General Secretariat, and his aspiration for more achievements and successes for this great Islamic edifice under the leadership of a great scholar such as His Excellency the Secretary General. He concluded by saying: "I am honored today to have visited the headquarters of the Academy and met His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Sano to discuss aspects of cooperation between the Ministry

and the Academy. The meeting was filled with optimism and serious discussions to serve both sides under the directives of our wise leadership led by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, and His Royal Highness, the Crown Prince, and the follow-up of His Excellency the Minister of Islamic Affairs, Da'wah and Guidance Sheikh Dr. Abdul Latif Al-Sheikh. I was very pleased to hear of the blessed efforts of this great edifice, and we held discussions on many possible areas of cooperation. I thank His Excellency the Secretary General and his team for the great reception and warm welcome." The meeting was attended from the Ministry's Side by Mr. Rashid Abdullah Al-Rashoud, Director General of Foreign Relations and International Cooperation, Mr. Saleh Al-Tamimi, Media Officer at the Ministry, and Mr. Rashid Al-Jahni, Minister's Office – Jeddah Branch. On the part of the Academy, Mr. Mohamed Al-Mondher Al-Chouk, Director of the Cabinet Affairs Department, and Mr. Mourad TLiLi, Advisor to His Excellency the Secretary General for Media Affairs and Public Relations.



IIFA and OIC's Women Development Organization sign an MoU in Jeddah

Considering the pivotal role played by the Women Development Organization (WDO) in promoting and supporting the efforts of Muslim women's participation in the development of Muslim peoples and the advancement of their countries through capacity-building and skills development, and based on the intellectual responsibility entrusted to the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) with regard to clarifying Islamic rulings on all issues and matters of concern to Muslims around the world, especially with regard to women's issues, in order to consolidate the Shariah rulings, and to correct the concepts and perceptions woven around their desired participation in nation-building, His Excellency Prof. Dr. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, and Her Excellency Dr. Afnan bint Abdullah Al-Shuaibi, Executive Director of the WDO in member states of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), signed on Thursday 12 Safar 1444H corresponding to 08 September 2022G, a Memorandum of Understanding at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. This agreement aims to develop a comprehensive plan to correct misconceptions about Islam's position on the legitimacy of women's participation in intellectual, social, economic, cultural and political activities and programs. It also aims to build a strong strategic partnership between the two institutions in the field of joint organization of conferences, seminars, and workshops on family issues in general, and women's issues in particular. Following the signing of the agreement, the Executive Director expressed her great pleasure in completing this important strategic partnership with the Academy, which would support the efforts of the member states of the OIC to enhance the status of women and enhance their role in advancing development and community building. She also praised the great scientific status and respectable global reputation that the Academy enjoys inside and outside the Muslim world, which would positively contribute



to facilitating the organization's work and easing its strategic plans in achieving the goals for which it was established. She also affirmed the organization's determination to make the most of the scientific resolutions and recommendations issued by the Academy on various women's issues and causes and concluded by expressing her aspiration for an urgent implementation of the provisions of this agreement in the near future. For his part, His Excellency the Secretary General welcomed Dr. Afnan and the accompanying delegation and congratulated her on assuming her new position and gaining the confidence of the member states of the OIC, wishing her every success in leading this important organ of the OIC. He also expressed his great pleasure at the signing of this strategic agreement between the Academy and the WDO, affirming his full confidence in the complementarity of the efforts of the two institutions in order to support and enhance awareness of the importance and necessity of Muslim women's participation in the efforts of building, progress and development of the Muslim peoples, based on the principles of our true religion that urged the two sexes to cooperate in righteousness and piety, and good deeds, and in compliance with the directives of our honorable Shariah that commanded both men and women to build the universe. He also affirmed the Academy's full readiness to harness all its scientific and intellectual capabilities to support the activities and programs of the WDO aimed at achieving comprehensive participation of

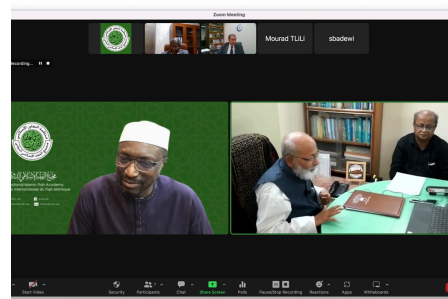
women in various aspects of life. In this context, he referred to the great intellectual efforts that the Academy has been making in the field of correcting concepts and combating abusive practices against women that violate the teachings of Islam and its pure values, through issuing resolutions and recommendations that clarify the provisions of Shariah in a clear scientific manner. The signing ceremony was attended from the WDO side by Dr. Abdul Mohsen Salem Al-Ajmi, Director of Financial and Administrative Affairs and Human Resources. On the part of the Academy, Ms. Sarah Badawi, Director of the Department of Family, Women, Childhood and the Elderly Affairs, Mr. Mohammed Al-Mondher El-Chouk, Director of the Cabinet Affairs Department, Dr. Abdel Fattah Abnauf, Director of the Planning, Development and International Cooperation Department, Dr. Alhagi Manta Drammeh, Head of the International Cooperation and External Relations Division, and Mr. Mourad TLiLi, Adviser to the Secretary General for Media and Public Relations Affairs. It should be noted that the Organization for the Development of Women in the Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation is a specialized organization established by a decision issued by the thirty-sixth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) with the aim of developing women, advancing their status, and building their capabilities and skills in member states, as they are an essential partner in the advancement, progress, renaissance and prosperity of Muslim societies.



IIFA and Delhi-based Institute of Objective Studies sign an MoC

H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, signed with Prof. Muhammad Mansour Alem, President of the Institute of Objective Studies in India, on Thursday 03 Rabi' Al-Awwal 1444H corresponding to 29 September 2022G, a memorandum of strategic cooperation between the two parties. This memorandum aims to build a strategic partnership in the field of supporting the scientific and research capabilities and abilities of the two institutions, and to enhance cooperation and coordination in supporting and assisting Muslim communities outside the member states of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC). It also aims to promote moderation, spread a culture of moderation, tolerance and coexistence, and reject fanaticism, extremism, exclusion, violence, and hatred, through joint organization of conferences and seminars, holding workshops and training, exchanging publications and periodicals, and representing the two sides in the conferences and symposia that are held with the knowledge of each of them

in areas of common interest common between them. Commenting on this memorandum, His Excellency expressed his happiness at signing this agreement with a reputable scientific institution active in one of the countries in which the largest number of Muslim communities live, namely the Republic of India, which has a Muslim population of nearly two hundred million, expressing his hope that it will be the beginning of a new phase of solid and fruitful relations of cooperation between the Academy and the Institute to coordinate efforts and provide effective solutions to the problems of contemporary life, and in search of ways to address hatred, exclusion and abuse against Muslims in India. He affirmed the Academy's readiness to provide support and encouragement to the Institute and to harness all the scientific and intellectual capabilities of the Academy to serve the Muslims of India and Muslim communities in general. For his part, Prof. Mansour expressed his happiness with this historic achievement of his institution, as this partnership with the Academy



represents a high scientific and intellectual value and a qualitative addition to the Institute in developing its research and intellectual outputs to serve the issues of Muslims in India, adding that the Institute looks forward to active participation in the future in the scientific activities of the Academy, especially its Annual Session, in addition to benefiting from the resolutions and recommendations of the Academy and its various scientific and intellectual publications.

Cameroonian Ambassador to KSA visits IIFA

His Excellency Mr. Iya Al-Tidjani, Ambassador of the Republic of Cameroon to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Permanent Representative of Cameroon to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), on Saturday 14 Safar 1444H corresponding to 10 September 2022G, visited the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. His Excellency the Ambassador was received by His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, who welcomed him and his delegation, and thanked him for his first visit to the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy. He also expressed to him the gratitude of Academy, and its great appreciation for the support and care it enjoys from the Government of the Republic of Cameroon, hoping that this visit will be an opportunity to inform His Excellency of the Academy's vision, mission, goals, projects, and five-year strategic plan, which includes a clear formulation of all activities and programs that the Academy hopes to implement during the next five years. His Excellency also expressed his gratitude to the Ambassador for the efforts he exerts to strengthen relations of cooperation and coordination between the member states of the OIC in general, and between the African Group countries in particular, praising the long and rich experiences of His Excellency in the diplomatic field and international relations, wishing for further compatibility, synergy, and integration strengthening the bonds of participation and communication. Then His Excellency presented his honorable guest with a brief overview of the qualitative changes that the



General Secretariat of the Academy is witnessing after assuming the duties of the Secretary General more than a year ago, requesting the permanent delegations to the OIC to appeal to their countries to continue to support the Academy, and to support its strategic plan in particular, to enable it to carry out its intellectual responsibility of promoting the approach of moderation, spreading the culture of moderation, tolerance, coexistence and harmony among followers of religions and sects, and rejecting extremism, fanaticism, terrorism and violence in all its forms. For his part, His Excellency the ambassador expressed his great joy and pride in this visit, which enabled him to witness the distinguished efforts of the Academy and its promising projects, wishing the Secretary General continued success in his duties, which is a source of pride and joy for every African. He also expressed his full readiness to strengthen relations of cooperation and partnership between the Academy and scientific institutions in Cameroon, and concluded the visit by recording his feelings in the honor book, where he said: "It is a pleasure to come today to visit the Academy, and I would like to extend my

sincere thanks to the Secretary General and his team for the respect and appreciation he has for the Republic of Cameroon. We had discussions with His Excellency on issues of common concern, and I appreciate the distinguished initiatives of His Excellency that aim to advance the Academy and enable it to play its important role as intellectual reference for the OIC Member States. I am pleased to assure His Excellency that I will provide him with all the support he needs to successfully accomplish his mission at the head of this body. I also highly appreciate his good efforts to strengthen relations of cooperation, coordination and partnership among the member states of the OIC, especially with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. My sincere thanks, and my highest appreciation to His Excellency and his team for their dedication to serving Islam and Muslims. At the end of the visit, the Secretary General gave the Ambassador and his companions a tour of the offices of the General Secretariat of the Academy and presented him with souvenirs.



Permanent Representative of Somalia to the OIC visits IIFA



H.E. Prof. Dr. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), received on Wednesday 18 Safar 1444H corresponding to 14 September 2022G, at its headquarters in Jeddah, His Excellency Ambassador Ibrahim Adam Musa, the new permanent representative of the Federal Republic of Somalia to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and his accompanying delegation. He welcomed the honorable guest and congratulated him on his appointment as a permanent representative of Somalia to the OIC, wishing him success in his duties, and praising his keenness to consolidate and strengthen the bonds of cooperation between the Academy and the institutions and scientific centers in Somalia. He also stressed the full readiness of the Academy

to provide intellectual and Shariah support to the Somali authorities in their efforts to spread the culture of moderation, tolerance and coexistence, and to combat extremist ideology, fanaticism and terrorism. He also expressed the Academy's firm aspiration to cooperate with the great scholars of Somalia in order to promote moderation, reject fanaticism and extremism, and dismantle hate speech, violence and extremism, in order to protect young people from falling into the fallacies of the infatuated who shed blood, abuse honor, and attack public and private property in the name of religion falsely and slanderously. For his part, the ambassador expressed his happiness and pride in this first visit to the Academy since he took office, where he had the honor of meeting His Excellency the Secretary General and discussing with him the religious issue in Somalia and the best ways to support peace, reform and development efforts in Somalia. His Excellency also expressed his firm belief that deep intellectual change is the cornerstone of any radical change and reform in Somali society, and therefore cooperation with the Academy on this basis comes within the framework of these blessed efforts to benefit from the scientific and intellectual capabilities of the Academy to serve the agenda of peace and societal reform in the

Federal Republic of Somalia by spreading the culture of moderation, peace and tolerance and rejecting extremist and backward ideology and false religious concepts by organizing specialized scientific seminars and conferences inside and outside Somalia in cooperation and partnership with Somali authorities and scholars. The meeting was attended by His Excellency Mr. Abdul Rahim Othman Elmi, Deputy Permanent Representative of Somalia to the OIC, Mrs. Sarah Badawi, Director of the Department of Family, Women, Childhood and the Elderly Affairs at the Academy, Dr. Alhaji Manta Drammeh, Head of the Division of International Cooperation and External Relations at the Academy, and Mr. Mourad TLiLi, Adviser to His Excellency the Secretary General of the Academy for Media affairs and Public Relations.



