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IIFA and UAE Council for Fatwa Sign an MoC in Abu Dhabi

His Excellency Prof. Dr. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy and Dr. Omar Habtoor Al Darei, Director General of the Emirates Council for Fatwa, signed a memorandum of cooperation on Thursday 16 Rabi' al-Thani 1444H corresponding to 10 November 2022G in Abu Dhabi, in the presence of His Excellency Sheikh Abdullah Bin Bayyah, Chairman of the Council. This agreement aims to develop a comprehensive plan for the methodology of issuing fatwas and cooperation in the field of research and studies, organizing conferences and symposia, and exchanging publications and periodicals. Following the signing of the memorandum, the Secretary General expressed his great pleasure: "I am very happy and pleased to sign this agreement with a well-established fatwa institution headed by the scholar Sheikh Abdullah bin Al-Mahfud bin Bayyah, and whose members consist of the elite of eminent scholars of the United Arab Emirates distinguished by their commitment to the approach of moderation, tolerance and openness. I take this occasion to extend my gratitude to the UAE leadership and people for the continuous care and generous support extended to the Academy, and my highest appreciation to the UAE Council for Fatwa for its precious trust in the Academy, and its sincere desire to strengthen relations of cooperation, coordination



and partnership. Indeed, the Academy is an extension of the Fatwa institution in the Muslim world, and is not certainly a substitute for any of them, nor a competitor to any of them. Yet, it supports the national and regional fatwa bodies, and seeks to strengthen relations of cooperation and coordination with other distinguished fatwa institutions inside and outside the Muslim world, in order to avoid contradictions and inconsistencies in opinions and fatwas. Finally, we pray to Allah, the Noble Lord, to preserve for us and the Ummah His Eminence the Father, the scholar Sheikh Abdullah bin Bayyah, whom we consider to be one of the first remnants of the righteous ancestors in knowledge, Fiqh, and behavior, may God grant him long life, benefit us, the Ummah and the world from his knowledge and thought. And to all of you, the

eminent and virtuous members of the Council, all thanks and appreciation, and may God direct your steps, and preserve the security, prosperity, and stability of the United Arab Emirates." For his part, the Director General of the Council expressed his happiness for this occasion, saying: "This step comes within the strategy of the UAE Council for Fatwa to establish global strategic partnerships that stem from the Council's vision of "universalism and proactiveness in fatwas to consolidate human values," and in line with its endeavor to build partnerships that provide fatwas in a civilized manner based on spreading virtues, tolerance and respect for human beings, and upholding the values of moderation and openness to different cultures and peoples of the world." It is worth noting that the UAE Council for Fatwa is the official reference for fatwas in the United Arab Emirates by uniting efforts, visions, and goals to organize the work of government agencies, institutions and individuals related to fatwa affairs.



IIFA and the Supreme Council of Muslims in Germany Sign a MoU



HE Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, and Mr. Abdul Samad Al Yazidi, Secretary General of the Supreme Council of Muslims in Germany, signed a memorandum of cooperation between the two institutions, on Monday 20 Rabi' al-Thani 1444H corresponding to 14 November 2022G in Frankfurt, the Federal Republic of Germany. Following the signing of the memorandum, His Excellency stated, "We in the Academy seek, through this agreement, to enhance cooperation and coordination with the Supreme Council of Muslims in Germany, in appreciation and recognition of the distinguished role that this council plays in guiding and streamlining Muslims in Germany, and reaffirming our keenness to provide intellectual support to Muslim communities in order to enable them to adhere to the requirements of citizenship and residency while preserving their Muslim identity, and the values and principles of Islam. We also hope that, through this memorandum, we will be able to cooperate with the Council in providing fatwas and appropriate solutions to new issues, in a way that achieves the interests of those communities and contributes to their integration in their countries. In addition, we look forward to cooperating with the Council

to organize training courses to train and supervise muftis, imams and preachers within Muslim communities in Europe, in a way that contributes to formation of a new generation of religious leaders capable of facing the challenges of the age in the tolerant spirit of Islam and working to promote the values of dialogue and coexistence and presenting the true image of Islam." For his part, the Secretary General of the Council stated, "This partnership is considered a quantum leap in the policy of the Supreme Council of Muslims in Germany to consolidate its relations with international Muslim organizations, and it will undoubtedly shorten long distances for the Supreme Council and its scientific body in the field of Fiqh, which in turn will contribute effectively to the establishment of a significant religious authority for Muslims in Germany. We also look forward, through this agreement, to achieving an intellectual and cultural transformation within the Muslim community in Germany, by encouraging Muslim citizens or residents to abide by the requirements of citizenship and residency, and to work to be real partners within the state, and to contribute effectively and positively in

building and advancing their society and human civilization in general, and to be an example of tolerance and peaceful coexistence between religions and races." The signing ceremony included welcoming speeches by Mr. Ayman Mazyak, President of the Supreme Council of Muslims in Germany, Mr. Daniel Holtingen, Commissioner of the Council of Europe in charge of combating anti-Semitism and Islamophobia, and Mr. Nadim Suleimanovich, Deputy Director of the Department of Religions and Foreign Policy at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Germany and Pastor Tharwat Qadis, President of the Abrahamic Forum in the Middle East and North Africa, and a member of the Evangelical Church in Germany. It should also be noted that the signing ceremony also included a lecture on "The Concept of Citizenship and the Question of Identity" delivered by His Excellency to the audience, in which he addressed the most important questions raised by Muslims in Western societies, pointing out that the rights and duties of citizenship do not conflict with the religious identity of the individual and that Muslims in Germany and Europe in general must contribute and participate actively in the process of civilizational construction, development and advance in their societies to be an element of positive enrichment and diversity that benefits their societies and countries in which they choose to live. The signing ceremony was attended by representatives of the Board of Directors of the Supreme Council, and Dr. Alhagi Manta Drammeh, Head of the International Cooperation Division, and Ms. Sarah Amjad, Director of the Family Affairs Department, along with a group of imams and political figures.



IIFA President and SG participate in 35th Latin American Muslims Conference

His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Abdullah bin Hamid, member of the Council of Senior Scholars, imam and Khatib of the Great Mosque of Makkah, and President of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), and His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, participated in the 35th International Conference of Muslims of Latin America and the Caribbean under the slogan "Muslims of Latin America Confronting the Phenomenon of Hatred", which is held from 24-26 Rabi' al-Thani 1444H, corresponding to 18-20 November 2022G, in the Brazilian capital, São Paulo. The opening ceremony of the conference began with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's speech of His Excellency the Minister Sheikh Dr. Abdul Latif bin Abdulaziz Al Sheikh, delivered on his behalf by the Undersecretary of the Ministry for Islamic Affairs, His Eminence Sheikh Awad bin Sabti Al-Anzi, then the speech of His Excellency the Representative of the President of the Republic of Brazil, Federal Representative Luis Marinho, in which he indicated that the Muslim community is one of the most integrated communities in society, emphasizing the importance and necessity of such conferences, and the importance of cooperation to reject hatred and establish tolerance, thanking KSA for its sponsorship of this conference, then the speech of the President of the Islamic Da'wah Center for Latin America and the Caribbean, Dr. Ahmed Ali Al-Saifi, about the dangers of the spread of the phenomenon of hatred and its negative effects on Latin American Muslims and the world in general. Then His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Abdullah bin Humaid, President of the Academy, delivered his speech in which he explained that the target groups of hate speech are often the weak or minorities, and it is important to differentiate between freedom of opinion, which is guaranteed to all, and



freedom of expression, which must be subject to many controls, the most important of which is respect for the rights of others and the protection of public security, and His Excellency stressed that hate speech is in complete contradiction with the values of tolerance and coexistence among all human beings. The first session of the conference was chaired by His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, and it discussed the topic "The Concept of Hatred in the West, Its Origin and Development". In his introductory speech to the session, His Excellency clarified that the phenomenon of hatred in all its forms and manifestations is contrary to the timeless principles of Islam and its sublime values that call for acquaintance, cooperation and coexistence among people regardless of their color, race, and belief, stressing that Islam has laid bright foundations that govern the Muslim's view of religions, beliefs, cultures, and races, the most important of which are: respect, acceptance, and avoiding insulting, cursing, and contempt. Therefore, it is appropriate for non-Muslims to treat Muslims in the same way, by avoiding

hatred, ridicule, and contempt. His Excellency also stressed that Islam's adoption of the principle of rejecting hatred and spreading moderation, tolerance and love among people is one of the reasons that led many non-Muslims to convert to this religion. His Excellency expressed his sincere thanks and great appreciation to the leadership and people of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for organizing such important scientific conferences in remote areas far from the Muslim world, hoping to convey its unique model of adhering to the method of moderation, and spreading moderation, tolerance, harmony, and peace among peoples. He also thanked the Ministry of Islamic Affairs Da'wah and Guidance in KSA, represented by His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Abdul Latif bin Abdulaziz Al Sheikh, for its constant care and keenness to call to the path of God with wisdom and good preaching, praying to God to crown the work of the conference with success and accomplishment. Then the participants in the session talked about the concept of the phenomenon of hatred, its causes, and its relationship to the phenomenon of Islamophobia. It is worth noting that this year's conference was held under the generous sponsorship of the Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Da'wah and Guidance in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and delegations, researchers, and specialists from about 100 countries participated in it.



IIFA and Al Maktoum College for Higher Education in Scotland Sign a Memorandum of Understanding



In an effort to strengthen relations of cooperation and partnership with academic and scientific institutions in the countries of Muslim communities, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), and His Excellency Dr. Abubaker Jabbar Abubaker, Head of College and Vice-Chancellor of Al-Maktoum College of Higher Education at the University of Dundee in Britain, signed a cooperation agreement between the two parties on Saturday 18 Rabi' al-Thani 1444H, corresponding to 12 November 2022G, in the British capital, London, on the sidelines of the Al Baraka Forum for Islamic Economics. After signing the memorandum, His Excellency expressed his thanks and appreciation to His

Excellency the Principal of the College for coming to London to sign this memorandum, the first of its kind between the Academy and a promising higher education institution, praising the intellectual and academic role played by the College in spreading the tolerant teachings of Islam, and correcting the image of Islam and Muslims in the United Kingdom in particular, and in Europe in general. His Excellency also expressed the Academy's full readiness to provide all forms of intellectual and Shariah support to this college, which he described as distinguished, by providing it with the Academy's publications and periodicals, and enabling its faculty to participate in seminars and conferences organized by the Academy from time to time, especially those scientific forums that aim at spreading the values of moderation and fairness, and combating fanaticism and extremist ideology. For his part, His Excellency the Principal of the College expressed his pleasure and pride in signing this agreement with the Academy, which is today the most important Shariah and Fiqh reference for the Muslim Ummah, as it is the largest contemporary institution for collective ijtihad and its members represent all member states of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC). His Excellency added that the College is eagerly looking forward to a rich stage of academic and intellectual cooperation with the Academy on a number of issues and topics of concern to both parties, such

as supporting the values of peaceful coexistence and tolerance, spreading fraternity and harmony among people, and combating extremist ideology and confronting it in a convincing intellectual and peaceful manner. Then His Excellency the Principal invited His Excellency the Secretary General to visit the college in order to see the new Islamic studies programs that will be offered at the beginning of next year. The signing ceremony was witnessed from the side of the college by Dr. Alija Avdukic, and Dr. Muhammad Al-Saghir. From the side of the Academy by Ms. Sarah Amjad Bedawi, Director of the Family and Women's Department, and Dr. AlHagi Manta Drammeh, Head of the International Cooperation and External Relations Division.



The President of the University of Bahrain welcomes IIFA Secretary General in Manama

On the sidelines of his participation in the Bahrain International Forum for Dialogue, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), and his accompanying delegation visited the University of Bahrain in Sakhir, on Saturday 11 Rabi' al-Thani 1444H corresponding to 05 November 2022G. He and the accompanying delegation were received by Her Excellency Dr. Jawaher bint Shaheen Al-Madahka, President of the University, accompanied by her deputies. The President of the University expressed her thanks and gratitude to His Excellency and the accompanying delegation for allocating part of their time to visit the university in order to discuss ways to enhance cooperation and partnership relations between the two sides in a number of aspects of common interest. Dr. Al-Madhahka emphasized the role of the national University in spreading and promoting Islamic culture, and ensuring that its curricula include the values of tolerance and the creation of an atmosphere of open dialogue, as it is an essential foundation in the formation of the culture of individuals and the identity of society and their ability to understand the various cultures and religions in the whole world, in addition to strengthening ties of cooperation with industry and business sectors, and their interest in excellence and innovation, encouraging scientific research, and adopting initiatives and projects in line with sustainable development plans. Her Excellency the President of the University concluded by expressing her



aspiration to develop scientific and intellectual cooperation relations with the Academy and to benefit mutually from the scientific and academic experiences that the two sides abound in. For his part, His Excellency the Secretary General expressed his great happiness with this visit and his gratitude and thanks to the President of the University for the good reception and warm welcome, praising the tangible achievements and rapid developments he witnessed during his visit to the Kingdom of Bahrain, wishing the Kingdom and its honorable people prosperity and security under its wise leadership. His Excellency also expressed his pleasure at the high scientific level reached by this prestigious university and the scientific results and achievements it has achieved since its establishment at the level of scientific research. He pointed out the aspiration of the Academy to conclude a strategic partnership with the university that would enable it to

recruit researchers from the various colleges and institutes of the university to participate in the Academy's sessions, seminars, and conferences, in order to study the problems of contemporary life in depth. His Excellency also indicated that the university, with its advanced research capabilities in various disciplines, can effectively contribute through experts, researchers and faculty members in various medical, scientific, social, financial, and economic issues that fall within the interests of the Academy. The meeting was attended from the University side by the Vice President for Information Technology Services, Administrative and Financial Affairs, Dr. Osama Abdullah Al-Jodar, the Vice President for Academic Programs and Graduate Studies, Dr. Muhammad Reda Qader, the Dean of the College of Arts, Dr. Abdul Aziz Muhammad Bulila, and the Head of the Department of Arabic Language and Islamic Studies, Dr. Dia Abdullah Al Kaabi. The meeting was also attended from the side of the Academy by Ms. Sarah bint Amjad Hussein, Director of Family Affairs Department, and Mr. Amjad Ibrahim Mustafa, Head of the Protocol Division.



Secretary General calls for Human Brotherhood committed to Global Stability and Prosperity



His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), participated in the Bahrain Forum for Dialogue: "East and West for Human Coexistence" during Thursday and Friday 9-10 Rabi' al-Thani 1444H corresponding to 3 and 4 November 2022G, which was held under the patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of the Kingdom of Bahrain, and with the participation of His Eminence the Grand Imam, Professor Ahmed Al-Tayeb, Sheikh of Al-Azhar Al-Sharif, Chairman of the Muslim Council of Elders, and His Holiness Pope Francis, Pope of the Catholic Church, and in the presence of about 200 figures and leaders and representatives of religions around the world, as well as prominent intellectual and media figures. The forum was jointly organized by the Council of Muslim Elders, the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs in the Kingdom of Bahrain, and the King Hamad Global Center for Peaceful Coexistence. His Excellency expressed his great happiness to

participate in this forum, and his honor to meet two great contemporary figures, the Grand Imam Dr. Sheikh Ahmed Al-Tayeb, and His Holiness Pope Francis, in his capacity as a member of the Muslim Council of Elders, stressing that "the holding of this forum in the Kingdom of Bahrain, represents a living and ancient model of coexistence and tolerance, which is a clear message to humanity, that the most effective solution to the tragedies, wars and conflicts that humanity is experiencing today lies in concerted efforts and integration of steps, in order to promote the values and principles of peace and coexistence, acceptance and recognition of others, and enabling them to practice their rituals and beliefs completely free. The desired way out of the exceptional circumstances that humanity is going through lies in the openness of followers of religions to each other, through deep respect and practical application of the pure values and noble principles that religions call for such as love, mercy, affection, cooperation, solidarity, and synergy. Therefore, the hope is that this forum, which includes a distinguished elite of all religions and beliefs, will come out with a practical application and a tangible program that will enable the achievement of what was expressed in the memorable Document on Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together of solid visions and solid ideas." His Excellency concluded by asking followers of religions to stop "fighting and reprehensible disputes, and instead they should cooperate in order to achieve

a sincere human fraternity, in which arms are not raised in the face of fellow human beings, and the honor and money of fellow human beings are not attacked. Thus, the happiness, survival and prosperity of humanity depends on the promotion of the values of human fraternity". His Excellency concluded his intervention by congratulating the Council of Muslim Elders for the successful choice of place and time of this forum, praising the Council's possession of many innovative and creative ideas that seek to achieve the principles stipulated in the "Document on Human Fraternity", which humanity cannot forget, as it is one of the rare documents throughout the history of Humanity that includes principles capable of putting an end to all the exceptional circumstances that humanity is going through. The forum was concluded under the generous patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of the Kingdom of Bahrain.



Secretary General participates in the Summit of the Al-Baraka Forum in London



At the kind invitation of Dr. Yousef Al-Khalawi, the Secretary General of the Al-Baraka Forum for Islamic Economics, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, participated in the Summit of the Al-Baraka Forum for Islamic Economics on Saturday and Sunday 18 and 19 of Rabi' al-Thani 1444H corresponding to 12 and 13 November 2022G, in London. Prof. Sano addressed the topic: "The importance of applying the mind for the advancement of the contemporary Islamic economy," stressing that "The true religion celebrates the mind greatly, as it is the source of assignment, the source of thought, the source of creativity and innovation, and the reference for inspiration and guidance. The evidence of Shariah's keen interest in the mind lies in the fact that it made preserving the mind one of the five legitimate purposes that the divine messages joined together to call for the necessity of preserving it, and protecting it from imbalance, because it is a necessary interest without which life cannot be straight (which are: the soul, religion, honor, reason, money). Therefore, using the mind, developing it, taming it, and elevating

it is an Islamic principle that should not be disputed in its legitimacy and necessity. Rather, the understanding of the provisions of the Shariah in the Book, the Sunnah, and the narrations, all of this depends mainly on the necessity of applying the mind to reading, thinking, and contemplating". He also clarified that "the right mind cannot in any way oppose the correct text from the Book and the Sunnah or reject it in any way, which means that what is thought to be a conflict between text and reason is nothing more than a contradiction between a corrupt reason and a sound text on the one hand, or between a corrupt text with a sound reason on the other hand. The corruption of text is evident in its being a weak or a fabricated text, as is the case in the weak or fabricated hadith, both of them are corrupt text that contradict the right mind; as for the corruption of reason, it is manifested in the mind not adhering to the foundations and controls that guide it when examining the text as inference or deduction, and it contradicts the methods of thinking and analysis that lead it to a good understanding of what is meant by the correct text." Based on this, he called on scientific and research institutions and centers in the world in general and in the Muslim world in particular to "give more attention and care for creative and critical thinking through the rational and courageous implementation of reason in texts on the one hand and in facts and developments on the other hand in order to elicit and produce integrated scientific ideas capable of advancing the Islamic economy in a comprehensive manner, and its transformation into a parallel human economy that produces economic knowledge, directs economic calamities, and contributes to building a global contemporary and influential

human economy, away from all ideas that prohibit the implementation of the mind, and glorify imitation, repetition and consumption. The implementation of the mind today in order to build a creative Islamic economic thought that produces knowledge, and is not satisfied with consumption, but is creative in providing solutions and does not imitate existing ready-made solutions." He concluded by saying that those in charge of the Islamic economy should provide all forms of moral and material support in order to promote creative thought and encourage creative researchers, and not pay attention to the apprehensions of those apprehensive about the use of reason, its employment, and its development so that it plays its desired role alongside the eternal divine revelation. This summit is being held in London, UK, due to the promising prospects that this city enjoys in the field of Islamic finance, which made it the destination for the first global summit of the Al Baraka Forum in the Europe. The Forum was attended by Ms. Sarah Amjad Badewi, Director of the Department of family affairs and Dr. AlHagi Manta Drammeh, Head of the International Cooperation Division at the Academy.



Secretary General delivers the Friday Sermon at the Great Mosque of London

At the kind invitation of the management of the Islamic Cultural Center in London, UK, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, delivered the Friday sermon at the Great Mosque of London, on 17 Rabi' al-Thani 1444H corresponding to 11 November 2022G, in both Arabic and English, and its theme was "our duty to our nation." He began his sermon by reminding the worshippers that the entire universe belongs to God Almighty, that the whole earth belongs to God Almighty, and that man is responsible for building the universe, reforming it, and managing its affairs wherever he is and wherever he resides, emphasizing that God created us peoples and tribes to know each other. Hence, the countries in which we live and reside have rights that we must fulfill, and duties towards which we must adhere; Among the most important of these rights, we have to love them, protect them, preserve their security, stability, and prosperity, and cherish our belonging to them in recognition of their favor, bounties, and benevolence to us. If a Muslim takes a country as his homeland and his place of residence, he must fulfill the aforementioned rights, abide by its legislation, respect its laws, and stay away from everything that contravenes the regulations that have been established in order to protect him, care for him, provide job opportunities, and a decent life for him and his family. Then he explained that a British Muslim should be proud of being British and a Muslim at the same time, and he should love this country, which provided him with everything he needs of care, protection, and a decent living, and there is



no conflict between being a Muslim and British at the same time, for citizenship and religious affiliation are two things that do not contradict, conflict or oppose, but rather complement, support, and sustain each other. The country that you have chosen to live in, work in, make a living from its bounties and opportunities, and raise your children in it, does not conflict with your preservation of your religious identity. Islam is greater than being confined to one particular country or confining the Islamic presence to a particular country. Islam came to the entire world, and to the people of the earth as a whole. The Muslim must be a model in honesty, work, earnestness, and integrity. The Muslim must also raise his children a sound upbringing that makes them producers and good citizens, who contribute to building and preserving nations, and participate in their development, progress, and renaissance. He also called on the worshippers to stay away from violence, extremism, fanaticism, terrorism, and everything that harms nations and offends the reputation of Islam and Muslims. Islam is innocent of violence against children,

women, and animals, rather it is innocent of offending the environment. The Muslim is not violent, extremist, cursing, or insulting, rather he is merciful, honest, gentle, serious, and straight in his behavior and actions. He also made it clear that combating the phenomenon of Islamophobia does not come with violence, but rather by presenting Islam and its values in an objective and calm manner. Insulting the Prophet, peace and mercy be upon him, is not met with violence or screaming, but is met with serious organized work by introducing people to this Prophet and his biography. Humanity has never known in its history a great, merciful, loving, compassionate person like the Prophet Muhammad, who only fair-minded people know all the details of his life, and his biography. Then he prayed to God to protect the UK, and the whole world, from the scourge of wars, disasters, and strife. The Friday prayer was witnessed by large crowds that filled the mosque and its squares and surrounding roads, and their number was estimated at more than five thousand worshippers. It should be noted that the sermon received wide approval from the national and Islamic leaders in Britain, as it was extensively circulated and disseminated through social media platforms.



Secretary General calls for Renewing the Content of Religious course



HE Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, participated in the second scientific conference of the College of Islamic Studies at Mohamed bin Zayed University for Human Sciences, entitled "Islamic Studies in the Universities: Towards Promoting the Values of Citizenship and Coexistence," from 28-30 Rabi' al Thani 1444H, corresponding to 22-24 November 2022G, in Abu Dhabi. UAE. In his intervention, he thanked the leadership of the university for organizing this important conference and for well choosing its title. Then he defined the Islamic Thought as "a human thought produced by Muslim minds aiming to achieve a link between the revelation and the changing and evolving reality, influenced by the social and cultural circumstances and the apparent economic and political conditions that affected the Islamic reality starting with those major changes and events after the death of the Prophet, Peace be upon Him, those great developments on the eve of the Islamic Ummah's contact with nations with ancient intellectual civilizations such as the Persians, Byzantines, Pharaohs and others, and ending with the successive challenges that continue to afflict reality to this day". He explained that there are "many generations from different scientific backgrounds and various intellectual starting points participated in formulating and refining this thought, and therefore it was not surprising that its content was a combination of ijtihad that was made by those generations in doctrinal issues (=al Mutakalima), Fiqh issues (= al Mutaqafiha), and educational issues (= the Sufis), all affected in their quest by their prevailing social and cultural conditions, and by their existing economic and political conditions". He pointed out that "the Islamic thought that produced the religious lesson was, before the ages of imitation, a lively and moving thought that welcomed every new and useful thing and was open to every wise and rational creativity. Therefore, it is not surprising that this religious lesson is a rich text that includes the facts of all intellectual discourse that the intellectual arena witnessed one day between Muslims and people of other religions, and it is not surprising also to find debates between those known in history as the Sunnis and the Shiites on the one hand, and between the Mu'tazila and the Sunnis on the other hand. In this abundant lesson, the reader will be aware of the heated debate between the sects of Sunnis, such as the Ash'aris, Maturdiyya, Murji'ah and Ahl al-Hadith, and between the Shi'ite sects of Zaydiyyah, Twelver Imamiyyah and Ismailis. And the examiner will also find an honest record of the Fiqh differences that the Fiqh arena also witnessed between the Sunni and Imami schools of thought on the one hand, and between the Sunni sects of the Hanafi, Maliki, Shafi'i, Hanbali, and Dhahiri schools on the other hand; And between the sects of the Imami sects of Jaafari and Zaydi on the third side; And in addition to this, it contains a faithful documentation of the the educational skirmishes between the Sufis and other people of

the Qibla on the one hand, and between the sects of the Sufis with each other on the other hand." Then he pointed out that "to enable the religious course today to provide rational guidance for the existing social and cultural conditions, and an honest settlement of the prevailing economic and political conditions requires a filtering of its issues, a revision of its topics, and then an addition to its fields. And by deciphering its issues, we mean the responsible dispensation of attention to the whole doctrinal, Fiqh and educational issues that there is no longer a need to pay attention to, considering that they are purely circumstantial historical issues that disappeared with the disappearance of the social and cultural conditions and the economic and political conditions that contributed to their formation and emergence. By revising its topics, we also mean the obligation to distinguish between fundamentals, branches, constants, and variables in doctrinal, Fiqh, and educational content, and to avoid confusion between them. And we mean by adding areas to its content, including it and grafting it with the calamities and challenges of the era, in order to root it, edit it, and direct it". And to achieve this, it is necessary to "enhance awareness among young people first that every opinion or thought that confiscates or contradicts the provisions of the texts and the authentic prophetic experience must be bypassed and dispensed with entirely, and secondly to enhance their awareness that what unites people



in general and worshipers in particular is more and greater than what separates them, and thirdly to enhance their awareness of the impact of social and cultural conditions, economic and political conditions on those events that the Islamic arena has known throughout history, and those conditions have disappeared and changed. Therefore, the contemporary reality does not need to be preoccupied with it, and to hold non-participants responsible for its consequences and effects, but to take it as a basis for controlling the relationship that should prevail between peoples and nations on the one hand, and between the worshipers themselves on the other hand." He concluded by calling upon the conference to adopt three methodological essences to update the doctrinal content of the religious course from ideas and concepts that prevent the promotion of the values of coexistence and tolerance. The first essence is represented in resorting to the provisions of the texts and the prophetic experience with regard to the Muslim's relationship with his God, his society, and the world around him, far from the fragmentary considerations within the Book and the Sunnah that were mentioned in the case of non-Muslims in general, and in the case of the People of the Book in particular, and to prevent the confiscation of many ambiguous texts based on interpretations outside the context and the reasons for revelation, and from striking the religious texts against each other without paying attention to the gradual approach and principles on which these texts are based, and at the same time preventing the irresponsible

and inaccurate employments of many clear Shariah terms with specific concepts, and with known and clear historical contexts, and on top of those terms: the term loyalty and disavowal, jihad, safety, governance, and ignorance, disbelief, tribute, guardianship, and so on. Accordingly, it is necessary to enhance awareness of the fact that the Shariah rulings related to security, safety, peace, jihad, administration, leadership, governance, and the judiciary are government rulings that individuals are not addressed with, and they are not concerned with, nor responsible for them, and awareness of the multiple and different levels of the actions of the great Prophet, including his actions as a prophet, his actions as an imam and ruler, his actions as commander-in-chief of the armed forces, his actions as a judge, and his actions as a mufti..etc... The second methodological essence is represented in overcoming the repetitive and automated narration of the prevalent historical differences and conflicts between Islamic sects, both of which are those that occurred during the occurrence of sedition between the companions, so people were divided into Sunnis, Kharijites, and Shiites, or were those differences that erupted between worshipers during the Umayyad, Abbasid, and Seljuk dynasties, so people were divided into Sunnis and Mu'tazila, then into Sunnis and Ahl al-Hadith, or those historic differences that took place between the people of hadith and the people of taste, acclamation, and others. These and other differences are purely historical differences that arose among the people of the nation as a result of social and cultural conditions that have passed and vanished, and because of economic and political conditions that have become extinct and ended. Therefore, there is no need to repeat them to the young people, rather it is appropriate to assure them that they are not responsible for what happened, because they did not live with those conditions that these events arose because of them, and they were not parties to them. Therefore, it is better for them to pay attention to their existing social and cultural conditions, and focus on their prevailing economic and political conditions, in order to provide guidance, settlement, and rationalization. As for the third methodological essence, it is represented in serious and responsible work in order to remove the difference in doctrinal and educational issues from the circle of truth and falsehood into the circle of right and wrong,"; Similar to the difference in Ijtihad in Fiqh issues, where the jurists refrain from describing their opponents with those mentioned descriptions. In this way, extremists are prevented from disbelieving the monotheists, chasing the worshipers, and blowing up the prostrators. It also prevents the terrorist groups from taking it as a large oasis in which they roam in order to desecrate the infallible blood, violate the guarded honors, and annihilate the preserved property, and it stops all the agitators and the so called learned from infiltrating through it to accuse individuals, rulers, scholars, societies, and states. And our basis for this is the saying of the Prophet, who divided the mujtahids in diligent matters into right and wrong, and allocated two rewards for the correct one, the reward for diligence and the reward for getting right, and for the wrong one only one reward. This saying did not differentiate between the mujtahids in doctrinal and educational issues and the mujtahids in Fiqh matters, which makes the distinction between them questionable.

At the Abu Dhabi Peace Forum SG calls on religious leaders to promote tolerance

His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, participated in the 9th Assembly of the Abu Dhabi Forum for Peace, which was held this year under the title “Globalized Conflict and Universal Peace: Demands and Partnerships”, from 14 to 16 Rabi’ al-Thani 1444H corresponding to 8 to 10 November 2022G, in Abu Dhabi. In his intervention in the session titled “The Role of Religious Leaders in Achieving World Peace” he thanked the leadership and people of the UAE for hosting the Abu Dhabi Forum for Peace, and for its good sponsorship of this institution, which continues to promote peace in the world in general and in Muslim societies in particular. He also expressed his great gratitude to His Eminence Sheikh Abdullah bin Bayyah, for his bright ideas and wise vision which aims at combating thought that fuels the fire of conflicts throughout the world, spreads wars between followers of religions, and hijacks the values preached by Religions, namely peace, love, cooperation, unity, and acquaintance between peoples. He indicated that addressing these exceptional circumstances that humanity is going through requires that each of us do what we can to extinguish the fires and declare war on wars to achieve peace and security, and he added: “The desired role of religious leaders represented by imams, priests, monks, rabbis, and those in charge of educational institutions, is a great role because it is agreed that behind every extremism is thought, and behind every terrorism is thought, rather behind every radicalism and fanaticism is thought, and thought is the motivator, guide, and influencer on behavior and conduct. Therefore, religious leaders today must play their role in combating



extremist ideology, and rejecting speeches of hate, exclusion, and contempt, and they must stand as an impenetrable barrier against every thought or opinion that spreads fanaticism, extremism, and terrorism. They must work together to promote awareness of the prohibition of aggression against people, honor and wealth regardless their religions and faiths. And for a reason, the supplication of the prophet, Peace be upon him, in the Farewell Pilgrimage was addressed to all people when he said: [O people, your blood, your honor and your wealths are as sacred to you as the sacredness of this day of yours in this month of yours in this country of yours...] We must work to consolidate this”. In order to achieve this, he stressed the importance of revising school curricula to become curricula that spread the values of love, fraternity, tolerance, harmony, and peace, building bridges, and transcending the remnants of history. He also explained that religious leaders should enhance the awareness of their followers that the difference between human beings in their religions and beliefs is a universal, eternal norm that cannot be removed because of the Almighty’s

saying: ((Had your Lord so willed, He would have certainly made humanity one single community of believers, but they will always choose to differ. Except those shown mercy by your Lord—and so He created them to choose freely)). And for His saying, ((And one of His signs is the creation of the heavens and the earth, and the diversity of your languages and colors. Surely in this are signs for those of sound knowledge)). These texts mean that pluralism and religious, ethnic, and cultural diversity are a divine norm that cannot be ignored or removed from existence, and therefore cooperation, coordination and communication between religious leaders is necessary to enhance this understanding and consolidate it in minds and actions. He concluded by calling to work hard to transform the principle of tolerance and coexistence into a concrete practical behavior and a continuous daily practice, and to the need for adherence to religions as a factor of discipline and enlightenment that guides humanity to noble values and common lofty principles of love and fraternity, considering that the stability of the world will only happen by achieving those values and principles, because they represent the path of goodness to spread peace, security and safety in the entire world.