Guinean Chargé d'affaires in Riyadh visits the Academy

The Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), H.E. Prof. Koutoub Sano, received on Saturday morning, 14 Safar 1444 corresponding to 10 September 2022, at the Academy's headquarters in Jeddah, H.E. Mr. Naby Soumah, the new Chargé d'affaires of the Republic of Guinea in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The Secretary General welcomed his honorable guest and congratulated him on his appointment as Chargé d'Affaires of Guinea to the Kingdom, wishing him every success in his duties, praising his long experience in diplomacy and foreign relations during his years of service at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Guinea. His Excellency also expressed his great thanks and gratitude for the generous care and regular support that the IIFA has enjoyed from the Guinean leadership and people, hoping that his appointment as Chargé d'affaires will lead to the reinforcement of cooperation between the IIFA and the scientific, and religious institutions in Guinea, especially the institutions and centers concerned with the promotion of moderation, tolerance, coexistence and harmony among the followers of religions. Then, His Excellency presented to his guest a brief overview of IIFA's vision, mission, objectives, programs and activities, and the recent changes since taking over as Secretary General. His Excellency concluded



his speech by renewing his high appreciation and gratitude to the Government of Guinea, headed by President of the Republic and Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, Col. Mamady Doumbouya, for the kind reception and warm welcome during his recent visit to Guinea, praying to Allah the Almighty to protect them, grant them success and perpetuate the security and stability of the Guinean people. For his part, the Chargé d'affaires expressed his great pleasure and pride in his first visit to IIFA since taking office and conveyed to him the greetings of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Dr. Morisanda Kouyate, wishing him continued success and achievement in his duties, which is a source of pride and honor for every Guinean. He also expressed his aspiration to strengthen cooperation and partnership between the

Academy and the scientific institutions of Guinea, especially the Ministry of Religious Affairs, with which the Academy signed an MoU during his Excellency's visit. H.E. Nabi Soma, the Chargé d'affaires, wrote in the IIFA guestbook: "I had the honor of meeting H.E. Prof. Koutoub Sano, the Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy that he administers successfully and masterfully. I was really impressed during our conversation, and I was very happy with the developments and the leaps that I saw. I would like to say that the S.G.'s personality is a source of pride for me and for all Guineans because thanks to him, we feel that the image of the Republic of Guinea and the position of its people has been reinforced, and it has become more honorable and brilliant. May Allah protect him and grant him success". The meeting was attended by Mr. Amjad Ibrahim Mustafa, head of protocols at IIFA.



Secretary General of Central Council of Muslims in Germany (ZMD) visits IIFA

His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), received in his office at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah on Wednesday 25 Safar 1444H corresponding to 21 September 2022G, His Excellency Mr. Abdassamad El Yazidi, Secretary General of the Supreme Council of Muslims in Germany. His Excellency welcomed the honorable guest, thanking him for this first visit of its kind of one of the most important Islamic councils in Muslim communities of Europe, and congratulated him on his recent reelection for a second term as Secretary General of the Council, wishing him and his colleagues further success in serving Islam and Muslims in Germany. His Excellency also assured his guest of the Academy's keenness to coordinate, cooperate and communicate with moderate Islamic institutions, councils and centers within the countries of Muslim communities, noting that the Academy is ready to harness all its scientific and intellectual capabilities to serve the issues of Muslim communities, and to provide effective solutions and satisfactory answers to calamities and issues that concern them, in the hope that they become a link between the Muslim world and their societies for the benefit and good of all. To achieve this, His Excellency expressed the Academy's readiness to conclude a cooperation agreement with the Council that would be the basis for fruitful cooperation and a strategic partnership between the two parties in various intellectual and scientific fields, in

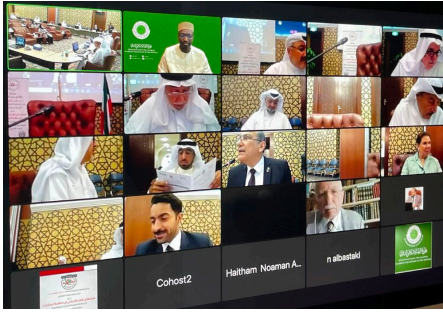


order to enable the Council to make maximum use of the Academy's wise resolutions that call for moderation, tolerance and coexistence, and adhere to the requirements of citizenship within societies. His Excellency concluded by welcoming the joint organization of conferences and seminars in partnership with the Council on various calamities and issues of concern to Muslim communities in the West in general and in Germany in particular. For his part, His Excellency Mr. Abdassamad El Yazidi expressed his great pleasure and great gratitude for this good opportunity to visit the Academy and meet with His Excellency the Secretary General, because of his and the Academy's global scientific reputation and wide appreciation inside and outside the Muslim world. His Excellency stressed the keenness of the Council and German Muslims in general to consolidate the bonds of cooperation and coordination with the Academy to serve a number of important goals at the same time, which is the development of the academic

staff of the Council including imams and preachers, and the organization of joint scientific seminars and conferences inside Germany for the benefit of all Muslims there, in addition to the participation of German Muslim religious scholars in the Academy's activities, especially in the Annual Session, and benefit from the rich and valuable scientific research that the Academy constantly issues. In this context, His Excellency extended an official invitation to His Excellency the Secretary General to visit the Federal Republic of Germany and closely review the conditions of Muslims there and to witness the great efforts made by the Council to serve the Muslims of Germany. The meeting was also attended by Mr. Mohamed Mondher Chouk, Director of the Cabinet Affairs Department at the Academy, Dr. Alhagi Manta Drammeh, Head of the International Cooperation and External Relations Division at the Academy, and Mr. Mourad TLiLi, Adviser to His Excellency the Secretary General for Media Affairs and Public Relations.



Secretary General participates in IOMS Anti-Drugs Symposium



H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, the Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), participated, via video technology, in the international scientific symposium organized by the Islamic Organization for Medical Sciences (IOMS) on the topic “Awakening Islamic medicine in the fight against drugs” on Wednesday 25 Safar 1444H corresponding to 21 September 2022G at the organization’s headquarters in the State of Kuwait. He delivered a keynote speech during the opening ceremony, which he started with thanks and praise to the Islamic Organization for Medical Sciences for its blessed efforts in the field of health awareness and the preservation of the human life. He also thanked the organizers of this important specialized symposium and for the good selection of its topic because of its profound and significant impact on young people inside and outside the Muslim world and protecting them from the pests that beset them and the conspiracies that are being hatched against them and aiming to blind them and prevent them from playing their basic and essential role in building

the future of Ummah and charting the features of a bright future for many generations of young men and women who bear the responsibility of preserving morals and the lofty principles that our true religion brought. He added that one of the rules that the Islamic Shariah brought is the preservation of the five supreme objectives expressed by Imam Al-Ghazali by saying, “The purpose of the Shariah from the creation of mankind is to preserve for them their religion, their soul, their intellect, their family, and their wealth. Anything that includes the preservation of these five principles, is a benefit, and anything that misses these principles is a corruption, and preventing them is a benefit.” These purposes are known as the five necessities, and they mean preserving the religion, preserving the soul, preserving the mind, preserving offspring, and preserving money. Preserving the mind is one of the most important of these purposes, and it is one of the most important conditions of commissioning (Islam, reason and adulthood), as stated in the authentic hadith: “Three are not held responsible: the insane until he becomes sane, the person asleep until he wakes up, the child until he reaches puberty.” Looking at the issue of drugs, we find that it mainly impairs the mind, and destroys it partially or completely, which makes its users in many cases descending to the level of animals. Therefore, no scholar or sane person doubts that it is forbidden to use it, trade in it, and promote and distribute it because of the negative consequences that it entails. He also made it clear that the effects of drugs do not stop at destroying the mind alone, but rather they extend to harming the rest of the other

four purposes, because the drug user does not care about his religion, does not care about his Creator, is not embarrassed by his disobedience, and is not ashamed of people seeing him commit his sins and crimes, which leads to the corruption of his religion. Its use may lead a person to steal, rape, cheat, and defraud to obtain money by any means to buy and use drugs, which harms the purpose of preserving money, and may even lead its abusers and addicts to murder or rape. Moreover, its effect on the purpose of preserving offspring is apparent, because its use, as it is medically established, weakens sexual ability, distorts fetuses and weakens jealousy in the addict to the point that he neglects his honor for the sake of drugs. He concluded by saying that the effect of drugs affects all the necessary purposes with harm and nullification, and that when we take a closer look, we find that drugs are more insidious and more forbidden than alcohol because it destroys the mind, destroys morals, corrupts religion, destroys money, spreads immorality and corruption, crushes dignity, destroys honor and chivalry, and fail security. It is in fact well-known that it is the most important means used by terrorists to blow themselves up and wear explosive belts in their operations. Accordingly, he called on all parties involved in the sensitisation and prevention process of the danger of drug use and addiction to intensify efforts, unite forces, coordinate visions and complete cooperation among peoples and nations in order to preserve the youth and protect our societies from this cancer that eats away at them.

Secretary General meets with deanery of AbdulHamid AbuSulayman Kulliyah

On Friday 21 Muharram 1444H corresponding to 19 August 2022G, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), held a strategic meeting with the deanery of Abdul Hamid Abu Suleyman Kulliyah of Islamic Revealed Knowledge and Human Sciences (KIRKHS) at the International Islamic University in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The meeting started with a welcoming speech by Prof. Shukran Abdel Rahman, Dean of the Kulliyah, in which he expressed his sincere thanks to His Excellency for accepting the invitation to discuss aspects of possible cooperation and partnership between the Academy and AHS Kulliyah, considering its position among the university’s colleges, as it is truly the heart of the university, and the ideal and applied model for the islamisation and integration, as it is considered the largest college in terms of the number of departments, students. He also expressed his personal desire, and that of his fellow deputies and heads of departments, to benefit from His Excellency’s profound and rich experiences in the academia as well as in the political fields, as His Excellency had previously taught in this Kulliyah for sixteen (16) years, during which he held senior administrative positions at the university, the last of which was the position of the university’s Deputy Rector for internationalisation and innovationc. After leaving the university, His Excellency worked as Minister of Religious Affairs, Minister of International Cooperation, then Minister of Diplomatic Affairs and Diplomatic Adviser at the Presidency of the Republic of Guinea for twelve



(12) years, in addition to his current work as Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy. He concluded by expressing the college’s aspiration for close cooperation with the Academy, especially in the field of research and studies, and the participation of the College’s staff in conferences and seminars of the Academy from time to time. For his part, His Excellency delivered his speech expressing his great thanks, appreciation, and gratitude to his dear brother, the Dean of the College, and to his colleagues for this opportunity that enabled him to return again to this college, for which he carries so much love and many beautiful memories that are hard to forget. He also thanked the Dean in particular for his personal keenness to promote awareness of the idea of Islamisation of knowledge by teaching it and formulating courses in the light of its foundations and principles, as it is an important project to guide and rationalize science in order to become a tool for reconstruction and reform. He also thanked him for his keenness to implement the idea of integration between the sciences of the Islamic Revealed Knowledge and humanities by returning to the unique double

degree system that allows young people to combine specialization in one of the departments of the Revealed knowledge with one of the human sciences departments, stressing that this system is considered the ideal way to prepare a generation of intellectuals and scholars who are balanced in thought and behavior, combining authenticity and modernity, and capable of bringing about positive change in society. He then explained that the years of his work at the University as a professor and administrator were among the best years of his life in terms of psychological stability, devotion to critical thinking, writing and publishing, and serving the Muslim Ummah by participating in the education of a generation of young people who occupy today high leadership and administrative positions in their societies as a result of their excellence and superiority. He also made it clear that the years of his work in the political field were also an opportunity in which he increased his certainty of the possibility of positive change and reform if the intentions were sincere and the reasons for empowerment and influence were taken into account. He concluded by pointing out that his current work as Secretary General of the Academy, which represents the largest Shariah reference for the Ummah, and the greatest contemporary intellectual body, is another challenge and a good opportunity for him to harness his academic and political experience to achieve the desired reform and the desired change in thought and behavior in the service of Islam and the Ummah all over the world. Finally, he exchanged gifts with the Dean and took photos with the Deanery management.

Secretary General launches Prof. AbuSulayman Day with a Memorial Lecture



His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), delivered the first annual memorial lecture on Monday, 02 Safar 1444H, corresponding to 29 August 2022G, at the Abdul Hamid Abu Sulayman Kulliyah of the Islamic Revealed Knowledge and Human Sciences at the International Islamic University in Malaysia, on the late great Islamic thinker, the late Prof. Dato' Abdul Hamid Abu Sulayman, in order to perpetuate his distinguished intellectual legacy, and in recognition of his outstanding scientific contributions to advance Islamic thought, correct concepts, and enable the Ummah to restore its civilizational position. The university's organization of this first scientific forum comes one year after the death of the late, as part of its endeavor to celebrate and recognize the immortal contributions of the late in the process of developing and upgrading the university through his distinguished management and direct supervision of the construction of the attractive integrated campus in the valley of Gombak in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, over the span of a decade. The university and the institute chose His Excellency to be the first eminent scholarly figure to launch this annual series for several objective considerations, the most important of which is the distinguished international scientific position of His Excellency in the field of intellectual reform, the call for moderation, and the dissemination of a culture of moderation, tolerance and coexistence, and the fact that he is one of the contemporary intellectuals who worked with him for years and was close to him, and had great confidence in him. The ceremony began with a welcoming speech by Prof. Shukran Abdel Rahman, Dean of the AHAS Kulliyah, in which he spoke about the merits of the deceased and the importance of reviving his rich intellectual heritage and spreading it continuously so that future generations who did not have the opportunity to meet and get to know him benefit from it. He also made it clear that the university and institute's selection of His Excellency to be the main speaker today is the most appropriate decision because of his abundance of thought, depth of intellect, and a wide international reputation in addition to his good personal knowledge of the late and his ideas, as he was one of those people who were close to him. Then Professor Emiretus Dato. Jamil Othman, Director of the International Institute of Islamic Thought for East and Southeast Asia, spoke praising the late and the Ummah's condolences on his loss and his passing, noting the importance of this occasion as a special academic event during which the IIIT seeks to spread the ideas of the late. He also expressed his great pleasure that His

Excellency is the main speaker in this lecture because of his great stature and reputation, and accurate and broad knowledge of the late, as he was one of those people who were close to the late and knew him extensively and hoping that more lectures and meetings would follow to introduce the ideas of the late. Then His Excellency delivered his lecture, which he began by expressing his great thanks and gratitude to the university leadership and the IIIT for honoring him by giving the first memorial lecture of the annual lectures' series on the personality and ideas of the great late Professor Abdul Hamid Abu Sulayman. He also expressed his great happiness to be again in this great scientific edifice, in which he taught for nearly two decades, during which he encountered with a distinguished elite of academics and a good group of researchers and students and witnessed with the development of the university from a humble institution to a scientific center and a prominent academic edifice in Malaysia, Southeast Asia region, and the world. He explained that the distinguished intellectual and management contributions of the late were one of the pillars of the development and progress witnessed by the university throughout his tenure and management, praising the naming of this college after the deceased in appreciation of the clear imprints he left on all aspects of academic and intellectual life at the university, and as an expression of gratitude from the administrative and academic management of the university for this loyal and persevering thinker. He expressed his thanks, appreciation, and gratitude to the Malaysian government and people for the hospitality, honor and care they extended to the late, as they provided him with a calm atmosphere and great support in order to enable him to carry out the reforms and radical changes he made during the period of his tenure at the university. His Excellency also commended the mission of the International Institute of Islamic Thought as a leading intellectual institution that has contributed to reshaping the Muslim mind and its founders did not change their commitment and fulfilled their pledge to Allah, in accordance with God's saying in the Holy Quran: ((Among the believers are men who have proven true to what they pledged to Allah. Some of them have fulfilled their pledge with their lives, others are waiting their turn. They have never changed their commitment in the least)) Al-Ahzab: 23. Indeed they did not change, they were not affected by the turn of events, and they are still on the right path carrying the torch. Then His Excellency spoke about the academic life of the deceased in all its details, highlighting in particular his pioneering role in developing this university and strengthening its position among the most prominent universities in Malaysia and Asia in general. He also presented and analyzed during the lecture, the most important ideas of the deceased, which focused on an unprecedented accurate diagnosis of the crisis that afflicted the Ummah a long time ago, and represented in the acute intellectual crisis, which is the basis and responsible for the rest of the political, social, economic and cultural crises. His Excellency also shed light on the clear vision presented by the deceased for the treatment of the intellectual crisis, represented in addressing the roots of the crisis that created a precarious conflict between revelation and reason and between cause

and effect, and caused a schizophrenia between sciences by dividing them into religious sciences and worldly sciences, which today requires strengthening awareness of the importance of Islamic knowledge and the integration of sciences and values, to enable the nation to rise and to contribute seriously to building the faltering human civilization as a result of the Ummah's absence, backwardness and withdrawal. Then His Excellency explained what was distinguished by the deceased's presentation of educational reform, and its great impact on achieving the desired comprehensive renaissance for the Muslim nation and humanity in general, pointing out that the deceased considered education reform as the cornerstone and solid foundation from which all other reform projects should start, aiming to treat the intellectual crisis that stands as a valid reason for the Ummah's backwardness. The deceased believed that the correct parental upbringing of the child emanating from instilling the values of love, honesty, sincerity and courage in the child's soul at an early age as a substitute for fear and intimidation is the basic factor for preparing a confident, strong, working generation capable of positive contribution to the making of civilization and nation building. His Excellency pointed out the reasons for the deceased's focus in his intellectual propositions on reforming Islamic thought, treating the crisis of the Muslim mind, reforming education, as well as the need to stay away from domestic violence, the failure of imported solutions from outside the Muslim environment, the need to enhance awareness of the integration of sciences while avoiding separation between them, and the necessity of believing that there is no dissonance and opposition between correct transfer of knowledge and sound reason. His Excellency concluded his lecture by praising the great human side and the deep sincerity that distinguished the deceased, as he was a kind and generous father, loving to the Ummah, its youth and its people, and was always optimistic about a prosperous future for the Ummah, and that humanity's need for the message of Islam is increasing day by day, which dictates on us the duty of reform, guidance and direction. At the end of the lecture, His Excellency prayed for the companions of the deceased who preceded him to the heavens, and those who are still alive, praying to God to accept the deceased in the gardens of eternity, and to bless the living with health and wellness. The attendees enjoyed the accurate information contained in the lecture about the thought and vision of the deceased and requested that His Excellency repeat the experience by visiting the university in the future to deliver more lectures and lessons on this and other subject.



23rd Monthly Meeting of the Academy's Personnel

The General Secretariat of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), headed by His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, held on Sunday 15 Safar 1444H corresponding to 11 September 2022G, the twenty-third monthly periodic meeting of the Academy's employees, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. His Excellency welcomed the attendees and thanked them for their perseverance in their active participation in these important periodic meetings, then informed them of the royal approval from the Headquarters State, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, to hold the twenty-fifth Session of the Academy in Jeddah during next December. He also told the attendees that he informed His Excellency the Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) who welcomed the news, promising to provide the necessary support to the Academy to hold this Session in the best possible conditions. In this



context, His Excellency stressed the importance of all the Academy's employees to focus on working on the arrangements and work related to holding this Session and working together to ensure its success. As usual, His Excellency then opened the way for all employees to express their opinions and suggestions comfortably and present their professional and social problems and issues so that they can be answered and possibly solved with transparency and clarity in order to achieve the principle of positive communication between

His Excellency and the Academy's employees, in an effort to achieve the highest levels of quality and proficiency in all the business of the General Secretariat of the Academy. His Excellency listened attentively to the interventions and inquiries of the participants. The meeting made decisions, the most important of which are: Ensure that all research fulfills the requirements to be included in the research of the 25th Session, no later than the end of the current month September. Putting an analytical indexing to the Academy's Book of Resolutions on the Academy's website to facilitate access to information by visitors. Communicate with the concerned authorities in order to obtain the international standard number for the Academy's Book of Resolutions. Instructing the Financial and Administrative Affairs Department to prepare a comprehensive vision about the mechanism used to give rewards to employees who perform additional work after the end of official working hours, in accordance with the rules and regulations.

41st Periodic Meeting of Divisions' Heads



On Thursday 12 Safar 1444H corresponding to 08 September 2022G, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the forty-first periodic meeting of the heads of divisions, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah. His Excellency began the meeting by welcoming the attendees, thanking them for their participation, and recalling the importance of continuing to exert effort and to continue working and diligence

in order to achieve the goals and programs of the Academy. Then he touched upon the subject of his participation in the great occasion that God has bestowed upon him, the occasion of washing the Holy Kaaba, where he was among those chosen by the Saudi Royal Court to participate in this blessed annual occasion. On this occasion, His Excellency expressed his thanks and appreciation to the leadership and people of the headquarters country for the support and care the Academy has received since its establishment to this day. His Excellency also mentioned his recent visit to Malaysia and the cooperation agreements the Academy signed with a number of academic and research bodies, in addition to personally honoring him by delivering the Friday sermon at the International Islamic University in Malaysia in front of thousands of professors, students and visitors. Then His Excellency informed the attendees of the approval of the headquarters country, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, to hold the twenty-fifth session of the Academy before the end of the current year. In this context, he

called on everyone to exert maximum efforts, coordination and full cooperation in order to properly organize and manage this important event and achieve the desired goals. The meeting then discussed the provisions of the previous meeting's decisions, and issued several new decisions, the most important of which are: Setting a final date for the call for papers on the themes of the specialized symposium entitled: "The Family Foundation: Challenges and Prospects". The scientific committee to finish working on reviewing the research of the next Academy's Session (the 25th session) by the end of this September. Follow-up with Mufakirun Printing House to print 200 copies of the Book of Resolutions in Arabic, fourth edition (modified version) to be distributed and gifted to participants and guests in the 25th Session of the Academy. Planning ahead for a number of upcoming sessions and starting from now approaching the targeted host countries.

42nd Periodic Meeting of Divisions' Heads

His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), presided over the forty-second periodic meeting of the heads of divisions in the Academy, on Thursday 03 of Rabi' Al-Awwal 1444H corresponding to 29 September 2022G at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah. His Excellency started the meeting with praise to God Almighty, and prayers and peace upon the Noble Messenger, then welcomed to the heads of divisions, and thanked everyone for their presence, and reminded all of the importance of adhering to the dates of periodic meetings in the Academy and the necessity of holding them on their specified dates in order to achieve the objectives of the strategic plan of the Academy, and to accomplish the work of the General Secretariat in the fullest manner in general. His Excellency also reminded

the audience that the General Secretariat of the Academy will focus in particular during this coming period on good preparation for holding the twenty-fifth Session of the Conference of the Academy Council in the coming months and called on everyone to strengthen cooperation and integration between departments and divisions on a daily basis in order to remove all obstacles and difficulties and possible errors. The meeting then discussed the items on the meeting's agenda, and the discussions resulted in a number of decisions being taken, including:

- Begin to coordinate and edit the finalized research of Session in batches in preparation for printing them on time.
- Preparing a glossary of the members of the Academy for printing and distribution during the Session.
- Printing the final research papers that will be presented during the 25th



Session individually according to the approved themes of the Session.

- Starting correspondence with the member states of the OIC to host the next five Sessions of the Academy (26, 27, 28, 29 and 30), in order to ensure early preparation for holding them.

89th Weekly Meeting of Departments' Directors

His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the 89th weekly meeting of the directors of the departments on Monday 16 Safar 1444H corresponding to 12 September 2022G at the headquarters of the General Secretariat in Jeddah. His Excellency opened the meeting by welcoming the directors of the departments, thanking them for their keenness to attend and contribute to the discussion of the various issues raised at the meeting. Then, His Excellency informed the meeting of the contact he had made with the Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the Organization Islamic Cooperation (OIC), His Excellency Ambassador Dr. Saleh Al Sehaibani,

regarding the delegation's support for the General Secretariat of the Academy in order to obtain local sponsors to finance some of the costs of the upcoming twenty-fifth Session, especially the financing of tickets, hotel and transportation costs. His Excellency informed the attendees of Dr. Al Sehaibani welcome to cooperate with the Academy in this matter, promising to do his best to communicate with the relevant authorities. Then the meeting discussed the items of decisions issued by the previous meeting, and several new decisions were issued, the most important of which are:

- Holding the Board of Trustees of the Academy's Waqf Fund meeting on 19 September 2022.
- Forming a specialized committee consists of members from several departments

tasked with updating on a daily basis the list of participants in the Session, all their data, and the various work of the Session.

- Sending the completed research papers to the selected presenters and selecting the presentations dates according to a pre-set timetable.



90th Weekly Meeting of Departments' Directors



His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the ninetieth weekly meeting of directors of departments on Monday, 23 Safar 1444H, corresponding to 19 September 2022G, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat in Jeddah. His Excellency opened the meeting by welcoming the directors of the departments, thanking all employees for their commendable efforts in preparing for the

25th Session of the Academy. His Excellency took the opportunity to offer, on his behalf and on behalf of all the members of the Academy, condolences to our colleague, Mr. Moez Riyahi, on the death of his father-in-law, praying for the deceased's forgiveness and mercy. Then His Excellency spoke about the various contacts and meetings he had with His Excellency the Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), His Excellency the President of the Academy Council, and His Excellency the Saudi Permanent Representative to the OIC, all of which focused on mobilizing the necessary support for the success of the next Session of the Academy. In this context, His Excellency assured the attendees of the positive response and the full support he received from all of them, which heralds a successful and exceptional Session, God willing. Then a discussion of the items of resolutions issued by the previous meeting followed, and several new resolutions were issued, the most important of which are:

- Postponing the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Academy's Waqf Fund until the completion of the attendance of all members.
- Addressing the permanent Saudi delegation to the OIC to mediate with the concerned authorities in order to obtain permission to accept and collect donations for the Academy's Waqf Fund.
- Increasing the number of researchers for the 25th Session of the Academy from the African and Asian groups.
- Setting a date for a visit to the King Salman Center for Relief and Humanitarian Action to discuss ways to develop areas of cooperation between the two parties.
- Contracting with one of the publishing and printing houses in order to print the research papers submitted for the 25th Session of the Academy at affordable prices.

91st Weekly Meeting of Departments' Directors

The General Secretariat of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) held its ninety-first weekly meeting for the directors of the departments headed by His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano on Monday 30 Safar 1444H corresponding to 26 September 2022G at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah. At the beginning of the meeting, His Excellency welcomed the attendees and thanked them for their commitment to participate in the weekly meetings, reiterating that these meetings will be about following up on the latest developments in preparations for the twenty-fifth Session of the Academy, and discussing mechanisms of cooperation between the departments of the Academy for the success of the Session. His Excellency then spoke about the visit of His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Saleh Bin Humaid, advisor at the Royal Court, member of the Council of Senior



Scholars, Imam and Khatib of the Grand Mosque, and President of the Academy on Sunday evening to the Academy, where he presented to His Excellency a summary of the latest preparations and procedures related to the Session and discussed with him the most important proposed steps for holding it. His Excellency the President expressed his thanks to the Secretary General, wishing him and his team success in holding the Session as soon as possible.