Secretary General warns against anomalous Fatwas at Shariah Scholars Conference

His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, participated on Wednesday 8 Rabi’ al-Thani 1444H corresponding to 02 October 2022G, via satellite communication technology, in the sessions of the Seventeenth Conference of Shariah Scholars on Digital Finance and Financial Inclusion, which was organized by the International Shariah Research Academy in Islamic Finance in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. In his intervention in the session entitled “The Role of Supervision Institutions and Islamic Banking Infrastructure in Promoting Digital Finance and Financial Inclusion,” he called on Islamic financial institutions to adhere to the resolutions and Shariah standards issued by contemporary Fiqh Academies regarding the emerging issues and developments of the contemporary Islamic financial industry, especially the emerging issues and developments related to digital financing and financial inclusion, through guidance, correction, and rationalization, given that these resolutions and standards are issued by a group of well-established scholars who meet the conditions of rightful Ijtihad, which makes their opinion accepted and considered. He also stressed that the predominance of complexity and entanglement over many contemporary financial calamities and developments makes the urgent need for a collective Ijtihad in which Shariah jurists integrate with economists and finance scholars in order to control the appropriate Shariah rulings tightly and soberly for these calamities and developments through which the objectives of Shariah are achieved in financial transactions, especially the



purpose of preserving money, the purpose of money promotion and circulation, the purpose of justice, and the purpose of constancy and clarity. His Excellency alerted to the danger of individual Ijtihad and abnormal fatwas in public matters, describing them as insufficient and hasty fatwas that are often dominated by emotion, impulsiveness in analysis and prohibition, in addition to that they do not fully encompass the issue, which makes them vulnerable to confusion and slippage. He clarified that his call for the need to refer to the Fiqh Academies to know the rulings of Shariah in contemporary financial calamities and developments does not mean a disparagement or belittling of individual Ijtihad and fatwas, but rather a confirmation and revival of the prophetic approach, may God’s prayers and peace be upon him, in dealing with calamities and developments about which no revelation was revealed. He used to gather the Companions and consult them, and he acted with the opinion reached in that particular calamity. The blessed ancestors of companions and the followers, used to adhere to the Ijtihad that today is marked as collective Ijtihad to deal with public calamities.

Therefore, individual interpretations and abnormal fatwas should be prevented in public issues, regardless of who issued them, in order to prevent chaos, conflict and contradiction between the practices of Islamic financial institutions. He concluded by praising the accuracy, sobriety, sturdiness, and strength of the resolutions issued by the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, because they represent the cream of effective Shariah opinions issued by the largest reliable scientific body for contemporary collective Ijtihad, as its members consist of the best contemporary scholars of the Ummah of well-established jurists and prominent experts in various fields of knowledge and science. It is worth noting that this annual conference organized by the International Shari’ah Research Academy in Islamic Finance (ISRA) has become today one of the most important scientific forums concerned with the study of calamities and developments in the Islamic financial industry, which called on His Excellency to express the full readiness of the Academy to present the recommendations of its conferences to the various sessions of the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy to consider its adoption and implementation.



Secretary General receives Nigerian Ambassador to KSA



HE Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, received His Excellency Mr. Yahya Lawal, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the OIC, on Sunday 12 Rabi' Al Thani 1444H corresponding to 06 November 2022G at the headquarters of the Academy in Jeddah. His Excellency the Secretary General welcomed His Excellency the Ambassador and thanked him for this first visit to the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy. He also expressed the gratitude of the Academy and its great appreciation for the support and care it has received since its establishment from the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, hoping that this visit will be an opportunity to inform His Excellency on the vision of the Academy, its mission, goals, projects, and its five-year strategic plan, which includes a clear illustration of all the activities and programs

that it intends to implement during the next five years. He also expressed his gratitude for the Ambassador's keenness to strengthen relations of cooperation and coordination between Nigeria and the Academy. He then gave the guest a brief overview of the qualitative changes that the Academy is witnessing after assuming the duties of the Secretary General, requesting the permanent representatives to the OIC to appeal to their countries to continue supporting the Academy, and support its strategic plan in particular, to enable it to carry out its intellectual responsibility of promoting the approach of moderation, and spreading a culture of moderation, tolerance, coexistence and harmony between followers of religions, and rejection of extremism, fanaticism, terrorism and violence in all its forms. For his part, the ambassador expressed his great pleasure at visiting the Academy and his thanks and appreciation to the Secretary General for the good reception and warm welcome, stressing his country's keenness to establish stronger relations with the Academy and to benefit from its extensive scientific expertise in the face of many religious, intellectual, and social issues that preoccupy Nigerian society and the West African region generally. He also expressed his hope to strengthen relations of cooperation between the Academy and Nigeria in the field of organizing joint scientific events inside and outside Nigeria, in addition to strengthening close cooperation between scholars and experts of the Academy and

Nigerian scholars in order to support the Nigerian government's efforts in the field of combating extremist ideology, terrorism, and intolerance. He also expressed his deep appreciation for the qualitative changes and remarkable developments that the Academy's General Secretariat is witnessing, both at the administrative level and at the scientific and intellectual level, praising His Excellency's great keenness to Unify the Ummah's voice and spread the correct concepts of the true religion. In conclusion, the Secretary General called on the Ambassador to mediate with the official authorities in order for the Nigerian government to host the next session of the Academy in Abuja. The Ambassador welcomed the request, promised to support it, and to communicate with the concerned authorities to provide all the necessary facilities and services to achieve this request. The meeting was attended by Mr. Mohamed Al-Mondher El-Chouk, Director of the Cabinet Affairs Department, and Mr. Mourad TLili, Advisor to the Secretary General for Media Affairs.



25th Monthly Meeting of the Academy's Personnel



On Sunday 12 Rabi' al-Thani 1444H corresponding to 06 November 2022G, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the twenty-fifth monthly periodic meeting of the Academy's employees, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah. His Excellency started the meeting by welcoming the attendees and thanking them for their participation. Then he referred to the outcomes of the recent working visit that he and his

accompanying delegation made to the Kingdom of Bahrain, where His Excellency participated in the Bahrain International Forum for Dialogue between East and West for Human Coexistence, which was organized by the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs in the Kingdom of Bahrain in cooperation with the Muslim Council of Elders. He also visited the University of Bahrain, during which he discussed with the university's presidency possible aspects of cooperation between the Academy and the University. His Excellency explained that the two parties agreed to sign a memorandum of understanding between the two institutions in the near future to achieve common goals and to enhance areas of cooperation between them. Then His Excellency touched on the topic of the 25th Academy's session and the new tasks related to it, urging everyone to continue the serious and diligent work in order to prepare for it and manage it in the best possible manner. He then called on the

attendees to express their opinions, present their suggestions, and discuss the issues and problems they face while carrying out their duties, reminding everyone to feel free and not hesitate to raise any topic they deem useful to the Academy and the employees, assuring every one of his constant readiness to listen to them and support them by finding appropriate solutions to their problems and adopt their constructive suggestions and initiatives. Several new decisions were issued by the meeting, the most important of which are:

- Expedite the payment of the dues of the translators who have completed the work assigned to them.
- Considering the possibility of calculating vacation days in return for the additional work assigned to the employee.
- Considering the possibility of texturing the residence permits of the Academy's employees on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to take advantage of the privileges offered by this procedure.

44th Periodic Meeting of Divisions

The Academy held its forty-fourth periodic meeting of division heads, headed by HE Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, on Thursday 02 Rabi' al-Thani 1444H corresponding to 27 October 2022G, at its headquarters in Jeddah. He welcomed the attendees and reminded that the Academy will focus in particular during the coming period on the groundwork and good preparation for holding the Academy's twenty-fifth session, calling for strengthening and intensifying cooperation and integration between all divisions and departments, and suspension and postponement of any other work inconsistent with the work of the session. He then spoke about his working visit to the Republic of Turkey, where he participated in



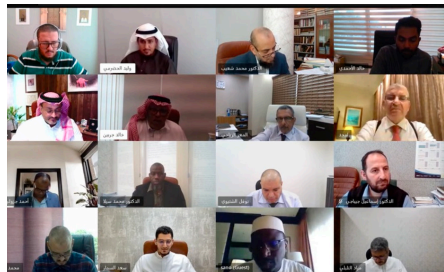
the 12th session of the Information Ministers Meeting of the OIC, in addition to signing two strategic cooperation agreements with Ibn Haldun University in Istanbul and Sabah Al-Din Zaim University in Istanbul, and a visit to the headquarters of the Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum in Istanbul. Then the attendees discussed the

items on the meeting's agenda, and the discussions resulted in a number of new decisions, including:

- Writing to some Member States to host the next five Academy's sessions.
- Finishing as soon as possible the Academy's new corporate video.
- Setting the date of the "Family Foundation" symposium during January 2023 and the "Wills" symposium during February 2023.
- Rejecting any new research papers for the 25th session of the Academy after the predetermined deadlines have passed.
- The necessity of documenting and archiving all the documents and correspondences of the departments in order to preserve the memory of the Academy.

45th Periodic Meeting of Divisions

His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the forty-fifth periodic meeting of the heads of the divisions of the Academy, on Thursday 16 Rabi' al-Thani 1444H, corresponding to 10 November 2022G, via video technology from his residence in Abu Dhabi, the United Arab Emirates. His Excellency opened the meeting by welcoming the heads of divisions and thanking them for their appreciated efforts in accomplishing the tasks entrusted to them, then he noted the necessity of intensifying these meetings and perhaps even merging them with the rest of the periodic meetings, in order to ensure good preparation for the next session, and the importance of informing the heads of divisions periodically of all developments and issues related to the session, which are



supposed to be completed in a timely manner. His Excellency then spoke about the subject of his working visit to the United Arab Emirates, where he is participating in the ninth meeting of the Abu Dhabi Peace Forum, which is being held this year in Abu Dhabi, in the presence of more than 500 international political, religious, intellectual, and media personalities. He also talked about the

cooperation agreement concluded by the Academy with UAE Council for Fatwa on the sidelines of the forum. Then the attendees discussed the items on the agenda of the meeting, and the discussions resulted in a number of new decisions, including:

- Sending letters of thanks and appreciation to the UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the UAE Council for Fatwa and the Abu Dhabi Peace Forum for their hospitality and honoring of the delegation headed by His Excellency the Secretary General.
- Addressing the UAE Council for Fatwa regarding hosting the next session of the Academy in the UAE capital, Abu Dhabi.
- Expedite the preparation and coordination of the Academy's Biographies book so that it can be printed on time for distribution during the Academy's 25th session.

96th Weekly Meeting of Department Directors

The International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) held its ninety-sixth weekly meeting for the directors of departments, on Monday 06 Rabi' al-Thani 1444H corresponding to 31 October 2022G, headed by His Excellency Professor Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat in Jeddah. At the beginning of the meeting, His Excellency welcomed the attendees, thanking them for their keenness to attend these weekly meetings, reiterating that these meetings will be dedicated to discussing the twenty-fifth Session and the new work related to it. His Excellency also spoke about the latest developments regarding the date of holding the Academy's Session, which will be

held soon as the necessary financial support has been secured. He also directed the departments to follow up on the tasks entrusted to them and complete them in the required manner so that the Session achieves its desired goals and objectives. The meeting then discussed the items of the previous decisions, and several new decisions were issued, the most important of which are:

- Sending a telegram of condolences to the Tunisian delegation at the OIC and to the Tunisian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the death of the member of the Academy, the Grand Mufti Sheikh Othman Batikh.
- Completing the preparation of the concept for the Session's 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.

- Sending the finished and edited research papers to the Academy's members so that they can review them in a sufficient period before the Session is held.

97th Weekly Meeting of the Department Directors

His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), presided over the 97th weekly meeting of the departments, on Monday 11 Rabi' al-Thani 1444H corresponding to 07 November 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 participating, stressing that these meetings will be to follow up the progress of work on the preparations for the twenty-fifth session of the Academy. Then His Excellency spoke about his participation in the Bahrain Forum for Dialogue "East and West for Human Coexistence," which was organized by the Muslim Council of Elders under the royal patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of the Kingdom of Bahrain, which was held at the Isa Cultural



Center in Manama with the participation of a number of prominent intellectual figures and representatives of religions from different countries of the world. The holding of the Forum in Bahrain is an affirmation of the status of the kingdom as a living model of coexistence, acceptance, and recognition of the other and

enabling them to practice their rites and beliefs freely. Then His Excellency spoke about the preparations for the twenty-fifth session, where the departments submitted detailed reports on the latest developments related to the session's work and what has been accomplished. 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 the finished and edited research papers to the Academy's members so that they can read them in time.
- Sending letters of thanks to the President of the University of Bahrain and the President of the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs for the warm welcome and generous hospitality, and a draft cooperation agreement to the university of Bahrain.

98th Weekly Meeting of Department Directors



HE Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, chaired the ninety-eighth weekly meeting of the departments of the Academy, on Tuesday 21 Rabi' al-Thani 1444H corresponding to 15 November 2022G, via video technology from his residence in Frankfurt,

Germany. He welcomed the attendees, thanking all for their efforts in preparing for the twenty-fifth session of the Academy. Then he thanked the Financial and Administrative Affairs Department for its commendable efforts in preparing the annual financial report and the general budget of the Academy, which received distinguished praise from the financial oversight committee of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC). Then he talked about the visits he is currently making to both Britain and Germany, where he participates in the first annual meeting of the Al Baraka Forum in the British capital, London. He also talked about the two cooperation agreements concluded by the Academy on the

sidelines of the visit with Al Maktoum College for Higher Education at the University of Dundee in Britain, and the Supreme Council of Muslims in Germany. The meeting then discussed the items of the decisions issued by the previous meeting, and several new decisions were issued, the most important of which are:

- Accelerate the adoption of the estimated cost of the media coverage of the session, after comparing it with three offers.
- Preparing a concept for the site about the possibility of uploading the journal of the Academy for viewing, while striving to update and develop it continuously.

Rays of Light on the Lives of the Academy's Scholars (9)

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 Honourable Judge Muhammad Badr Al-Minyawi

Born in 1931 in Egypt, H.E. H. Judge Muhammad Badr Al-Minyawi graduated from both the Sharia faculty of Al-Azhar University and Cairo University in the same year in 1953. His Eminence obtained a master's degree in law and a diploma in Sharia. His Eminence has held a number of important positions, including various high-level positions in the Public Prosecution Service since March 1954, until becoming Deputy Prosecutor General in 1984. His Eminence worked as Head of the Judicial Inspection in October 1984 and as Deputy Prosecutor General in the Ismailia Court of Appeal Department in November 1988. His Eminence reached the rank of Vice President of the Court of Cassation in June 1984, and then became Attorney General in July 1990, until his retirement in October 1991. His Eminence was a member of the Supreme



Council of Al-Azhar, a member of the League of Islamic Universities, of the Islamic Council of Appeal and Relief, of the committees of the Islamic Affairs Supreme Council, of the Academy of Scientific Research and Technology, of the National Center for Social and Criminological Research, of the National Council for Islamic Affairs, as well as a member of the Sheikh Saleh

Kamel Center for Islamic Economics at Al-Azhar University, of the Human Rights Association and the Association of Appellate Court Counselors. His Eminence participated in numerous judicial and Islamic research projects in several institutes, universities, and centers, and was also a member of their faculty, frequently participating in the supervision of doctoral theses. His Eminence lectured at the National Institute of Judicial Studies, the Cairo Police Academy Institute and the Institute of Defense Scholars. His Eminence was also an active member of the Islamic Charitable Association and chaired its legal committee. Prior to his death in 2003, H.E. Judge Muhammad Badr Al-Minawi was an elected member of the Al-Azhar Al-Sharif's Islamic Research Academy, and an expert member of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy.

His Eminence Prof. Ibrahim Kafi Donmez

Born in Izmir, Republic of Turkey, in 1951, H.E. Prof. Ibrahim Kafi Donmez completed his studies at the Istanbul Higher Islamic Institute in 1974, graduated from the Faculty of Law of Istanbul University in 1976, and then completed his doctoral dissertation in 1981 at the Faculty of Islamic Sciences of Atatürk University, titled: "The Concept of Usul in Islamic Jurisprudence and its Methodological Differences among Muslim Jurists in the 8th Century." His Eminence has held many important positions, including as a member of the theological faculty of Marmara University until his retirement in 2010, and then as dean between 1994 and 1997. In 1996, His Eminence was chosen as the representative of Marmara University in the Council of the League of Islamic Universities. Between 1983-1986, His

Eminence was a faculty member at Algerian universities, including the University of Algiers, Prince Abdul Qadir University, and the University of Annaba. Between 1997-1998, His Eminence was a visiting professor at the International Islamic University of Malaysia and was also a member of the scientific committee for jurisprudence in the Islamic encyclopedia of Turkish Endowments as well as chairman of this committee. His Eminence was the founding president of Istanbul University from 2010 to 2018 and is currently a faculty member at the same university and has also been a board member at the Islamic Research Center (iSAM). In addition to being an expert member, His Eminence had also served a representative member of the Republic of Turkey in the International Islamic Fiqh Academy.



His Eminence Dr. Hani Suleiman Muhammad Al- Ta'imat

Born in 1957 in Jordan, Dr. Hani Suleiman Muhammad Al-Ta'imat obtained a bachelor's degree from the Faculty of Sharia at the Islamic University of Madinah in 1980, a master's in jurisprudence and legislation at the University of Jordan in 1987, and a doctorate in Islamic law at Cairo University, Dar Al Uloom in 1991, entitled "Abandoning of Rights and their Inheritance in Sharia." His Eminence is an expert in the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, and various important positions, manly as Secretary-General of the Ministry of Awqaf, Islamic Affairs and Holy Places in Jordan, Dean of the College of Sharia and



Islamic Studies at UAE University in Abu Dhabi, and Deputy Dean of the College Sharia, Head of the Department of Fiqh and its Fundamentals, Head of the Department of Sharia and Islamic Studies at Mutah University, teaching at Nizwa College of Education in the Sultanate of Oman, Member of the Youth Higher Council in Jordan, Member of the Foundation for the Development of Orphans Funds in Jordan, as well as a Member of the Editorial Board of several scientific journals. His Eminence has participated in a large number of international and local conferences and events and is the author of several books in various fields.

His Eminence Dr. Abdul Razzaq Wardak

Born in Afghanistan in 1941, H.E. Dr. Abdul Razzaq Wardak obtained a bachelor's degree from Dar al-Uloom al-Arabi School in Kabul, a bachelor's degree from the Faculty of Sharia at Kabul University, and a master's degree in the Foundations of Islamic Jurisprudence from the Faculty of Sharia and Law at Al-Azhar

University. His Eminence has been a member of the curriculum and textbook design committee for Sharia schools, a member of the Afghan University Entrance Examination Committee linked to the Ministry of Higher Education. His Eminence has been responsible for the training of judges and prosecutors on the Judges' Rotation Committee

and continues to teach at the Shariah College of Kabul University, in addition to many other senior positions at Kabul University. His Eminence is the author of a number of books and translations. As a member of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, H.E. Dr. Abdul Razzaq Wardak has represented Afghanistan since September 13, 2012.

His Eminence Sheikh Dr. Konate Arna



Born in 1978 in Côte d'Ivoire, H.E. Sheikh Dr. Konate Arna obtained a bachelofrom the Faculty of Sharia and Islamic Studies of the Islamic University of Niger in 2000, a master's degree from Dar Al-Hadith Al-Hasaniyah in the Kingdom of Morocco in 2004, and a Doctorate from the Faculty of Letters and Humanities of the Abd al-Malik al-Saadi University in the Kingdom of Morocco in 2008. His Eminence has held many important positions, including Director General at the International Training Institute for Imams and Preachers in Africa, Head of the Department of Higher Education, Training and Scientific Research at the Supreme Council of Imams, Research Professor at the Institute of History, Arts and African Archaeology at the Felix Houphouet

Boigny Kokodi University in Abidjan, Professor of Islamic Jurisprudence and Religious Dialogue at the International Training Institute for Imams and Preachers, and Professor of Arabic Language at the History Division of the Felix Houphouet University, and Deputy Director General of the International Training Institute for Imams and Preachers in Africa His Eminence has participated in numerous scientific conferences in various countries, and has written numerous research articles in different Islamic studies journals, as well as many books in different fields. His Eminence is currently the Vice President of the Islamic University of Africa. As a member of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, H.E. Sheikh Dr. Konate Arna has represented the Ivory Coast since March 22, 2015.

His Excellency Dr. Salem bin Mohammed Al-Malik

Born in 1960 in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, H.E. Dr. Salem bin Mohammed Al-Malik earned a master's degree in Health Administration and Policy from Harvard University, a Certificate in Executive Medical Administration and a Diploma in Medical Administration from the American College of Executive Physicians. His Eminence has served on the Board of Directors of the Saudi Red Crescent Authority, Al-Aghar Group and numerous international institutions, as well as a consultant to the World Health Organization and the U.S. Commission on Accreditation of Global Health Facilities, as well as to a number of international and health care organizations. Prior to his appointment as Director General of the World Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO), His Eminence served as Advisor and General Supervisor of the General Department of International Cooperation, Advisor to the Minister

of Education for Health Affairs at the Ministry of Education in Saudi Arabia, and Secretary General of the Saudi National Committee for Education, Culture and Science. In addition to his work as a consultant in Allergology and Immunology at the King Abdulaziz Medical City in the National Guard, His Eminence has served as the Head of the Knowledge Industries Sector at the Saudi General Investment Authority and headed the Knowledge Industries Strategy Development Team, the Deputy Executive Director (Medical Director) of the Central Region Medical Services in the National Guard Health Affairs. His Eminence is considered a leading expert in creating strategic partnerships and collaboration with international organizations, due to his initiatives at the educational, cultural and health levels. His Eminence is the author of seven books and is also known as an accomplished poet.



His Eminence Dr. Muhammad Suleiman Al-Ashqar



Born in Nablus, Palestine, in 1930, H.E. Dr. Muhammad Suleiman Al-Ashqar completed his high school in Nablus in 1944, he went to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and worked in primary education. In 1372H, he was appointed as the head of Dar Al Iftaa's library in Dakhna region, but he continued his studies at the Sharia Institute and College in Riyadh until he graduated in 1376 with the first honors, and he got to know his revered sheikhs. His Eminence was an expert of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy. His Eminence held a number of other important positions, including: Teaching at the Shaqraa Scientific Institute, which he was assigned to administer in 1377, at the Islamic University of Madinah for two years, and then went to Kuwait, to become the head of the library of the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs for twelve years (1385-1397 AH), During this period, His Eminence obtained a master's degree and a doctorate from

the Faculty of Sharia at Al-Azhar University, and then went to Jordan, where he devoted himself entirely to research and writing, and during this period, he participated in a few jurisprudential conferences and seminars. His Eminence is the author of many books, the most important of which are: The Acts of the Messenger, PBUH: Their Meaning in the Proofs of Shari'a, Usul al-Fiqh for Beginners, Interpretation of Fath al-Qadeer (which is a brief interpretation of al-Shawkani), Fatwas and Methods of Ifta, Alphabetical Indexing and Lexical Arrangement, Jurisprudence of al-Mughni by Ibn Qudamah, Indexing Bidaya wa Al-Nihaya by Ibn Kathir, How to Embrace Islam (a summary for preachers), Istisna'a Contract, Loan Etiquette, Money and Currency Fluctuations, as well as the Maintenance of Leased Property and its Dependence on the Lessor and Lessee. His Eminence passed away in 2009.

His Eminence Prof. Muhammad bin Ahmed Al-Saleh

Born in 1361/1942 in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, H.E. Prof. Muhammad bin Ahmed Al-Saleh graduated from the Sharia College in Riyadh in 1380/1960 and obtained a master's degree in Comparative Jurisprudence from the Sharia Faculty of Al-Azhar Al-Sharif in 1389/1969, and a Ph.D. degree in Comparative Jurisprudence from the same university in 1395/1975. His Eminence has held many other important positions, including as an expert at the Institute of Management and an expert at the Muslim World League's Islamic Fiqh Council in Makkah, a member of Al-Azhar's Islamic Research Academy, a member of the Scientific Council of Imam Muhammad



bin Saud Islamic University, a member of the Graduate Studies Conferences in Al-Azhar, a participant in the conferences of the Supreme Council of Islamic Affairs in Cairo, member of the research and publication committee of Al-Imam University and member of the committee of introduction to Islam, chairman of the committee of children's stories, and supervised dozens of masters and doctoral theses inside and outside Al-Imam University, in addition to jury membership in several dissertations, His Eminence has participated in numerous international and local conferences and seminars. His Eminence is the author of several books in different fields.

His Eminence Dr. Naji bin Muhammad Shafiq Ajam

Born in Aleppo in the Syrian Arab Republic in 1360/1942, His Eminence Dr. Naji bin Muhammad Shafiq Ajam studied in the schools of Aleppo, including the Sharia High School, until graduating from Al-Ma'moun High School in 1962, and then joined the Sharia Faculty at the University of Damascus, obtaining a bachelor's degree in 1966. His Eminence then worked at several universities in Saudi Arabia, where he further studied with leading sheikhs, before moving again to Egypt to obtain a doctorate from the Faculty of Sharia and Law at Al-Azhar University in Cairo in 1977, with honors. His Eminence has held many other positions, which includes spending more than twenty-five years on the faculty of Imam Muhammad bin Saud Islamic University, Medina Islamic University, King Abdulaziz University, the Faculty of Humanities, the Department of Islamic Studies in Jeddah, supervised a number of master's and doctoral dissertations at Umm Al-Qura University in Makkah and other institutions, and served as chairman of the Department of Islamic Studies. He served as an advisor in this department for 15 years and chaired the graduate program

committee. His Eminence was also the Imam of its University Mosque for over ten years, in addition to preaching sermons in several mosques in Jeddah. His Eminence has served as a Sharia advisor on awqaf and investment systems at the Fakihi Center for Research and Development, as an arbitrator in the field of endowment research at the Islamic Training and Research Institute of the Islamic Development Bank, and as an expert in the drafting of endowment deeds and their interpretation in Sharia courts. His Eminence is the author of many works, including: the general calamity and its impact on the evolution of rulings, the system of work and workers in Islam, the jurisprudence of inheritance and the division of inheritance in Islam, the effect of the money value's variation on the rights and obligations of people, rulings on the penalty clause in contracts, the easy Islamic jurisprudence with its contemporary applications on the four schools of law. Prior to his death in 2006, His Eminence was an expert member of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy and participated in its sessions for more than ten years.



His Eminence Sheikh Muhyiddin Qadi



Born in 1929 in Tozeur, Tunisia, H.E. Sheikh Mohieddin Kadi, may Allah rest his soul, studied under the sheikhs of the branch of Al-Zaytouna University in Tozeur, and from the Great Mosque of Tunis, from which he obtained a bachelor's degree. His Eminence has held many important positions, including as an Imam-Khatib at the University of Al-Mihras in Tunis and at the Islamic Center of Saleh Kamel in Beheira, member of the Supreme Islamic Council and director of the Supreme Sharia Institute. His Eminence also taught Arabic language and literature in the secondary institutes of Monastir, Menzel Bourguiba, Carthage and Rades until he was assigned to teach jurisprudence and Maqasid

Al-Sharia at Al-Zaytouna. His Eminence is considered one of the most competent jurists of the Maliki school of law and has been involved for many years in religious platforms and forums in Tunisia and abroad, such as the Forum of Islamic Thoughts in Algeria and Al-Hassaniya Lectures in Morocco) in addition to other host countries of IIFA sessions, as well as France on awareness mission to the Tunisian migrant community. Prior to his death in 2018, His Eminence was a member of numerous organizations and commissions (including that of the City Council with two seats for two sessions). His Eminence is decorated with the Republic Medals for Educational Merit.

His Eminence Dr. Ibrahim Al-Maiman

Born in 1969 in Al-Madinah Al-Munawarah, H.E. Dr. Ibrahim Al-Maiman obtained a bachelor's degree from the Faculty of Sharia at Imam Muhammad bin Saud Islamic University, as well as a master's degree entitled "Rulings on Abortion according to Islamic Fiqh" and a PhD on the book of Al Bayaan by Al-Omrani Al-Shafi'i, from the same university. His Eminence is an expert member of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, and has also held other important positions, including Deputy Dean of Imam Muhammad bin Saud Islamic University for Scientific Institutes Affairs, Advisor to the Director of Imam Muhammad bin Saud Islamic University, Head of the Intellectual Awareness Unit at Imam Muhammad bin Saud Islamic University, and member of the Advisory Committees and the



Advisory Committee of Prince Muhammad bin Nayef Care and Counseling Center, Deputy Director of the Center of Excellence for Research in Jurisprudence of Contemporary Issues for Scientific and Research Affairs, Secretary of the Board of Trustees, part-time consultant to the General Administration of Intellectual Security at the Ministry of Interior, and Assistant Dean of Admissions and Student Affairs for Admissions Affairs at Imam Muhammad bin Saud Islamic University, and Supervisor of Graduate Studies at Qassim University. His Eminence has participated in numerous international and local conferences and seminars, has written several books in different fields, and is currently a professor at Imam Muhammad bin Saud Islamic University in Riyadh.

His Eminence Dr. Muhammad Mahmoud Al-Jammal

Born in 1972 in Egypt, H.E. Dr. Muhammad Mahmoud Al-Jamal obtained a B.A. in Sharia and Law in 1996 from the Faculty of Sharia and Law at Al-Azhar University, as well as an M.A. in Comparative Jurisprudence in 2002 and a Ph.D. in the same department in 2005. His Eminence has served as an expert member at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy and has also held numerous positions including: Associate Dean for Student Affairs in the College of Islamic Studies - Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Head of the Department of "Fiqh and Society", Head of the Department of "Contemporary Jurisprudence" in the same college, and Head of the Student Affairs Committee, Chairman of the Admissions Committee for new students applying to the major "Contemporary Jurisprudence", Member of the Admissions Committee for new

students applying to the major "Contemporary Jurisprudence", Member of the Scholarship Committee for students in the College of Islamic Studies at Hamad Bin Khalifa University, and Chairman of the Committee for the creation of a children's website on the Holy Quran, Chairman of the Investigation Committee at the College of Islamic Studies, Member of the "Prophet's Digital Seerah" project, Member of the Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development, and Member of the Editorial Board of several scientific journals. His Eminence has participated in numerous international and local conferences and seminars and has written several books in different fields. He is currently a professor at both Al-Azhar University and Hamad bin Khalifa University.



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IIFA Statement on Banning Afghan Women from Schools and Universities

Praise be to Allah, Lord of the worlds. Blessings and peace be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family and companions. As per the words of Allah in Surat Al-'Alaq (1-5) :

- 1) Read in the name of your Lord who created
- 2) Created man from a clot.
- 3) Recite, and your Lord is the most Generous
- 4) Who taught by the pen
- 5) Taught mankind that which they knew not.