Then His Excellency discussed the items of decisions issued by the previous meeting, to ascertain the extent of their achievement. Several new decisions were issued by the meeting, the most important of which are:

- Communicate with the members of the Academy to nominate some researchers who hold a PhD to contribute with research papers to the Academy's forthcoming session.
- Sending the Academy's publications to the scientific bodies and institutions with which the Academy has signed cooperation agreements and memoranda of understanding.
- Searching for local printing houses to get quotations in order to know the cost of printing the research papers of the twenty-fifth Session, attaching a report to it, and submitting a report on the media coverage of the Session.

Rays of Light on the Lives of the Academy's Living Scholars (6)

Four decades have passed since the leaders of the Muslim world created the largest contemporary institution of collective Ijtihad, whose members consist of the elite and eminent contemporary Shariah scholars, supported by distinguished experts in natural sciences, sociology, economics and politics, with the aim of studying contemporary life problems and clarifying the legal provisions on issues of concern to Muslims worldwide, based on the teachings of the Holy Qur'an, the Sunnah; and the supreme objectives of the Shari'ah, and in accordance with the pious predecessors' methodology in legal deduction and inference, as well as the legal and jurisprudential maxims that have passed through the generations. By the grace of Allah, this institution has become the primary reference in fiqh matters, where OIC Member states and Muslim communities seek refuge to learn about the rulings of Shariah concerning the current calamities and

developments in life, and the practical scientific recommendations for guidance, clarification and orientation. As the ascetic Imam Abdullah Ibn Al-Mubarak once said, "The blessed science is that which is referred to its people". The Secretariat General of the Academy believes that there is an urgent need to make known to future generations the journey of those eminent jurists and scholars who concluded these outstanding resolutions and issued these clear recommendations, beginning with those who passed away and joined the Supreme Companion, may Allah have mercy on them and place them in His spacious gardens; and thus concluding with those who continue to enlighten us with their brilliant achievements, May Allah bless them with health and well-being, and may He prolong their lives. This blessed initiative by the Academy is to reassure those far and near that the resolutions and recommendations

are correct, as they are issued by prominent scholars known for their piety and fear of Allah, who mastered the instruments and skills of jurisprudential examination, and who fulfilled the requirements of Ijtihad and the ethics of Ifta. To fulfil this crucial responsibility, the General Secretariat of the Academy has decided to devote space in its monthly newsletter to present a brief biography of the Academy's members as scholars and experts, in appreciation of their work and recognition of their contributions, while praying for mercy and acceptance to them. We pray to Allah to assist us in completing this work as soon as possible; we only want to reform as much as we can, and our success is solely dependent on Allah, the Highest, the Greatest.

Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano
Secretary General of the Academy

His Eminence Prof. Muhammad Jabr Al-Alfi



Born in 1934 in Egypt, H.E. Prof. Muhammad bin Gabr Abdah Al-Alfi obtained a bachelor's from the Faculty of Sharia and Law at Al-Azhar University in 1959 - 1960, and a bachelor's in law at Ain Shams University in Cairo in 1960, and two postgraduate degrees in Sharia in 1962 and in public law in 1964 at the Faculty of Law at Cairo University, a master's in history of law and social systems at the Faculty of Law, University of Paris in 1968, and obtained a doctorate in Islamic studies from the Faculty of Letters of the Sorbonne, Paris, in 1972, and a state doctorate in law at the University of Paris in 1973. His Eminence is an expert member at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy and

has served in many other important positions, including teaching at several universities (Al-Azhar University, Paris University, Kuwait University, Emirates University, Yarmouk University, and Imam Muhammad bin Saud Islamic University). His Eminence is also a member of the Assembly of Muslim Jurists in America, a member of the scientific committee of the Encyclopedia of Fiqh in Kuwait, a member of the Saudi Fiqh Association, a member of the Islamic Charitable Society in Cairo, and a researcher at the Islamic Organization for Medical Sciences in Kuwait. His Eminence authored several books on various jurisprudential topics.

His Eminence Prof. Abdelrahman Yousri Ahmad

Born in 1940, H.E. Prof. Abdelrahman Yousri Ahmad obtained a bachelor's in pure economics from the Faculty of Commerce at Cairo University in 1960, and a doctorate in economics from St. Andrew's University in UK in 1968. His Eminence is an expert member of the Academy and has held many other important positions, including teaching at the Universities of Alexandria, Beirut, King Abdulaziz in Jeddah, Umm Al-Qurra in Makkah, the World Institute of Islamic Economics at the Islamic University in Islamabad and the Islamic Research and Training Institute at the Islamic Development Bank, Stockholm University in Sweden, Yarmouk University in Jordan, Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences at Imam Muhammad



bin Saud University in Riyadh, Faculty of Islamic Studies and Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani University at Qatar Foundation. His Eminence has previously served as Head of the Department of Economics at the Faculty of Commerce at Alexandria University, Director General of the International Institute of Islamic Economics at the International Islamic University in Islamabad, and member of the Economic Research Council at the Academy of Scientific Research and Technology. His Eminence is the author of several articles and publications in economics and Islamic economics and is currently a professor of Economics at Alexandria University.

His Eminence Prof. Shawqi Ahmed Donia

Born in 1941 in Egypt, H.E. Prof. Shawqi Ahmed Donia obtained a bachelor's in Economics in 1967, a master's in Economics in 1975 and a doctorate in Economics in 1982 from Al-Azhar University's Faculty of Commerce. His Eminence is an expert member of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, in addition to his various positions, including as assistant and then associate professor at the National Management Institute of in Cairo, assistant professor at the Department of Islamic Economics at Imam Muhammad bin Saud University in Riyadh,

associate professor then full professor at the Department of Islamic Economics at Umm Al-Qura University in Makkah, and Head of the Department of Economics at Al-Azhar University, then Vice Dean and later Dean of the Faculty. His Eminence is currently working as a full-time professor at Al-Azhar University's Faculty of Commerce for Boys in Cairo. His Eminence has participated in many international conferences, supervised dozens of academic theses in Islamic and contemporary economics, and published many books on Islamic economics.



His Eminence Prof. Khalifa Babeker Al-Hassan

Born in 1941 in Sudan, H.E. Prof. Khalifa Babeker Al-Hassan obtained a bachelor's in Islamic Law from Khartoum University in 1965, a master's in 1968, and a doctorate in 1972 in Islamic Jurisprudence from Al-Azhar University's Faculty of Sharia and Law, entitled "Ijtihad by opinion according to the Hejaz school of jurisprudence". His Eminence is an expert member of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, and has held various positions, including as Head of Sharia Department at the University of Khartoum, Head of Sharia Department at the United Arab Emirates University, Head of Sharia Department at

the Dubai College, professor at the Faculty of Sharia and Islamic Studies at the University of Sharjah, Dean of the Faculty and professor of Ussul Fiqh at Imam Malik Institute of Sharia and Law in Dubai, professor and Head of the Department of Sharia at the Faculty of Law at the University of Khartoum, member of the Sharia and Fatwa Council in the Republic of Sudan, member of the Scientific Committee of the Zayed Encyclopedia for Fiqh Maxims, member of the Islamic Fiqh Academy of Sudan. His Eminence has participated in many international and regional conferences, seminars, and workshops on various fields.



His Eminence Dr. Abdulatif Mahmoud Ibrahim Aal Mahmoud



Born in 1946 in Bahrain, H.E. Dr. Abdulatif Mahmoud Ibrahim Aal Mahmoud obtained a bachelor's in Shariah in 1971 and a master's from Al-Azhar University's Faculty of Shariah and Law in 1973 and obtained a General Diploma in Education from Ain Shams University's Faculty of Education in 1975, then joined Al-Zaytuna University and obtained a State Doctorate on the subject of "Social Insurance in the Light of Shariah" in 1984. His Eminence is an expert member of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy and has held other important positions, including teaching at the Teachers Higher Institutes in 1973, then at the Faculty of Science,

Arts and Education at the University of Bahrain, and then as an associate professor and head of the Department of Arabic and Islamic Studies at the same university until 2005. His Eminence participated in the development of Islamic finance in Bahrain since its inception in 1978 and has been a member of Shariah Supervisory boards in several Islamic banks and insurance and reinsurance firms. His Eminence is the author of books on insurance, education, Islamic studies and research and has participated in several conferences and seminars on jurisprudence, education, economics, Islamic thought, society and culture.

His Eminence Prof. Hassan Wasfi Chamsi-Pasha

Born in 1951 in Syria, H.E. Prof. Hassan Wasfi Chamsi-Pasha studied medicine at the University of Aleppo, graduated in 1975 and obtained a higher degree in internal diseases and cardiomyopathy from the University of Damascus, then pursued specialization in Britain. His Eminence stayed in London and Manchester Preston for a decade and then moved to Saudi Arabia in 1988 as a consultant cardiologist. His Eminence is an expert member of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy and has held other important positions, including as Board Member of the Saudi Society of Cardiology,



member of the British Heart Association, member of the International Society of Vascular Diseases, member of the American Society of Intensive Care Physicians, member of the British Dietetic Association, member of the British Thoracic Society and member of the British Food Diseases Society. His Eminence has participated in many international cardiology conferences, chaired many scientific sessions, and given many lectures and symposia in the medical field. His Eminence also authored several books on cardiology, health, prophetic medicine, medical-fiqh issues, medical ethics, literature, education, and history.

His Eminence Prof. Muhammad Abdul Ghaffar Al-Sharif



Born in 1953 in Kuwait, H.E. Prof. Muhammad Abdul Ghaffar Al-Sharif obtained a bachelor's in Statistics and Economics from the Faculty of Commerce and Political Science at Kuwait University (1975), a master's in Dawah and Hisbah from the Higher Institute of Islamic Dawah in Madinah (1983), and a Doctorate in Comparative Jurisprudence from the Islamic University in Madinah (1986). His Eminence is an expert member of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy and has held other important positions, including as an expert at the Islamic Fiqh Academy in India,

member of the Muslim World League, member of Sharia Standards Council in Bahrain, head of Sharia Committee in the Special Committee for the Promotion of Moderation and Refutation of Extremism in Kuwait, and member of the Board of Directors of the European Academy for Islamic Culture and Sciences in Belgium. His Eminence is also a professor at the Faculty of Sharia and Islamic Studies at Kuwait University, former Secretary General of Awqaf in the State of Kuwait, former Dean of the Faculty of Sharia, and has participated in several international and regional events.

His Eminence Dr. Ali Ahmed Nadwi

Born in India in 1954, H.E. Dr. Ali Ahmad Nadwi obtained the universal certificate (alamiya) from Dar Al Uloom affiliated to India's Nadwatul Ulama, a bachelor's from the Faculty of Dawah and Theology at Islamic University in Madinah, and master's and a doctorate from Umm Al-Qura University in Makkah. His Eminence is a member of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy and has worked as a senior advisor to the Shariah Council of Al-Rajhi Company for Banking and Investment. His Eminence was awarded the



King Faisal Prize in the category of Islamic Studies, in recognition of his remarkable academic work related to legal maxims (al-Qaawi'd alfiqhiya). His Eminence is the author of several books on maxims of jurisprudence and has participated in numerous international conferences and symposia. Among other things, His Eminence has a keen interest in Arabic literature, translation, biographies of Islamic figures, and following up on Arabic and alternative medicine. His Eminence is currently an assistant professor at King Abdulaziz University.

His Eminence Prof. Jassim Ali Salem Al Shamsi

Born in 1956 in Dubai, H.E. Prof. Jassim Ali Salem Al Shamsi completed his university studies in Egypt at the Faculty of Law of Ain Shams University, where he obtained a master's degree and later a doctorate entitled "A Comparative Study of Egyptian, French and UAE Civil Law". His Eminence is an expert member of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy and has held several important positions, including as assistant professor at the Faculty

of Sharia and Law in 1990, associate professor since 1996, then professor since 2001, and Dean of the Faculty of Law at the UAE University, respectively. His Eminence is currently the chairman and member of several Sharia Supervisory Boards in Islamic banks and financial institutions, as well as the Supreme Sharia Council of the UAE Central Bank. His Eminence is also the author of several books on law.



His Eminence Prof. Muhammad Abdul Rahim Ali Sultan Al Ulama



Born in 1960 in Dubai, H.E. Prof. Muhammad Ali Sultan Al-Ulama obtained a bachelor's from the Faculty of Shariah at the Islamic University of Madinah in 1984, and his master's in Fiqh from Umm Al-Qura University in Makkah in 1991, entitled "Rulings of Human Permission under Islamic Jurisprudence", and then a doctorate from the same university in 1998, entitled "Al-Rafi's book Al-Muharir on the Shafi'i Jurisprudence: Study and Analysis." His Eminence is an expert member at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy and has held other important positions, including

as an expert member at the Islamic Fiqh Council of the Muslim World League, Scientific Director of the Faculty of Islamic and Arabic Studies at UAE University, Editor-in-Chief of the Horizons of Culture and Heritage Magazine, Dubai Journal of Islamic and Arabic Studies, member of the Organizing Committee of the Dubai International Holy Qur'an Award and Head of the Qur'anic Sciences Unit. His Eminence is also a member of several Ifta and Sharia Boards of Islamic Financial Institutions and Takaful Companies, as well as the author of several books in various fields of jurisprudence.

His Excellency Prof. Abdel Nasser Musa Abu Al-Basal



Born in Jordan in 1964, H.E. Dr. Abdel Nasser Musa Abu Al-Basal obtained a bachelor's in Sharia and Law from the United Arab Emirates University in Al-Ain in 1985, and a master's in Jurisprudence and Legislation at the Faculty of Sharia at the University of Jordan in 1988, and a state doctorate in Jurisprudence and Sharia Policy from Al-Zaytuna University in 1992. His Excellency is an expert member of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy and has served important functions, including as Minister of Awqaf, Islamic Affairs and Holy Places in Jordan, Chairman of the Awqaf Council, Dawah and Guidance Council, Zakat Fund Board, Hajj Fund Board of Trustees, as well as a member of the

Board of Trustees of the Royal Jordanian Documentation Center, of the Legal Committee of the Office of Legislation and Opinion in the Jordanian Prime Ministry. His Eminence is a lecturer in the Department of Economics and Islamic Banking at several Jordanian universities, President of the International University of Islamic Sciences in Amman, Dean of the Faculty of Sharia at Yarmouk and Sharjah Universities, Head of the Department of Sharia, and Islamic Studies at Al-Isra Private University. His Eminence is a member of the Islamic Fiqh Council of the Muslim World League, a member of the Assembly of Muslim Jurists in America and is the author of several books in different fields.

His Eminence Ayatollah Sheikh Ahmad Mubalaghi

Born in 1961 in Iran, H.E. Ayatollah Sheikh Ahmad Mubalaghi received his education in Houza and taught several subjects, including the Quran, jurisprudence, comparative jurisprudence, philosophy of jurisprudence, maxims of jurisprudence, approaches to Ijtihad and rapprochement between Islamic schools of law. His Eminence is an expert of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy and has held important positions, including as a member of the Assembly of Experts in Iran, Head of the Higher Center for Islamic Science and Culture, Director of the Center for Scientific Studies for the Rapprochement



of Islamic Sects, Director of the Center for Islamic Studies of the Islamic Consultative Assembly, head of the Center for Renewal of Comparative Religious Studies in Lebanon, and the director in charge of the Journal of Religion and Law, the editor of the Journal of Comparative Jurisprudence, the head of the Research Institute of Jurisprudence and Law, and the supervising jurist of Halal in his country. His Eminence has participated in many international and regional conferences and has written several books on various fields of jurisprudence.

His Eminence Prof. Mahmoud Ali Al-Sartawi

Born in 1943 in Palestine, H.E. Prof. Mahmoud Ali Omar Musleh Al-Sartawi received a bachelor's in Shariah from Al-Azhar University in 1967, a diploma in Islamic Studies from the Higher Islamic Studies Institute in Cairo and a master's in Comparative Jurisprudence from Al-Azhar University in 1972, followed by a doctorate in Comparative Jurisprudence, entitled "Imam Abu Ibrahim Al-Mazni and his Impact on Shafi'i Jurisprudence", from Al-Azhar University in 1976. His Eminence is an expert member of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy. He is also a supervisor of Islamic education programs at the Jordanian Ministry of Education, a member of the specialized committee for the equivalence of higher academic degrees in social sciences and humanities at the

Council of Higher Education - Jordan, a member of the Council of Ifta in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, a member of the Council of Dawah and Guidance at the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs, a member of the Supreme Council of Islamic Affairs and Holy Places at the Ministry of Awqaf, member of the Scientific Committee of the Islamic University of Gaza, member of the Editorial Board of several scientific journals and member of Sharia Supervisory Board in some Islamic insurance companies and banks, member of the committee for the preparation of the Personal Status Law in the UAE and Head of Sharia Department at the Faculty of Islamic Sciences at the University of Sharjah. His Eminence is the author of several books on various legal issues.



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IIFA mourns His Eminence Sheikh Dr. Othman Batikh, Tunisia's Grand Mufti and Representative Member

May Allah have mercy on you, our Beloved Mufti of Tunisia. "Every soul will taste death, then to Us you will all be returned" (Al-Ankabut: 57) "who, when faced with a disaster, say, surely to Allah we belong and to Him we will all return" (Al-Baqarah: 156) Indeed, a few are the firm scholars who dare to reveal their innovative ideas and creative judgments on issues and topics that the public considers prohibited from all innovation and prohibited from all ijtiḥād. Yes, a few of those scholars who do not pay attention to the arbitrary accusations that affect them in their intentions and loyalty as long as they are sincere in their judgments and opinions to their one God. Indeed, a Few are also those scholars who contemplate with infinite depth and accuracy the meanings of those blessed texts from the Noble Qur'an and the great prophetic guidance, and they seek refuge in the intentions scattered within them, and they utter the abundant sayings of past ancestors about them, in order to find effective solutions to the calamities and developments of the age. Yes, a few are the scholars whom God Almighty guides them to combine the reporting of God's judgment as obligatory at one time, and not as obligatory at other times. We believe that our deceased scholar, the late Sheikh Dr. Othman Batikh, who passed away on the morning of Tuesday 29 of

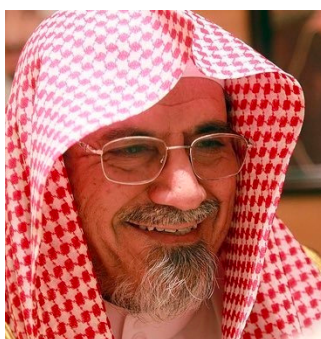


Rabi' al-Awwal 1444H, was rightfully one of those contemporary scholars whom we have mentioned some of their rare exploits and characteristics. He was, may God have mercy on him, a pinnacle of humility, an example of patience and unhurriedness, an example of dignity and calmness. Yes, he was a little talkative, thoughtful, sober in analysis, sober in criticism, deep in contemplation, and right in vision. His precise interventions and profound comments during the sessions of the Academy were welcomed and appreciated by everyone, as he combined in his analyzes the accuracy of the jurist who is also a faqih and the wisdom of the Faqih who is also a jurist. His successful analyzes of the issues were refined by those years he spent

assuming the judiciary in the Tunisian courts. In addition, his realistic Ijtihad regarding the crises all those years were rightful thanks to the years he spent as the Grand Mufti of Tunisia, contemplating and meditating on the appropriate and correct solutions to those crises. The departure of this venerable scholar is a moment of calamity, and a great event. The International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), the presidency, the secretariat, members and experts take advantage of this sad occasion to offer their sincere condolences to the honorable Tunisian people, leadership and people, and to the family of the deceased, his relatives and his admirers. We raise the hands of humility and supplication to the Noble Lord for our sheikh and our teacher to be covered with the vastness of his mercy, his great forgiveness, his great pardon, and that he will gather him on the Day of Judgment with the prophets, the truthful ones, the martyrs, the righteous, and those who are good companions. We also pray to God Almighty that will inspire his family and relatives patience, solace and contentment with what he has decreed. Surely to Allah we belong and to Him we will all return. On behalf of everyone

Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano
Secretary General

H.E. Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Humaid chairs 5th Meeting of IIFA Waqf Fund Board



The Board of Trustees of the IIFA Waqf Fund held its 5th meeting on Thursday morning, 17 Rabi al-Awal 1444, corresponding to 13 October 2022, chaired by H.E. Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Humaid, President of the Academy, in the presence of the Board members, Prof. Abdul Rahman Al-Atram, Chairman of Alinma Bank Sharia Board, Dr. Omar Zuhair Hafez, Professor of Economics at King Abdulaziz University, and Dr. Abdullah Muhammad

Al-Muthla, as representative of the IsDB. The President of the Academy opened the session by welcoming the participants and expressing his thanks and appreciation for their response and their support. The meeting then discussed the agenda items presented by Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, which included the minutes approval of the 4th previous meeting. The meeting also discussed an executive

plan such as the outline of the proposed mechanisms for the collection and acceptance of in-kind and cash donations for the Fund, as well as the Makkah apartment and how to benefit from it and its potential yield. After approving the minutes of the previous meeting, the Board of Directors welcomed the proposed implementation plan and discussed other proposals made by some members.

Secretary General calls for Systematic Codification of Transactions' Rulings at Sharjah Conference



H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), participated in the Fourth Sharjah International Conference on Islamic Economy entitled "Codifying the Provisions of Islamic Financial Transactions: Application and Future Foresight" on Tuesday and Wednesday 8 and 9 Rabi' al-Awwal 1444H corresponding to 4 and 5 October 2022G, held under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Dr. Sultan bin Muhammad Al Qasimi, Member of the Supreme Council and Ruler of Sharjah, and organized by the Sharjah Center for Islamic Economics at Al Qasimia University in the Emirate of Sharjah, United Arab Emirates. This important international conference aims to identify the criteria for the success of codifying the provisions of Islamic financial transactions, presenting contemporary local and international practices and experiences in codifying the provisions of Islamic financial transactions, and the most important Shariah and legal problems for codifying the provisions of Islamic financial transactions and their solutions. His Excellency the Secretary General of the Academy delivered a keynote during the opening session, in which he expressed his thanks and appreciation to the Emirate of Sharjah, the Emirate of science, knowledge, culture and heritage, and its ruler, His Highness Sheikh Dr. Sultan bin Muhammad Al Qasimi, Member of the Supreme Council of the United Arab Emirates, for the generous of the care he gives to science and scholars, asking God to preserve His Highness and his brothers the rulers of the Emirates, and to perpetuate upon them and the honorable Emirati people the blessing of security, safety, stability and prosperity. His Excellency also expressed his thanks and gratitude to Al Qasimia University and its management, president, director and faculty members for their good selection of the topic of this conference, and the good preparation for it in terms of planning, organization and implementation. Then His Excellency touched on the topic of the conference and its importance in this era, saying: "Today we meet in the midst of this beautiful scientific edifice to discuss one of the issues of the times. It has become an urgent need to clarify and explain once for all the issue of codifying the provisions of Islamic Fiqh. We meet today to discuss an important chapter of our great jurisprudence. It is the chapter on financial

transactions in which diligence has become a religious obligation, and consolidating its rulings has become a modern necessity, and directing its issues, guiding its developments and rationalizing its variables has become a time interest, in order to preserve the supreme purposes of Shariah in money and business, the goal of circulation, the goal of development, the goal of clarity, the goal of stability, and an emphasis before that on what is characterized by the provisions of our shariah of wide flexibility, clear comprehensiveness, and a superior ability to achieve happiness for the human being immediately and in the future. It is in fact a confirmation that our great Fiqh can wisely cope with calamities, diligently follow-up events, and track developments. The choice of the ruler, of Fiqh rulings related to one of the five pillars of Islamic Fiqh (worship, marriages, transactions, felonies, policies), and the classification of those selected rulings based on a significant temporal interest, then formulating it in brief terms and codifying it in the form of arranged, numbered and classified legal articles



that is no more than a type of ijthad desired in this era, just as it is no more than a form of renewal desired in our contemporary reality, in order to prevent what we see today from contradictions and inconsistencies in the applications of many financial transactions in Islamic financial institutions. It is this ijthad and innovation that is known today as codifying. There is no doubt that disharmony, conflict and contradiction are prohibited in Shariah, and everything that leads to what is prohibited is also prohibited, which is what is known as the premise of the forbidden. In addition to the fact that the ruling of the ruler in our Shariah removes disagreement, and prevents discord and conflict, because his ruling is for the public interest, and therefore obedience to him is obligatory at all times". His Excellency mentioned

that our universities and intellectual centers constantly organize many conferences, forums and symposia in search of effective solutions to the problems of contemporary life, and in the hope of finding satisfactory answers to the many and varied challenges facing the Muslim Ummah, stressing that this conference "comes within the framework of transferring the issue of codifying from the realm of theory to the realm of practice, and from the realm of wishes to the realm of possibilities, by highlighting the foundations and pillars on which the codification of the provisions of contemporary financial transactions should be based in order to preserve the purpose of the order of the Ummah represented in the cohesion of its social fabric by strengthening its intellectual unity, consolidating its social solidarity, and unifying its visions in its directions and its relations, as well as strengthening its economic and developmental status. This great purpose requires the necessity to stay away from every thought or behavior that results in the occurrence of conflict, contention, hatred and contradiction in the society, and the requirement of this purpose is that harmony and concord prevail among the members of the society, and the quarrel and clash disappears". In conclusion, His Excellency expressed his hope that the conference would issue solid, mature and comprehensive recommendations that include clear lines and sound foundations that help achieve the long-awaited codification, as it will bring about effective solution that regulates contradictory applications in the field of the contemporary financial industry, and conflicting and incompatible applications of the provisions of transactions that are supposed to be harmonious, compatible and matched. His Excellency concluded by expressing the Academy's readiness to adopt the recommendations of this wonderful scientific conference, saying: "Your honorable Academy, the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, which today represents the largest Fiqh reference for the Ummah, looks at this conference of yours and all other scientific conferences that study the calamities of the age, and discuss the latest developments in worship, family issues, economics, social, education, and culture with much attention, reverence and appreciation, and attach great hopes to them in enabling the Academy to carry out its mission of presenting Shariah in a moderate manner by highlighting its advantages and its superior ability to achieve human happiness in this world and the hereafter, as well as confirming the validity of Shariah for every time and place. We have great hope that we will share with you the recommendations that your great conference will reach, which may pave the way for forthcoming Academy's resolutions on this important issue in this era."