In light of the hadith of the Prophet, PBUH, reported by Al-Tirmidhi on the authority of Anas Ibn Malik, may Allah be pleased with them, who said: (Seeking knowledge is an obligation on every Muslim, and the seeker of knowledge obtains prayers of forgiveness from everything, even from the whales in the sea). Realizing the duty of promoting virtue and preventing vice, as Allah the Almighty said: {You are the best nation produced [as an example] for mankind. You enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong and believe in Allah.} Aal-Imran: 110. Realizing the duty of stating the truth which Allah has taken upon the people of knowledge through His word, blessed be His name: {[Recall, O Muhammad], when Allah took a covenant from those who were given the Scripture, [saying], "You must make it clear to the people and not conceal it"} Aal-Imran: 187. Realizing the duty of advising Muslim leaders and their public, as the Prophet PBUH said in the hadith reported by Imam Muslim in his Sahih on the authority of Tamim al-Dari, may Allah be pleased with them, who said: The Messenger of Allah PBUH said: Religion is true advice. The people asked; to whom should it be directed, O' Messenger of Allah? He replied: To Allah, his Book, his Apostle, Muslim leaders (public authorities) and Muslims in general. In view of all these facts, the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) would like to clarify the Sharia ruling regarding the suspension of girls and women's education in Afghan schools and universities: First of all, education of men and women is regarded a legal and religious obligation in Sharia, as evidenced by the verses of the Holy Qur'an and authentic hadiths of the Prophet, PBUH. There has been no significant disagreement recorded between Muslim scholars regarding this issue. The first verse that was revealed to the Messenger of Allah, PBUH, is considered the most remarkable and significant proof of this obligation, which states: {Read (O' Mohamed) in the name of your Lord, who created man from a clot} Al-Alaq: 1. The Almighty's word: {Read} is an order of reading for the Prophet, PBHU, and the order, as is known, necessitates an obligation according to the scholars of Fiqh and Usul. If the most noble Prophet was ordered to read out of obligation, then the entire Ummah is obliged to study, following his footsteps. There is no distinction in this matter between a man and a woman and between a boy and a girl. They are all instructed to read, and according to scholars' interpretation, reading in this verse means learning and studying. Similarly, the hadith of "seeking knowledge is an obligation on every Muslim" is an explicit and obvious proof indicating that Sharia necessitates to educate boys, girls and women at all times and places. Second, the preservation of the soul, religion and mind are some of Sharia's most important maqasid (objectives), and among the essential needs that the divine laws have repeatedly called to preserve by legitimate means and capacities. Education,



according to all scholars of the Ummah, is the most important means of preserving the soul, religion, and mind, as it enables men and women to understand their Lord and religion, as well as to know their rights and duties, and how to thrive on earth, performing the task of viceregency with sincerity and security. Education protects us against the perils of ignorance and prevents us from succumbing into superstitions and illusions. It is therefore considered one of the greatest acts of worship and the most important obligation for both men and women. Since Sharia maxims state 'if an obligation cannot be completed without itself, then it is itself an obligation' and 'the premise of an obligation is also an obligation', then Sharia considers education to be a legal and religious obligation because the obligation of preserving the soul, religion, and mind cannot be fulfilled without education; and also, because it is considered a necessary route for the obligation of preserving the soul, religion, and mind. On this basis, Sharia considers male and female education to be a duty since the preservation of Sharia's general and specific objectives, such as the preservation of the soul, religion, and mind, are particularly dependent on it. Furthermore, preventing boys and girls from acquiring an education is considered a violation of Sharia's general objectives and its more specific objectives, as mentioned therein. It is also considered a serious violation of the essential needs that disrupt life and causes its imbalance. All of these evil actions are considered haram in Sharia. Third, prohibiting girls and women from acquiring an education is a violation of the tradition of the Prophet, PBUH, and the tradition of the righteous predecessors, including the companions and their subsequent followers. The Ummah has never experienced such a violation throughout its long history, since it is reported that women used to attend the Prophet's meetings in which he used to teach all companions. The Prophet PBUH used to allocate days to teach women. The wives of the Prophet were among the greatest scholars of the companions, and they were the ones who taught many other companions as well as their followers, which makes prohibiting girls and women from learning unreasonable and repugnant. Fourth, the Ummah must be warned against being misled by false hadiths that are popular among the laity, particularly those fabricated ones that some so-called educated people rely on to justify keeping girls and women out of school. Among the most well-known of these fabricated hadiths is the one made up by the famous fabricator "Muhammad bin

Ibrahim al-Shami", which claims that the Prophet's wife, Ummuna Aisha, may Allah be pleased with her, said: (Do not gather women in rooms, and do not teach them to write, rather teach them Surat al-Nur and how to use the spindle). Therefore, using such false and misleading sayings as an evidence and argument to prevent or suspend the education of girls and women is equivalent to intentionally abandoning and rejecting what has been clearly established by the Qur'an, the Sunnah and Ummah's consensus. Finally, today's effective and specialized education methods implemented by modern systems, such as the division of educational stages into primary, intermediate, secondary and university levels, as well as the commitment to this educational division are considered legit interests that should be adopted to enable men and women to comply with the Sharia obligation of learning and studying. Accordingly, preventing girls and women from acquiring an education at any of these levels is an obvious arbitrariness and a grave transgression, according to Sharia. Based on all the above, the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) urges the Afghan government to reopen schools and universities for Afghan girls and women, in accordance with Allah's command, the Prophet's Sunnah, and as a commitment to the Ummah's consensus and mission at all times and places. The International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) calls on Afghan government to ensure that boys and girls can enroll in all levels of education and specializations that the Afghan people need at this critical juncture of their history in order to combat extreme poverty and ignorance, because poverty has no better weapon than education, and ignorance has no better remedy than an adequate education. The Ummah's scholars around the world remind the ruling authority in Afghanistan that empowering boys, girls, and women of Afghanistan to study and learn is a responsibility upon their shoulders, that will be questioned before Allah on the Day of Judgment. According to both Bukhari and Muslim, the Prophet PBUH said, "All of you are guardians and are responsible for your subjects. The ruler is a guardian of his subjects, the man is a guardian of his family, the woman is a guardian and is responsible for her husband's house, so all of you are guardians and are responsible for your subjects." Last but not least, the IIFA appeals to all OIC member states and charitable organizations around the world to support Afghan people by developing and maintaining their schools, institutes, and universities, through the construction and development of the infrastructures, logistics, facilities, and transportation that Afghan children, boys, girls, and women need in their quest of education. To conclude, May Allah's blessings and peace be upon our master Muhammad, his family and all his companions, and those who follow them with good deeds until the Day of Judgment.

Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano
Secretary General of the Academy

On Thursday 28 Jumada Al-Ula 1444
Corresponding to 22 December 2022
Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Government Minister of Guinea leads a delegation visiting IIFA

His Excellency Mr. Abd al-Rahman Siki Camara, Minister of Government Affairs of the Republic of Guinea, visited on Tuesday 26 Jumada al-Awwal 1444H corresponding to 20 December 2022G, the headquarters of the Academy's General Secretariat in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Upon his arrival, His Excellency and the accompanying delegation were received by His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), who welcomed him warmly, and expressed his sincere thanks and appreciation for this first visit by His Excellency to the headquarters of the Academy. He also expressed his great gratitude and appreciation to the government of the Republic of Guinea for the constant care and continuous support the Academy has enjoyed since its inception to the present day, praising the distinguished good relations that exist between the Academy and Guinean institutions and scientific centers, led by the General Secretariat for Religious Affairs and the National Council for Fatwa. His Excellency concluded by expressing his aspiration to enhancing relations of cooperation, partnership and coordination between the Academy and all the scientific institutions and centers that work in the field of disseminating the approach of moderation and the culture of temperance, tolerance and coexistence between religions. For his part, His Excellency the Minister expressed his great happiness with this visit to this leading

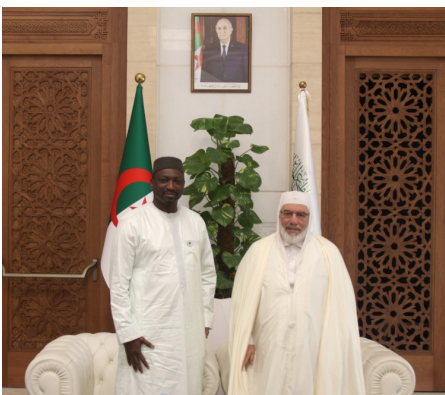


intellectual institution, which today has become one of the leading intellectual institutions that enjoy great respect and great appreciation in all parts of the world. He also added: "On the sidelines of the Guinean delegation's participation in the ministerial meeting of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) member states on combating corruption, I was honored by the fraternal visit to His Excellency the Secretary General of the Academy, accompanied by Mr. Billy Keita, Chief of Staff of the Ministry of Justice and Human Rights, and Mr. Ali Touré, Special Prosecutor at the Court for the Suppression of Economic and Financial Crimes of the Republic of Guinea, in order to convey to His Excellency the Secretary General the congratulatory message from His Excellency, the Head of State, the Transitional President of the Republic, Colonel Mamady Doumbouya, and from the Prime Minister, the Head of Government, from the members of the Government, and from all the

people of Guinea, in appreciation of the precious confidence that the Member States of the OIC have placed in the person of Your Excellency to assume this prestigious position of responsibility." In conclusion, His Excellency expressed his great pleasure at what he heard from His Excellency the Minister, and his special pride in the congratulatory message conveyed by His Excellency from His Excellency the President of the Republic, praying to God Almighty to protect His Excellency, his government, and the Guinean people, and that the generous Lord help him to carry out the trust that he entrusted to him. Then, His Excellency gave his guest and the accompanying delegation souvenirs. The meeting was attended by His Excellency Mr. Nabi Soma, Chargé d'affaires of the Embassy of the Republic of Guinea in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and Mr. Mondher El-Chouk Director of the Cabinet and Protocol Affairs Department at the Academy.



Secretary General visits the Grand Mosque of Algiers



At the kind invitation of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, His Excellency Professor Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), paid an official visit to Algeria during the period between 16-19 Jumada Al-Awwal 1444H corresponding to 10-13 December 2022G, during which he met with a group of senior Algerian officials and religious leaders to discuss ways to strengthen relations of cooperation, coordination and partnership between the Academy and the renowned Algerian scientific and intellectual institutions. His Excellency started the tour by visiting the Grand Mosque in the capital Algiers, which is the third largest mosque in the world after the Two Holy Mosques, has the highest minaret in the world, and includes great buildings and corridors inspired by Andalusian architecture. Upon his arrival, His Excellency was received

by the Dean of the Mosque, His Eminence, the venerable scholar Mohammed Maamoun Al Qasimi, and his senior assistants, where he warmly welcomed His Excellency and thanked him for the visit, praising His Excellency's scientific status, in particular, and the position of the Academy as the largest scientific and Shariah reference in the current era. He also expressed his aspiration to strengthen cooperation and partnership relations between the Academy and the Algiers Mosque in the near future. During the meeting, the mosque management gave a detailed presentation to His Excellency the Secretary General and his accompanying delegation about this great Islamic landmark in terms of its unique architectural structure and the multiple and distinguished services it provides to worshipers throughout the week as well as visitors from all over the world. For his part, His Excellency the Secretary General expressed his great pleasure at visiting Algeria and the love and appreciation he has for its leadership and people, praising the historical achievements and rapid developments of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria in all fields, recalling the glorious history that the State of Algeria represents, and a unique model of sacrifice and struggle. He also expressed his sincere thanks and appreciation for the continuous support and care given to the Academy, noting in the meantime that it was the first country from the African continent to host one of the sessions of the Academy nearly ten years ago. Then His Excellency expressed his great pleasure at visiting the Grand Mosque of

Algeria, noting the tremendous work carried out by those in charge of the mosque in the field of promoting the method of moderation, spreading the tolerant values of our true religion and spreading the culture of moderation, tolerance and coexistence. At the end of his visit, His Excellency promised those in charge of the mosque to provide the mosque's library with publications and periodicals of the Academy. At the end of the meeting, His Excellency the Secretary General toured the Grand Mosque, where he was briefed on the facilities and departments of this great landmark and the religious services and educational programs it provides to Muslims in Algeria. The meeting was also attended by Mr. Rachid Bourkoua, Secretary of Foreign Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Algerian National Community Abroad, and Mr. Jawzy Lardjane, Head of Translation Division at the Academy.



President of Algeria's High Islamic Council welcomes Secretary General in Algiers

His Excellency Professor Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), visited the High Islamic Council in Algiers, on Sunday 17 Jumada al-Awwal 1444H corresponding to 11 December 2022G, as part of his official working visit to Algeria. Upon his arrival, His Excellency and his accompanying delegation were received by Dr. Abu Abdullah Ghulamallah, President of the Council and former Minister of Religious Affairs, along with His Eminence Professor Kamal Bouzidi, Algeria's member in the Council of the Academy, and a group of senior scholars and religious leaders in the Council and representative of the Algerian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. His Excellency the President of the Council welcomed His Excellency and thanked him for this historic visit, which is the first since the Secretary General assumed his duties, noting the great position that the Academy enjoys among the member states and peoples of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) as the first religious reference in the Muslim world, and he also expressed the Council's aspiration to enhance cooperation and coordination between the Council and the Academy in areas of common interest. For his part, His Excellency the Secretary General expressed his great pleasure and honor to visit the Supreme Islamic Council of Algeria, thanking its



president and his assistants for the good reception and warm welcome, noting the appreciated efforts made by the Council under the presidency of His Excellency Dr. Ghulamallah in the field of spreading moderation, tolerance and coexistence, and combating extremist ideology and fanaticism in the service of Islam and Muslims in Algeria. His Excellency also affirmed that the Academy is fully prepared to provide all kinds of doctrinal, scientific and intellectual support to the Council, out of its belief in the necessity of strengthening and supporting the tremendous efforts made by the leading religious institutions in the member states of the OIC in order for them to carry out their duties to the fullest extent and be beneficial

to Muslims in their respective countries. His Excellency added that the Academy is ready to conclude a long-term strategic partnership with the Council that enables it to involve its scholars and researchers in all sessions and conferences held by the Academy in order to benefit from its important outputs and wise resolutions, in addition to obtaining all scientific publications and periodicals of the Academy on a regular basis. His Excellency then presented His Excellency the President with a souvenir from the Academy. The meeting was attended by His Excellency Sheikh Abdullah Maqshoush, Advisor to the President of the Council, His Excellency Mr. Rachid Bourokoua, Secretary of Foreign Affairs at the Algerian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the National Community Abroad, and Mr. Jawzi Lardjane, Head of Translation Division at the Academy.



Secretary General participates in Al-Maghili International Conference in Algiers



His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), participated in the opening ceremony of the Algerian International Forum "Imam Mohammad bin Abdel Karim Al-Maghili: Governance, Stability and Unity of African Societies", which was held under the high patronage of His Excellency the President of the Republic of Algeria, Mr. Abdelmadjid Tebboune, and took place in the Palace of International conferences "Abdul Latif Rahal" in the capital, Algiers, on Monday 18 Jumada Al-Awwal 1444H, corresponding to 12 December 2022G. Organized by the Ministries of Higher Education and Scientific Research and Religious Affairs and Awqaf in Algeria, this forum seeks to revive the march and role of Sheikh Al-Maghili in spreading Islam in the African continent and to highlight the values of dialogue, tolerance and moderation that characterized the moderate religious discourse of this Algerian scholar who was famous for scientific debates and travel

in the countries of the Muslim world and the African sub-Saharan. University professors and researchers specializing in the field of Islamic heritage from more than 20 countries, including Nigeria, Mali, Palestine, Senegal, Burkina Faso, Pakistan, India and Iraq, participated in this event. Participants in this international forum will focus over the course of two days on studying the intellectual, political and scientific aspects of Sheikh Imam Mohammad bin Abdel Karim al-Maghili al-Tlemsani (1425-1504), who is one of the great Algerian scholars in the 15th century (Gregorian calendar) and the prestigious position he enjoyed inside and outside his country during that period, especially in some African countries, such as Mali, Niger, and Nigeria, and some of his courageous historical stances towards important issues of his time and his moderate reformist vision. The programmed interventions during this scientific forum touched on several axes such as "Imam Mohammad bin Abdel Karim Al-Maghili: The Biography and the Journey", "The Liberal Reformist Dimension in Al-Maghili Thought and Its Regional and International Extensions", "Imam Al-Maghili's Political Thought: A Pioneering Project in State Building and Establishing the First Pillars of Good Governance", "Al-Maghili's Approach to Unity and Peace in Africa, Meaningful Messages and Good Advice in the Service of Humanity". His Excellency commented on the conference, saying: "The tribute of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria to a great scholar such as Imam Muhammad bin Abd al-Karim al-Maghili is an affirmation of the keenness of the wise Algerian leadership to perpetuate the

biography of a scholar who endured hardships to spread Islam in countries that could not easily be reached at that time. But the strength of will, composure, and a sense of responsibility to spread the message, were all sufficient to overcome all the difficulties. And the reader of his book which is called (Taj al-Din in what is obligatory upon Kings and Sultans) and what it contained of sincere and righteous advice are considered the foundations of what is known today as good governance and wise leadership, and it is possible to benefit from these graceful tips to enhance the meanings and values of justice, integrity, transparency and sincerity in leadership and management, considering the values of coexistence, tolerance, progress and development".

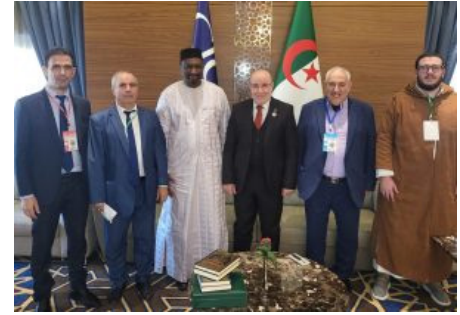
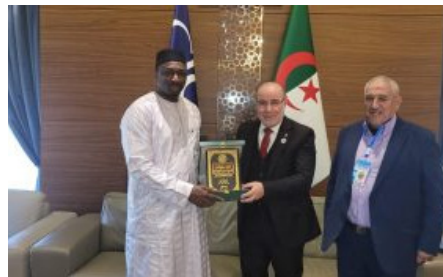


Algerian Minister of Religious Affairs and Awqaf receives IIFA Secretary General



His Excellency Dr. Youssef Belmehdi, Minister of Religious Affairs and Awqaf of the Republic of Algeria, received His Excellency Professor Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), in the Algerian capital, on Monday 18 Jumada Al-Awwal 1444H corresponding to 12 December 2022G, on the sidelines of His Excellency's participation in the Algeria International Forum about Imam Muhammad ibn Abd al-Karim al-Maghili. His Excellency the Minister welcomed the distinguished guest of Algeria, praising the global scientific reputation and the prestigious international position enjoyed by His Excellency Professor Sano, and his great continuous efforts in order to spread the noble values of Islam and its honorable Shariah, which calls for the promotion and consolidation of the concepts of moderation, tolerance, love and fraternity among peoples and religions, and the rejection

of all manifestations of hatred, fanaticism and violence. His Excellency also expressed the pride of the State of Algeria and all the member states of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) in the continuous efforts of the Academy to spread the true religion, reunite the Ummah, unify its voice, and elevate the status of Islam and Muslims in the world through positive civilized contribution and distance from violence, ignorance and backwardness. On this happy occasion, His Excellency affirmed the Algeria's keenness to strengthen the bonds of cooperation and coordination between the ministry and the Academy in all areas of common interest. For his part, His Excellency the Secretary General expressed his great pleasure and honor to visit the State of Algeria, thanking His Excellency the Minister for the good reception and warm welcome, praising the scientific activities and qualitative intellectual projects carried out by the Ministry under the leadership of His Excellency,



and affirming the full readiness of the Academy to conclude an exemplary strategic partnership in the field of spreading the approach of moderation and coexistence, as well as cooperation in the joint organization of scientific conferences and seminars on various issues and topics of concern to Muslims in Algeria. In the meantime, His Excellency expressed the Academy's aspiration to sign a cooperation agreement in order to make the most of the scientific, intellectual and research staff that are abound in the universities, institutes and scientific centers in Algeria in the sessions and seminars of the Academy. In conclusion, the two sides agreed to review the provisions of the proposed draft agreement in preparation for signing it in the coming days. The meeting was attended by His Eminence Dr. Kamal Bouzidi, Algeria's representative member at the Council of the Academy, and Mr. Jawzy Lardjane, Head of Translation Division at the Academy.

Secretary General receives Consul General of Nigeria in Jeddah

His Excellency Professor Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), received His Excellency Ambassador Mansour Gosimi Abdul Karim, Consul General of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in Jeddah, and his accompanying delegation, on Monday 25 Jumada Al-Awwal 1444H corresponding to 19 December 2022G at the headquarters of the Secretariat General of the Academy in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. His Excellency the Secretary General welcomed his honorable guest, thanking him for the visit, and expressing his appreciation and gratitude to the State of Nigeria for its support and care for the Academy since its inception to the present day. His Excellency also provided the guest and his accompanying delegation with a comprehensive overview of the activities of the Academy and the recent developments, noting in this regard the prestigious position and great respect that the Academy enjoys among the member states of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and outside it in the field of promoting the values of moderation, fraternity and peaceful coexistence between peoples and religions. His Excellency explained that a number of OIC member states have held sessions of the Academy in order to benefit from the outputs of those sessions to address some of the local issues that concern them in addition to other issues of concern to Muslims



around the world. His Excellency expressed his hope that the State of Nigeria will host one of the sessions of the Academy in the near future. For his part, His Excellency the Consul expressed his pleasure and honor to visit the Academy and his thanks and gratitude to His Excellency the Secretary General for the good reception and warm welcome to him and his accompanying delegation, stressing his keenness to establish strong and sustainable relations with the Academy and to benefit from it in addressing many local and regional issues that concern his country and the region. His Excellency also expressed his admiration and appreciation for the great and important developments that the Academy has witnessed at all levels since His Excellency assumed his duties as Secretary General of the Academy, praising the pioneering scientific and intellectual position that the Academy occupies

internationally and its pivotal role within the OIC as the first Fiqh reference for the Muslim Ummah. His Excellency concluded by welcoming the idea of holding one of the Academy's sessions in Nigeria in order to strengthen relations of cooperation and communication between the Academy and Nigerian official scientific institutions that are active in the field of spreading the values of tolerance, fraternity and peaceful coexistence between religions, and serving issues that concern Muslims in Nigeria in particular and in Africa in general. The meeting was attended by His Excellency Mr. Ismail Abdulquadir, Head of Chancery at the Consulate General, His Excellency Mr. Hassan Abu Bakr Khamis, Second Secretary at the Consulate General, Dr. Alhagi Manta Drammeh, Head of International Cooperation and External Relations Division at the Academy, and Mr. Mourad TLiLi, Advisor to His Excellency the Secretary General for Media Affairs.



IIFA and US-based Family Watch International sign an MoC



Seeking to build strategic partnership relations with scientific and research institutions and centers active in the field of protecting and nurturing the family institution in modern societies, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy (IIFA), and Ms. Sharon Slater, President of the Family Watch International in Arizona, USA, signed a memorandum of cooperation between the two institutions, on Tuesday 26 Jumada Al-Awwal 1444H corresponding to 20 December 2022G at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. This agreement aims to build a strategic partnership based on strengthening cooperation and coordination between the two institutions in order to highlight the important and central role of the family institution in building and cohesion of society, and to provide effective solutions to the challenges facing the family institution, as well as work to coordinate efforts and positions against the various attempts that seek to eliminate the values and principles called for by religions and beliefs in order to preserve the family system, and the necessary interests agreed upon by all the divine religions, especially the preservation of offspring, and presentation through eternal traditional institutions, such as the institution of marriage and the institution of inheritance, through the organization of scientific programs and activities aiming to enhance the awareness of societies of the importance of family values and the necessity of consolidating them for future generations. The agreement also aims for the cooperation of the two institutions in the joint

organization of conferences and seminars, the establishment of workshops and training, the exchange of publications and periodicals, and the representation of the two parties in the work of conferences and seminars held by each of them in the field of common interest between them. After signing the MoU, H.E. the Secretary General expressed his great pride and pleasure at the completion of this important agreement for the two parties, praising the important role played by the FWI organization on the international scene through United Nations institutions and bodies in spreading awareness of the importance of the family institution, and the need to preserve it, in order to ensure the survival of the human species through reproduction, which is one of the purposes of the Shariah, namely the purpose of preserving the offspring, which is achieved by preserving the rest of the purposes of the soul, religion, mind and money, as none of these purposes can be preserved if the offspring are not preserved from the outset. He explained that any violation or manipulation of the concept of marriage, which means that sacred natural contract between a man and a woman, leads to the gradual eradication of the human race, and the obvious ensuing destruction and ruin. He added that the issued many decisions and recommendations in which it indicated the importance and necessity of preserving the family institution and caring for the rights of women, children and the elderly, and rejecting all attempts aimed at undermining or harming the family institution in general and the institution of marriage in particular. He concluded by expressing the Academy's aspiration to achieve all the goals stipulated in this agreement in the coming days. For her part, the President of FWI expressed her sincere thanks and appreciation to His Excellency the Secretary General for the kind reception and warm welcome, and she also expressed her great pleasure at the completion of this perfect agreement with the Academy, which is considered the first Fiqh reference in the Muslim world. She added that FWI, since its establishment at the

end of the nineties, has sought to protect and nurture the family institution in accordance with what all divine laws called for, and the subsequent practical plans and field programs to protect our societies from dissolution and erosion. She also stressed that major international partnerships, such as the partnership of FWI with the Academy, would strongly support joint international efforts to protect the family, women and children, by spreading awareness of the importance of family values and the integrity of all components of its institution on a wide international scale and the use of religious institutions of various divine religions to throw their weight to adopt these noble values and defend them for the sake of our future. The signing ceremony was attended by Mr. Greg Slater, Advisor to the President of FWI for Legal Affairs, Ms. Jenni Updike, Executive Assistant to the President of FWI, Dr. Abdul Qaher Qamar, Director of the Studies and Research Department at the Academy, Ms. Sarah Amjad Hussein, Director of the Women and Family Affairs, Dr. Alhagi Manta Drammeh, Head of the International Cooperation, and Mr. Mourad TLiLi, Advisor to the Secretary General for Media Affairs. It should be noted that the Family Watch International organization works to protect and promote the family as the basic unit of society at the international, national and local levels through education, family advocacy, and family humanitarian aid. FWI believes that this can be achieved by working to preserve and strengthen traditional marriage, protect the rights of parents, defend human life, support religious freedom, and protect the health and innocence of children.



Iraq's Permanent Representative to the OIC visits IIFA



H.E. Mr. Muhammad Samir Elnakshbandy, the new Consul General of the Republic of Iraq to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Iraq to the OIC, and his accompanying delegation visited, on Tuesday 05 Jumada al-Awwal 1444H corresponding to 29 November 2022G, the headquarters of the Academy in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. He welcomed and thanked him for the visit, congratulated him on his new position and wished him every success in his duties. He also took the opportunity to thank the Republic of Iraq for its continuous support to the Academy. He then gave the honorable guest an overview

of the activities of the Academy, its various programs, and the goals it seeks to achieve, especially with regard to combating extremism, intolerance, and terrorism, and promoting a culture of openness, acceptance of the other, and coexistence between followers of religions, beliefs. For his part, His Excellency the Consul General expressed his great pleasure and honor at visiting the Academy and his thanks and gratitude to His Excellency for the good reception and warm welcome, stressing his country's keenness to establish strong and sustainable relations with the Academy and to benefit from it in addressing many religious and intellectual issues that concern Iraqi society, foremost of which is the topic of combating extremism and terrorism, and promoting peaceful coexistence between races and religions. He also expressed his great appreciation for the tremendous efforts made by the Academy, praising in particular His Excellency's great keenness to unify the voice of the Ummah, and to spread the values of moderation and tolerance. He also expressed Iraq's desire to strengthen relations of cooperation and communication between the Academy, Iraqi scholars and

religious leaders of all denominations, in support of the efforts of the Government of Iraq in combating intolerance, extremism and terrorism. He concluded by presenting an official invitation from the Republic of Iraq to His Excellency to visit Baghdad as soon as possible and to meet with political leaders and religious figures there. The meeting was attended on the Iraqi side by the Deputy Consul, Mr. Muhammad Mustafa Kamel, and on the side of the Academy, Dr. Abdel-Fattah Abnauf, Director of the Planning and International Cooperation Department, and Mr. Mourad TLiLi, Advisor to His Excellency the Secretary General for Media Affairs.



IIFA participates in OIC's Celebration of International Day of Solidarity with Palestine



The General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) held its annual celebration to commemorate the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, which falls on November 29 of each year, at the headquarters of the Organization's General Secretariat in Jeddah on Wednesday, 13 Jumada I 1444H corresponding to 07 December

2022G. Mr. Mohamed Al-Mondher El-Chouk, Director of Cabinet, Protocol and Legal Affairs Department, participated in the celebration as a representative of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) and on behalf of His Excellency the Secretary General of the Academy. During the ceremony, the OIC Secretary General called in his speech for concerted efforts to revive the peace process under multilateral international auspices, in order to find a just, comprehensive and lasting solution to the question of Palestine, in accordance with international law, relevant United Nations resolutions and the Arab Peace Initiative. His Excellency the Secretary General expressed the OIC's condemnation of the Israeli occupation's policies based on building colonial settlements and called for strengthening joint international efforts to confront the occupation's policies and expose them to world public opinion. In his speech, the Secretary General also

condemned the illegal actions and practices committed by the Israeli occupation to change the character and geography of the city of Jerusalem, obliterate its Arab identity and desecrate its sanctities, violate the freedom of worship there, and attempt to isolate it from its Palestinian surroundings, pointing out that this constitutes a serious challenge that the international community must assume its responsibilities to address immediately. On this occasion, the Consul General of the State of Palestine, His Excellency Ambassador Mahmoud Al-Asadi, and the Permanent Representative of the State of Palestine to the OIC, His Excellency Ambassador Maher Al-Karaki, delivered a speech in this ceremony, in which the employees of the General Secretariat and subsidiary organs and a number of general consuls and representatives of member states accredited to the OIC participated.

IIFA Director of Family Affairs participates in 20th Session of IPHR Commission

Ms. Sarah Amjad Hussain, Director of the Department of Family, Women, Childhood and Elderly Affairs at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), participated in the 20th session of the Independent Permanent Commission for Human Rights of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), which was held at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the OIC in Jeddah from 24 to 28 Jumada Al-Awwal 1444H corresponding to 18 to 22 December 2022G, in the presence of representatives of member states and observer states in the OIC, including their national human rights institutions, specialists from various relevant international and regional organizations, as well as senior staff of the OIC's general secretariat and the media. The session, which was inaugurated by His Excellency Mr. Hussain Ibrahim Taha, Secretary General of the OIC, began with the signing of a memorandum of understanding between the Commission and the Malaysian National Council for Human Rights, in addition to presentations by keynote speakers on the topic "The Right to Family Life...Islamic Perspective and Human Rights Perspective to Address Challenges facing the institution of marriage". The agenda of the conference included a number of sessions. The first session was entitled



"Efforts and Strategies to Protect the Institution of Marriage and the Family... an Islamic and Institutional Perspective." The second session was entitled "A Human Rights Approach to Protect the Institution of Marriage and the Family," while the third session was entitled "The Role of National Institutions and Religious actors in protecting the institution of marriage and the family." In her intervention during the first session of the conference, the Director of the Family Affairs Department at the Academy stressed the need to strongly preserve and protect the institution of the family in order to ensure the survival of the human race through reproduction, which is one of the purposes of Shariah, namely the goal of preserving offspring, which falls within the rest of

the purposes of preserving the soul, the religion, the mind and the money. She also clarified that none of these purposes can be preserved if offspring are not first preserved through marriage and that any violation or manipulation of the concept of marriage, that sacred contract between a man and a woman in all monotheistic religions, leads to the automatic elimination of the human race. She added that the Academy issued many resolutions and recommendations in which it indicated the importance and necessity of preserving the family institution and caring for the rights of women, children and the elderly, and rejecting all attempts aimed at undermining or harming the family institution in general and the institution of marriage in particular. Throughout the week, the commission held detailed discussions on all issues on the agenda of the session, including civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights in the member states of the OIC, and human rights violations in Palestine and India-occupied Jammu and Kashmir. The Commission will also hold regular meetings of its four working groups concerned with Palestine, women and children's rights, Islamophobia and Muslim minorities, and the right to development, where resolutions will be taken on developing a future plan of action for the Commission.