Academic Delegation from Japan pays a visit to the Academy



H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, had a meeting with an Academic delegation from Japan on 15 Rabi'u'l Awal 1444 corresponding to 11 October 2022. The delegation consisted of the Consul general of Japan and its Representative to the OIC, HE Shimmura Izuru, Prof. Hosaka Shuji, Director of the Institute of Energy Economics in Japan and Professor Ikehata Fukiko, Ritsumeikan University Japan. His Excellency renewed his welcome to the delegation and thanked them for the first visit of its kind by researchers and university professors from Japan to the Academy. He also expressed his gratitude and appreciation to the Consul General for coordinating this visit, and for his constant communication with the Academy, wishing him and the delegation success in their endeavors. Then he presented a brief overview of the vision, mission, programs and activities of the Academy, noting the lofty position that education, awareness and culture

enjoy within the activities and programs of the Academy, stressing the Academy's view of gender education as a sacred religious obligation that must be protected and the cornerstone for the advancement of nations and peoples and the building of nations and states; On this occasion, he referred to the efforts made by the Academy recently to persuade the authorities in Afghanistan to open girls' schools. For his part, Professor Shuki expressed his great appreciation for the efforts of the Academy in spreading the culture of moderation, tolerance, coexistence and harmony among peoples and societies, praising the good reputation that the Academy enjoys in the field of promoting dialogue and understanding between nations and civilizations. He also presented to His Excellency, Dr. Fukeko, a specialist in Islamic studies and international relations and interested in promoting interfaith dialogue, especially with regard to the issue of collective ijthihad, its theory and application within the Academy. Then Dr. Fukeko expressed his sincere thanks and great appreciation to His Excellency and the Academy, stressing the importance of this meeting, which provides her with an opportunity to dialogue with His Excellency and ask some important questions related to collective ijthihad, the development of consensus and the process of drafting the resolutions of the Academy, noting that she recently acquired one of His Excellency's books on collective ijthihad, which is the desired collective ijthihad in the light of contemporary reality. Then she asked His Excellency a number

of questions related to ijthihad in general and collective ijthihad in particular. His Excellency answered her various questions, clarifying the most important conditions that must be met by those who make ijthihad, and the importance of differentiating between Islam as a religion of mercy, guidance and openness, and the wrong practices committed in its name, and unacceptable behavior, stressing that violence, extremism, fanaticism and terrorism are all forbidden and unacceptable in Islam, because they are all a clear expression of the failure to persuade, and the lack of knowledge of the values and principles of Islam. His Excellency concluded the meeting by inviting the delegation to participate in the upcoming seminars and conferences of the Academy. The Meeting was attended by Mr. M. Al-Mondher El-Chouk, Director of the Cabinet, Ms. Sarah Badewi, Director of the Department of Family and Dr. Alhagi Manta Drammeh,



Secretary General receives American Imam and Professor Muhammad Shafiq

His Excellency E Professor Moustapha Sano received on 15 Rabi'u'l Awal 1444 corresponding to 11 October 2022, Professor Muhammad Shafiq, executive director for Interfaith Studies and Dialogue Nazareth College in US, Mr. El Sayed Rizk Political Specialist and Ms. Sabah Jama Cultural Affairs Specialist from US consulate general in Jeddah. His Excellency greeted his guest and expressed his delight with the visit and also highlighted the importance of engagement and coordination between the Academy and Muslim educational and cultural centers within Muslim communities in the United States of America in order to coordinate with them the awareness efforts aimed at correcting the stereotyped image of the values and principles of Islam, and correcting misconceptions that claim a conflict between loyalty to religion and adherence to the requirements of citizenship and residence in these societies, whereas in reality there is neither conflict nor contradiction between them as one of the requirements of loyalty to religion is adherence to the regulations and laws that were established in order to achieve security, safety and stability for the individual and society. On this occasion, he pointed to the importance of preachers and imams spreading these authentic concepts about the relationship of citizenship with religion through their sermons, lectures, lessons and meetings with the new generation of Muslim communities in order to enhance their awareness of them and protect them from extremist ideas that provide contradictory texts. Then he concluded with the importance of concerted efforts and forces in order to sensitize



societies to the importance of raising boys and girls through instilling the values of love, mercy, honesty and justice in their souls, and completely avoiding all methods of intimidation, fear, skepticism and violence, as they are failed tools that plant fear, negativity, extremism, fanaticism and perversion in the souls of the youth instead of love, positivity and moderation. He drew attention to the importance of encouraging young people to engage in intellectual, social, economic, cultural and political activities that are offered to them by the countries in which they reside and whose nationalities they hold, in order to confirm their full affiliation and full integration into them. On his part Professor Shafiq thanked His Excellency for the opportunity to meet him despite his busy schedule noting the pivotal role of the Academy in enhancing the educational capacity of the Muslim education institutions in USA particularly he pointed out that the community faced challenges of identity and the discourse in terms of a simplified approach to

Fiqh to be embraced by the youth in order to properly counter the output of the social media. Therefore, Muslim communities in America look forward to the support of the Academy in filling this intellectual and reference void by publishing booklets that simplify the provisions and principles of Islam and answer the questions and concerns of young people in a modern, easy, attractive and convincing manner, away from complications and details. He also expressed his readiness to coordinate with a number of promising intellectual and scientific institutions and centers to build a strategic partnership between them and the Academy in the near future, especially the Fiqh Council of North America and the International Institute of Islamic Thought .The meeting was also attended by Mr. M. Al-Mondher El-Chouk, Director of the Cabinet, Ms. Sarah Badewi, Director of the Department of Family, Dr. Ismail Cebeci head of Encyclopedia Division, and Dr. Alhagi Manta Drammeh, Head of the International Cooperation.



Secretary General calls for the Protection of Fatwa at Cairo Ifta Conference



At the kind invitation of Sheikh Dr. Shawqi Ibrahim Abdulkarim Allam, President of the Secretariat General of World Ifta Authorities and the Grand Mufti of Egypt, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), participated in the 7th International Dar Al Ifta Conference under the title "The Role of Ifta in Achieving Sustainable Development Goals" which was held on Monday and Tuesday 21-22 Rabi' al-Awal 1444, corresponding to 17-18 October 2022 in Cairo. His Excellency delivered the opening speech session of the conference expressing his thanks and gratitude to Egypt and its generous people and leadership, for holding this honorable conference on an important timely issue. He also expressed his great thanks to H.E. the Grand Mufti of Egypt for inviting the Academy to this wonderful event. His Excellency then spoke about the importance of fatwa in the lives of peoples, saying: "Allow me to express my appreciation and reverence for this luminous and bright constellation of eminent scholars of the Ummah who flocked to this blessed town. And allow me also to give my thanks and gratitude to our sheikh and brother, the Grand Mufti of Egypt, for inviting the International Islamic Fiqh Academy to participate in this wonderful scientific forum, which we consider to be an extension of the Academy's mission of presenting Shariah in a moderate manner and explaining its advantages, and its ability to achieve happiness and prosperity for man everywhere, and to confirm its validity for every time and place. It is well-established that fatwa was, is, and will remain the refuge of peoples and the refuge of nations in order to know Sharia provisions on calamities and developments. It is of utmost importance in shaping the contemporary Muslim mind, defining its identity, and its view of itself, its society, and the world around it. Therefore, it is not surprising that wisdom of the Lord and the clarification of the Sharia rulings are limited to a distinguished set of scholars who combine knowledge of Sharia with that of reality. It is not surprising that the practice of this honorable task remains sacred and sanctified throughout

history, based on its influence on perceptions, behaviors, and practices." His Excellency also said that fatwa issuance was at one time practiced in the corners of mosques, but today "is practiced through newspapers, magazines, radio stations, satellite channels, and web pages, just as today it is practiced through fixed phones, mobile phones, and electronic messages, short texts, e-mail, and other means of communication and communication developed, which increased their impact on individuals and societies quickly and deeply. However, it is unfortunate what we see today of frantic strife from incompetent people who are careless and neglectful of the believers' welfare, but rather they take it as a vehicle for false fame, a deluded popularity, and toxic ideological means to spread problems and social vices, economic and political unrest. The prestige, sacredness, and sanctity that was once for this industry is now at stake and perhaps in crisis, due to the distortion of the extremists, the impersonation of the unqualified, and the interpretation of the ignorant, which increased the Ummah's weariness, disunity, and dispersion!! It is indeed clear of all of us in this blessed conference that the destructive effects of the unjust, perplexing and wrong fatwas which were and still are a major reason for the actions of the misled of the Ummah's sons who rush in the midst of ignorance, and under the influence of



a sick psyche, to blow themselves up sometimes and innocent souls at other times, violate the honor of men and women on occasions, and destroy the infrastructures and superstructures of nations and peoples many times, in addition to what they spread of terror, panic and fear everywhere!! On the other hand, it is also not a secret that the good effects of sober and solid fatwas were and still are the refuge for the lost, the reference for the despondent, and the refuge for the penitents to whom religious truths and Shariah teachings are revealed, so they renounce destructive thoughts and engage in building nations. His Excellency stressed that the best remedy for contemporary intellectual afflictions lies in providing the necessary protection for this blessed profession and achieving decisive legal framework that protects the people and the country from the unjust and ambiguous fatwas

issued by those who are not into it. The best way to avoid the consequences of those who make lawful unlawful or vice versa, such as in contemporary financial transactions as a result of their inability to distinguish between fixed and intricate rulings regarding finance and business; so we believe that the safe and ultimate solution to the unrest and social turmoil that continues to ravage countries and peoples requires taking intellectual and security measures to put an end to those ominous and feverish fatwas that fuel extremist thoughts, glorify violence, praise fanaticism and terrorism, and call for war, killing and unjust aggression. His Excellency concluded by praising this conference and such similar activities to correct concepts and direct footsteps to restore prestige and sanctity of Fatwa-Making: "The fatwas should be conducted around for the sake of reunification, the closing of the ranks, the unification of the voice of the Ummah against calamities and critical issues, and putting an end to people's suffering from fighting, dispersal, and quarreling as a result of the spread of aberrant fatwas, at times, malicious, at times expiatory and at other times exploding!! This conference of yours is being held today to protect this blessed profession from the danger of tampering with the security of peoples and nations, and to unite efforts to defeat those who dare to attack it through satellite channels and modern social media. This honorable profession in the present era is at the hands of those who are vowed to continue spreading sedition in countries, destroying homes, sowing discord and hatred, and defaming God openly!! Your conference is being held to highlight that aspired role of fatwa in enhancing peoples' awareness of the importance of cooperation, integration and synergy in order to achieve the comprehensive development goals agreed upon by the nations of the earth and adopted by countries and regions, and to confirm that these noble goals are fixed principles and eternal values that are recognized and embraced by our blessed faith, noble Shariah, and our sacred religion." His Excellency's speech was well received and widely applauded, and many newspapers and websites published excerpts from his speech.



IIFA and Al-Azhar University sign a Cooperation Agreement in Cairo



In order to make the best use of the expertise of the universities, institutes and scientific centers from within and outside the Muslim world, and to achieve intellectual convergence and enhance knowledge integration among the reputable scientific institutions in the OIC Member states, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Sano, Secretary-General of the Academy, and H.E. Prof. Salama Gomaa Ali Daoud, President of Al-Azhar University, signed a cooperation agreement between the two institutions, this morning, Tuesday 23 Rabi Al-Awal 1444, corresponding to 18 October 2022, at the university's headquarters in Cairo. This new agreement aims to build a broad strategic partnership in the scientific, intellectual and research fields between the two institutions, especially in the field of joint studies and research on contemporary issues and calamities. It also focuses on strengthening the coordination and cooperation between the Academy and institutions and bodies that work in the field of awareness-raising and education, correcting false ideas, spreading moderate Islamic thought, and rejecting fanaticism, extremism, and terrorism.

The agreement also aims to jointly organize conferences and symposiums, hold workshops and training, exchange publications and publications, and represent the two sides in the conferences and symposia. After signing the agreement, the Secretary-General of the Academy expressed his great pleasure and honor to sign this important agreement with one of the oldest and most prestigious universities in the world, praising that glorious historical position of Al-Azhar Al-Sharif as a university of all fields, especially in scientific research, and in empowering generations of legal, social and natural sciences, His Excellency also stressed that the Academy is indebted to Al-Azhar Al-Sharif, both mosque and university, considering that most of its members and experts received their education directly from Al-Azhar or indirectly through Al-Azhar professors outside the Arab Republic of Egypt, noting in this regard his personal feeling of being one of those who received their preparatory education and high school at the hands of the Azharites in his country, before joining King Saud University in Riyadh. His Excellency concluded by expressing his aspiration that this agreement would enable the Academy to benefit from the expertise and capacities of this prestigious university, by receiving male and female researchers from its various faculties and institutes to participate in the Academy's sessions, seminars and conferences, in order to enhance the close scientific and research cooperation between the two institutions in various fields. For his part, the Rector of the University expressed his thanks and gratitude to the Secretary-General for completing this agreement and for the appreciation, love,

and respect he has for Al-Azhar Al-Sharif both as a mosque and as a university, stressing his aspiration for the university, through its faculties, institutes and scientific centers, to harness all its capabilities to make this agreement a success, and to implement its provisions in an optimal manner. His Excellency also praised the prestigious scientific position and the great intellectual reputation that the Academy enjoys within and outside the OIC Member states, as a pioneering model for intellectual convergence among the Ummah's scholars, and for promoting cooperation and integration among its scientific institutions. The signing ceremony at the university's headquarters was attended by Prof. Dr. Mohamed Al-Mahrasawi, former university president, Dr. Mohamed Abu Zaid Al-Amir, Vice President of the University for Lower Egypt, Dr. Mahmoud Siddik, Vice President for Graduate Studies and Research, and Dr. Mohamed El-Sherbiny, Vice President for Education Affairs And students, as well as Prof. Abdullah Mabrouk Al-Najjar, appointed member of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, Mrs. Sarah Amjad Hussein, Director of Family Affairs at the Academy, and Mr. Amjad Ibrahim Mustafa, Head of the Protocols Division at the Academy.



Secretary General calls on Ifta Councils to raise awareness of Sustainable Development Goals at Global Ifta Conference in Cairo

The Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano participated in the first scientific session of the 7th Global Conference on Ifta and Sustainable Development Goals, on Monday, 21 Rabi' al-Awal 1444 corresponding to 17 October 2022, in Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt. His Excellency spoke about the role of ifta in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, starting by giving a brief summary of the reason for the formulation of the Sustainable Development Goals by the United Nations General Assembly, on the eve of its confirmation that most of the countries of the world will not be able to achieve the third millennium development goals by 2015. The eight development goals were (1) eradicate extreme poverty and hunger, (2) achieve universal primary education, (3) promote gender equality and empower women, (4) reduce child mortality, and (5) improve maternal health. (6) combat AIDS, malaria and other diseases, (7) ensure environmental sustainability, and (8) develop a global partnership for development. Given the global disparity in the implementation of these goals, the UN resolved in 2015 to call on countries around the world to work together to achieve the seventeen (17) goals by the year 2030. These goals, called the Sustainable Development Goals, focus on social development, economic development, environmental development, and political development. These seventeen goals take some of the previous development goals



and focus specifically on the environment. These goals outlined in the UN document include (1) poverty eradication, (2) hunger eradication, (3) health and well-being, (4) quality education, (5) gender equality, (6) clean water and sanitation, (7) clean and affordable energy, (8) decent work and economic growth, (9) industry, innovation and infrastructure, (10) reducing inequality, (11) sustainable cities and communities, (12) responsible consumption and production, (13) climate action, (14) underwater life, (15) terrestrial life, (16) peace, justice and strong institutions, (17) contracting for partnership to achieve the goals. His Excellency clarified that these and their previous objectives are all legitimate objectives from the Islamic perspective, since the principles of Shariah are considered eternal and fall within the generalities of the five objectives of Shariah for the preservation of the five known necessities (religion, being, offspring, mind and property)

that are addressed by the teachings of Islam through its general and special texts, which makes it necessary for the Ifta bodies to raise awareness and publicize these objectives, to encourage countries and peoples to work towards them and to avoid casting doubt on them. His Excellency concluded by pointing out that the Qur'an and Sunnah contain many warnings against poverty, misery, mediocrity, ignorance, inability, disease, corruption, injustice, and fanaticism, all of which indicate the importance of combating these phenomena that directly and indirectly hinder the achievement of the sustainable development goals. Moreover, the verses and hadiths that were mentioned urging hard work, justice, education, equality, hygiene, and others, all confirm the importance of the sustainable development goals and the efforts to achieve them. His Excellency's speech was very well received by the audience because of its clarity, detail and harmony of ideas.



IIFA and Ibn Khaldun University sign a Cooperation Agreement in Istanbul



H.E. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), and Prof. Attaullah Arkan, President of Ibn Khaldun University in Istanbul, signed a cooperation agreement between the two institutions, on Thursday 25 Rabi' al-Awwal 1444H, corresponding to 21 October 2022G, at the university's headquarters in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey. This agreement aims to build a focused strategic partnership in the field of joint scientific studies and research on calamities and contemporary issues, as well as the joint organization of conferences and symposia,

in addition to the exchange of publications. Following the signing of the agreement, the Secretary General of the Academy expressed his happiness at signing this agreement with one of the emerging universities in the Muslim world in the field of intellectual, social, economic, legal and communication studies, praising the rapid developments and qualitative changes witnessed by the promising university, noting in this regard the quality of programs and scientific disciplines it offers. He concluded by expressing his aspiration that this agreement would be a good opportunity to benefit from the expertise and scientific capabilities of the university, by soliciting researchers from its various faculties and institutes to participate in the Academy's sessions, seminars and conferences. For his part, the President of the University expressed his great thanks and gratitude to His Excellency for the completion of this agreement between the two institutions and for the appreciation he has for this promising university, stressing his aspiration for the University, through its faculties, institutes and scientific centers, to harness all its capabilities to make this agreement a success, and to implement

its provisions in the proper manner. He also praised the scientific status of the Academy, and the respect that the Academy enjoys within and outside the member states of the OIC, as a pioneering model for intellectual convergence among the Ummah's scholars, and for promoting cooperation and integration among its scientific institutions. The signing ceremony was attended by Prof. Ali Yasali Mak, Vice President for Legal Affairs, Prof. Elaf Arkilt, Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Mr. Enas Yelman, Head of the Department of External Relations at the university, Dr. Ismail Jebaji, Head of Encyclopedia Division at the Academy, Mrs. Sarah Amjad Hussein, Director of Family Affairs Department, and Mr. Amjad Ibrahim Mustafa, Head of Protocol Division at the Academy.



IIFA and Istanbul Zaim University sign a Memorandum of Cooperation

H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy (IIFA), and Prof. Ahmed Cevat Acar, President of Istanbul Zaim University, signed a strategic cooperation agreement between the two institutions on Monday 28 Rabi' al-Awwal 1444H, corresponding to 24 October 2022G, at the university's headquarters in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey. This agreement aims to cooperate in the joint organization of conferences and symposia, to hold workshops and training, and exchanging publications and periodicals. After signing the agreement, His Excellency the Secretary General expressed his feelings, saying: "I am happy to visit this promising young university, and happy to learn about its intellectual activities and distinguished scientific programs. Also I am happy to enable the Academy to make maximum use of the Academic staff that are abound in it by inviting them to



prepare research and studies for participation in the Academy's conferences and sessions. Finally, I am optimistic that this partnership will be a model for strong and solid cooperation relations between the Academy and the leading scientific, intellectual and research institutions in

the Muslim world." For his part, the President of the University expressed his great pleasure in concluding this historic agreement with the most important Fiqh institution in modern times, noting the pioneering and pivotal role played by the Academy in the field of unifying Ummah. He concluded by expressing his aspiration to activate the terms of the agreement in the near future for the mutual benefit of the two institutions.



President of ICYF receives Secretary General of the Academy in Istanbul



His Excellency Mr. Taha Ayhan, President of the Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum (ICYF), received His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), and his accompanying delegation, on Friday 25 Rabi' al-Awwal 1444H corresponding to 21 October 2022G at the Forum's headquarters in Istanbul, the Republic of Turkey. He expressed his thanks and gratitude to His Excellency the Secretary General for visiting the Forum. He also expressed his aspiration to strengthen relations

of cooperation, partnership and coordination between the Academy and the Forum on all issues and questions related to Muslim youth around the world. For his part, the Secretary General expressed his gratitude to the President of the Forum and all his assistants for their appreciable efforts in guiding the youth and raising their awareness through activities, events and programs that help them preserve their Islamic identity, values, and traditions, as well as their pride in their belonging to the Ummah, noting the importance of adhering to the method of moderation and spreading the culture of moderation, tolerance, coexistence and harmony among young people. He also pointed out the importance of moving away from using intimidation and coercion methods when addressing young people, and instead instilling the values of love, honesty, uprightness, critical thinking, transparency, courage, love of creativity and innovation in them. Then the two parties discussed possible aspects of cooperation in light of the agreement of understanding signed by the

two institutions. Accordingly, His Excellency proposed to the Forum to host in Istanbul, the specialized symposium that the Academy intends to hold on "the family institution in the twenty-first century: Challenges and Prospects", noting that the symposium will dedicate an important part of its sessions to discussing the most important intellectual, social, economic, cultural and political challenges facing Muslim youth in the modern era. The president of the Forum welcomed the idea of jointly organizing the aforementioned symposium, and agreed that the staff from both parties will work on it at soonest.



24th Monthly Staff Meeting of the Academy

On Sunday 06 Rabi' Al-Awwal 1444H corresponding to 02 October 2022G, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the twenty-fourth monthly periodic meeting of the Academy's employees, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah. His Excellency began the meeting by welcoming the attendees and thanking them for their participation, then he touched upon the achievements, improvements and various projects that the Academy has achieved during the past twenty-four months since His Excellency assumed the duties of the Secretary General of the Academy, thanking everyone for their good cooperation and the efforts they exerted to perform their duties towards God and the Muslim Ummah, which we all serve. He also urged everyone to persevere in serious and distinguished work to achieve the



goals of the Academy, so that the coming year would be better than the previous year in terms of results. As usual, His Excellency then opened the way for all employees to freely express their opinions and suggestions and put forward their professional and social problems and issues for discussion so that they can be answered and solved professionally in order to achieve the principle of positive communication between His Excellency and the employees, and in an effort to achieve job

satisfaction and work environment motivating creativity and innovation. His Excellency listened attentively to the interventions and inquiries of the participants and stressed the need to show a spirit of tolerance and forgiveness among employees in order to preserve brotherly ties and cooperation between them, and to seek reward from God Almighty. Several decisions were taken from the meeting, the most important of which are: Communicate with the Academy's members and experts in order to suggest new topics for the upcoming Sessions of the Academy. Creating a database of researchers for the next Session in order to be used for the upcoming Sessions of the Academy. Agreeing on the names of the member states of the OIC nominated to host the next Sessions of the Academy.

43rd Periodic Meeting of Divisions' Heads

The General Secretariat of the Academy held its forty-third periodic meeting of division heads, headed by His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), on Tuesday 22 Rabi' al-Awwal 1444H corresponding to 18 October 2022G, via video technology from his residence in Cairo, Republic of Egypt. His Excellency opened the meeting, welcoming the attendees, thanking them for their keenness to attend these periodic meetings, and reminding and motivating them to continue to exert effort and continue work and diligence in achieving the goals of the Academy. Then His Excellency spoke about his participation in the Seventh International Conference for Fatwas in the Republic of Egypt, in which he delivered a speech at the opening session of the conference. His

speech was well received and well appreciated, and most newspapers and websites published excerpts of the speech on their pages. His Excellency also spoke about signing a joint cooperation agreement between the Academy and Al-Azhar University, which aims to build a broad strategic partnership in the scientific, intellectual and research fields between the two institutions, especially in the field of joint studies and research on calamities and contemporary issues. The meeting then discussed the items on the meeting's agenda, and the discussions resulted in a number of decisions being taken, including:

- Nominating two parties to correspond with them for partnership and cooperation with the Academy to hold a symposium: "The Family Foundation: Challenges and Prospects."
- Referring some of the Session's research

papers to the media and conference departments, for coordination and formatting, similar to the coordination and formatting of the printing division.

- Forming a scientific committee for the final review of the Session's research.



92nd Weekly Meeting of Departments' Directors

The Secretariat General of the Academy held its ninety-second weekly meeting for the directors of the departments headed by His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano on Monday 07 Rabi' Al-Awwal 1444H corresponding to 03 October 2022G at the headquarters of the General Secretariat in Jeddah. His Excellency



welcomed the attendees and thanked them for their participation in these meetings, then spoke about his participation in the Fourth Sharjah International Conference on Islamic Economics at Al Qasimia University entitled "Codifying the Provisions of Islamic Financial Transactions", which will be held in the United Arab Emirates – the Emirate of Sharjah under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Dr. Sultan bin Muhammad Al Qasimi, Ruler of Sharjah, and Member of the Supreme Council of the United Arab Emirates. Then His Excellency spoke about the recent contacts he had with His Excellency the President of the Academy and some of the parties that were requested to support the Academy for the next Session. Then His Excellency

discussed the items of decisions issued by the previous meeting, to ascertain the extent of their achievement. Several new decisions were issued by the meeting, the most important of which are:

- Preparing an integrated concept about the Annual Session program (the scientific sessions with their titles), with a proposal for the time period for each scientific session according to the topic, and the number of researchers in it. Preparing a list of important personalities who can be invited to participate in the Session from the list of entities with which the Academy has signed memoranda of cooperation. Preparing quotations for tickets for the participants in the Session, accompanied by a detailed report.

93rd Weekly Meeting of Departments' Directors



The Secretary General of the Academy, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Mustapha Sano chaired the 93rd weekly meeting of the directors of the Academy's departments on Monday 14 Rabi' al-Awal 1444, corresponding to 11 October 2022,

at the Secretariat General's headquarters in Jeddah. His Excellency opened the meeting by greeting and thanking the participants for their regular attendance, and then spoke about his participation in the 4th Sharjah International Conference on Islamic Economy in Al Qasimia University, under the title "Codification of the Rulings of Contemporary Islamic Financial Transactions". His Excellency expressed his gratitude and appreciation to the Emirate of Sharjah, the government, and people of the United Arab Emirates for their warm welcome and hospitality, and to Al Qasimia University and all the officials for the successful organization. The departments' meeting also discussed

the decisions of the previous meeting, to ascertain their progress, and issued several new decisions, including: Continue to send the ready-made research papers of the next session to their authors, as well as the deadline for submitting their presentations and draft presentations. Planning the next session's program (scientific sub-sessions with their titles), with a proposal for the timing of each, according to the subject and the number of researchers. Preparing the appreciation gifts that will be distributed to the participating guests at the 25th session.