Dr. Mohamed Shoaib chairs 19th meeting of CIBAFI's Scientific Accreditation Board

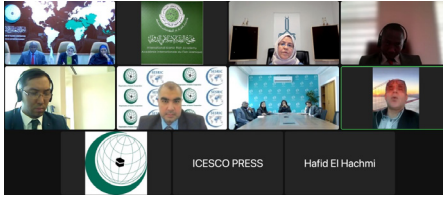


His Eminence Dr. Mohamed Mustafa Ahmed Shoaib, Supervisor of the Observatory of Fatwas and Reviews at the International

Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), representing His Excellency the Secretary General of the Academy, presided over the nineteenth meeting of the Academic Accreditation Commission of the General Council for Islamic Banks and Financial Institutions (CIBAFI), on Tuesday 26 Jumada Al-Awwal 1444H corresponding to 20 December 2022G, through Zoom technology, which is the last meeting for the year 2022G of the Scientific Board for Accreditation. The meeting began with the approval of the agenda for discussion and deliberation, and the approval of the minutes of the eighteenth meeting, then the Secretary General of the Council presented a report on the activities of CIBAFI during the last period, and professional

development initiatives were discussed. During the meeting, the Shariah audit portfolio (the third level) was approved, and the risk management portfolio evaluation report was discussed along with a number of other meeting items. The meeting was attended by His Excellency Dr. Abdelilah Belatik, Secretary General of the Council, His Excellency Dr. Faisal Al-Atabani from the Institute of Islamic Economics of King Abdelaziz University, His Excellency Prof. Akram Lal Al-Din, CEO of the International Shariah Research Academy in Malaysia (ISRA), His Excellency Dr. Mohamed Bores from the Saleh Kamel Center at Al-Azhar University, and Ms. Mariam Al-Daqqaq from CIBAFI.

Director of Family Affairs participates in OIC's Coordination Meeting on Family



Ms. Sarah Badewi, Director of the Family, Women, Childhood and Elderly Affairs Department at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), participated in the virtual coordination meeting held by the General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) to discuss ways and mechanisms for implementing Paragraph 4 of the Organization's para. No. 4 of the resolution no.4/48-C on women, children and the family in general, on Thursday 14 Jumada Al-Awwal 1444H corresponding to 08 December 2022G. The meeting, in which all the subsidiary bodies of the OIC participated, along with the

International Islamic University in Malaysia, discussed the organization's para. No. 4 of the resolution no.4/48-C, which requests member states to spread the values of Islam related to women, children and the family in general to highlight the true image of Islam and improve the conditions of children in the Muslim world. At the same time, the resolution requests the relevant OIC institutions in this regard to prepare, in coordination with the General Secretariat, a comprehensive and integrated document on Islamic values regarding women and children in order to build knowledge and awareness of these values and to counter the spread of misconceptions about Islam. During the session, the participants deliberated on the best ways to develop good and effective implementation mechanisms for this important resolution and the steps taken by all participating bodies, in addition to the relevant

department of the OIC's general secretariat, to implement the organization's resolution. In this context, all participants submitted their suggestions in this regard, each according to their position and specialization, and the director of the Family Affairs Department at the Academy presented to the meeting the five-year plan drawn up by the general secretariat of the Academy to enhance the awareness of member states and Muslim societies of the importance of spreading Islamic values that relate to the institution of the family and all its components, and the need to address all the challenges faced by the family institution, especially the institution of marriage, the institution of childhood, elderly, and people with special needs. The director also highlighted the seminars and conferences that the Academy intends to hold on various issues and topics related to the family institution.

26th Monthly Meeting of the Academy's Personnel

His Excellency Professor Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired, on Thursday 08 Jumada Al-Awwal 1444H corresponding to 01 December 2022G, the twenty-sixth monthly meeting for the employees of the Academy, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah. His Excellency started the meeting by welcoming the attendees, thanking them for their regular attendance at the periodic general meetings because of their direct impact on the work outputs and quality of the Academy. Then His Excellency spoke about his upcoming participation in the International Forum "Imam Mohammed bin Abdul Karim Al-Maghili: The Movement and the Stability and Unity of African Communities" in the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, which will be held under the auspices of the President of the Republic His Excellency Mr. Abdelmadjid Tebboune on 12-

13 December 2022G. His Excellency then spoke about the importance of cooperation, integration and coordination among all employees, and working in a team spirit to complete all work related to the twenty-fifth session. At the end of the meeting, His Excellency praised the annual report of the activities of the Academy's General Secretariat, which was prepared by the Planning, Development and International Cooperation Department. The report is a comprehensive account of all the scientific activities such as conferences, seminars, scientific participations, and various visits and meetings with dignitaries that took place during the year. It also included a report on memorandums of cooperation and agreements that were concluded with the relevant authorities and institutions, the publications and periodicals that the Academy printed, and other works and activities of the Academy in 2022G. Then the meeting discussed the items



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

- Updating the list of participants in the session on a regular basis, specifying their occupations and nationalities.
- Studying the proposals submitted regarding filling the void in the newsletter after the completion of the members of the Academy.

99th Weekly Meeting of Departments' Directors

His Excellency the Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, chaired the ninety-ninth weekly meeting of the departments, on Monday 04 Jumada Al-Awwal 1444H corresponding to 28 November 2022G, at the headquarters of the Academy's General Secretariat in Jeddah. At the outset of the meeting, His Excellency welcomed the attendees, and thanked them for participating in the meeting, indicating that this meeting, and the upcoming meetings, will be joint between departments and divisions to follow up on the progress of work on the preparations for the twenty-fifth session of the Academy. Then, His Excellency spoke about his participation in the second scientific conference of the Faculty of Islamic Studies at the University of Mohamed bin Zayed for Human Sciences, entitled "Islamic Studies in Universities: Towards Promoting the Values of Citizenship and Coexistence," in which he participated with a lecture entitled "Islamic Studies and Modernizing the Religious teachings." His Excellency also extended his thanks and appreciation to the leadership of the university for organizing and holding this important conference and for the good choice of



its title, praising the major scientific achievements achieved by this promising university in a record period since its establishment, wishing it more brilliance and success, and the United Arab Emirates, leadership and people, more progress, prosperity and continuous security and safety. Based on the values of the Academy that call for cooperation, integration, solidarity, synergy and support among the employees and helping each other in order to achieve the desired results by completing the activities and programs, His Excellency urged everyone to cooperate between departments and divisions with the aim of making the twenty-fifth session a success, which will be held for the first time

under the preparation and full supervision of the General Secretariat of the Academy. Then the meeting discussed the items of the decisions issued by the previous meeting, and several new decisions were issued, the most important of which are:

- Updating the list of participants in the session and classifying them according to members, experts, and companions separately in English according to passports, while ensuring that members' passports are completed in preparation for sending them in their final form to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- Displaying samples of the gifts proposed by the Gifting Committee to be presented to the guests of the twenty-fifth session for discussion.
- Organizing a professional training course for employees specialized in photography with the aim of developing capabilities in the shortest possible time to benefit from it in documenting the work of the session and the rest of the activities of the Academy

2nd Joint Weekly Meeting of Departments and Divisions



His Excellency Professor Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the second joint weekly meeting of the departments and divisions of the Academy, on Wednesday 20 Jumada al-Awwal 1444H corresponding to 14 December 2022G, at the headquarters of the Academy's General Secretariat in Jeddah. At the beginning of the meeting, His Excellency welcomed the attendees, and thanked them for participating in the meeting, explaining that this meeting is an extension of the series of meetings

that started at the end of November, which will be joint between departments and divisions to follow up on the progress of work on preparations and arrangements for the twenty-fifth session of the Academy, and it will continue until the session is held. Then he talked about the official visit he recently made to the Republic of Algeria at the official invitation of the authorities there, where he participated in the International Scientific Forum of Imam Mohammed ibn Abd al-Karim al-Maghili, where he met on the sidelines of the conference with the Algerian Minister of Religious Affairs and Awqaf, His Excellency Dr. Youssef Belmehti. During the visit, he also met with the President of the Supreme Islamic Council in Algeria, His Excellency Dr. Bouabdallah Ghoulamallah. He also visited the Grand Mosque of Algiers and met with the Dean of the Mosque, His Eminence Sheikh Mohammed Mamoun Al-Qasimi Al-Hassani and his assistants. In this context, His Excellency praised the high level of the Algerian official religious institutions,

praising the efforts made by these institutions in spreading the method of moderation and the culture of moderation and tolerance. His Excellency also thanked, on this occasion, His Eminence Dr. Kamal Bouzidi, representative member of Algeria in the Council of the Academy, and Mr. Jawzy Lardjane, Head of Translation Division at the Academy, for the facilities they provided and overcoming the difficulties, which had a great impact on achieving the goals of the visit. Then the meeting discussed the items of the decisions issued by the previous meeting, and several new decisions were issued, the most important of which are:

- Start printing the session's research and sending it to the Academy's members.
- Formation of a scientific committee to review the draft resolutions related to the topics of the session.
- Formation of a technical committee to print the session's research inside and outside the Academy.

3rd Joint Weekly Meeting of Departments and Divisions

His Excellency Professor Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the third joint weekly meeting of the departments and divisions of the academy, on Monday 25 Jumada al-Awwal 1444H corresponding to 19 December 2022G, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah. At the outset of the meeting, His Excellency welcomed the attendees and thanked them for participating in the meeting, praising the various efforts made to ensure the success of the session through good preparation. Then His Excellency informed the attendees of the issuance of the royal approval to hold the session in the second half of February 2023G in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. On this occasion, His Excellency expressed the Academy's gratitude

and appreciation to the headquarters country, its king, government, and people for the continuous support of the Academy. In this context, His Excellency urged all employees to redouble efforts to accomplish all work requirements for the session, intensify cooperation and coordination between departments and divisions, and ensure that all tasks assigned to them are well executed within the specified deadlines. Then the meeting discussed the items of the decisions issued by the previous meeting, and several new decisions were issued, the most important of which are:

- Adopting the date of the second half of February 2023G as the official date for the Academy's session.
- Begin sending the list of members of the Academy to the Saudi Ministry of Foreign



Affairs to request visas to attend the session.

- Inviting dignitaries from inside and outside the Kingdom to attend the opening ceremony of the session.
- Updating members' information on the Academy's website on a regular basis.

4th Joint Weekly Meeting of Departments and Divisions

His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the fourth joint weekly meeting of the departments and divisions of the Academy, on Monday 02 Jumada II 1444H corresponding to 26 December 2022G, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah. His Excellency opened the meeting by welcoming the attendees and thanking them for their active participation in the regular meetings of the Academy, praising in particular the efforts made by the Research Review Committee and the Printing Committee, formed to handle the work of the 25th Session, which completed its duties recently. He also thanked Dr. Ismail Cebeci, Head of the Encyclopedias and Dictionaries Division for completing his work on assembling the book of members of the Academy. His Excellency also briefed the meeting on the



issuance of the final approval of the Emirate of Makkah Al-Moukarrama for the date of the Session from 19 to 25 February 2023G in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. In light of this decision, His Excellency directed the establishment of eight specialized committees to undertake all the requirements of the Session, defined the tasks of each committee, and appointed a chairperson and members for each one of them and urged everyone to cooperate and coordinate on a

regular basis to ensure the success of the Session. Then the meeting discussed the items of the decisions issued by the previous meeting, and several new decisions were issued, the most important of which are:

- Adopting the date of 19 to 25 February 2023G, as the official date for holding the Academy's Session.
- Establishment of eight specialized committees to handle all the work of the Session until its completion.
- Asking the committees to submit daily reports on the progress of their work.
- Start addressing dignitaries to attend the opening ceremony of the Session.
- Translating the Session's brochure into English and French in order to distribute it to the attendees during the Session.

Rays of Light on the Lives of the Academy's Scholars (9)

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 Sheikh Rajab Bayoudh Al-Tamimi

His Eminence Sheikh Rajab Bayoudh Al-Tamimi was born in the city of Hebron in Palestine in 1922G and spent his childhood there. He traveled with his father to Cairo and there he began his academic career in Al-Azhar Al-Sharif and completed memorizing the Noble Qur'an. His Eminence obtained a high degree (Bachelor's degree) in 1944G, after that he began to specialize in Shariah judiciary, and he obtained a doctorate degree in 1946G at Al-Azhar Al-Sharif. He was a representative member for Palestine in the International Islamic Fiqh Academy in the foundation stage. He also held other important positions, including: he joined the Shariah judiciary and worked as

a clerk at the Jaffa Shariah Court in Palestine until the Zionist occupation in 1948G, after which he returned to his hometown, Hebron, and worked in education and was a teacher of Arabic and Islamic studies. In 1955G, he moved once again to the Shariah judiciary and worked as the head of the clerk in the Jerusalem Shariah Court, after that he worked as a Shariah judge in various courts. He also worked as a teacher in the Ibrahimi Mosque, he was a member of the Shariah Court of Appeal, a member of the Awqaf Council, a member of the Supreme Islamic Authority, a member of the Muslim World League, and the Grand Mufti of the Palestinian Forces. His Eminence died in 1996G in Hebron.



His Eminence Dr. Tijani Saboun Mohammed



His Eminency Dr. Tijani Saboun Mohammed was born in the city of Absha (Chad) in 1952G, he obtained a double honor bachelor's degree (Arabic-French) (1975G) and a double honor general diploma (1976G) in educational sciences from Ain Shams University in Cairo. He also obtained a diploma in in-depth studies in History from King Faisal University in N'Djamena (2010G), a higher diploma in diplomatic studies from the National Center for Diplomatic Studies at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sudan (2016G), and he obtained a doctorate degree in modern history from Omdurman University in Sudan (2017G).

His Eminence Dr. Tijani Saboun has held a number of important positions, including: Member of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy for Chad since 19 November 1984G, Advisor to the Foreign Affairs and International Relations Committee of the National Assembly of Chad since 2018G, Professor of Translation at King Faisal University in N'Djamena since 2021G,

Senior Advisor at the Chadian Embassy In Sudan (2010-2017), Director of Human Resources in the National Assembly in Chad (2008-2010), Director of the Administrative and Technical Departments in the National Assembly in Chad (2006-2008), Adviser to the Communications and Human Rights Department at the Prime Ministry in Chad (1993-1995), a specialized translator in the National Assembly Chad (1995-2005), Professor of Translation at the Higher Institute of Educational Sciences in N'Djamena (1987-1990), Director of Arab Education and Chad's representative to the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (1982-1987), Director of the Office of the Secretary of State in Public Health, Labor and Social Affairs (1976-1978), director of Felix Aboy High School (1979-1981), member of the institutional technical committee charged with preparing the constitution (1995), and member of the National Human Rights Committee (1994 AD).

His Eminence Dr. Saif Rashid Al-Jabri



His Eminence Dr. Saif Rashid Al-Jabri was born in 1960G in Dubai, he obtained a bachelor's degree in Islamic studies at the College of Arts from the UAE University, and a master's and doctorate in fundamentals of religion in interpretation and

the sciences of the Qur'an. His Eminence is a former member for the United Arab Emirates in the International Islamic Fiqh Academy. He also held several important positions, including: Director of the Ifta and Research Department in the Department of Islamic Affairs and Charitable Activities, Director of Counselling and Guidance Department in the Department of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs, Vice-Chairman of the Committee for Preparing the Unified Sermon in the United Arab Emirates, member of the Higher Committee for Hajj in the Authority of Islamic Affairs and Awqaf, preacher of the Department of Preaching and Guidance in the Armed Forces, member of the Advisory Council of Imam Malik

College of Shariah and Law in Dubai, member of the Arab Family Organization, member of the Rashid Center for Childhood Care and Treatment, member of the Board of Directors of the Emirates Association for the Gifted, and member of the Emirates Writers Union. His Eminence participated in a large number of international scientific conferences in various fields of Islamic studies and in different regions of the world, and he has several publications in different fields. Currently, he is the president of the Union of Arab Academics and Scholars, a professor at various universities, a legal shariah notary authorized by Dubai Courts, a family counsellor, and a member of various associations.

His Eminence Professor Rashid Kucek

His Eminence Professor Rashid Kucek was born in Antalya, Turkey in 1947G. He graduated from the Imams and Preachers High School in Antalya in 1966G, and from the Higher Institute of Islamic Sciences in Konya in 1970G. He obtained a doctorate degree on "The Concept of Love in the Qur'an and Sunnah: Especially Love for God" from the Institute of Social Sciences at Marmara University in 1984G. His Eminence was Turkey's representative member in the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy from 2012G to 2015G. He also held other important positions, including: he worked as a teacher and administrator for four years at the High School of Imams and Preachers in Antalya, and as a teaching assistant in the Department of Hadith and Islamic Ethics at the Higher Institute of Islamic Sciences in Erzurum



(1975G), after that he was appointed at the Higher Institute of Islamic Sciences in Istanbul (1981G). After the transformation of the Istanbul Higher Institute of Islamic Sciences into the Faculty of Theology of Marmara University in 1982G, he worked for many years in this college as a professor in the Department of Hadith, and was promoted to Associate Professor in 1997G, Professor in 2003G, then he was appointed Dean of the same college (2007G – 2011G), President of The Supreme Council for Religious Affairs in the Turkish Presidency of Religious Affairs (2011G-2014G), and Head of the Islamic Research Center (ISAM) of the Turkish Religious Waqf (2014G-2022G). In addition to that, he contributed to the establishment and membership of many Awqaf, associations and civil society institutions. His Eminence passed away in 2022G in Istanbul.

His Excellency Dr. Hamda Said



His Excellency Dr. Hamda Said was born in 1940G in Nabeul, Republic of Tunisia, obtained the "Ahlia" in 1959G, and the educational attainment in both parts in 1962G, a bachelor's degree in Shariah and Usool in 1966G, and in 1987 he obtained a doctorate degree in Fiqh, its origins and purposes for a dissertation entitled "The Conflict between Shariah Evidence and Scholars' Methodologies in Reconciling Them." His Excellency was a representative member for Tunisia at the council of the International

Islamic Fiqh Academy from 2013G to 2016G. He also held other important positions, including: he was university lecturer in Usool, Fiqh, and judiciary in both its theoretical and applied parts in 1989G, and some other jobs and tasks were entrusted to him, including an imam khatib at the market mosque in Beni Khair (2011G), and the president of the regional Quranic association in Nabeul (2011G). 2011 AD). His Excellency was the Mufti of the Republic of Tunisia between 2013G and 2016G.

His Eminence Dr. Othman Muallem Mahmoud Sheikh Ali

His Eminence Dr. Othman Muallem Mahmoud Sheikh Ali was born in 1962G in Somalia, he obtained a bachelor's degree in 1407H (1987G), a master's degree in 1411H (1991G), a doctorate degree in 1416H (1996G) from the College of the Holy Qur'an at the Islamic University of Medina, and he attended various courses in Language, Tafsir, logic, proofreading, and correspondence literature at the Academy of the Arabic Language in Makkah Al-Mukarramah. His Eminence is a member for Somalia at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy since 03 November 2019G. His Eminence also worked

as a collaborating teacher at Al-Madinah International University in Malaysia, Al-Imam Al-Marwazi University in Somalia, and taught a number of shariah subjects, including: creed, Fiqh, fundamentals of Fiqh, Tafsir, and the sciences of the Qur'an. He is a shariah researcher at the Center for Qur'anic Studies at the King Fahd Academy for the Printing of the Noble Qur'an in Madinah since 1420H (1999G). His Eminence participated in scientific conferences in various fields of Islamic studies, and he has several publications in different fields



His Eminence Sheikh Dr. Ali Ahmed Al-Salus



His Eminence Sheikh Dr. Ali Ahmed Al-Salus was born in 1934G in Egypt, he obtained a Bachelor's degree from the Faculty of Dar Al-Uloom at Cairo University (1957G), a postgraduate diploma (1969G), a Master's degree (1969G) entitled "Fiqh of Imami Shi'a: Points of Controversy Between It and the Four Schools", and a doctorate degree (1975G) in comparative Fiqh and its Usool, entitled "The Impact of the Imamate on Jaafari Fiqh and its Usool." His Eminence was an appointed member to the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, and he also held many other important positions, including: He worked in education sector in Egypt, the Institute of Teachers in Kuwait, the University of Al-Mustansiriya in

Iraq, and as a professor of Fiqh and Usool at the College of Shariah in Qatar University. His Eminence was a member of the Islamic Fiqh Academy of the Muslim World League in Makkah Al-Mukarramah, the first vice-president of the Academy of Shariah Jurists in America, one of the trustees of the Qatar Islamic Center in London, and head of the Shariah Commission for Rights and Reform in Egypt. His Eminence participated in a large number of international scientific conferences in various fields of Islamic studies in different regions of the world, and he has several publications in different fields. He is an emeritus professor at Qatar University and devotes himself to da'wah and research.

His Eminence Dr. Abdul Kabir Al-Alawi Al-Madghari

His Eminence Dr. Abd al-Kabir al-Alawi al-Madghari was born in Meknes, Kingdom of Morocco in 1942G, and he combined the study of law and Islamic sciences, where he obtained a baccalaureate degree (high school) from al-Qarawiyyin, then a bachelor degree in legal sciences from the Faculty of Law affiliated to Mohammed V University in Rabat, then a master's degree in Human Sciences from Dar Al-Hadith Al-Hasaniyah, before obtaining a doctorate in Islamic sciences, on the subject of "The Abrogator and the Abrogated in the Holy Qur'an." His Eminence was a designated member of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy. He also held other important positions, including: Professor of Higher Education at the Faculty of Shariah of the University of Al-Qarawiyyin in Fez, Professor Lecturer at the Faculty of Arts and Human Sciences of the University of Sidi Muhammad bin Abdullah in Fez, and Professor at the Mawlawi



Institute in Rabat affiliated with the Royal Palace, in which princes and princesses are taught. He also practiced law, and held the position of Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs between 1985G and 2002G; He was also a member of the Advisory Council for Human Rights, the Scientific Council of Fez, the Association of Moroccan Scholars, the National Committee for Education Reform, the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs in Cairo, the Committee for the Review of the Personal Status Code, the committee assigned by the Organization of the Islamic Conference to establish the statute of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, and the strategic view group on the Russian Federation and the Muslim world, and the Al al-Bayt Academy of Islamic Thought in Jordan. He was the general manager of the Beit Mal Al-Quds Al-Sharif Agency of the Jerusalem Committee. His Eminence passed away in 2017G in Rabat.

His Eminence Sheikh Moustapha Kamal Al-Tarzi

His Eminence Sheikh Al-Mun'im Al-Mabrou, Mustafa Kamal Al-Tarzi, was born into a family of Turkish origin in the city of Tunis in 1921G. He graduated from Al-Zaytouna Mosque in Shariah Sciences in the specialty of the Hanafi school of thought. His Eminence was an expert at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy. His Eminence also held many other important positions, including: he was the first to manage the Department of Religious Rites in the Prime Ministry since its establishment, and he supervised the Al-Hidaya magazine, of which the first issue was issued in Ramadan 1395H / 1973G. He was surrounded, in his great project, by a group of scholars, men of letters, writers, and jurists in particular: Sheikh Muhammad al-Taher bin Ashour, Sheikh Ali bin al-Khouja, Sheikh al-Bashir al-Naifer, Sheikh al-Hadi Belqadhi, Sheikh al-Moukhtar al-Sallaami, Sheikh Moustapha al-Mouaddib, and other distinguished scholars. He

taught at a number of secondary institutes as well as at the Zaytouna College of Shariah and Usool for a period of time, joined the counseling and guidance plan in Islamic education, and assumed several lofty responsibilities. In 1976G, His Eminence was elected a member of the Executive Committee of the African Islamic Coordination Council, and he was elected a member of the Supreme Islamic Council of the Islamic University of Medina in 1979G, and Secretary General of the World Islamic Association of Reciters at its founding in 1980G. Sheikh Al-Tarzi also assumed the role of Imam at Al-Ahmadi Mosque in Al-Marsa district. His Eminence, participated in numerous scientific forums in Jakarta, Vienna, Brussels, Istanbul, Algeria, Dubai, Doha, Kuwait, Mecca, Medina, Tashkent, and Samarkand, and he has several publications in different fields. His Eminence died in 2000G in Tunisia.



His Eminence Sheikh Dr. Mohammed Saeed Ramadan Al-Bouti

His Eminence Sheikh Dr. Mohammed Saeed Ramadan Al-Bouti was born in 1929G - 1347H in Turkey. He joined the Manjak Mosque with Sheikh Hassan Habankah Al-Maidani after finishing primary education, and in 1953G he completed his studies at the Institute of Islamic Guidance, he obtained a bachelor's degree in Shariah from the Faculty of Shariah in Al-Azhar in 1955G, he obtained a diploma in education from the College of Arabic Language at Al-Azhar in 1956G and was appointed as a teacher of religious education in Homs in 1958G. He became a lecturer at the Faculty of Shariah at the University of Damascus, and then obtained a doctorate degree in Fiqh and its origins and the thesis was on (Controls of Interest in Islamic Shariah), for which he won first class honors with a recommendation for exchange. His Eminence is an expert at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy and also held many other



important positions, including: he was appointed in 1965G as a teacher at the Faculty of Shariah at the University of Damascus, then an assistant professor, then a professor, and he was appointed in 1975G Vice Dean of the College, then in 1977G he was appointed Dean, then Head of the Department of Beliefs and Religions. He remained a lecturer until the last moment of his life as a retired and contracted with the university. His Eminence was a member of the Accounting and Auditing Organization for Islamic Financial Institutions, a member of the Noor al-Islam Society in France, a member of the Taba Foundation in Abu Dhabi, a supervisor of scientific activity at the Umayyad Mosque in Damascus, a member of the Supreme Council of the Oxford Academy, and a member of the Royal Society for Research in Islamic Civilization in Amman. He won many awards and he has several publications in different fields. He passed away in 2013G in Damascus.

His Eminence Sheikh Dr. Ikrimah Saeed Sabri



His Eminence Sheikh Dr. Ikrimah Saeed Sabri was born in the city of Qalqilya in Palestine in 1938G, and he joined the University of Baghdad to graduate from it in 1963G with a bachelor's degree in Shariah and the Arabic language, and in 1989G he obtained a master's degree in Shariah from An-Najah National University in Nablus, then he obtained he obtained a doctorate degree from Al-Azhar University in Egypt in Fiqh in 2001G, and the subject of the thesis was "The Islamic waqf between Theory and Practice." He was a Palestine representative member at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy. His Eminence also assumed other important positions, including: He began his working life as a teacher at Al-Aqsa Islamic Secondary School (formerly the Islamic Scientific Institute), and after the June war of 1967G, he took over the management of Al-Aqsa Islamic Secondary School. His Eminence held a number of positions,

including Director of Preaching and Guidance in the West Bank, Director of the College of Islamic Sciences / Abu Dis, and General Mufti of Jerusalem and its environs and the Palestinian lands. His Eminence has a remarkable presence in knowledge and social causes and events, as he is the founder and president of the Council of Scholars and Preachers in Palestine in 1992G, the head of the Supreme Fatwa Council in Palestine, the Khatib of Al-Aqsa Mosque, a founding member of the Association of the International Islamic Mosques Conference in Makkah Al-Mukarramah, a founding member of the Academy of Shariah Jurists in America, and a president and member in various other committees. He was elected president of the Supreme Islamic Authority in Jerusalem in 1998G. His Eminence participated in a large number of international and local conferences and seminars, and he has several publications in different fields.

His Eminence Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sanad

His Eminence Dr. Abd al-Rahman al-Sanad was born in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and he obtained a bachelor's degree from Imam Muhammad bin Saud Islamic University in the College of Shariah and from King Saud University in computer science, a master's degree in comparative Fiqh at Imam Muhammad bin Saud Islamic University, and a doctorate in comparative Fiqh at Imam Muhammad bin Saud Islamic University at the Higher Institute for the Judiciary with the title "Provisions of Information Technology". His Eminence is an expert at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy. He also held other important positions, including: Director of the Islamic University in Madinah, Dean of the Higher Institute for the Judiciary, Dean of Distance Education at Imam Muhammad bin Saud Islamic University, a teacher at the Grand Mosque in Makkah Al-Mukarramah, and the

Prophet's Mosque in Medina, a member of the Saudi Fiqh Association, and a member of the Committee for Preparing the Electronic Commerce System at the Ministry of Commerce, Head of the Comparative Fiqh Department at the Higher Institute of Judiciary at Imam Muhammad bin Saud Islamic University, a member of the Working Group on Informatics Rulings on the National Plan for Information Technology Project, a member of the Committee for Preparing the Electronic Signatures System at King Abdelaziz City for Science and Technology, and currently he is the Chairman General of the Commission for the Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice with the rank of minister in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. His Eminence participated in a large number of international and local conferences, seminars and workshops, and he has several publications in various fields.



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OIC Secretary General chairs IIFA Bureau Meeting



His Excellency Ambassador Hussain Ibrahim Taha, Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), and Chairman of the Bureau's Council, chaired on Thursday 05 Jumada II 1444H, corresponding to 29 December 2022G, the second meeting of the Bureau's Council 2022G, via visual communication technology. His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Abdullah bin Hamid, Advisor at the Royal Court, member of the Council of Senior Scholars, the imam and khatib of the Grand Mosque, president of the Academy, deputy head of the Bureau's Council, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), and secretary of the Bureau's Council, participated in the meeting. The distinguished members of the Bureau's Council also participated in the meeting, namely Sheikh Dr. Abu Bakr Doukouri, representative of the African Group, Prof. Ajeel Al-Nashmi, representative of the Arab Group, and Sheikh Taqi Al-Othmani, representative of the Asian Group. The meeting was followed by a number of cadres of the OIC and the Academy. His Excellency the Secretary General of the OIC started the meeting by expressing his sincere thanks and great appreciation to the Excellencies and Eminences for their participation and their continuous support for the Academy, praising the great role played by the Academy in spreading the culture of moderation and tolerance, and combating extremism, fanaticism, terrorism, violence and exclusion. In this context, His Excellency called upon the Academy to quickly launch an international campaign to gather all the voices of scholars and religious authorities in the Muslim world and mobilize them against the Taliban government's decision to suspend girls' education at university level, pointing out the seriousness of the Taliban government's justification for preventing girls from studying and dismissing female faculty members from their positions on the grounds that this contradicts Shariah. This claim is in fact incorrect and not based on any evidence, but rather it contradicts Shariah and its clear teachings on this subject.



Therefore, this issue is considered another challenge before the Academy, in addition to the issues of minorities, the escalation of feelings of hostility towards Muslims in Western countries, and other pressing issues. His Excellency stressed, by the way, the priority of the Afghan file on the agenda of the OIC and the Academy, pointing out that the Taliban's decision is not based on Shariah texts, and that a delegation of scholars visited Afghanistan last June and held extensive meetings with Taliban scholars and a number of members of the government, where there was agreement that Islam granted women all their rights, including the right to education and work, explaining that the Taliban's decision to deprive girls of education deepens the fallacies that are falsely spread about Islam. For his part, His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Abdullah bin Humaid, President of the Academy, expressed his thanks and appreciation to His Excellency the Secretary General of the OIC for his strong and continuous support for everything that the Academy does. He also expressed his gratitude



to the members of the Bureau for their presence and active participation in the blessed march of the Academy, then praised the results and achievements achieved by the Academy under the leadership of His Excellency the Secretary General of the Academy and his assistants, indicating that what was stated in the report of the General Secretariat of the Academy presented to this meeting is considered the best witness to that. In his speech, His Excellency the Secretary General of the Academy, Prof. Koutoub Sano, expressed his thanks and gratitude to His Excellency the Secretary General of the OIC for the support and care of the Academy, praising His Excellency's precious confidence in the Academy and in his humble person to once again lead the Islamic efforts, by heading a new and expanded delegation of scholars of the Ummah to Afghanistan or other member states in order to dialogue and discuss with the current authority and scholars of Afghanistan on the subject of gender education and the participation of Afghan women in the process of building the nation.



He expressed his confidence in the ability and competence of the Ummah's scholars to succeed in their endeavors in order to do everything that is in the interest of the Afghan people, and also to respond to the abnormal opinions that contradict the teachings of Islam and the approach of the Prophet, may prayers and peace be upon him. Suspending and preventing the education of girls and boys is one of those abnormal views that contradict the consensus of the Ummah throughout the ages. His Excellency also touched on the Academy's obtaining the royal approval from the host country in order to hold the 25th Session at the end of February 2023. And on this occasion, His Excellency extended his sincere thanks to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, king, government and people for the continuous support and care and for all the distinguished facilities and services which it still extends to the Academy to enable it to perform its role ably and with ease. The meeting then discussed the items on its agenda, which included approving the minutes of the previous Bureau meeting,



reviewing the arrangements for the 25th Session of the Academy, the cooperation and understanding agreements signed by the General Secretariat of the Academy with many ministries, councils and scientific institutions inside and outside the OIC states, and the administrative and financial report and arrears of contributions of member states to the budget of the Academy for the current year. At the end of the meeting, His Excellency the Secretary General of the OIC, Chairman of the Bureau, and their Excellencies and Eminences the members of the Bureau, expressed their great gratitude and appreciation for the great efforts of the Academy and its great achievements in all directions and at all levels, especially those blessed efforts made by His Excellency the Secretary General of the Academy in order to hold the 25th Annual Session with self-efforts for the first time in the history of the Academy.

Guinean Foreign Minister visits IIFA Headquarters



on Tuesday 09 Rajab 1444H corresponding to 31 January 2023G, His Excellency Dr. Maurice Kouyaté, Minister of Foreign Affairs, African Integration and Guineans Abroad, visited the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) in Jeddah, where he and his accompanying delegation were received by His Excellency Professor Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy. His Excellency the Secretary General warmly welcomed the senior guest and his companions, thanking him for honoring the Academy with this kind visit, the first of its kind by a high-ranking official from Guinean diplomacy. For his part, His Excellency the Minister expressed his extreme happiness with this visit to the largest Fiqh institution in the Muslim world, pointing to his pride and the pride of all Guineans that His Excellency assumed the honor of leading this institution, and congratulated him on the good management and

leadership of the Academy with distinction and competence, praising the great results achieved since he took office. He also conveyed to His Excellency the Secretary General the greetings of His Excellency the President of the Republic of Guinea, Head of State and Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, Colonel Mamady Doumbouya, and his wishes for continued success and accomplishment in his duties, which are a source of pride not only for every Guinean but also for all the peoples of the African continent and the Muslim Ummah. His Excellency the Minister also assured his Excellency the Secretary General of the Guinean government's full support for His Excellency, and its willingness to provide more support to the Academy in all its benevolent efforts and brilliant projects. He concluded by recording his impression in the book of honor, saying, "I am happy and proud to visit this renowned institution under the enlightened leadership of His Excellency the Secretary General of the Academy, and I thank God for his success, and I express the full support of the Government of Guinea to His Excellency, may God protect him." For his part, His Excellency Professor Sano thanked His Excellency the Minister and his accompanying delegation for these expressions of love, appreciation and support, taking the opportunity to express his great gratitude and appreciation to the Republic of Guinea as president, government and people for their continuous support to the Academy.

His Excellency also assured the honorable guest of the Academy's determination and aspiration to support and consolidate the strategic partnerships it has established with scientific and religious institutions in the Republic of Guinea, by activating all the provisions included in these agreements and ensuring the participation of Guinean scholars and thinkers in the major scientific events organized by the Academy in order to make the most of their visions to address the issues that concern the peoples of the region and the entire African continent. In conclusion, His Excellency the Secretary General entrusted his guest with a message of thanks, gratitude and appreciation to His Excellency the President of the Republic of Guinea and his government from the Academy and all its employees, and their wishes to the Guinean people for further progress, prosperity and development.



Secretary General receives Singaporean Minister of Social and Family Development



His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), received His Excellency Mr. Masagos Zulkifli, Minister of Social and Family Development, Second Minister of Ministry of Health, and Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs in the Republic of Singapore, on Tuesday 17 Jumada II 1444H corresponding to 10 December 2023G, at the headquarters of the Academy's General Secretariat in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. His Excellency the Minister expressed his great thanks and gratitude to His Excellency the Secretary General for the good reception and warm welcome, stressing his keenness to make this visit to the Academy within the framework of his country's tireless endeavor to strengthen cooperation and coordination relations with the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and its affiliated bodies, especially the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, which is considered the first Fiqh reference for the member states of the OIC and for Muslim communities outside the Muslim world. His Excellency also noted the distinguished intellectual and scientific efforts made by His Excellency the Secretary General in particular to spread the culture of moderation, tolerance and coexistence in all regions of the world. His Excellency added that his country's government

looks with appreciation and admiration at these great efforts, and looks forward to consolidating the bonds of cooperation and coordination with the Academy in order to serve those noble human goals that call for cooperation, coexistence and acquaintance between peoples and religions, by organizing some scientific activities within Singapore that are concerned with issues and topics related to the lives of Muslim communities around the world. In this context, His Excellency extended an official invitation to His Excellency the Secretary General to visit Singapore and attend the international conference organized by the Ministry on the role of Muslim communities in their countries, and to contribute to building awareness among Muslims in Singapore through lectures and face-to-face meetings throughout the year. For his part, His Excellency the Secretary General welcomed His Excellency the Minister and his accompanying delegation, praising this visit, the first of its kind by a prominent member of the Singaporean government, to the Academy, which is a clear translation of the Republic's desire to strengthen the bonds of cooperation and coordination with the Academy on various issues and topics that concern Muslim communities in Singapore and other countries and governments of Muslim communities in the Southeast Asian region in general. His Excellency took advantage of the occasion by giving the honorable guest a comprehensive overview of the Academy, its vision, mission, goals, programs and activities, expressing the permanent readiness of the Academy to cooperate with the Singaporean authorities in order to promote the approach of moderation, and tolerance among the Muslim communities residing in the Republic, and to help them preserve their Islamic identity with commitment to the requirements of citizenship,

and respect for the laws and regulations in force within their country, as there is no conflict between belonging to Islam and commitment to the requirements of citizenship of any country. His Excellency also welcomed the idea of holding specialized seminars in cooperation with the official authorities in Singapore for the benefit of Muslims there and in the Southeast Asian region as a whole and expressed his thanks to His Excellency the Minister for the invitation to visit Singapore and participate in the annual international conference organized by the Ministry. The meeting was attended by His Excellency Kadir Maideen, Chief Executive of the Islamic Council of Singapore, His Excellency Chandra Kumar, Consul General of Singapore in Jeddah, His Excellency Syfulnizar Hamid, vice-Consul (Political), Ms. Mazlena Mazlan, Director of Media and Community Outreach at the Ministry, and Mr. Hanif Fouad, Senior Director at the Ministry of Culture, Society and Youth, Singapore. The meeting was also attended by Mr. Mondher El-Chouk, Director of Cabinet and protocol Affairs Department at the Academy, Ms. Sarah Amjad Hussein, Director of the Women and Family 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, Advisor to His Excellency the Secretary General of the Academy for Media Affairs.



During Hajj Expo 2023, Jordanian Minister of Awqaf visits IIFA

His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), received His Excellency Dr. Mohammed Al-Khalayleh, Minister of Awqaf Islamic Affairs and Holy Places in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, and his accompanying delegation on Wednesday 18 Jumada II 1444H corresponding to 11 January 2023G, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah, as part of a courtesy visit on the sidelines of the Jordanian delegation's participation in the Hajj Expo 2023 organized by the Ministry of Hajj and Umrah in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. His Excellency Dr. Mohammed Al-Khalayleh expressed his thanks and gratitude to His Excellency the Secretary General for the good reception and warm welcome, praising the keenness of the Academy under his leadership to serve Muslims in all parts of the world by finding appropriate Shariah solutions to the problems they face, especially during their performance of the rituals of Hajj and Umrah. In this context, His Excellency suggested that specialized seminars be held to study a number of calamities and developments of Hajj and Umrah in light of the successive changes and developments, with the aim of issuing resolutions that facilitate for Muslims the performance of their rituals and relieve them of the unusual hardship. His Excellency also took advantage of



the opportunity to extend an official invitation to His Excellency the Secretary General to visit Jordan during the coming month of Ramadan to participate in the Hashemite Scientific Councils series organized by the Ministry. For his part, His Excellency the Secretary General welcomed His Excellency the minister, thanking him for this kind visit, and expressing his gratitude and appreciation to His Excellency for his keenness to constantly communicate with the Academy and coordinate with it on many issues and topics of concern to Muslims, especially with regard to the rituals of Hajj and Umrah. His Excellency stressed the necessity of issuing new Academy's resolutions on many calamities and developments related to the rituals of Hajj and Umrah, in order to enable the pilgrims to perform them easily. His Excellency also took the opportunity to praise the new measures announced by the Saudi Ministry

of Hajj and Umrah, led by His Excellency Minister Dr. Tawfiq Al-Rabiah, during the Hajj Expo 2023, which would make the Umrah and Hajj experience much easier for Muslims and at a lower cost. These procedures are in addition to what the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has provided in terms of distinguished services and great care for pilgrims over the years. In conclusion, the two parties agreed to continue consultation and discussion on the issue of holding a specialized symposium on Hajj and Umrah. His Excellency also agreed to accept the invitation to visit Jordan and participate in the Hashemite Scientific Councils series during the coming month of Ramadan. The meeting was attended by Mr. Ziyad Al-Beik, Director of the Office of His Excellency the Jordanian Minister of Awqaf, Mr. Mourad TLiLi, Advisor to His Excellency the Secretary General for Media and Public Relations Affairs at the Academy, and Mr. Amjad Ibrahim, Head of Protocol Division at the Academy.



IIFA Secretary General participates in Hajj Expo 2023

His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), participated in the Hajj Expo 2023, in its second edition, which was inaugurated by His Royal Highness Prince Khaled Al-Faisal, Advisor to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, Governor of Makkah Al-Mukarramah Region, and His Royal Highness Prince Faisal bin Salman bin Abdelaziz Al Saud, Governor of Al-Madinah Al-Munawwarah Region, with the participation of 81 speakers from the public and private sectors from inside and outside the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and high-level delegations of Excellencies, Ministers of Religious Affairs, heads of Hajj missions and higher authorities from more than 57 countries, from 16 to 19 Jumada II 1444H corresponding to 09 to 12 January 2023G. His Excellency the Secretary General participated in the first main session of the second day, which was moderated by His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Saad bin Nasser Al-Shathri, Advisor at the Royal Court, member of the Council of Senior Scholars, and it was titled "The Fiqh of Facilitation in Hajj and its Impact on Facilitating Services." At the outset of his intervention, His Excellency expressed his appreciation for the great services and facilities that this blessed country has been providing to the pilgrims, Umrah performers and visitors. He also praised the rapid developments and qualitative changes witnessed by the Ministry of Hajj and Umrah and all institutions that work in the field of Hajj, Umrah and visitation. Then he explained that it is necessary to make maximum use of the various Fiqh rules and Ijtihad regarding Hajj and Umrah, stressing the importance of implementing the rule of facilitation and removing awkwardness, noting in the meantime



that "the hardship that brings facilitation is that unusual hardship that brings embarrassment, inflexibility and distress to the pilgrims, and with these great services and facilities provided by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, there must be a Fiqh accompanying them that makes maximum use of them, and should be evident in the pilgrims being aware, knowledgeable and familiar with the provisions of Hajj. Pilgrimage consists of several provisions, including the pillars, duties, Sunnahs, and mustahabs (desired deeds). So, when dealing with issues in which there is disagreement among the jurists, we should take advantage of all the Ijtihad and options that this intellectual and Fiqh rich heritage consists of that our blessed ancestors left for us, and it is necessary to give weight to the sayings and opinions that keep pace with the changes and developments that pilgrimage is witnessing at all levels. His Excellency pointed to the need to enhance awareness among the public that there is no sin in matters in which they differed, and that acting on one of the opinions in diligent matters does not result in sin or disobedience, adhering to the rule of no denial in matters of diligence, and the saying of Sufyan al-Thawri or Imam Ahmed that what scholars differed in it do not forbid it, because every diligent is correct. Accordingly, there is a number of Ijtihad in Fiqh that should be weighted and acted upon today in the light

of contemporary reality, including the legality of stoning at all times, the legality of leaving Arafat before sunset, the legality of seeking before going to Mina on the day of Tarwiyah (Eid Day), and other issues that should be reviewed in terms of Ijtihad in accordance with contemporary reality, and includes lifting the embarrassment, and facilitating for the pilgrims, Umrah performers, and visitors, in order to ensure benefit from the distinguished qualitative and quantitative facilities and services, and to facilitate the performance of the rituals and ward off hardship and trouble." It should be noted that the second edition of the Hajj and Umrah Services Conference and Exhibition "Expo Hajj 2023" concluded successfully, and an extensive attendance of more than 60,000 visitors from all over the world was recorded, with the participation of more than 200 companies specialized in Hajj and Umrah services, and many government agencies concerned with the services of pilgrims and Umrah. It should also be noted that the conference witnessed different activities over the period of four days, many scientific sessions and discussions, as the number of main sessions reached 9 sessions, and the number of discussion sessions 4 sessions, in addition to 2 presentation sessions and 36 workshops, presented by 70 local speakers and 11 international speakers who reviewed the reality and future of Hajj and Umrah services through 3 axes: improvement, competitiveness and sustainability.



SG delivers opening speech at Youth and Women Summit in Nouakchott



At the kind invitation of His Excellency Sheikh Abdullah bin Mahfoudh bin Bayyah, President of the Abu Dhabi Peace Forum, His Excellency Professor Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), participated in the Third African Conference for the Promotion of Peace organized by the Abu Dhabi Peace Forum, during the period 24 -26 Jumada II 1444H, corresponding to 17-19 January 2023G, in the Mauritanian capital, Nouakchott. The conference was held under the high patronage of His Excellency Mr. Mohamed Ould Cheikh Al-Ghazwani, President of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, and in partnership between the Mauritanian government and the African Forum for the Promotion of Peace, which is one of the initiatives of the Abu Dhabi Forum for Peace in the United Arab Emirates. This year, the conference chose the slogan “Enter all in peace,” praising the Emirati model of tolerance and coexistence, calling for inspiration in developing strategies and plans to promote peace in Africa. The conference recalled the great importance of uniting the efforts of the



continent’s scholars in confronting the currents of extremism and violence and keeping pace with the efforts of governments in establishing an intellectual front to defend the homelands by spreading stability and extinguishing the flames of wars fueled by conflicts and hatreds. The conference also witnessed the holding of the “Youth and Women... Peacemakers in Africa” summit, chaired by Her Excellency the wife of the President of the Republic, the First Lady Dr. Maryam bint Mohammad Fadel Al-Dah, and the participation of dozens of youth and women leaders, in the presence of a group of government officials and African scholars, where the summit stressed the need to enhance and activate the role of youth and women in building local peace, and to contribute to policy-making and building partnerships to enhance the stability of societies and maintain peace in them, calling

for encouraging the education of young men and women and girls and enabling them to achieve their aspirations and contribute to building nations. In his speech at the opening of this summit, His Excellency the Secretary General praised the organizers of the conference, led by His Eminence Sheikh Abdullah bin Mahfoudh bin Bayyah, President of the Forum, for their blessed efforts in promoting peace, tolerance and dialogue and consolidating these universal principles throughout the African continent to defuse wars and conflicts and spread security, safety and stability. He also commended the Islamic Republic of Mauritania for adopting and hosting both the conference and this summit, noting the importance of the summit and the centrality of the issue of youth and women to the Ummah and the utmost importance the Academy attaches to this issue, and stressing the Academy’s belief that it is one of the most important issues that should receive the attention and care of the Ummah’s peoples, as it is considered the basis for the development, progress and development that states and nations aspire to, “Women and youth are the pillar of society and the stronghold and impregnable barrier in which civilized societies take refuge in order to achieve renaissance, progress and prosperity, and in order to ensure their security and stability. There is no stability for nations without their stability, and there is no progress for people without their progress, which makes it inevitable to enable these two important



groups to participate effectively in leading and pioneering civilizational and development efforts.” In this context, His Excellency explained that the Academy is working diligently and firmly to correct misconceptions, especially with regard to the issue of women and their position in society based on the provisions of the texts and the practices of the greatest Messenger, may God bless him and grant him peace, and the established universal rules that stipulate that the assignment is general for both

men and women, and that undertaking the task of succession on earth and building the universe is a joint responsibility between men and women. His Excellency pointed out in the meantime that the issue of women’s education and their participation in building nations is a settled issue in Shariah, and only the ignorant can argue about it and deny it because of the clarity of the texts contained therein. Therefore, His Excellency called for the empowerment of both sexes from all types of education and work, and from participating in leadership and entrepreneurship, and concluded his speech by saying, “It is time to move from theoretical talk about the importance of the participation of these two important groups, which represent the basis of progress, development and prosperity, to serious work of enabling them to play their due role. Let us agree that from now on, there will be no ignorant young person deprived of education, nor an educated young person unemployed, and far from decision-making centers. The time has come that no woman remains ignorant and deprived of education, or an educated woman unemployed and deprived of participation in building and progress efforts. Let us all remember the saying of Al-Faruq: If a mule stumbled in Iraq, God would ask me about it, why didn’t I fix the road for it. By analogy, if a young man or woman was deprived of education, learning, and active participation in development and progress efforts, God would ask us about them why they were deprived and denied these two sacred rights.” The activities of the forum were marked by a remarkable official and popular interactive momentum, with a youth and women majority attracted by the titles of the themes that discussed topics related to the geography of crises, dialogue and reconciliation, correcting concepts, development on the road of peace, and the present and future of women and youth. The conference halls were filled with large crowds led by ministers, representatives of international organizations, officials of Islamic organizations, Ambassadors, representatives of government agencies, international centers and organizations, muftis, scholars, judges, thinkers, academics and media professionals. The closing statement of the forum appealed to the major countries friendly to Africa and international organizations to support peace and development efforts in the continent and recommended the establishment and organization of peace convoys led by imams and notables of different ethnicities and tribes to be messengers of harmony and peace in areas suffering from civil wars and bloody conflicts.



US Special Advisor on Disability Rights Visits IIFA



His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), held an important meeting with a high-level delegation from the United States of America headed by Ambassador Dr. Sara Minkara, Special Advisor on International Disability Rights at the US State Department, on Sunday 29 Jumada II 1444H corresponding to 22 January 2023G at the headquarters of the Academy's General Secretariat in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. At the beginning of the meeting, Her Excellency the Advisor expressed her pleasure and honor to visit the Academy, this great Fiqh and scientific edifice and its great influence on all Muslims inside and outside the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) member states. She also thanked His Excellency the Secretary General for the good reception and warm welcome to her and the accompanying delegation, stressing that this visit represents the first stop in a series of shuttle visits that she is making to the region to mobilize support and spread awareness of the importance of the rights of people with special needs in the countries of the region, and the countries of the OIC in general, and the positive impact it has on the development, prosperity and progress of the economies and societies of the countries of the Muslim world. She also expressed her firm conviction and strong belief in the pivotal role that the Academy

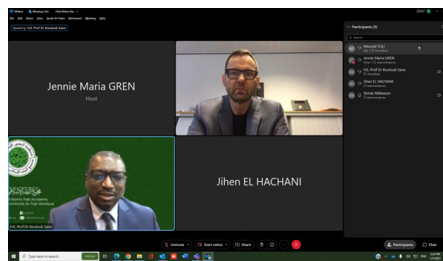
can play in mobilizing support from all parties and spreading the necessary awareness among members of society through direct contact by organizing joint seminars and conferences on the issue of the rights of people with disabilities inside and outside the Member States, from a strategic perspective based on the importance of integrating these social groups into the economic and knowledge fabric of countries and societies to make the most of their creative and inventive capabilities in the process of continuous construction and development. She concluded by expressing the US administration's full readiness to cooperate and coordinate with the Academy in this regard. She also expressed her desire to attend seminars and conferences held by the Academy in this field. For his part, His Excellency the Secretary General welcomed the Special Envoy and her accompanying delegation, thanking her for this visit to the Academy, which indicates the appreciation of the US State Department, and the US administration through it, for the positive and pivotal role of the Academy in all efforts aimed at spreading awareness and consolidating the concept of full inclusion of people with disabilities and empowering them with all their legitimate rights, in line with the clear teachings of Islam in this field, which stipulate that all members of society be treated equally without discrimination due to disability, color or race. His Excellency also stressed the need to unite international efforts aimed at enabling all people with special needs to enjoy their full rights and the opportunity to contribute to the building, progress and prosperity of their societies and countries by investing in their unlimited intellectual and creative potential. His Excellency also took the opportunity to renew his congratulations to Her Excellency on her appointment as a special envoy of the White House in America, wishing her success

in her duties, and stressing the commitment and readiness of the entire Academy to support the efforts of her office in this field, as it believes in the sanctity of this mission. His Excellency also praised the Advisor's commendable efforts in a number of OIC countries to spread awareness of the importance of this file and to help develop an integrated system on how to deal with it and apply it in a practical way. His Excellency concluded by expressing his aspiration for more cooperation and strong coordination between the Academy and her Excellency's office in everything that achieves these common goals, especially with regard to organizing specialized scientific seminars to educate people and governments. The meeting was attended by His Excellency Mr. Fares Asaad, Consul General and Special Envoy of the United States of America to the OIC, Ms. Fatimah Martin, Vice Consul Political and Economic Section, Ms. Shams Mahmoud, Political Officer at the US Embassy, and Ms. Nicole Schlichter, Foreign Affairs Officer at the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs at the US State Department, and Mrs. Hana Nasri, Special Assistant at the Office of International Disability Rights. From the side of the Academy, Dr. Abdel-Qaher Qamar, Director of the Studies and Research Department, Dr. AlHagi Manta Drammeh, Head of the International Cooperation and External Relations Division, and Mr. Mourad TLiLi, Advisor to His Excellency the Secretary General for Media and Public Relations Affairs.



IIFA and European Union coordinate their efforts on Afghanistan

At the request of the Office of the Special Envoy of the European Commission to Afghanistan, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), and His Excellency Thomas Niklassen, the European Special Envoy to Afghanistan, held a virtual meeting via visual communication technology on Thursday 12 Jumada II 1444H corresponding to 05 January 2023G, in order to discuss and explore ways of cooperation and coordination between the two parties on the Afghan file and the latest developments in Afghanistan. At the beginning of the meeting, the Secretary General expressed his thanks and appreciation to the Special Envoy for his keenness to convene this meeting in order to discuss the issue of suspending the study of girls in Afghan schools and universities, and the issue of women's participation in the efforts of construction, progress, development and renaissance in Afghanistan. His Excellency also referred to the great efforts made by the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and all its organs, including the Academy, in order to support the Afghan people and alleviate the suffering that they have been subjected to for decades. In this context, His Excellency briefed the Special Envoy on the contacts made by the academy after being assigned by the OIC to lead a delegation of scholars to Kabul to dialogue and discuss with Afghan scholars and leaders on the



forementioned issues, stressing that the academy is continuing to strengthen communication with the current authority in Afghanistan to enable girls to return to schools and universities in the near future. His Excellency also indicated the importance of coordinating efforts between the Academy and international organizations active in the international arena in order to help the Afghan people overcome this difficult stage in their history. For his part, the Special Envoy expressed his gratitude and thanks to the Secretary General for accepting the invitation to this important meeting and praised his usual keenness to support the cause of women's education and work, not only in Afghanistan, but in all regions of the world. He stressed the European Commission's keen interest in this complex file, which has become in the eyes of the world a humanitarian issue par excellence that deserves cooperation and unification of efforts in order to support Afghan women and enable them to enjoy

all their civil rights stipulated by all religious laws, including Islamic law. His Excellency stated that he followed with great interest the mission of the delegation of the Ummah's scholars, which was led last year by His Excellency the Secretary General to Kabul, and the great efforts that were made to persuade the Afghan authority to retract its recent decisions regarding women's education and work. He also praised the strong statement recently issued by the academy on the recent exceptional measures regarding women in Afghanistan. In this context, he affirmed to the Secretary General the full readiness of the European Commission to coordinate with the Academy intensively to reach practical solutions that enable Afghan women to participate in the efforts to rebuild and reconstruct Afghanistan. At the end of the meeting, the two parties agreed to continue consultation and dialogue in preparation for the next visit of the delegation of the Ummah's scholars to Afghanistan, and to exchange visits between them to arrange and unify the demands that will be placed on the dialogue table with the authority in Kabul. The Special Envoy also promised to provide full and necessary support to the Secretary General for the success of his noble mission, which offers a glimmer of hope for Afghan women and the entire Afghan people. The meeting was also attended by Ms. Jenny Maria Glenn, Senior Political Advisor to His Excellency the Special Envoy, Ms. Jihen El-Hachani, Executive Assistant to His Excellency the Special Envoy, and Mr. Mourad TLiLi, Advisor to His Excellency the Secretary

Secretary General participates in Kuwait Global Conference on STDs, their Risks and Prevention



At the kind invitation of the Islamic Organization for Medical Sciences (IOMS) in Kuwait, His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), participated in the international conference organized by the IOMS, entitled: Sexually Transmitted Diseases, a Renewing Epidemic – Risks and Prevention from an Islamic Health Perspective, on Sunday 22 Jumada II 1444H, corresponding to 15 January 2023G, in Kuwait City. In his intervention at the first session of the conference, His Excellency expressed his sincere thanks and great appreciation to the State of Kuwait, its leadership and people, for the support and care to the Academy. He also expressed his thanks to the IOMS for its tireless work in enhancing the Ummah's awareness of everything it needs in terms of prevention and protection against diseases and epidemics, then he said: "If the world breathes a sigh of relief from the receding of a cosmic pandemic that has destroyed offspring, wealth and businesses, and sowed terror, fear and panic everywhere, and if we have all learned through the years of its arrival and its spread around the world the importance of prevention and protection from the scourge of pandemics and the dangers of epidemics, we think that IOMS was successful in choosing the topic of our conference, considering that it is one of the most important topics of the hour that needs to enhance public and private awareness of the dangers that arise from these diseases that threaten the individual and society, and destructive to the human race. Sexually transmitted diseases were and still are among the afflictions that do not differentiate between a man and a woman, nor between young and old, and fetuses in their mothers' wombs have not and will not be safe from them unless they take the reasons that we commanded to take into account in His saying, the Most High: ((and

he took by the reasons)), and the words of the Prophet, prayers and peace be upon him: "Take your precautions then place your trust in God", and his saying: "Flee from the leper as you flee from the lion". There is no greater and more worthy cause than joining efforts, integrating steps, and exchanging experiences in order to provide the best and most effective treatment for those afflicted by it on the



one hand, and in order to take preventive measures to protect those who are in contact with them, including spouses and children. If self-preservation, progeny, honor, and lineage are all among the necessary interests that are necessary for the establishment of the interests of religion and the world, as Imam Al-Shatibi said, may God have mercy on him, so that if they are lost, the interests of the world will not lead to righteousness, but rather to corruption and loss of salvation in the day of judgement. And if these interests are maintained, their realization today depends on taking all means of prevention through the necessary examinations for all those wishing to marry, and through periodic examinations to protect the fetuses and their mothers from these diseases. In addition to this, the time has come to move away from what some people have been doing, in terms of the automatic link between contracting these diseases and committing immorality, because it is absolutely proven that not everyone who

is infected with them commits immorality, or is involved in a sinful one. Some fetuses, infants, pregnant women and innocent people are afflicted with it, and they did not commit an indecency, or a sinful act. They should not bear the burden of others, nor to be punished for the crime of others!! Therefore, there is a need today for a radical change in the discourse that insists on the absolute link between these diseases and committing sins. Instead, they should promote the awareness of those afflicted that they are diseases that can affect any person, regardless of whether he has committed sin. This awareness would encourage those afflicted to disclose their diseases and to search for a cure for them in peace and safety. It is stated in our honorable Shariah that both disease and health are tests from God Almighty, and therefore, the sick, whatever the cause of their illnesses, must seek and search for treatment, and repent, seek forgiveness, and disavow all that God has forbidden of immorality and evil. As for the healthy, their duty towards this divine test is to preserve their health by avoiding everything that harms it. However, this does not in any way preclude the call to stay away from immoralities, whether apparent or concealed, and adherence to chastity and purity in order to preserve oneself, offspring, lineage, honor, and religion. He concluded his speech, which was highly appreciated by the attendants, by praying for those afflicted with these diseases for a speedy recovery, and for the continued blessing of wellness for those who did not suffer from it.



United Kingdom's Consul General visits IIFA



Her Excellency Ms. Cecille El-Beleidi, Consul General of the United Kingdom in Jeddah, made the first visit of a British official to the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) on Wednesday 03 Rajab 1444H corresponding to 25 January 2023G, and was received by His Excellency Professor Koutoub Moustapha Sano, the Secretary General of the Academy. Her Excellency the Consul expressed her deep thanks and gratitude to His Excellency the Secretary General for the good reception and warm welcome, stressing her keenness to make this important visit and to communicate with the Academy to discuss and confer a number of issues and topics in which the Academy's agenda intersects with the agenda of her country. She added that her country's government looks with great respect and appreciation to the moderate and sober thought presented by the Academy, led by His Excellency the Secretary General, and the distinguished efforts to spread

moderation, tolerance and peaceful coexistence among religions, races and peoples inside and outside the OIC countries, noting that her country's government closely followed the visit of His Excellency to Muslim communities in the United Kingdom and the good impact it left on the hearts of the community there, in addition to the first round of negotiations that His Excellency led with the Afghan side in Kabul on the dossier of girls' education and women's work. She concluded by expressing her hope to consolidate the bonds of cooperation and coordination with the Academy in order to serve the noble humanitarian goals that enhance cooperation and communication between peoples, by organizing more intellectual and scientific activities aimed at Muslim communities in the United Kingdom. For his part, His Excellency the Secretary General expressed his sincere thanks and great appreciation to Her Excellency the Consul General for this important visit, noting that it is a sincere expression of her Excellency's keenness to get to know the Academy and consolidate the bonds of communication and cooperation with it. His Excellency then took advantage of the occasion by giving her Excellency a brief overview of the establishment of the Academy, its objectives, programs and activities, and gave her an overview of the developments it witnessed in the recent period since he took over the reins of the General Secretariat. His Excellency also affirmed the Academy's commitment to promoting 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 homeland inhabited by a Muslim. Then he expressed the Academy's readiness to organize more intellectual and scientific events within the UK directed at Muslim communities to serve these ideas. He also expressed his thanks and gratitude to Her Excellency the Consul General and the government of her country for their follow-up and interest in the efforts of the OIC and the Academy with regard to the Afghan file, calling on the UK government to continue to support the Academy in this file and to intensify cooperation and coordination to achieve the set goals. The meeting was attended by Mr. Mohamed Mondher El-Chouk, Director of Cabinet and Protocol Affairs at the Academy, Ms. Sarah Amjad Hussein, 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.



IIFA Secretary General Receives the Chairman of MYAQSA Foundation



His Excellency Professor Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), received His Excellency Mr. Suwardi Yaacob, chairman and founder of the Malaysian "My AQSA" Foundation, on Sunday 07 Rajab 1444H corresponding to 29 January 2023G, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah. His Excellency welcomed the honorable guest, expressing his happiness at receiving the head of this pioneering Malaysian foundation in the field of supporting the just Palestinian cause and spreading awareness at the international level about the status of Al-Aqsa and working to liberate it by mobilizing official and popular international sympathy to support this cause. He added that the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and all its subsidiary organs are constantly working to develop a unified Islamic position towards the issue of Al-Aqsa and occupied Palestine through an

integrated strategy led by the Secretary General of the OIC himself, recalling that the main reason on which the Organization was established is the incident of burning Al-Aqsa Mosque in 1968G, which confirms the centrality of this issue on the agenda of the OIC and all member states. His Excellency took the opportunity to give the guest an overview of the Academy, its activities and programs, stressing his readiness to provide the necessary intellectual and moral assistance to support the foundation and its legitimate efforts in serving the Al-Aqsa Mosque. For his part, Mr. Suwardi Yaacob expressed his great pleasure and gratitude to His Excellency the

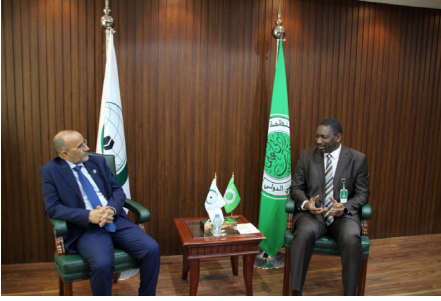


Secretary General for the warm welcome and his honor to visit the Academy, which is considered the first Fiqh reference in the Muslim world, noting the good reputation enjoyed by this great edifice internationally through what the great services it provides continuously to Muslims inside and outside the countries of the Muslim

world. His Excellency added that he is looking forward, through this visit, to consolidating relations of cooperation and coordination with the Academy and to make the most of the sound resolutions issued by an elite of the Ummah's scholars who are abundant in the Academy in serving the Foundation's work, specifically in spreading awareness on the widest scale of its goals and the tangible results it seeks to achieve on the ground. His Excellency also added that his foundation seeks to jointly organize with the Academy specialized scientific seminars and conferences on the issue of Al-Aqsa, in addition to participating and benefiting from all the events that the Academy holds periodically. The meeting was also attended by 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 and Public Relations Affairs.