94th Weekly Meeting of Departments' Directors

His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the ninety-fourth weekly meeting of the directors of the Academy's departments on Wednesday 23 Rabi' al-Awwal 1444H, corresponding to 19 October 2022G, via video technology from his residence in Cairo, the Republic of Egypt. His Excellency began the meeting by welcoming the attendees, thanking them for their keenness to attend these weekly meetings. His Excellency then spoke about his participation in the Seventh International Conference of Dar Al-Ifta under the title "Fatwa and Sustainable Development Goals". His Excellency delivered a speech at the opening session of the conference, in which he expressed his thanks and gratitude to the Republic of Egypt and its good people, leadership and people, for holding this honorable conference on an important topic of the hour. He also expressed his great thanks and great appreciation to His Eminence Sheikh Dr. Shawqi Ibrahim Abdel Karim Allam, Head of the General Secretariat for Fatwa Institutions and Bodies in the world, and the Grand Mufti of Egypt. In his speech, His

Excellency pointed out the importance of the fatwa and its impact on the lives of peoples, as it is a haven for peoples and a refuge for nations in order to know the provisions of Shariah in calamities and developments. He also explained that the impact of the fatwa on individuals and societies has become fast because it is exercised through modern means, calling on states and concerned people to provide the necessary protection to issue fatwas, and to confront abnormal and corrupt fatwas. He also called for concerted efforts and integration of moves among the fatwa's people to achieve unification, unite the word and unite the ranks in the face of the Ummah's calamities and major fateful issues. His Excellency also spoke about signing a cooperation agreement between the Academy and Al-Azhar University, hoping to benefit from the distinguished expertise and experiences of this great scientific university in the scientific, intellectual and research fields, as it is one of the oldest and most prestigious universities in the world. Then the meeting discussed the items of the previous meeting's decisions, to ascertain the extent of their achievement. Several decisions were issued by

the meeting, the most important of which are: Continuing to send the rest of the finished research papers to the exhibitors for the Session's research, while setting a date for sending the proposals along with the presentation projects. Sending a letter of thanks to the attendees of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Academy's Endowment Fund, with the minutes attached in its final form. Reviewing the approximate cost of media coverage of the Session received from the Media Department and making comments on it. Starting the preparation of the discretionary gifts presented to the guests participating in the twenty-fifth Session.



95th Weekly Meeting of Departments' Directors

His Excellency Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the ninety-fifth weekly meeting of the directors of the Academy's departments on Monday, 28 Rabi' al-Awwal 1444H corresponding to 24 October 2022G, via video technology from his residence in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey. His Excellency opened the meeting by welcoming the attendees, thanking them all for their perseverance in attending these important meetings and calling on everyone to work on accomplishing the tasks entrusted to them, especially the tasks related to the organization of the twenty-fifth Session of the Academy. In this context, he informed the meeting of the contacts he made with officials in the headquarters country in order to mobilize support and assistance for this Session. Then His Excellency touched on the subject of the working visit that he and the delegation accompanying him are currently making to the Republic of Turkey,



where he participated in the work of the 12th session of the Information Ministers' Meeting of the Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), and on the sidelines of the visit, he carried out many other activities, where he signed two strategic cooperation agreements with Ibn Khaldun University and Sabah al-Din Zaim University in Istanbul. He also met with the President of the Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum in Istanbul. The meeting resulted in the two sides agreeing to jointly organize a symposium

"Family Foundation in the 21st Century:

- Challenges and Prospects" in Istanbul during the coming period. Then the meeting discussed the items of the previous meeting's decisions and several new decisions were issued, the most important of which are:
- Sending the finished research papers of the twenty-fifth Session to the delegated and appointed members of the Academy.
- Updating the list of participants in the twenty-fifth Session of the Academy with the addition of the official capacity of each participant.
- Providing the Academy's Media Department with new computers to enable it to carry out its tasks without any delay.
- Holding daily meetings for all the subcommittees responsible for organizing the 25th Session of the Academy in order to be prepared fully and early.

Rays of Light on the Lives of the Academy's Scholars (7)

Four decades have passed since the leaders of the Muslim world created the largest contemporary institution of collective Ijtihad, whose members consist of the elite and eminent contemporary Shariah scholars, supported by distinguished experts in natural sciences, sociology, economics and politics, with the aim of studying contemporary life problems and clarifying the legal provisions on issues of concern to Muslims worldwide, based on the teachings of the Holy Qur'an, the Sunnah; and the supreme objectives of the Sharia, and in accordance with the pious predecessors' methodology in legal deduction and inference, as well as the legal and jurisprudential maxims that have passed through the generations. By the grace of Allah, this institution has become the primary reference in fiqh matters, where OIC Member states and Muslim communities seek refuge to learn about the rulings of Shariah concerning the current calamities and developments in life,

and the practical scientific recommendations for guidance, clarification, and orientation. As the ascetic Imam Abdullah bin Al-Mubarak once said, "The blessed science is that which is referred to its people". The Secretariat General of the Academy believes that there is an urgent need to make known to future generations the journey of those eminent jurists and scholars who concluded these outstanding resolutions and issued these clear recommendations, beginning with those who passed away and joined the Supreme Companion, may Allah have mercy on them and place them in His spacious gardens; and thus concluding with those who continue to enlighten us with their brilliant achievements, May Allah bless them with health and well-being, and may He prolong their lives. This blessed initiative by the Academy is to reassure those far and near that the resolutions and recommendations are correct, as they are issued by prominent scholars known

for their piety and fear of Allah, who mastered the instruments and skills of jurisprudential examination, and who fulfilled the requirements of Ijtihad and the ethics of Ifta. To fulfil this crucial responsibility, the General Secretariat of the Academy has decided to devote space in its monthly newsletter to present a brief biography of the Academy's members as scholars and experts, in appreciation of their work and recognition of their contributions, while praying for mercy and acceptance to them. We pray to Allah to assist us in completing this work as soon as possible; we only want to reform as much as we can, and our success is solely dependent on Allah, the Highest, the Greatest.

Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano
Secretary General of the Academy

His Eminence Prof. Hassan Ali Al-Shadhily



Born in Assiut Governorate, Upper Egypt, in 1925, H.E. Prof. Hassan Ali El-Shadhily graduated from the Faculty of Sharia at Al-Azhar University in 1950, obtaining a bachelor's from the Sharia judiciary in 1952, a teaching license in 1953, a diploma in legal sciences in 1955, a master's degree in 1966, and a PhD in comparative jurisprudence from the College of Sharia and Law in 1968. His Eminence has held several positions mainly as an expert at the Kuwaiti Fiqh Encyclopedia, Deputy President of the Ifta Council, Chairman of General Affairs Committee, teaching at the Faculty of Sharia and Law at Al-Azhar, Ain Shams and Minya universities, as well as at Teachers College in Libya. His Eminence has served as the Head of

Sharia Dept at the Faculty of Sharia in Kuwait University then as its Dean, Head of Comparative Jurisprudence at the High Judicial Institute of Al-Imam University in Riyadh. His Eminence authored many works, notably: History of Islamic Legislation, Fiqh Theories, Crimes and Hudud, Islamic Economy and the State's Financial Resources and its External Relations, Usul Al-Fiqh, Rulings on Human Organ Transplantation, The Right of the Fetus to Life, The Beginning and End of The Human Life, Birth Control, Cloning, and Genetic Fingerprinting. Prior to his death in 2018, His Eminence served as a member of al-Azhar's Islamic Research Academy and as an expert member at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy.

His Eminence Sheikh Abdul Qadir bin Muhammad Al-Ammari

Born in 1935 in Yemen, H.E. Sheikh Abdul Qadir bin Muhammad Al-Ammari began his studies at Sharia Department at the Faculty of Law at the University of Khartoum and graduated in 1957. His Eminence served various important positions, including as a judge in Yemen, and in the Sharia Court of Qatar, as well as a Vice-President of the Court of Appeal in Qatar. His Eminence has also been a member of the Sharia Supervisory Board at Qatar's Islamic Bank and International Islamic Bank, His Eminence published several articles in Qatari newspapers and Arab magazines dealing with contemporary issues from a Sharia



perspective, including financial transactions as well other issues. His Eminence published many works, notably: For the sake of peace, Useful Tips for a Happy Marriage, Allah permitted selling and forbade usury, Traffic Accidents, Qur'anic Reflections, Rewards of the Merciful in the month of Ramadan, Women... Equal Parts of Men, Bay Wafa, Tawaruq, and Aynah, Islam is Hanafiya, Message of the Judiciary in Islam, Fatwas for Contemporary Muslims, Contemporary Financial Issues. Prior to his death in 2021 in Qatar, His Eminence also served as an expert member for the International Islamic Fiqh Academy.

His Eminence Sheikh Qadi Mujahid Al-Islam Al-Qasimi

Born in 1936 in Bihar, India, His Eminence Sheikh Qadi Mujahid al-Islam al-Qasimi began his studies in 1951 at Dar al-Ulum of Deoband, graduating in 1955. His Eminence served various important positions notably as a lecturer at Al-Rahmaniya University in the city of Munger in Bihar, as well as its Sharia judge and director of its religious affairs. His Eminence collaborated with prominent scholars and leaders to establish the All-India Personal Status Authority. His Eminence has been a member of the Arab Scientific Academy in Damascus, and received several awards, such as the Shah Wali Allah Dahlawi

Award from the Institute for Objective Studies in New Delhi, Sheikh Abi al-Hassan Ali al-Nadawi Award from the American Muslim Association. His Eminence authored many books in Arabic and Urdu, mainly: Waqf, Judiciary System in Islam, Contemporary Fiqh Issues, Fiqh of Problems, Animal Slaughters, Analysis of Sinwan Qada book, Share'e Fatwas in Two Volumes, On Ushr and Zakat, Faskh wa Al Tafriq, The Guardianship of Marriage, Installment Sales, Fiqh Research, Ethics of Judiciary. Prior to his death in 2002 in India, His Eminence also served as an expert member at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy.



His Eminence Sheikh Dr. Ibrahim Fadel Al-Dabbu

Born in the city of Hit, Anbar Governorate, Iraq, in 1937, H.E. Sheikh Dr. Ibrahim Fadel Al-Dabbu obtained a bachelor's in Sharia and Islamic studies at the Imam College in Baghdad, a master's and a PhD in Islamic Studies in 1973 and 1993 from the University of Baghdad, respectively. His Eminence held various positions mainly teaching as an assistant at the College of Arts at the University of Baghdad, a professor in the College of Arts at the University of Applied Sciences in Amman, then as a lecturer at Faculty of Arts at the University of Bahrain. His Eminence is the author of several books, notably: Mudarabah Contract, Partnerships in Wujooth or Mafalis, Implications for the Partnership in Debt, Shariah Ruling on Profits from Saving Funds,

Impeachment Contract: A Comparative Study, Trust, Murabaha, Trusteeship, , and Partnership Contracts, Partnership in "Innan" according to Islamic jurisprudence : A Comparative Study, Examples of Islamic Financial Transactions, Illegal Practices by the Lessee, Conducting Contracts by Modern Devices of Communication, Al-Sallam and its Contemporary Applications, Banks and the Society's Need for them, Murabaha for the Purchase Orderer, Tawarruq : its reality and types, Guarantee of benefits in Islamic jurisprudence and civil law, Islamic economics in theory and practice. Prior to his death in 2011 in Manama, Bahrain, His Eminence also served as an expert member at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy.



His Eminence Dr. Omar bin Suleiman bin Abdullah Al-Ashqar



Born in 1940 in Barqa village in Nablus, Palestine, H.E. Sheikh Dr. Omar Al-Ashqar has been forced to leave Palestine, obtaining his BA from the Faculty of Sharia at Imam Muhammad bin Saud Islamic University, and an MA and PhD from the Faculty of Sharia at Al-Azhar University in 1980. His Eminence held various positions, mainly as a lecturer at the Faculty of Sharia at Kuwait University, a professor at the Faculty of Sharia at the University of Jordan, and Dean of the Faculty of Sharia at Zarqa University. His Eminence is the author of several works notably: Women among the Advocates of Islam and Progress, Characteristics of the

Islamic Personality, Towards an Authentic Islamic culture, A Tour around the Gardens of Scholars and other Life Events, Qiyas (Analogy) between its Supporters and Opponents, Divine law And Not Djahiliya Laws, Fasting in light of the Quran and Sunnah, Purposes of Divine Worships, Ruling on the Participation in Ministries and Parliamentary Councils, The Fundamentals of Beliefs, Names and Attributes of Allah according to Ahlu Sunna wa Jamaah. Prior to his death in 2012 in Amman, Jordan, His Eminence also served as an expert member at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy.

His Eminence Prof. Muhammad Othman Shobeer

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