IIFA Secretary General Receives the Head of the OIC's Regional Mission in Somalia



His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), received at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah, on Tuesday 03 Jumada II 1444H corresponding to 27 December 2022G, His Excellency Ambassador Mohammed Bambah Mohammed Boubah, Director General of the Regional Mission of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) in the Federal Republic of Somalia, and his accompanying delegation. His Excellency welcomed the ambassador and the accompanying delegation, praising his keenness to consolidate and solidify the bonds of continuous cooperation and coordination between the Academy and the office of the regional mission of the OIC in Somalia, and the tireless efforts made by the mission under his direction in the field of supporting communication and cooperation between the Academy on the one hand and the Ministry of Awqaf and Religious Affairs in Somalia and other related Religious and political institutions on the other hand. In this regard, His

Excellency reaffirmed the Academy's complete readiness and full commitment to providing intellectual and Fiqh support to the Somali authorities in their efforts to spread a 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 official religious authorities and senior Somali scholars in order to promote the approach of moderation, reject fanaticism and extremism, and refute hate speech, violence and extremism in order to achieve security, safety and peaceful coexistence among the Somali people. His Excellency concluded by expressing his wishes for the Somali people to achieve stability, prosperity, security and peace so that Somaliland will return to its former era of prosperity and development. For his part, the Ambassador expressed his thanks and appreciation to His Excellency the Secretary General for the good reception and warm welcome, praising the great role played by the Academy under the leadership of His Excellency in combating all forms of extremism, fanaticism, violence and terrorism, and spreading the values of tolerance, moderation and temperance. In the context of searching for the best ways to support peace, reform and development efforts in Somalia, His Excellency expressed his firm belief that deep intellectual change is the cornerstone of any radical change or reform in Somali society, and therefore cooperation with the Academy on this basis comes within the framework of seeking to benefit from the scientific and intellectual potential of the Academy in serving the agenda

of peace and societal reform in the Federal Republic of Somalia by spreading the culture of moderation, temperance, tolerance, and rejecting extremist and petrified thought and religious misconceptions by organizing specialized scientific seminars and conferences inside and outside Somalia in cooperation and partnership with the Somali authorities and scholars. In this context, His Excellency informed His Excellency the Secretary General of the desire of the Somali Minister of Awqaf and Religious Affairs to meet with His Excellency to discuss the Somali issue, in addition to organizing specialized seminars on various issues and topics of concern to Muslims in the Federal Republic of Somalia. The meeting was also attended by His Excellency Eng. Abdullah Abdullah Ali, Deputy Director-General of the OIC's Regional Mission in Somalia, Dr. Alhagi Manta Drammeh, Head of the International Cooperation and External Relations Division at the Academy, and Mr. Mourad TLiLi, Advisor to His Excellency the Secretary General of the Academy for Media Affairs.



A delegation from Almaty Management University Visits IIFA



His Excellency Mr. Mohamed Mondher El-Chouk, Director of Cabinet and Protocol Affairs at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), received His Excellency Dr. Assylbek Kozhakhmetov, President and Founder of Almaty Management University in the Republic of Kazakhstan, and his accompanying delegation, on behalf of His Excellency Professor Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, on Tuesday 24 Jumada II 1444H corresponding to 17 January 2023G at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah. His Excellency the President of the University expressed his thanks and

gratitude to the Academy for arranging this meeting, noting the prestigious position and distinguished scientific reputation that the Academy enjoys at the global level, adding his university's aspiration to scientific and academic cooperation with the Academy in order to establish a department for teaching Shariah and Islamic sciences. He also expressed the university's desire to participate in all the scientific events organized by the Academy in order to make the most of the global scientific resources that abound in it. For his part, His Excellency the Director of the Cabinet expressed his welcome to the guests of the Academy and conveyed to them the greetings of His Excellency the Secretary General and his wishes for success in his endeavors and the permanent commitment of the Academy to support the efforts of all official scientific institutions in the member states of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) to achieve their scientific and educational goals in the service of the Muslim Ummah and its various causes. His

Excellency added that the university can also reach out to the concerned department within the OIC in order to mobilize the necessary logistical support for the establishment of this new scientific department, wishing him success in this good endeavor. The meeting was attended by Dr. Bakytzhan Sarkeyev, Vice-Rector for Science, Dr. Abdel-Fattah Abnauf, Director of the Planning and International Cooperation Department, Dr. Alhagi Manta Drammeh, Head of the International Cooperation and External Relations Division of the Academy, and Mr. Mourad TLiLi, Advisor to the Secretary General for Media and Public Relations Affairs.



IIFA and SMIIC Sign a Memorandum of Cooperation

Seeking to build strategic partnership relations with the scientific and research agencies and centers operating under the banner of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), and desiring to enable those agencies and centers to make the most of the resolutions and recommendations of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), which include effective solutions to many of the problems of contemporary life and its emerging issues, His Excellency Professor Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, and His Excellency Dr. Ihsan Ovut, Secretary General of the Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIIC) affiliated to the OIC, signed a memorandum of strategic cooperation between the two parties, on Tuesday 02 Rajab 1444H corresponding to 24 January 2023G, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah. This memorandum aims to build a strategic partnership between the two institutions in the field of issuing Shariah specifications and standards for the Halal industry in slaughterhouses, food, beverages, etc., in order to achieve the goals of the OIC in promoting the Halal industry that adheres to Islamic standards, and in pursuit of the commitment of Member States and Muslim communities to all Shariah standards for Halal products of foods, medicines, and others, through research and scientific cooperation, joint organization of conferences and seminars, holding workshops and training,



exchanging publications and periodicals, and representing the two parties in the work of conferences and seminars held by each of them in the field of common interest between them. After signing the memorandum, His Excellency the Secretary General of the Academy expressed his great pleasure at the completion of this important agreement, not only for the two parties, but for all the member states of the OIC because of its direct impact on the lives of millions of Muslims and their livelihood all over the world, praising the important role the institute plays in determining Shariah standards and specifications that regulate all halal industries such as food, drink, clothing and medicine. His Excellency added by expressing the aspiration of the Academy to further cooperation and coordination with the Institute to set all Shariah standards and specifications for many halal products that still need Shariah codifying in support of the manufacture and trade of halal products in our Muslim world and to serve Muslims inside and outside the OIC countries. In conclusion, His Excellency invited Dr. Ovut to attend and participate in the 25th Academy's Session during the

coming month of February. For his part, His Excellency Dr. Ihsan Ovut expressed his pride and pleasure in signing this important agreement with the Academy, praising the keenness of the Academy under the leadership of His Excellency the Secretary General to codify and structure positive cooperation between the institute and the Academy in an unprecedented push for all the efforts made for decades towards more focused cooperation and coordination in order to obtain greater and more comprehensive results. His Excellency stressed that the long-standing cooperation between the institute and the Academy in issues of halal products such as food, medicine and clothing, has yielded impressive results that have deeply affected this vital and growing sector, adding that this agreement will give a new spirit to this cooperation and provide it with a major impetus that enables it to keep pace with the scientific developments and changes, and technical progress in the food and drug industry in our contemporary world.



IIFA Mourns the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Gabonese Republic



With great sadness and sorrow, the General Secretariat of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) received the news of the sudden passing of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Gabon, Mr. Michel Musa Adamo, following an illness, and on this painful occasion, Mr. Mohamed Mondher El-Chouk, Director of Cabinet and Protocol Affairs at the Academy, offered condolences at the headquarters of the Consulate General of Gabon in Jeddah on behalf of His Excellency the Secretary

General of the Academy, Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano. Mr. El-Chouk conveyed to the Consulate General the condolences of His Excellency the Secretary General to the family of the deceased and to the Gabonese government and people, eulogizing the many merits of the deceased and his constant endeavor to promote and consolidate fruitful cooperation between his country and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and its organs for the benefit of all member states.

27th Monthly Periodic Meeting of the Academy's Employees



His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired on Sunday 08 Jumada II 1444H corresponding to 01 January 2023G, the twenty-seventh monthly periodic meeting for the employees of the Academy, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah. His Excellency started the meeting by welcoming the attendees, congratulating everyone

on the new Gregorian year and expressing his hope that it will be a year full of achievements and successes for the Academy, similar to the previous one. On this occasion, he expressed his thanks and appreciation to all employees of the Academy's General Secretariat for their appreciated efforts during the past year, which contributed significantly to enabling the Academy to achieve many of its programs and projects. His Excellency then spoke about the major milestones that await the Academy during the current year, foremost of which is the convening of the twenty-fifth Session organized by the General Secretariat of the Academy, for the first time in its history, as the member states of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) were the ones that hosted the Sessions and took care of everything. Accordingly, His Excellency called on everyone to exert maximum efforts and to cooperate and continuously coordinate between departments and divisions in order to ensure

the success of the Session. Then the meeting discussed the items of the decisions issued by the previous meeting, and several new decisions were issued, the most important of which are:

- Instructing the Department of finance and administration to organize a full-day retreat for all employees outside the headquarters of the General Secretariat, provided that it is entirely devoted to reviewing and discussing the five-year strategic plan.
- Launching the monthly lectures in person series under the Forum of the Islamic Fiqh Academy, starting from the first week of March right after the Session.
- instructing the Department of finance and administration to compensate additional working hours done by employees during the past year through official holidays instead of financial compensation.

5th Joint Weekly Meeting of Departments and Divisions

His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the fifth joint weekly meeting of the departments and divisions of the Academy, on Monday 9 Jumada II 1444H, corresponding to 02 January 2023G, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah. His Excellency opened the meeting by welcoming the employees of the Academy, including directors and heads of divisions, and thanking them for their attendance at the regular meetings of the Academy, pointing in particular to the importance of continuing joint meetings between departments and divisions on a weekly basis until the Academy's Session is held, in order to intensify coordination and cooperation between all the various committees that were formed some time ago to carry out all the work related to preparing for the Session at the end of



next February. Then all the committees, one after the other, reviewed in front of His Excellency the reports of the work accomplished during the past week and presented the progress that had been achieved and the difficulties and problems they faced in order to discuss them and propose appropriate solutions to them to avoid

any disruption to work procedures. To achieve this, His Excellency urged all committees to maintain coordination and cooperation, and to submit daily reports to his office to help solve any emerging difficulties. Finally, the meeting discussed the items of the decisions issued by the previous meeting, and several new decisions were issued, the most important of which are:

- Start sending complete and edited research papers to all members of the Academy's Council during the first week of January.
- Asking the scientific committee to make sure that the Academy calls for papers from all members of the Academy's Council on the various topics of the Session.
- Sending draft Academy resolutions to some members and experts to express their observations and comments on them well in advance of the date of the Session.

6th Joint Weekly Meeting of Departments and Divisions



His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the sixth joint weekly meeting of the departments and divisions of the Academy, on Monday 16 Jumada II 1444H

corresponding to 09 January 2023G, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah. His Excellency opened the meeting by welcoming the attendees, and thanked Mr. Saad Salah El-Din, Head of the Media Division at the Academy, for the appreciated efforts he made to deliver the session agenda booklet. Then the committees reviewed their reports on the work done during the past week, followed by extensive discussions by the attendees about the best ways to complete the remaining work. In conclusion, His Excellency urged all committees to persevere in cooperation and coordination among themselves, and to quickly submit all their needs directly to the Department of Financial and Administrative Affairs, so that they can be

approved and met immediately. Then the meeting discussed the items of the decisions issued by the previous meeting, and several new decisions were issued, the most important of which are:

- Sending ready and formatted research papers in PDF format to the Academy's members for review in sufficient time before the session.
- Preparing an integrated plan on coordinating work between the welcoming, housing and transport committees, and presenting it for discussion during the next meeting.
- Adopting one file for the final list of participants in the session, containing all their details, for submission to the Emirate of Makkah Al-Mukarramah Province.

7th Joint Weekly Meeting of Departments and Divisions



His Excellency Professor Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the seventh joint weekly meeting of the departments and divisions of the Academy, on Thursday 26 Jumada II 1444H, corresponding 19 January

2023G, via visual communication technology from his residence in the Mauritanian capital Nouakchott. His Excellency opened the meeting by welcoming the attendees, and thanking all the committees of the Session for the work they are doing and the progress they have achieved in the preparations for the 25th Session of the Academy. His Excellency then spoke about his current participation in the Third African Forum for Promoting Peace, which was held in Mauritania under the generous patronage of His Excellency the President of the Republic and with the participation of many African Heads of State, Their Excellencies Ministers, experts, academics and media professionals from all over the world. Then, as usual, the committees reviewed their weekly reports on their achievements during the past period, followed by in-depth discussions and

deliberations to overcome all the problems and difficulties facing the committees, especially with regard to travel arrangements for the participants in the Session and printing ready research at an early date that allows it to be distributed to the Academy members within reasonable deadlines for viewing and commenting on it. As a precautionary measure to ensure business continuity, His Excellency the Secretary General declared the suspension of all types of leaves, except for sick leave, until the end of the Session. Then the meeting discussed the items of the decisions issued by the previous meeting, and several new decisions were issued, the most important of which are: Final review of prepared and edited research before sending it to print. Adoption of a final list of participants in the Session who have been issued visas and tickets.

8th Joint Weekly Meeting of Departments and Divisions



His Excellency Professor Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), chaired the eighth joint weekly meeting of the departments and divisions of the Academy, on Tuesday 02 Rajab 1444H corresponding to 24 January 2023G, at the headquarters of the Academy's General Secretariat in Jeddah. His Excellency opened the meeting by welcoming everyone, thanking them for their good cooperation and dedication in performing their duties, praising

especially all the colleagues who worked over the weekend to fulfill the work requirements within the specified deadlines. His Excellency stressed the need for all employees to show a spirit of dedication to work and great care for the higher interest of the Academy in order to implement all the plans and programs that were developed in advance to serve the Muslim Ummah. This was followed by a review by the committees of their weekly reports on the work they carried out during the last week, and the difficulties and obstacles they encountered that prevented the realization of some activities and programs. In this context, His Excellency called on the chairmen of the committees and all the managers for more cooperation and coordination among them, and for more flexibility in communication between the employees in order to overcome all bureaucratic obstacles that prevent achieving the desired results within the expected deadlines.

Then the meeting discussed the items of the decisions issued by the previous meeting, and several new decisions were issued, the most important of which are: Establishing a comprehensive database of male and female researchers participating in the Session, classified by country, and including all necessary information about them in the 25th Session of the Academy. Start communicating with the participants who have obtained their visas and tickets in order to ensure their participation, as of next week. Arranging a meeting for the Board of Trustees of the Academy's Waqf Fund before the Session. Designing the next issue of the Academy's monthly newsletter in line with the theme of the Session in terms of form and content. Final review of draft resolutions and addition of seminar recommendations to them before the end of January.

Rays of Light on the Lives of the Academy's Scholars (9)

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 Professor Salih Togh



His Eminence Prof. Salih Togh was born in 1930G in Istanbul, Turkey, and graduated from the Faculty of Law at Istanbul University in 1954G. In 1963G, he completed his doctoral studies with a dissertation entitled "The Emergence of Islamic Tax Law" in the field of the history of Islamic Fiqh at the Faculty of Arts at Istanbul University. His Eminence was a designated member of Turkey to the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy from 1984G to 2008G, and he also held many important positions, including: teaching at Istanbul University until he became an associate professor in 1969G, and a professor in 1978G at the

same university in the Institute of Islamic Studies, and worked as director of the Istanbul Islamic Higher Education Institute, director at the Institute of Islamic Studies at Istanbul University (1969-1970), dean of Al-Hayat College at Marmara University (1982-1994), and he retired in 1997. Since the seventies of the last century, he worked at various levels in universities, institutions and various associations. He is the author of several books, research papers and articles in various fields, translated several books from Arabic and English into Turkish, and participated in a large number of international and local conferences and seminars.

His Eminence Sheikh Muhammad Vaez-Zadeh Khorasani



His Eminence Sheikh Muhammad Vaez-Zadeh Khorasani was born in 1926G in the city of Mashhad in Iran. Before starting elementary school, he went to the Qur'an schools and learned the Qur'an, after that he attended the elementary school classes as well as a religious school, and he moved to the scientific seminary (Hawza) in Mashhad to study religious sciences until 1949G. He studied various disciplines of Islamic sciences, including sciences and traditional knowledge, as well as higher levels in religious sciences. In 1949G he moved to the city of Qom to continue his higher religious studies. During his stay in Qom for about eleven years, he obtained a BA of ijtilah in sciences traditional knowledge, and he also obtained a BA in hadith at the hands of famous scholars.

His Eminence was a designated member of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, and he also held many other important positions, including: In 1960G, he began teaching at the University of Mashhad, and he taught various disciplines such as: Fiqh, history of Fiqh, history of hadith, explanation of hadith, interpretation of the Qur'an, history of interpretation of the Qur'an, linguistics, philosophy and others in the College of Islamic Studies, he was Vice-President of the International Union of Muslim Scholars, the first Secretary General of the International Academy for the Proximity of Islamic Doctrines, and the founder and first president of the University of Islamic Doctrines in Tehran. His Eminence passed away in 2016G in Iran.

His Eminence Dr. Saud bin Musaad bin Musaad Al-Thubaiti



His Eminence Dr. Saud bin Musaad bin Musaad Al-Thubaiti was born in Taif in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in 1370H (1951G), and he obtained a bachelor's degree from the College of Shariah and Islamic Studies in Makkah Al-Mukarramah in 1392H (1972G), then a master's degree on: (Divorce of spouses by the ruling of the judge) from Umm Al-Qura University in 1398H (1978G), then a Ph.D. in the review of the book "Al-Istighna' fi Al-Firaq wal-Istithana" by Muhammad bin Al-Bakri, from the same university in 1404H (1984G). His Eminence is an expert in the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, and also held a number of important positions, including: assistant

professor at the College of Shariah and Islamic Studies at Umm Al-Qura University, then head of the Shariah Department, then an associate professor at the same college, taught at the Grand Mosque, and was a member of the committees: the Encyclopedia of Economic Fiqh at the Academy, the Encyclopedia of Fiqh Rules, Planning Committee in Jeddah, the Curriculum Committee in the Department of Shariah at Umm Al-Qura University, and the Libraries Committee at Umm Al-Qura University. He participated in several scientific conferences and has many publications in various fields.

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25th Session of the Academy starts in Jeddah under the patronage of HRH Prince Khalid Al-Faisal



On behalf of His Royal Highness Prince Khalid Al-Faisal, Advisor to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques and Governor of Makkah Al-Mukarramah Region, His Highness Prince Saud bin Abdullah bin Mansour bin Jalawi, Governor of Jeddah, patronized on Monday evening, 29 Rajab 1444 AH corresponding to February 20, 2023 G, the work of the twenty-fifth session of the Conference of the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy at the Hilton Hotel in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Upon his arrival, His Highness was received by HE Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Hussein Ibrahim Taha, HE Advisor at the Royal Court, member of the Council of Senior Scholars, Imam and preacher of the Grand Mosque, President of the Academy Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Abdullah



bin Humaid, HE Secretary General of the Academy Dr. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, and a number of Their Excellencies members and experts of the Academy, and dignitaries participating in the session. Upon his arrival of His Royal Highness, the royal anthem was played, then His Highness and the audience watched a documentary film that tells the origin, mission and vision of the Academy, then His Excellency the Secretary-General of the Academy delivered a welcoming speech

in which he expressed the thanks of the members of the Academy and its experts and their great gratitude to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the King, the government and the people for the unlimited support and care that the Academy has been enjoying since its establishment to this day. He also expressed their deep gratitude and sincere praise to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, and to his faithful Crown Prince, His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, may God protect them, for their special support for this session. he end by saying "Here is the kingdom of knowledge, religion, humanity and pride, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, welcoming the heirs of the noble prophets. Here is the city of Jeddah rejoicing in the arrival of those entrusted by the Holy Creator to his religion, and their Prophet recommended them to report it, and here is the Ummah of Islam from everywhere waiting from those whom God has assigned to show effective solutions to the problems of contemporary life and its accumulated challenges, and satisfactory answers to the calamities and developments that have been descending on them, and crowding on their yard. Then His Excellency the President of



the Academy delivered his framing speech in which he explained that the current session of the Academy is diverse in terms of the number of participants, in terms of topics, and the volume of research submitted to it, and noted that the participants represent a group of the finest scholars and thinkers of the Ummah, and in terms of topics, it amounted to fifteen topics distributed on important topics in the calamities of worship, family challenges, societal issues, and education and

in business and finance. He concluded his speech by saying: "The hope is pinned on you, the scholars and experts, after God Almighty, to carry out, God willing, the duty of the clarification and explanation, which God took on the people of knowledge at all times and places "to show it to people and do not keep it secret", based on the book that God made an explanation of everything, guidance and mercy, and following the guidance of the best of God's creation, and a commitment to the approach of moderation, which was followed by the righteous Companions, the successor and their followers ." Then His Excellency the Secretary-General of the Organization delivered a speech in which he welcomed the guests and participants, and pointed out that the themes of this session are among the matters that impose themselves on the Islamic Ummah and its intellectual and religious centers, especially the Academy, and stated that the General Secretariat of the Organization affirms support for the journey and trajectory of the Academy, and calls on all Member States to support it in general. At the end of the ceremony, His Highness the Governor of Jeddah presented commemorative shields to the sponsors of the session, namely the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia represented by the Permanent Mission of the Kingdom to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, the branch of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Makkah Region, and the Al Baraka Forum for Islamic Economy. His Excellency the President of the Academy then presented a commemorative shield to His Royal Highness Prince Khalid Al-Faisal on behalf of the Academy, and handed it over to His Highness Prince Saud bin Abdullah bin Mansour bin Jalawi, Governor of Jeddah.



Keynote of OIC Secretary General at the Opening of IIFA's 25th Session



HRH Prince Khalid Al-Faisal, Advisor to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques and Governor of Makkah Region His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Humaid, President of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy His Excellency Prof. Kotoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy His Excellency Dr. Saleh Al-Suhaibani, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia H.E. Sheikh Abdulla Saleh Kamel, Chairman of the Board of Al Baraka Islamic Economy Forum His Excellency Ambassador Mazen bin Hamad Al-Hamali, Director General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Branch in Makkah Region Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen Assalam alaikum wa Rahmat Allah wa barakatuh I am pleased to express my deepest thanks and appreciation to the International Islamic Fiqh Academy for its successful organization of its twenty-fifth session. Allow me to welcome all



the guests and participants of this blessed session, with God's help. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to His Royal Highness Prince Khalid Al-Faisal for his kind patronage of this session, and for his good endeavors to support the organization in general, and to support all its organs that work in the city of Jeddah. Ladies and Gentlemen. The jurisprudential and intellectual themes dealt with in this session are among the utmost necessities that have imposed themselves on the Islamic Ummah and its intellectual and religious centres, and on the International Islamic Fiqh Academy in particular. The issue of girls' education, which our true Islamic religion was a pioneer in the history of religions to resolve by achieving gender equality, is now on the table again because of the misconception adopted by some groups in this era. The Corona epidemic has also imposed a reality that mujtahids and scholars should respond to with fatwa, guidance and rationalization, as well as modern technology, especially social media, has imposed a new reality that must be dealt with wisely, all of which requires scholars and thinkers to respond appropriately to these challenges, and work to guide societies in a way that preserves their religion, and contributes to enhancing security and stability in the world. Excellencies, Eminences We in the General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation spare no effort in

supporting the Academy's endeavor and valuing its activities, reminding Member States of its support in general, and supporting its distinguished intellectual and jurisprudential projects in particular. Excellencies, Eminences Whoever does not thank people does not thank God. For this, we extend our sincere thanks to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, and his faithful Crown Prince, His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, may God protect them, for their keenness to provide all means of work and success for the Academy and the Organization. I would also like to thank His Excellency Dr. Saleh bin Humaid, President of the Academy, and His Excellency Dr. Koutoub Moustapha Sano for their tremendous efforts in running the Academy and striving to achieve its noble goals. I thank His Excellency Sheikh Abdullah Saleh Kamel, His Excellency the Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the Organization, and His Excellency the Director General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Branch in the Kingdom, for their support for this session, and I thank all Their Excellencies and Eminences for their attendance, and all the hidden soldiers who spent day and night to organize this session in the best possible way. Assalam alaikum wa Rahmat Allah wa barakatuh

Keynote of IIFA President at the Opening of 25th Session



Praise be to Allah who taught man what he did not know, and peace and blessings be upon the Prophet who taught him the Book and wisdom, and upon his good family and, on his righteous companions, and their followers until the Day of Judgment. His Royal Highness, Prince Khalid bin Faisal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Advisor to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, Governor of the Holy Makkah Region, Your Excellency Mr. Hussein Ibrahim Taha, Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, Your Excellency Prof. Kotoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, Your Highnesses, Eminences, Excellencies, distinguished scholars, Honorable Audience, Assalam alaikum wa Rahmat Allah wa barakatuh I welcome all of you on this happy evening in the land of the Two Holy Mosques. I welcome you dear guests of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and I also thank you on behalf of the patron of this session, His Royal Highness Prince Khalid bin Faisal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Advisor to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, Governor of Makkah Region, may God protect him, for taking the trouble to travel in order to participate in this session, which is held after the end of a global pandemic during which we lost great scholars from the members and experts of the Academy. They departed from our mortal world, and joined the supreme companion after they left the Ummah good traces and good remembrance, may God have mercy on them, forgive them, and bless their resting place, and bring us together with them and those who preceded them by faith in the gardens of the Jannah in a seat of truth with a mighty king. Your Highness, Brothers and Sisters, This twenty-fifth session of the Conference of the Council of your esteemed Academy is a unique session in terms of its participants, in terms of its topics, in terms of the volume of research and studies submitted to it, they represent the finest scholars and prominent thinkers of the Ummah men and women, and of all the respected Islamic schools of

jurisprudence, and their number exceeds two hundred scholars belonging to more than fifty member states of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and Muslim communities; In terms of their topics, they amount to fifteen topics distributed on important themes in the calamities of worship, and important topics in the challenges of the family, sociology and education, and current topics in the developments of finance and business, and the amount of research, amounted to one hundred and sixty-five pieces. Dear Audience..... It is hoped that you, the scholars and experts, after God Almighty, will carry out during the next four days, God willing, the duty of the statement that God has taken on the people of knowledge at all times and places (To show it to people and do not conceal it), based on the book that God made an explanation of everything, guidance and mercy, and following the guidance of the best of the creation, the Prophet, the prayers of my Lord and His blessings be on him, and in commitment to the approach of moderation that was followed by the righteous ancestors of the honorable companions, may God be pleased with them, and the great followers, and the imams of ijtihad, may God have mercy on them, when looking, deduction and inference, hoping from God, the glory of His praise, to open to you, and help you to bear the responsibility of reporting, and help you to provide effective solutions to the problems of contemporary life, guidance for calamities, directing developments, rationalization of the changing human reality, and the seeking inspiration from the Messenger of Allah, may God's peace and blessings be upon him: Whoever Allah repays with good will make them have deep understanding of religion, and teach them interpretation. Your Royal Highness, At the end of this brief speech, Your Eminences, and Excellencies, members and experts of the Academy, kindly request you to convey their greetings and thanks to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, King of the

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, may God protect them, for the continuous support, great and generous care, the Academy has received since its establishment to this day, may God reward them for us and the Ummah with the best reward, and may He perpetuate the blessing of security, safety, stability and prosperity on our beloved Kingdom, the leadership and people.

Your Royal Highness, great thanks and gratitude for your blessed honor and generous patronage of this session on behalf of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, may God protect you and reward you, abundantly. Finally, on behalf of all of you, I renew my thanks and gratitude to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia represented by its Permanent Representative to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and its branch in Makkah Al-Mukarramah Region, for its generous support for this session, and expressed the Academy's thanks to the Chairman of the Al Baraka Forum for Islamic Economy, Sheikh Abdullah Saleh Kamel, for his generous support for this session, may God reward him with the best reward. I would like to thank my dear brother, His Excellency Mr. Hussein Ibrahim Taha, Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, for his continuous support to the Academy, and to His Excellency my dear colleague, Prof. Dr. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, and to all the employees of the Academy for their hard work in the outstanding preparation and wonderful organization of this session. To all those who attended, participated and contributed to the success of this session, thanks and appreciation, may God help us all to what is good for our religion and our world. May Allah bless our master Muhammad, his family and all his companions.

Keynote of IIFA Secretary General at the Opening of 25th Session



Praise be to Allah, the One on Who all depend Who did not beget and was not begotten, and peace and blessings be upon the Prophet of compassion and mercy, and upon his companions, the followers and their successors until the Day of Judgment, His Highness Prince Saud bin Abdullah bin Mansour bin Jalawi, Governor of Jeddah, and representative of His Royal Highness Prince Khalid Al-Faisal, Advisor to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, Governor of Makkah Region, Your Excellency Mr. Hussein Ibrahim Taha, Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Abdullah bin Humaid, Advisor at the Royal Court, Member of the Council of Senior Scholars, Imam and preacher of the Grand Mosque, and President of the Academy, His Excellency Sheikh Abdullah Saleh Kamel, Chairman of the Board of Al Baraka Forum for Islamic Economy,

Your Excellency Dr. Saleh Al-Suhaibani, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, His Excellency Ambassador Mazen bin Hamad Al-Hamali, Director General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Branch in Makkah Region Your Highnesses, Excellencies and Eminences, Assalam alaikum wa Rahmat Allah wa barakatuh Four years, during which humanity suffered colors of calamities, sorrows and pains that it had never known before, and humanity experienced in the midst of it forms of challenges and changes that it had never experienced, but under which the world witnessed types of calamities and developments that it was never familiar with. Yes, years made absent from our world great jurists and great experts, who were dedicated to the service of this Council, and were devoted to God in their sober jurisprudence during its various sessions. They did not get tired of clarification and explanation, and they did not tire of rooting and writing, may God have mercy on them and dwell them in the vastness of His paradise. Honorable Audience Here is the kingdom of scholarship, knowledge, religion, humanity and chivalry, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, welcoming the heirs of the noble prophets, and here is the guarded city of Jeddah rejoicing in welcoming those entrusted with their religion by the Holy Creator, and their prophet recommended them to report it. The Ummah of Islam is waiting from everywhere for those whom God has entrusted to show effective

solutions to the problems of contemporary life and its accumulated challenges, and satisfactory answers to the calamities and developments that have been descending on them, and crowding on their arena. Your Highness The Academy seizes this historic occasion to renew its permanent praise and great gratitude to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, King of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and to his faithful Crown Prince, His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Prime Minister for the constant and great care it receives, and in particular their generous support for this session through its Permanent Delegation to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and the branch of its Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The Academy also expresses its deep appreciation to His Royal Highness Prince Khalid Al-Faisal for his patronage of this session, represented by Your Highness, and also expresses his great gratitude to His Excellency Sheikh Abdullah Saleh Kamel for his generous support for this session.

Excellencies, Eminences, thank you very much for the hardships you endured to participate in this session. May Allah make that in your good deeds scale. Honorable Audience In conclusion, may God bless us with the abundance of His mercy, understand us as Solomon (peace be upon him) understood, and bless us with His guidance.



H.E. Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Humaid unanimously elected as Chairman of the IIFA's Council



On Monday morning, 29 Rajab 1444 AH corresponding to 20 February 2023 G, the organizational meeting of the designated members of the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy representing the fifty-seven (57) member states of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) began, in the presence of appointed members of the Council representing a number of organizations and countries of Muslim communities. The Council was presented with the agenda of the twenty-fifth session of the Conference of the Council of the Academy, including the election of a President of the Council, the election of vice-chair, the election of members of the Bureau, the appointment of a general rapporteur for the session, the election of the heads of the units of the Academy, the adoption of the programme and sessions, and the briefing of the Council on the statements issued by the General Secretariat of the Academy and the recommendations

General Rapporteur of the session



Dr. Thaqeel bin Sayer Al-Shammari

of the specialized seminars organized by the General Secretariat during the past four years. The members of the Council of the Academy unanimously approved the re-election of His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Abdullah bin Humaid, President of the Academy, in appreciation of what the headquarters country, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, provides as king, government, and people, to this scientific edifice through His Excellency's tireless pursuit of the wise leadership to continue support and care, as well as what His Excellency represents as a model of moderation and high morals, may God protect him, and perpetuate the blessing of security, safety, stability and prosperity on the headquarters state. The following eminent persons were also elected as Vice-Presidents of the Academy: Dr. Hamdati Shabihna Maelainin as Vice-Chairperson representing the Arab Group, Dr. Omar Jah as Vice-Chairperson representing the African Group, and Dr. Datuk Haji Wan Zahidi Bin Wan Tah as Vice-Chairperson representing the Asian Group. The following eminent persons were elected as members of the Bureau, that the Arab Group was represented by Dr. Ahmed Al-Haddad, representative of the United Arab Emirates, and Dr. Ajil Al-Nashmi, representative of the State of Kuwait. On behalf of the Asian Group, Dr. Murtaza Badr, representative of the Republic of Turkey, and Dr. Mehmet Taqi Osmani, representative of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. On behalf of the African Group, Dr. Aboubacar Doucouré, representative of Burkina Faso, and Dr. Tijani Saboun, representative of the Republic of Chad. His Eminence Dr. Thaqeel bin Sayer Al-

Shammari, representative of the State of Qatar, was appointed Rapporteur General of the session. The following eminent persons were elected as heads of the units of the Academy: His Excellency the President of the Academy as Head of the Fatwa Division according to the system, His Eminence Prof. Dr. Ali Gomaa, Representative of the Arab Republic of Egypt, Head of Studies, Research and Islamic Heritage, and His Eminence Dr. Abu Bakr Idris Mega: Head of the Division of Rapprochement between Sects His Eminence Dr. Abdullah Al-Maarouf Shah Alam: Head of the Translation and Publishing Division, His Eminence Dr. Kahlan Al-Kharusi: Head of Encyclopedias and Dictionaries, His Excellency Dr. Muhammad Al-Khalaileh: Head of the Legislation Division, His Eminence Dr. Konaté Arna: Head of the Planning and Follow-up Division, and His Eminence Dr. Muhammad Al-Bashari: Head of the Dialogue with Followers of Other Religions and Cultures. His Excellency the Secretary-General then presented to the Council the statements issued by the General Secretariat in consultation with His Excellency the President of the Academy, and also presented to the Council the recommendations of the specialized seminars organized by the General Secretariat after the twenty-fourth session, and the Council took note of this. His Excellency noted that this session is the largest session in the history of the Academy in terms of the volume of topics and research, and in terms of the number of participants. He pointed out that nearly 300 scholars from all over the world participated to discuss 165 research papers on 15 topics of interest to the Muslim Ummah and Muslim communities. His Excellency the Secretary-General concluded his presentation by expressing his sincere thanks, great appreciation and gratitude to the leadership and people of the headquarters State for the great facilities and distinguished services enjoyed by the General Secretariat at all levels. He also expressed his special thanks to His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Abdullah bin Humaid for the guidance and care given to the General Secretariat, may God prolong his life, and benefit the Ummah with his knowledge and morals. After that, His Excellency the President of the Academy announced the conclusion of the procedural meeting of the Council, and thanked the members for their confidence in the headquarters country, its leadership, its people and in its person, asking God to help him to deserve this trust, and to assume responsibility.

Elected Vice-Presidents of the Academy



Dr. Datuk Haji Wan Zahidi Bin Wan Tah as Vice-Chairman representing the Asian Group



His Eminence Dr. Omar Jah, Vice-Chairman representing the African Group



His Eminence Dr. Hamdati Shabihna Ma Al-Enein as Vice President representing the Arab Group

Elected members of the Bureau of the Academy



Arab Group

Dr. Ajeel Al-Nashmi, Representative of the State of Kuwait



Asian Group

His Eminence Dr. Muhammad Taqi Usmani, Representative of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan



African Group

H.E. Dr. Aboubacar Doucouré, Representative of Burkina Faso



Arab Group

His Eminence Dr. Ahmed Al-Haddad, Representative of the United Arab Emirates



Asian Group

His Eminence Dr. Murtaza Badr, representative of the Republic of Turkey



African Group

Dr. Tijani Soboun Republic of Chad

Elected Heads of the Divisions of the Academy



His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Abdullah bin Humaid, Chairman of the Fatwa Division



His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Vice President of the Fatwa Division



H.E. Dr. Mohammed Al-Khalaileh: Head of the Legislation Division



Prof. Ali Gomaa, Head of the Division of Studies, Research and Islamic Heritage



His Eminence Dr. Abu Bakr Idris Mega: Head of the Division of Rapprochement between Schools



His Eminence Dr. Abdullah Al-Maarouf Shah Alam: Head of the Translation and Publishing Division



Dr. Kahlan Al-Kharusi: Head of Encyclopedias and Dictionaries



Dr. Konaté Arna: Head of the Planning and Follow-up Division



Dr. Mohammed Al-Bashari: Head of the Division of Dialogue with Followers of Other Religions and Cultures

Statement of IIFA Council concerning the Turkey-Syria Earthquake



Praise be to Allah, Lord of the Worlds, and prayers and peace be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family and all his companions. And after: With hearts full of faith in God's decree and destiny, and hearts of consolation surrender to the command and will of the Lord, the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, emanating from the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), expresses its deep sorrow and melancholy for the devastating earthquake that killed tens of thousands in the Republic of Turkey and in the Syrian Arab Republic, praying to God to accept those who died in the martyrs, and to grant

those who were wounded a speedy recovery, and to inspire their families and relatives patience and solace, for we belong to God and to Him we return. In the face of this tragic and horrific humanitarian situation, the Council of the Academy expresses its sincere condolences to the families of the two brotherly peoples, praying to God Almighty to be kind to them and to help them overcome the devastating effects of this disaster. The Council of the Academy, while affirming its full solidarity with the two noble peoples, calls on the nation and the human community to provide them with the relief and

assistance they need through official channels. On this occasion, it commends the relief efforts made by the Government of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, in particular, and his brothers, Their Highnesses and Excellencies, the leaders of the OIC Member States in general, may Allah expedite the removal of the effects of this affliction sooner rather than later. May Allah bless our master Muhammad, his family and companions. Jeddah on: 3 of Sha'ban 1444 Corresponding to 23 February 2023 Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy

Statement of IIFA Council denouncing Holy Quran Burning in Sweden, Denmark, and elsewhere



Praise be to Allah, Lord of the Worlds, and prayers and peace be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family and all his companions. The Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) condemns in the strongest terms the burning of copies of the Book of Allah by extremists in Sweden, Denmark and elsewhere. The Holy Quran. This is an expression of their hidden hatred against a religion followed by nearly two billion people in the world, and an affirmation of the

growing disease of Islamophobia in their thought and behavior. Proceeding from its Islamic position as the supreme jurisprudential authority of the Islamic Ummah, and from its sense of the duty of the scholars who advise, and in order to preserve the long-standing relations between Muslims and all societies, and in defense of world peace, and in an effort to consolidate harmony among peoples, the Council of the Academy reaffirms that such irresponsible acts and demagogic acts have not and will not undermine the sanctity of the Holy

Qur'an. It is the glorious book whose verses are not hypothetical, revealed from the All-knowing, falsehood does not come from its hands or from behind it. It was revealed for guidance to the pious, exhortation to the believers, and guidance to all people. The Council affirms that these mob acts will not budge the status of the Holy Qur'an in the hearts of Muslims, but rather increase their strength and affirmation. The Council reiterates its call on States, institutions and international organizations to strengthen cooperation and coordination in order to confront irresponsible acts that disregard sanctities and religious symbols, and to work together to issue international resolutions criminalizing such acts practiced under the pretext of freedom of expression. The Council also calls on Islamic States and organizations to file lawsuits in the competent domestic and international courts against anyone who attempts to commit such crimes against Islam, its Prophet and its symbols. May Allah bless our master Muhammad, his family and companions, and those who follow him with charity until the Day of Judgment.

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Closing of 25th Session of IIFA in Jeddah



The Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy concluded the work of its twenty-fifth session on Thursday evening, 03 of the month of Sha'ban 1444 AH corresponding to February 23, 2023 G in Jeddah, under the chairmanship of His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Abdullah bin Humaid, President of the Academy. The ceremony began with the recitation of verses from the Holy Quran, and then His Eminence Sheikh Dr. Thaqa'il bin Sayer Zaid Al-Shammari, General Rapporteur of the session, presented a summary of the most important resolutions and recommendations issued by the Council in this session, totaling seventeen (17) decisions and



recommendations, and His Eminence explained that the session issued resolutions on the ruling on education, both religious and secular, for males and females in Islam, and on the impact of the Corona pandemic on the provisions of worship, family and felonies. It also included the impact of the Corona pandemic on the provisions of worship, transactions, contracts and obligations, on the phenomenon of reading in prayer in non-Arabic, on the explanation of the ruling on praying behind the telephone, radio and television, on the provisions and controls of social media, and others. He also explained that the session postponed the issuance of decisions on wills and their role in combating poverty in societies, on abortion due to rape, on modern mental illness and its impact on eligibility in Sharia, on composite and hybrid sukuk and on letters of guarantee and documentary credit. Then His Excellency Ambassador Dr. Saleh bin Hamad Al-Suhaibani, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, delivered a

speech in which he stressed the continuation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, under the leadership of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, and his faithful Crown Prince, His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, may God protect them, in



providing all forms of support to the efforts of the blessed Academy. He pointed out that this support from the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the Academy comes from the keenness of the wise leadership on the importance of unifying the word of the Ummah, and integrating the efforts of scholars and jurists for the benefit of Islam and Muslims in various parts of the world. He added, "This support also comes from the Kingdom's sense of the importance of the Academy and the heavy burdens it undertakes and the great service it provides to Muslims in various parts of the world in order to direct their intellectual, scientific and jurisprudential approaches and bringing them closer together in this field." He expressed his hope that the results of this session, held under challenging regional and international circumstances, will embody "the ability of Sharia to find solutions and address



all emerging issues, calamities and problems of the age with a bright jurisprudential vision and in creative ways based on moderation and so as to achieve the interests of people and serve security and stability in all Islamic countries. In accordance with the supreme objectives of Islamic law, and to achieve intellectual integration between the various Muslim scholars and jurists in this regard." He pointed out that "hopes are pinned on the scholars to present Islamic law in a presentation that rids it of the impurities attached to it by some extremist groups, and highlights its precious advantages and values and shows its



unique ability to address contemporary problems and to achieve human happiness and happiness in this world and the hereafter, and to confront the new methods of atheism and deviation that have begun to invade some of the Ummah's youth and consider how to make use of the modern technical revolution". His Excellency Dr. Yousef bin Hassan Al-Khalawi, Secretary General of the Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture, delivered a speech in which he expressed the pride of the Al Baraka Forum for Islamic Economy in the close cooperation and strategic partnership that resulted in the successful holding of this session, stressing the forum's readiness to strengthen cooperation and partnership relations with the Academy in order to enable it to carry out its grave intellectual responsibility in dealing with challenges, calamities and developments. He praised the importance of teamwork, meticulous planning, and integrated preparation, and the impact of all of this on the sustainability and success of Islamic



work, and concluded his speech by congratulating the Academy on the success of the conference and achieving its objectives. Then His Excellency Prof. Dr. Kotoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, read two statements issued by the Council of the Academy, and the first statement included an expression of the full solidarity of the nation's scholars and intellectuals with the peoples of Turkey and Syria after the devastating earthquake that struck the two countries, calling on the Islamic Ummah and the



humanitarian community to provide them with the assistance they need through official authorities and reliable relief institutions. The second statement included a denunciation of what the world has witnessed recently of the burning of copies of the Holy Quran by some extremists in Sweden, Denmark and others. The statement condemned in the strongest terms that demagogic behavior towards a religion followed by nearly two billion people in the world, stressing that such reckless actions did not and will not affect the sanctity of the Holy Qur'an, and will not budge the status of the Holy Qur'an in the hearts of Muslims, but rather increase its strength and love. He called on states, institutions and international organizations to strengthen cooperation and coordination in order to confront all forms of behavior that despise sanctities and religious symbols, and to issue international resolutions criminalizing heinous acts under the pretext of freedom of expression and others, and to file lawsuits in the competent courts against anyone who is tempted to commit such crimes against Islam, its Prophet and its symbols. His



Excellency then read two cables of thanks and appreciation from the Council submitted to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, King of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and to the Crown Prince, His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman, Prime Minister of Saudi Arabia, in an expression of the thanks of the Ummah's scholars and intellectuals to the leadership and people of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for its



continuous support for the Academy since its establishment to this day, and for its support in particular for this session, and the two cables included praise for the great interest of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques and his wise government in Islamic affairs, defending the causes of the Ummah, and honorable service to the Two Holy Mosques and the holy sites, and also included praising the comprehensive renaissance witnessed by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia under the wise leadership of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, which elevated the Kingdom to the ranks of developed countries. His Excellency also read a cable of thanks and appreciation addressed to His Royal Highness Prince Khalid Al-Faisal to express their thanks for his generous patronage of this session, and his delegation to the Governor of Jeddah, His Highness Prince Saud bin Abdullah bin Jalawi, for the opening of its work. Then His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Abdullah bin Humaid, Chairman of the Council of the Academy, delivered the closing speech, in which he



expressed his thanks and praise to the Holy God for enabling the Council to conclude the work of the twenty-fifth session, praising the good results reached in accordance with the scientific path and the ijthad consideration, which is based on a firm basis of scientific research and sober analysis and keenness to enable Muslims to face emerging problems by providing appropriate solutions that emanate from Sharia and respond to the needs of the times through authentic ijthad. He pointed out that "Shariah has met the needs of people at



all times and places because of its flexible principles and rules aimed at achieving interests and warding off evils, which are taken from the legal texts of the Qur'an and Sunnah," he also stressed that "Islamic law is still and will remain in its full vitality and richness and it is capable of making humanity happy when it is put into practice." He pointed out that «it has become necessary to specialists to converge at the doors of the treasures of Islamic jurisprudence through this Academy, and to work with vigor to serve the Ummah, and to serve all humanity by extracting



jurisprudential investigations that deal with people's lives, and address their problems and display them in renewed robes according to the methodology followed in scientific studies without fanaticism in opinion or victory of a doctrine with the preponderance of valid opinions to the requirements of the age and the requirements of life in accordance with the legal principles and rules." He pointed out, may God protect him, that «the importance of Islamic jurisprudence in our Islamic societies is reflected in the fact that it deals directly with the life of the individual, family and society and deals with relations with non-Islamic societies, as well as that it works to issue fatwas, research and studies taken from the principles of the true religion and consistent with the development of life.» The ceremony concluded with a brief documentary presentation of the sessions of the Conference, and taking memorial photos of the participants in the Conference with His Excellency the President of the Academy, His Excellency the SecretaryGeneral, members of the Academy and its experts.



Resolutions and Recommendations of the Academy's 25th Session in Brief



Under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Khalid bin Faisal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Advisor to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques and Governor of Makkah Region, the twenty-fifth session of the Conference of the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy was held during the period between 29 Rajab and 3 of Shaaban 1444 AH corresponding to 19-23 February 2023G at the Hilton Hotel in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The session was inaugurated by His Highness Prince Saud bin Abdullah bin Mansour bin Jalawi, Governor of Jeddah, on behalf of His Royal Highness Prince Khalid Al-Faisal, in the presence of His Excellency Mr. Hussein Ibrahim Taha, Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Abdullah bin Humaid, Advisor at the Royal Court, Member of the Council of Senior Scholars, Imam and preacher of the Grand Mosque, President of the Academy, and His Excellency Prof. Dr. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, with the participation of nearly three hundred (300) scholars from more than sixty-five (65) OIC Member States and Muslim Communities have come from more than sixty-five (65) OIC Member States and Muslim Communities. Over the course of four days, His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Abdullah bin Humaid, President of the Academy, chaired the sessions of the session, which amounted to fifteen



(15) sessions, in order to discuss one hundred and sixty-five (165) research papers prepared by the members of the Academy and its experts on the most important calamities and contemporary developments that await the Islamic Ummah and the world from the Academy to issue solid decisions and sober recommendations that

include a full statement of the provisions of Sharia in them. Praise be to Allah, the Council, after listening to the summaries of the research submitted to the session, and the deliberations and discussions that took place around it, was able to issue seventeen (17) resolutions in addition to its previous two hundred and thirty-eight resolutions, bringing the total resolutions of the Academy to two hundred and fifty-five (255) resolutions. One of the most important



resolutions and recommendations of the Council is a resolution on the statement of the ruling on education, both religious and secular, for males and females, as it decided that education, both religious and secular, is a legitimate right for males and females over the family, society and the state, as determined by the legal texts and the Ummah has agreed throughout the ages that they must be educated, which makes depriving either of them of any kind of useful education contrary to Sharia. The Council recommended responding to abnormal fatwas that violate the Qur'an, Sunnah and consensus that prevent girls from teaching and learning, and also recommended addressing all problems and obstacles that may prevent them from being able to teach and learn, praising the OIC Member States that have made the education of boys and girls a pillar of their renaissance and progress. The Council also issued



important resolutions on the provisions of the emerging Corona pandemic and its impact on worship, family, felonies, transactions, contracts and obligations, and also issued a resolution on the phenomenon of prayer in non-Arabic, which has recently begun to spread in some member states of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and the countries of Muslim societies, where it decided that it is not permissible to pray in non-Arabic, and the invalidity of prayer with translations of the meanings of the Holy Qur'an, and translations of the meanings of the obligatory remembrances (adhkar) in prayer. He called on the rulers of the OIC member



States to punish (ta'zir) all those who call or pray in non-Arabic, and also called on the fatwa bodies, scholars, imams and preachers to show the seriousness of this phenomenon, which is behind suspicious anti-Islamic parties and organizations with the aim of spreading sedition among Muslims by stirring up ethnic and racial strife and tearing the unity of Muslims. With regard to praying behind the telephone, radio and television, the Council decided that it is not permissible, whether the person praying is near or far, because of the imbalance in the conditions for following the union of space and time between the imam and the follower, the ability of the follower to see his imam or see the one who sees the imam, to hear direct takbeers, and the interruption of subordination, in addition to the many evils that this entails, including the invalidation of the pursuit of the congregation and disruption of the rationale behind having mosques. With regard to modern social media



and the controls for their use, the Council decided on the sanctity of transmitting, broadcasting, publishing and recording evil through these and other means, as well as the sanctity of spreading false news, rumors and everything that harms society in its security, stability, and the integrity of its religion, belief, and morals, and stressed that



denying vice through these means is restricted by observing the conditions, the most important of which is the realization of the interest of denial, and that the denial of the vice does not lead to a greater evil, and that the denial does not infringe on the authority of the guardian. The Council recommended avoiding the use of these means while driving by vehicles such as cars and others because of the consequent disasters such as traffic accidents, and also recommended to stay away from using them during the performance of some



acts of worship such as circumambulation (tawaf), saa'i and others because of the preoccupation and distraction from worship. With regard to the issue of foundlings and persons of unknown parentage, the Council decided that their care is a responsibility of the State when there is no sponsor for them, and also decided that it is permissible to attribute children of unknown parentage to those who claimed it if he is not belied by sense or reason, and it is also permissible to attribute to those who are proven to be his children in one of the ways of proof considered by Sharia, and affirmed that the person whose paternity is



proven to be required to support him and carry out his care. It also decided that the foundling and the unknown parentage should be given a good name, a good surname, and the nationality of the country in which they were found, noting that all the inalienable religious and civil rights of others are fixed for them, and called on the rulers to punish all those who disgrace them, or degrade them in a way that is deterrent. The Council recommended that it is not permissible to hand over a foundling and of unknown parentage to non-Islamic parties or unsafe persons, and that

whoever picks up a foundling or of unknown parentage should be breastfed by his wife, or breastfed by those who are forbidden to marry, such as his daughters, so that he feels at the time of realizing that he has parents to shelter to, care for him, and love him. On the phenomenon of street children, child beggars and children in forced labour, the Council decided that children should not be left to use public streets as their



permanent or temporary residence, or as a source of livelihood, nor should children be used to beg in the streets, in offices and in homes. They may not be employed in hard work that endangers their lives and deprives them of their rights to education, health and care. The Council called on scholars, imams, and preachers to promote awareness of the sanctity of child labour in hard work in mines, factories, offices and homes. With regard to the implementation of the objectives



of Sharia in transactions, the Council called on scholars, Sharia bodies and committees in Islamic financial institutions to take into account the implementation of the objectives when ijtihad in contemporary financial issues, and developments, while adhering to important Sharia controls such as not violating the purposes that are stronger than the considered Sharia evidence, taking into account the types and ranks of objectives, taking into account the five objectives of the overall Sharia when implementing the purposes of transactions, employing the legitimate purposes of financial transactions in drafting and interpreting contracts and modern financial transactions, and resolving the disputes arising from them due to pandemics and emergency circumstances in the



light of the purposes of financial transactions such as currency, clarity, and stability, as well as the importance of working with Sharia purposes to verify the realities of contemporary transactions, and their non-fictitiousness. With regard to the issue of sex change, the Council stated that what is called today sex reassignment, which means the transformation of a male into a female, or the transformation of a female into a male, is forbidden by law because it is a change of God's creation. The legal rulings relating to male and



female religious and civil duties and rights remain fixed for each of them as they were before one of them ostensibly transformed himself from male to female or from female to male, especially with regard to the provisions of custody, alimony and inheritance, because the conversion of himself into a female or male is not a real change, but rather an apparent change as decided by doctors, and has no effect on the rulings established before one of them commits this act. The Council called on governments and States to prevent the conduct of such operations, to raise awareness of their dangers and their destructive consequences for



the perpetrator and societies, and to direct people who have disorders or obsessions with gender identity for psychological or other reasons to seek treatment. There are important resolutions and recommendations on the role of Islamic social financing mechanisms in supporting humanitarian work to relief the afflicted by disasters and crises, and the provisions of contemporary applications of the changing debt. You can view all the resolutions and recommendations of the session through the Academy's website. Allah is the Grantor of success.

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Resolutions and Recommendations of the 25h Session of the Council of the Academy



In this issue...

For two and a half years, the Academy News has been committed to bringing you a detailed monthly report on the most important activities and programs organized by the Secretariat General of the Academy in an active effort to strengthen cooperation and communication with you, and with the firm desire to enable the members and experts of the Academy to familiarise themselves with the projects and initiatives implemented by the Secretariat General in order to achieve greater integration and coordination between the Academy and other pioneering scientific, intellectual and religious institutions and centres around the world. Dear reader, From 29 Rajab to 3 Shaaban 1444, corresponding to 20-23 February 2023, the Secretariat General of the Academy had the good fortune to hold the twenty-fifth Session of its Council in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, after a hiatus of almost four years, under the generous patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Khaled bin Faisal Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Advisor to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, Governor of the Makkah Region. Thanks be to Allah, it was a successful and distinguished Session, considered the largest Session in the history of the Academy since its establishment four decades ago, in terms of the number of its subjects, which amounted to seventeen (17) subjects, and in terms of the number of researches that were submitted to it, which amounted to one hundred and sixty-five (165) research papers, and in terms of the number of participants, both male and female, among researchers and thinkers, estimated to be around three hundred (300) researchers from over sixty-five (65) countries. What made this Session of the Academy more

distinguished, radiant, and splendid was the immortal and historic royal honour, namely the approval by the wise rulers of the Two Holy Mosques to allow all the participants of the Session to enter the Ka'bah and pray there, which proves the reverence of the Saudi rulers for knowledge and the honour they pay to scholars, the honour paid to scholars, the unity of the voice of Muslims, the closing of ranks and the affirmation of the great importance enjoyed by the people of knowledge and the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, and his trustworthy crown Prince, His Royal Highness Prince Muhammad bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, may Allah protect them. And eager to shed a brighter light on the resolutions concluded by the Ummah's eminent scholars in the 25th Session, which include satisfactory answers to the questions and demands that the world has been waiting for, as well as recommendations to enlighten the path of the walkers, and show guidance to those who aspire to lead a life with the wise teachings of the Shariah. The 29th issue of the Academy News will exclusively include the resolutions and recommendations issued by the 25th Session of the Academy, in the hope that readers will find it an adequate statement and a solid basis for Shariah rulings on many modern issues and current developments, including rulings on religious and secular education for both genders, on prayer behind the telephone, radio and television, on prayer in a language other than Arabic, on the pandemic of Covid-19, on modern social media and the rules for their use, on the phenomenon of children of unknown parentage, the phenomenon of street children, beggars and children working in hard labor, the impact of modern mental

illnesses on legal fitness, rulings on abortion in case of rape, on sex change, clarification of the controls on the use of legal objectives to guide contemporary financial transactions, clarification of the role of wills as an effective tool to fight poverty in societies, rulings on guarantee and documentary credit fees, etc. . The success of this Session would not have been possible without the grace and help of Allah, and the excellent support provided by the host country, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, through its Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Kingdom's Permanent Delegation to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, and the branch of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Makkah Al-Mukarramah region, the generous support provided by the Chairman of the Al-Baraka Forum for Islamic Economy, His Excellency Mr. Abdullah Kamel. May Allah reward the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, his trustworthy Crown Prince, and the honorable Saudi people for the continued support of the Academy, and may the Kingdom and all Muslim countries perpetually enjoy the blessing of security, safety, stability, and growth. In conclusion, we pray Allah the Almighty, may He be glorified, to reward the Academy, as members and experts, the Chairman of the Academy, H.E. Sheikh Dr. Saleh Al-Humaid, for his wise moderation of the discussions and debates of the 25th Session, and we pray to the Almighty that these resolutions and recommendations bring good to humanity and the earth. We wish nothing but reform, for Allah is our only support and success; we trust and return to Him.

Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano
 Secretary General of the Academy

In the name of Allah,
The Entirely Merciful, The Especially
Merciful
Praise is due to Allah, Lord of the worlds,
may the blessings and peace be upon our
master Muhammad, the seal of Prophets,
on his family, and all his companions.

Resolution No. 239 (1/25) Islamic Ruling on Religious and Non- Religious Education for Males and Females

The Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, holding its 25th session in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 29 Rajab - 3 Shaaban 1444H (20-23 February 2023), Having considered the Academy's resolution no. 38 (13/4) on Combatting Moral Evils, Areas of Islamic Unity, Methods of Benefiting from them, and the Islamization of Education in the Muslim World Today, issued at the 4th session in Jeddah, on 18-23 Jumada Al-Akhira 1408H (6-11 February 1988), Having considered the Academy's resolutions no. 164 (2/18) on Human Resources Development in the Muslim World, and no. 169 (18/7) on the Rights and Obligations of Muslim Women, issued at its 18th session in Putrajaya, Malaysia, on 24-29 Jumada Al-Akhira 1428H (9-14 July 2007), Having considered the Academy's resolution no. 236 (24/7) on the Role of Religious Education in Promoting Peace, issued at its 24th session in Dubai, on 7-9 Rabi' al-Awal 1441H (4-6 November 2019), Having considered the Secretariat General of the Academy's statement on the suspension of education for girls and women in Afghanistan's schools and universities, issued on 28 Jumada Al-Ula 1444H (22 December 2022), Having examined the research papers

submitted to the Academy on the Islamic Ruling on Religious and Non-Religious Education for Males and Females, Having listened to the discussions of the Academy's members and experts,

Resolves

First: Education in Islam is the process of acquiring the values, principles, knowledge, and skills that enable humans to worship and serve Allah, prosper in the universe, and achieve happiness and success in this world and the hereafter. Second: Teaching males and females beneficial sciences is a right upon the family, the society, and the state, and it is the right of both sexes to obtain all types of education at all its levels. The scholars have been unanimous about this right since the time of the Companions (RA) to this day, in accordance with the Almighty's words: {Read in the name of your Lord who created - created man from a clot * Recite, and your Lord is the most Generous - who taught by the pen - taught man what he knew not} Al-Alaq: 1-5 {So high [above all] is Allah, the Sovereign, the Truth. And [O Muhammad], do not hasten with [recitation of] the Qur'an before its revelation is completed to you, and say, "My Lord, increase me in knowledge."} Taha: 114 { And among people and moving creatures and grazing livestock are various colors similarly. Only those fear Allah, from among His slaves, who have knowledge. Indeed, Allah is Exalted in Might and Forgiving.} Fatir: 28 In addition to many verses of the Quran, Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said, according to a hadith reported by Ibn Majah from Anas bin Malik (RA): (Seeking knowledge is an obligation upon every Muslim). Third: Education prescribed in Islam includes any education that helps to achieve the five Masalih daruriya (necessary interests), namely the preservation of self, religion, family, mind,

and wealth, and also any education that helps to achieve the needed (Hājjiyyah) and complementary (Taḥsinīyyah) Masalih. This also includes religious education that enables humans to know what Allah has commanded, encouraged and prohibited of sayings and actions, which includes the sciences of aqeeda (creed), fiqh (jurisprudence) and usul fiqh (sources of fiqh), as well as the sciences of Sunnah (Prophet's traditions), and tafsir (exegesis). Similarly, it also includes worldly education that helps us understand the universe, life, and reality as well as enables the efficient use of what Allah has bestowed upon us. Examples include as medicine, engineering, economics, sociology, humanities, and natural sciences. Fourth: Spending on religious and non-religious education is one of the duties of the family, society, and the state, according to Sharia, because it is the bedrock for success in religious and worldly affairs, as well as for the goodness of mankind in this life and the hereafter. Fifth: It is not permissible in Sharia to deprive a male or a female of any beneficial education, whether it be religious or worldly, as this is a clear violation of Sharia texts that ordered their education, as well as a violation of the consensus of the Ummah throughout the ages, that both genders should be educated, not to mention the many harmful consequences of the lack of education, such as the spread of ignorance, impoverishment, and diseases, among others.

Recommendations

- 1- Addressing unusual fatwas that violate the teachings of the Quran and Sunnah, and prohibit women from learning and teaching.
- 2- Refuting views that deprive women of religious and worldly education with fallacious arguments and responding to them in ways that expose their falsehood.
- 3- Calling on governments to give more attention and care to enabling men and women to receive religious and worldly education at all levels, es-

pecially girls' education, which is of paramount importance in ensuring a good education for future generations.

4- Calling on states and communities to address the issues and barriers that prevent or limit many girls' participation in lifelong learning in both religious and non-religious education.

5- Scientific centers in universities, Fiqh academies, research centers, scientific journals, scholars, intellectuals, imams, and preachers should carry out greater efforts in guiding people and raising their awareness of the importance of education for men and women because education is the pillar of strength for nations in all fields, including defense, economy, politics, society, and health. It is also one of the reasons for nurturing moderation and the paving way for the rejection of extremism and fanaticism.

6- Calling on educational institutions, centers, and universities to improve their curricula and programs to prepare generations capable of transforming the challenges of the modern age into opportunities for prosperity, progress, and development, while strengthening the Islamic approach to education as it is the most effective approach to providing practical solutions to problems of modern life by meeting these challenges and seizing these opportunities.

7- Encouraging scientific research, developing creative and critical thinking, supporting innovation and invention, and strengthening scientific integration between religious and non-religious education, in order to prepare a full-fledged generation that is balanced both spiritually and physically, and in matters of religious and worldly life. The Council of the Academy applauds the efforts of numerous OIC Member States that have made the education of both males and females a pillar of their renaissance and progress.

Indeed, Allah is All-Knowing.

In the name of Allah,

The Entirely Merciful, The Especially Merciful

Praise is due to Allah, Lord of the worlds, may the blessings and peace be upon our master Muhammad, the seal of Prophets, on his family and all his companions.

Resolution No. 240 (2/25) Impact of Covid-19 Pandemic on Rulings of Worship, Family, and Crimes

The Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, holding its 25th session in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 29 Rajab - 3 Shaaban 1444H (20-23 February 2023), Having examined the research papers submitted to the Academy concerning the Impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic on the Rulings of Worship, Family, and Crimes, Having reviewed the recommendations of the Academy's Medical Fiqh Symposium concerning the Novel Coronavirus (Covid-19): Medical Treatments and Sharia Rulings, held via videoconferencing on 23 Shaaban 1441H (16 April 2020) Having reviewed the recommendations of the Academy's Medical Fiqh Symposium, concerning Sharia Rulings on Covid-19 Vaccines, their Purchase, and Financing their Distribution with Zakat Funds, held via videoconferencing on 10 Rajab 1442H (22 February 2021), Having listened to the discussions of the Academy's members and experts,

Resolves

First: A pandemic refers to an epidemic that has spread widely in large areas of neighboring countries, affecting a large number of people, and the novel coronavirus refers to the coronavirus that causes inflammation in the respiratory system, also known as Covid-19.

Second: The novel coronavirus (Covid-19) is a pandemic because it has spread worldwide; therefore, the Sharia rulings concerning pandemics and epidemics in Islamic jurisprudence apply. Third: The Sharia rulings concerning pandemics in general, and the Covid-19 pandemic in particular, include the following:

1- The ruler (government) should take measures to mitigate the spread of the pandemic, including the suspension of the Friday and daily congregational prayers in Mosques, Hajj and Umrah, imposition of curfews, closure of schools, and other measures for the preservation of lives.

2- It is permissible to use Zakat funds to purchase vaccines, medicines, or medical equipment for the poor, the needy, and whose hearts need to be reconciled as these are included in the eight beneficiaries of Zakat. The funding of vaccines, medicines, and treatments can also be financed from other sources, including charities, donations, awqaaf, and other various forms of giving.

3- It is permissible, if necessary, for Muslims to expedite the payment of Zakat and to pay it during the pandemic to the patient who is unable to pay the cost of medical treatment, as well as to workers, civil servants, and others who have lost their jobs due to the pandemic if they do not have enough to live on.

4- A Muslim who has died from coronavirus must be washed, wrapped, given a funeral, prayed over, and buried while taking the precautionary sanitary measures. Should this become unattainable, tayammum (dry ablution) may be performed on the corpse, provided it is feasible.

5- It is not permissible to cremate a corpse that has died from the coronavirus but should be buried while taking precautionary sanitary measures.

6- The funeral and the prayer over the deceased with the coronavirus depend on circumstances in a way that does not affect the healthy.

7- The deliberate spread of the coronavirus to healthy people is a punishable crime commensurate with the severity of the crime committed.

The Council of the Academy commends the fatwas and resolutions issued by the respected Sharia boards and Fiqh councils in a number of OIC Member States, which have contributed to mitigating the pandemic.

Indeed, Allah is All-Knowing.

In the name of Allah,
The Entirely Merciful, The Especially
Merciful

Praise is due to Allah, Lord of the worlds, may the blessings and peace be upon our master Muhammad, the seal of Prophets, on his family and all his companions.

Resolution No. 241 (3/25) Impact of Covid-19 Pandemic on Sharia Rulings of Transactions, Contracts, and Financial Obligations

The Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, holding its 25th session in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 29 Rajab - 3 Shaaban 1444H (20-23 February 2023), Having examined the research papers submitted to the Academy concerning the Impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on Sharia rulings of Transactions, Contracts, and Financial Obligations,

Having considered the Academy's previous resolution no. 240 (2/25) concerning the Impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic on the Rulings of Worship, Family, and Crimes, Having listened to the discussions and deliberations of the Academy's members and experts,

Resolves

First: The Covid-19 pandemic is considered one of the emergency excuses that allow for contractual obligations to be reviewed, either by postponement, cancellation, termination, or otherwise. According to Islamic jurisprudence, the Sharia rulings on transactions in this context fall under the same section of Sharia rulings relating to pandemics and epidemics. Second: The aggrieved party has the right, in contracts whose conclusion or execution has been disrupted during the pandemic in the presence of an earnest deposit, or a margin of seriousness to terminate the contract and recover the deposit and the margin of seriousness, or to settle for a temporary suspension of the execution of the contract's obligations, or to alleviate the obligation of the aggrieved party in a manner that reconciles the advantages of both parties. Third: The Covid-19 pandemic has no impact on residential rentals after the rented property has been used, and the rental amount remains a debt owed to the tenant if the latter is unable to pay it. Fourth: It is not permissible to enforce the penalty clause if the Covid-19 pandemic has been the cause of the delay in the contract's performance. Fifth: It is permissible under state supervision to redistribute salaries, in a measure compatible with the impact of the pandemic on public life; and in the interests of justice for all parties during the pandemic. It is also permissible to reduce wages following the reduction of working hours in proportion with the decreased output. Sixth: If Islamic cooperative insurance

is not accessible, it is permissible to turn to commercial insurance, to the extent needed, to cope with the consequences of the coronavirus. Seventh: The financial arrears arising from the various financing contracts whose installments have been hampered by the Covid-19 pandemic, should be reconciled with justice. Eighth: If an epidemic or a pandemic has similarities to the Covid-19 pandemic, it shall have the same Sharia rulings.

Recommendations

1- Calling on governments to implement well-organized and sustainable humanitarian initiatives at the local and global level to mitigate the ravaging material effects resulting from the bankruptcy of numerous corporations and institutions by providing support to the least developed countries and to the aggrieved local sectors, as well as delivering effective and necessary aid to displaced people, refugees, the homeless, people in distress, and victims of conflicts, natural disasters, and epidemics, whenever possible.

2- Calling on commercial enterprises, financial institutions, and philanthropists to extend their donations, grants, and charities for people materially affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. This can be achieved through the establishment of volunteer programs and projects with the goal of alleviating the pandemic's effects on them.

The Council of the Academy commends the principles and resolutions issued by the judicial authorities in a number of OIC Member States that have addressed the impact of the pandemic on the rulings of contracts, transactions, and financial obligations; and urges researchers to take notes of them in their studies.

Indeed, Allah is All-Knowing

In the name of Allah

The Entirely Merciful, The Especially
Merciful

Praise is due to Allah, Lord of the worlds,
may the blessings and peace be upon our
master Muhammad, the seal of Prophets,
on his family and all his companions.

Resolution No. 242 (4/25) Phenomenon of Non- Arabic Recitation in Salat

The Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, holding its 25th session in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 29 Rajab - 3 Shaaban 1444H (20-23 February 2023), Having examined the research papers submitted to the Academy concerning the Phenomenon of Non-Arabic Recitation in Salat, In light of the presentations of the Academy's members on this new phenomenon calling for salat in non-Arabic by reciting the translations of the meanings of the Noble Quran and adhkaar (prescribed invocations) as an alternative to the Arabic language, in which the Noble Quran was revealed, Having realized that this phenomenon is unrelated to the well-known juristic debate on the recitation of salat in languages other than Arabic, Having listened to the discussions and deliberations of the Academy's members and experts, and in order to curb the evils of this dangerous phenomenon,

Resolves

First: Salat or the regular compulsory prayer in Arabic is one of unanimously agreed-upon matters in both words and meaning (i.e., explicitly and implicitly); and one of the rites of Islam that the Ummah has practiced unanimously since the time of the Prophet's Companions (RA) to this day. Therefore, it is not permissible to

disagree with this well-established doctrine.

Second: Salat in a language other than Arabic is null and void. There is no excuse for a person not to learn in Arabic whatever is necessary from the Noble Quran and the prescribed invocations such as takbeer, tasbeeh, tasmee', tahmeed, tashahud, and so on. The only exceptions are a very new revert to Islam or someone completely incapable of learning the Arabic language. Third: The translation of the meanings of the Noble Quran is not considered Quran in itself by the consensus of all Muslims because the word Quran is a name that describes both the meanings and the structure as a whole. It is the inimitable and sequential word of Allah, which has a miraculous nature, that was revealed to Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) in a clear Arabic tongue. It is well-structured and fully contained between the two covers of the Mushaf, and its recitation has been legislated by Allah as an act of worship. However, translations of the meanings of the Quran are not Allah's words. Rather, they are the words of humans, devoid of miraculous characteristics and not free from error and misguidance, and hence their recitation cannot be regarded as an act of worship. Fourth: The performance of Salat with the translations of the meanings of the Noble Quran and adhkaar is null and void. It must be repeated appropriately because of dismissing one of the fundamental pillars of salat, thus the abandonment of the Arabic recitation of the Noble Quran as revealed to the Messenger of Allah (PBUH). Fifth: The official authorities are entitled to enact taazir (discretionary penalization) on anyone who performs or advocates salat in a language other than Arabic due to the vices associated with such actions. These vices are used as pretexts to divert people from the Noble Quran, replacing it with translations of its meanings, and promoting division within the Ummah by propagating linguistic and ethnic prejudices.

Recommendations

- 1- Urging governments of OIC Member States and institutions concerned with Muslim communities to take measures against those who advocate salat with the translations of the Noble Quran and adhkaar, which have begun to spread in some OIC Member States and among Muslim communities abroad, instigated by suspicious and anti-Islamic entities aiming to sow discord among Muslims.
- 2- Calling on Ifta authorities, Sharia boards, Fiqh councils, and academies, as well as imams and preachers, to emphasize the dangers of this phenomenon and its harmful effects on the Ummah's unity.
- 3- Calling on various institutions, including universities, schools, and scientific centers to facilitate the learning of Arabic so that every Muslim will be able to read the Noble Quran in Arabic, the language chosen by Allah the Almighty for His Glorious Word which is miraculous and magnificent in both its meanings and structure.

Indeed, Allah is All-Knowing.

In the name of Allah

The Entirely Merciful, The Especially
Merciful

Praise is due to Allah, Lord of the worlds,
may the blessings and peace be upon our
master Muhammad, the seal of Prophets,
on his family and all his companions.

Resolution No. 243 (5/25) Sharia Ruling on Salat behind Telephone, Radio, and Television

The Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, holding its 25th session in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 29 Rajab - 3 Shaaban 1444H (20-23 February 2023), Having examined the research papers submitted to the Academy concerning the Sharia Ruling on Salat behind Telephone, Radio, and Television, Having noticed the numerous developments in videoconferencing and meeting technologies, and social media, Having considered the special rulings brought by the Covid-19 pandemic in terms of the suspension of salat in Mosques, the physical distancing that rendered spaces in Mosques insufficient for worshipers, and sometimes even preventing people from leaving their homes, Having listened to the discussions and deliberations of the Academy's members and experts,

Resolves

First: From the conditions for the validity of salat with an imam is the union of space and time between the imam and the congregation either physically or in judgment, as well as the ability of the congregation to either see the imam or someone who can see the imam, and to hear takbeer proclaimed by the imam directly, even if only in some parts of salat. Second: It is not permissible to perform salat following the voice or an image of an imam on the telephone, radio, or television, regardless of whether the

worshiper led in prayer is near or far, due to the absence of physical connection between the imam and the followers, the lack of the aforementioned conditions for congregational salat; and also due to the numerous negative consequences this entails, such as neglecting to attend collective prayers in Mosques, weakening the community spirit and fraternal nature of salat, as well as neglecting Mosque presence, maintenance and construction, and thus weakening faith.

Indeed, Allah is All-Knowing

In the name of Allah

The Entirely Merciful, The Especially
Merciful

Praise is due to Allah, Lord of the worlds,
may the blessings and peace be upon our
master Muhammad, the seal of Prophets,
on his family and all his companions.

Resolution No. 244 (6/25) Sharia Rulings and Standards on Social Media and Dissemination of Information and News for Denunciation, Spreading Rumors, or Abuse

The Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, holding its 25th session in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 29 Rajab - 3 Shaaban 1444H (20-23 February 2023), Having considered the Academy's Resolution no. 52 (3/6) on the Conclusion of Contracts by Modern Means of Communication, Having examined the research papers submitted to the Academy concerning Sharia Rulings and Standards on Social Media and Dissemination of Information and News for Denunciation, Spreading Rumors, or Abuse, Having listened to the discussions

and deliberations of the
Academy's members and experts,

Resolves

First: Social media networks refer to a digital network system that allows subscribers to create their own web pages and connect with other subscribers via an electronic social system. Social media, on the other hand, refers to the media content of a personal type that is transferred between multiple parties via a social network, with the freedom to send and reply. These include, but are not limited to, Twitter, WhatsApp, Facebook, Snapchat, and any others that exist presently or may emerge in the future. Second: It is prohibited to transfer, disseminate, publish, record, and store any kind of Sharia-illicit materials or corrupt content using these or other means. It is also prohibited to spread fake news, rumors, and anything else that harms the society's security, stability, and purity of their religion, creed, and morals. Third: The denunciation of evils via social media networks should adhere to the conditions established by Islamic scholars for the denunciation of vice, such as ensuring that public good is clearly achieved by denouncing it, the denunciation of an evil should not lead to a greater evil, and it should not encroach the ruler's (government's) authority on such matters.

Recommendations

1- Including in schools' curricula the Sharia standards to observe when using different types of social media networks so that young generations can distinguish between right and wrong. 2- Refraining from using these means when driving vehicles and performing certain acts of worship such as tawaf, due to the distraction involved, as well as being a cause leading to contempt, arrogance, and hypocrisy, which affect the perfection of worship.

Indeed, Allah is All-Knowing

In the name of Allah
The Entirely Merciful, The Especially
Merciful

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may the blessings and peace be upon our
master Muhammad, the seal of Prophets,
on his family and all his companions.

Resolution No. 245 (7/25) Issue of Foundlings and Births of Unknown Parentage from a Sharia Perspective

The Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, holding its 25th session in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 29 Rajab - 3 Shaaban 1444H (20-23 February 2023), Having examined the research papers submitted to the Academy concerning the Issue of Foundlings and Births of Unknown Parentage from a Sharia Perspective, Having listened to the discussions and deliberations of the Academy's members and experts,

Resolves

First: A foundling refers to a child whose parents are unknown, and who has been rejected or lost. A child of unknown parentage refers to a child whose parents could not be identified due to war, natural disasters, or other causes; it also includes a child whose mother is known and whose father is unknown, as well as a child whose father is illegitimate. Second: The care of foundlings and children of unknown parentage is farḍ kifāyah or a duty of sufficiency (i.e. if a sufficient number of the community fulfills this duty, others are not required to do it) and it is one of the state's responsibilities to care for them when there is no sponsor available. This care includes the right to custody, expenses, education, healthcare, protection from anything that threatens their life and safety, and the provision of all the elements necessary for a decent life. Third: A child of unknown parentage

should be affiliated to the person who claims him or her, as long as there is no rational or material evidence against it, or to the person whose biological paternity has been proven by a Sharia-approved method. The father whose paternity has been proven is to be obligated to provide and care for the child. Fourth: The foundlings and children of unknown parentage must be given a respectable name and surname, as well as the nationality of the country where they were found. Fifth: All the same inalienable civil and religious rights as everyone else are well-established to the foundling and the child of unknown parentage. It is forbidden to slander or disrespect them. Anyone who may do so should be subject to taazir (discretionary punishments) to deter others from doing the same. Sixth: It is not permissible to hand over a foundling and a child of unknown parentage to non-Islamic authorities and organizations, or to untrustworthy individuals.

Recommendations

1. Urging governments to enact laws and regulations, and to take necessary measures to ensure the care for and protection of foundlings and children of unknown parentage.
2. A man who takes in a foundling must arrange for their breastfeeding by his wife or by another woman whose breastfeeding will establish a mahram relationship, such as his daughters. This is so that as the child grows up, feels having its own family, to whom he or she belongs, and being part of a family that cares for them and shows love and compassion.
3. Encouraging all Muslims, as individuals and charitable organizations, to care for foundlings and children of unknown parentage, to sponsor them, and establish care centers to support and raise them, especially in countries most affected by disasters, wars, and crises.

Indeed, Allah is All-Knowing.

In the name of Allah,
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Merciful

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Resolution No. 246 (8/25) A Sharia Approach to the Phenomenon of Street Children, Child Beggars, and Children in Hard Labor

The Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, holding its 25th session in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 29 Rajab - 3 Shaaban 1444H (20-23 February 2023), Having examined the research papers submitted to the Academy concerning the Sharia Approach to the Phenomenon of Street Children, Child Beggars, and Children in Hard Labor, Having considered resolution no. 113 (7/12) on the Rights of Children and Elders, and the necessity to enforce paragraph I in all its clauses (I-X), given its relevance to this subject, Having listened to the discussions of the Academy's members and experts,

Resolves

First: Street children refer to children under the age of puberty who use the streets and other similar locations as a place of residence or a source of income, whether with or without the knowledge of their parents or guardians. Child beggars refer to children under the age of puberty who are forced to beg unfairly in order to obtain money, food, or drinks for themselves or others, whether or not under the order and supervision of their parents or guardians. Children in hard labor refers to children under the age of puberty who are forced to perform arduous work that

jeopardizes their lives, health, and education and puts their future in peril, whether or not under the order and supervision of their parents or guardians. Second: It is not permissible to allow children to take the streets, and similar places, as a permanent or temporary residence or as a source of income, nor to employ them for begging on public streets, in homes, offices, or other places, nor to employ them in heavy work, as in mines, factories, farms, and homes. It is not permissible to use poverty, destitution, or necessity as a pretext for any of the above as this is a violation of Sharia texts that safeguard the rights of children to life, upbringing, education, and health; and also due to the disastrous consequences, which endanger their lives, deprive them of their rights, and make them vulnerable to criminal gangs and drug abuse.

Recommendations

1-Calling on governments to protect children against abuse, injustice, cruelty, and exploitation by enacting and applying laws and regulations that criminalize child labor.

2-Calling on scholars, preachers, and imams, to educate all segments of society about the Sharia prohibition on exploiting children in public spaces, whether for livelihood or begging, or for employing them in hard labor.

1-Calling on countries, that have not yet officially banned child labor, to implement laws and regulations that protect children and prevent inflicting injustice or transgressions against them.

2-Strengthening the role of the family and encouraging parents to care for their children, and to embrace noble values and good morals in their behavior with children.

3-Urging the Muslim world's various types of media to carry out their duty in spreading comprehensive awareness of the dangers of these issues, namely street children, child beggars, and children in hard labor, and to coordinate efforts in mitigating and eradicating their causes.

Indeed, Allah is All-Knowing

In the name of Allah,
The Entirely Merciful, The Especially
Merciful

Praise is due to Allah, Lord of the worlds, may the blessings and peace be upon our master Muhammad, the seal of Prophets, on his family and all his companions.

Resolution No. 247 (09/25) Guidelines for the Application of Maqāṣid in Regulating Contemporary Financial Transactions According to Sharia Rulings

The Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, holding its 25th session in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 29 Rajab - 3 Shaaban 1444H (20-23 February 2023), Having considered the Academy's resolution no. 167 (18/5) on Maqāṣid and their Role in Deriving Sharia Rulings, Having examined the research papers submitted to the Academy concerning Guidelines for the Application of Maqāṣid in Regulating Contemporary Financial Transactions According to Sharia Rulings, Having listened to the discussions of the Academy's members and experts,

Resolves

First: Emphasizing Academy's resolution no. 167 (5/18) on Maqāṣid and their Role in Deriving Sharia Rulings.

Second: Maqāṣid Al-Sharia (purposes of Sharia) of financial transactions are the values and objectives that Sharia aims to realize through financial transactions, such as the purpose of justice in the transaction, the circulation and promotion of wealth, as well as transparency, protection, and growth. Third: Sharia boards and councils should consider and respect the implications of Maqāṣid on transactions and their guidelines, as well as their application to realities and actual incidences. The most important of these guidelines include:

1- These guidelines should not contradict stronger Sharia-based evidences.

2- Taking into consideration the categories of Maqāṣid and their stratification in terms of their originality, and subordination, comprehensiveness and partiality, conclusiveness and inconclusiveness, so that the inconclusive does not take precedence over the conclusive, nor does the partial take precedence over the comprehensive, nor the subordinate over the original.

3- Taking into consideration the five universal Maqāṣid when applying Maqāṣid which are specific to certain transactions.

4- Distinguishing rulings on transactions, between what falls under Maqāṣid and what falls only under the means, so that neither the means revoke and invalidate an established maqsad, nor should the latter be abandoned in order to obstruct one of its means.

5- Maqāṣid of financial transactions can be benefited from in the formulation and interpretation of contemporary financial contracts and transactions and the resolution of disputes caused by pandemics and emergency circumstances, in light of the purpose of justice, and other purposes related to financial transactions, such as promotion, transparency, and stability.

6- Maqāṣid should be used to verify the realism and non-fictitious nature of contemporary transactions.

7- Taking into account ma'alaat (final consequences) of financial transactions in light of Maqāṣid.

Recommendations

1. Urging universities, institutes, and scientific centers to devote more attention to Maqāṣid, in their research and educational subjects, in order to prepare generations that understand both Sharia texts and their purposes, on the one hand, and Sharia texts and on-ground realities, on the other.

2. Drawing the attention of students, researchers, and scholars specializing in Fiqh, Usul, and Maqāṣid, to the importance

of acquiring excellent knowledge in contemporary economics and finance.

Indeed, Allah is All-Knowing.

In the name of Allah,

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may the blessings and peace be upon our
master Muhammad, the seal of Prophets,
on his family, and all his companions.

Resolution No. 248 (10/25) Sharia Rulings on Contemporary Applications of Debt Rescheduling, Composite, and Hybrid Sukuk

The Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, holding its 25th session in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 29 Rajab - 3 Shaaban 1444H (20-23 February 2023), Having examined the research papers submitted to the Academy concerning Sharia Rulings on Contemporary Applications of Debt Reschedule, Composite and Hybrid Sukuk, Having listened to the discussions of the Academy's members and experts,

Resolves

First: Sharia rulings on the applications of debt rescheduling
1-Debt rescheduling is converting an established debt into a larger debt in

exchange for extending the maturity. It amounts to the cancellation/replacement of a debt by a new debt.

2-The Academy reiterates its resolution no. 101 (4/11) on Debt Sale and Loan Debentures, which states the following:

"It is not permissible to sell a deferred debt by the non-debtor for immediate cash, of its kind or any other kind, because this results in ribā (usury).

Likewise, it is not permissible to sell it for a deferred cash, of its type or otherwise, because it is similar to selling a debt for a debt, which is prohibited in Sharia". The Academy also reiterates its resolution no. 158 (7/17) on the Sale of Debts, which states: "Debt-for-Debt Swap, which Sharia prohibits, includes all and any arrangement involving

or indirectly leading to 'increasing the amount of debt against extending the maturity'. One form of such arrangement is a debt swap, in which the original debt is settled, partially or entirely, through a new transaction between the two parties that creates a new larger debt regardless of whether the debtor is solvent or not. For example, the debtor purchases a commodity from his creditor for a deferred price and sells it for an instant price used to settle the original debt or part of it."

3-Any form of debt rescheduling that leads to an increase in the debtor's debt in return for an extension of the maturity or which serves as a gateway to this (debt increase for extension), is considered a cancellation/replacement of a debt by a debt, which is prohibited in Sharia.

4-According to Sharia, the power of the contracting parties to amend their contracts is limited to the amendments that do not violate the rulings of Sharia, such as the prohibition of increasing the amount of a debt established as a liability in return for an extension in

the due date of payment, regardless of whether it arises from Murabaha, Istisna, Salam, or others. Therefore, any amendments should not violate anything forbidden by an Ijma (consensus), such as interest on debts.

Second: Composite and Hybrid Sukuk

After examining the research papers presented on this subject, the Council of the Academy decided to postpone adopting a resolution therein for further research and studies.

Recommendations

First: Emphasizing the Academy's previous recommendations, which include several solutions for defaulting debtors, including its resolution no. 218 (2/23) concerning Sharia Rulings on Insolvency and Bankruptcy. Second: Calling on Islamic financial institutions to help defaulting debtors through a financing scheme that enables them to raise up their businesses and, as a result, to repay their debts. Third: Calling on Sharia boards of Islamic financial institutions to adhere to the Academy's resolutions regarding the sale, cancellation, and rescheduling of debt.

Indeed, Allah is All-Knowing.

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may the blessings and peace be upon our
master Muhammad, the seal of Prophets,
on his family and all his companions.

Resolution No. 249 (11/25)
Effects of Modern Mental
Illnesses on Eligibility in
Sharia

The Council of the International Islamic
Fiqh Academy of the Organization
of Islamic Cooperation, holding its
25th session in Jeddah, Kingdom
of Saudi Arabia, on 29 Rajab - 3
Shaaban 1444H (20-23 February 2023),
Having examined the research
papers submitted to the Academy
concerning the Effects of Modern
Mental Illnesses on Eligibility in Sharia,
Having listened to the discussions of
the Academy's members and experts,

Resolves

The Council of the Academy decided to
postpone adopting a resolution therein
pending additional research and studies,
with the recommendation to organize
a specialized symposium beforehand.

Indeed, Allah is All-Knowing.

In the name of Allah,
The Entirely Merciful, The Especially
Merciful,
Praise is due to Allah, Lord of the worlds,
may the blessings and peace be upon our
master Muhammad, the seal of Prophets,
on his family and all his companions.

Resolution No. 250 (12/25)
Sharia Ruling on
Abortion Due to Rape

The Council of the International Islamic
Fiqh Academy of the Organization
of Islamic Cooperation, holding its
25th session in Jeddah, Kingdom
of Saudi Arabia, on 29 Rajab - 3
Shaaban 1444H (20-23 February 2023),
Having examined the research papers
submitted to the Academy concerning the
Sharia Ruling on Abortion Due to Rape,
Having listened to the discussions of
the Academy's members and experts,

Resolves

The Council of the Academy decided to
postpone adopting a resolution therein
pending additional research and studies,
with the recommendation to organize
a specialized symposium beforehand.

Indeed, Allah is All-Knowing.

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may the blessings and peace be upon our
master Muhammad, the seal of Prophets,
on his family and all his companions.

Resolution No. 251 (13/25)
Sharia Ruling on Gender
Transformation

The Council of the International Islamic
Fiqh Academy of the Organization
of Islamic Cooperation, holding its
25th session in Jeddah, Kingdom
of Saudi Arabia, on 29 Rajab - 3
Shaaban 1444H (20-23 February 2023),
Having examined the research papers
submitted to the Academy concerning
Sharia Ruling on Gender Transformation,
Having listened to the discussions of
the Academy's members and experts,

Resolves

First: "Gender transformation" means
the transformation of a male into
a female or a female into a male.
Second: Gender transformation is
prohibited in Sharia because it is
an alteration of the divine creation,
as confirmed in the Noble Quran:
"And I (i.e., satan) will mislead them,
and I will arouse in them [sinful]
desires, and I will command them so
they will slit the ears of cattle, and I
will command them so they will change
the creation of Allah." An-Nisa: 119
And in a hadith reported by Al-Bukhari
(RA) on the authority of Anas (RA):
"The Messenger of Allah (PBUH) cursed
effeminate men and women who imitated
men, and said: Take them out of your houses"

Third: If a husband transforms himself
into a female in apparent features, the wife
has the right to annulment of the marriage
contract due to a physical defect, and if a wife
transforms herself into a male in apparent

features, the husband shall divorce her. Fourth: Sharia rulings on the religious and civil duties and rights of men and women remain the same as before the gender transformation from male to female or vice versa, particularly with regard to Sharia rulings on child custody, family expenditures, and inheritance, because becoming a female or male is not a real change, but rather a change in outward appearance, as doctors have confirmed. Therefore, this gender reassignment does not affect these Sharia rulings in force before gender transformation.

Recommendations

1-Calling on states and governments to ban sex reassignment surgeries, and to raise awareness of their dangers and detrimental consequences to both those who get them done and the society.
2-Advising people suffering from gender disorders or identity obsessions, whether caused by psychological or other reasons, to seek out appropriate treatments.
3-Raising awareness against the dangers of movements advocating promiscuity, homosexuality, and transsexuality, and which aim to spread immorality and obscenity under the guise of defending individual rights and liberties.
4-Returning to Allah the Almighty, seeking refuge in Him, and adhering to the practices permissible in Sharia, because returning to Him is one of the most effective ways to cure all problems, especially mental disorders, and their likes.

Indeed, Allah is All-Knowing.

In the name of Allah

The Entirely Merciful, The Especially Merciful

Praise is due to Allah, Lord of the worlds, may the blessings and peace be upon our master Muhammad, the seal of Prophets, on his family and all his companions.

Resolution No. 252(14/25) Importance of Islamic Social Financing Mechanisms for Humanitarian Action in Conflict and Disaster Areas, and Promoting a Culture of Volunteering to Strengthen Joint Islamic Action

The Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, holding its 25th session in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 29 Rajab – 3 Shaaban 1444H (20-23 February 2023), Having recalled the Academy's resolution no. 165 (3/18) on Fostering the Role of Zakāh for Poverty Alleviation, Having examined the research papers submitted to the Academy concerning the Importance of Islamic Social Financing Mechanisms for Humanitarian Action in Conflict and Disaster Areas, and Promoting a Culture of Volunteering to Strengthen Joint Islamic Action, Having listened to the discussions and deliberations of the Academy's members and experts,

Resolves

First: Islamic social financing refers to the giving of money for social purposes in accordance with Sharia's rulings and principles, in order to contribute to economic empowerment, community development, and the prosperity of

the universe. Islamic social financing instruments include obligatory instruments such as Zakat, and non-obligatory instruments such as qard, al-ariya contract, voluntary charities, and awqaaf. Second: It is permissible to use Islamic social financing instruments to support humanitarian action and provide relief to people affected by disasters, epidemics, and displacement due to conflicts.

Recommendations

1-Calling to include the culture of volunteering and its importance in the curricula of schools and universities in order to raise awareness and increase volunteerism and the number of volunteers.
2-Calling on scholars, intellectuals, and preachers to encourage the community to carry out organized voluntary activities of all types and methods.
3-Emphasizing the importance of humanitarian social work and fostering voluntarism in various fields in the service of humanity as a whole, especially during crises, disasters, and the rise in the number of refugees and displaced persons, regardless of religion or ethnicity.

Indeed, Allah is All-Knowing.

In the name of Allah
The Entirely Merciful, The Especially
Merciful
Praise is due to Allah, Lord of the worlds,
may the blessings and peace be upon our
master Muhammad, the seal of Prophets,
on his family and all his companions.

Resolution No. 253
(15/25)
Role of Wills in Sharia
as an Effective Means for
Alleviating Poverty and
Ensuring the Circulation
and Promotion of Wealth

The Council of the International Islamic
Fiqh Academy of the Organization
of Islamic Cooperation, holding its
25th session in Jeddah, Kingdom
of Saudi Arabia, on 29 Rajab – 3
Shaaban 1444H (20-23 February 2023),
Having examined the research papers
submitted to the Academy concerning the
Role of Wills in Sharia as an Effective Means
for Alleviating Poverty and Ensuring the
Circulation and Promotion of Wealth,
Having listened to the extensive
discussions and opinions of the
Academy’s members and experts,

Resolves

The Council of the Academy decided to
postpone adopting a resolution therein
pending additional research and studies,
with the recommendation to organize
a specialized symposium beforehand.

Indeed, Allah is All-Knowing.

In the name of Allah,
The Entirely Merciful, The Especially
Merciful
Praise is due to Allah, Lord of the worlds,
may the blessings and peace be upon our
master Muhammad, the seal of Prophets,
on his family and all his companions.

Resolution No. 254
(16/25)
Revisiting New Issues
in Contemporary
Applications of Ijara
Ending with Ownership

The Council of the International Islamic
Fiqh Academy of the Organization
of Islamic Cooperation, holding its
25th session in Jeddah, Kingdom
of Saudi Arabia, on 29 Rajab - 3
Shaaban 1444H (20-23 February 2023),
Having considered the Academy’s resolution
no. 44 (6/5) on the Rent-to-own Contracts,
Having considered the Academy’s
resolution no. 110 (4/12) on Renting
Ending in Ownership and Leasing Bonds,
Having considered the Academy’s
resolution no. 115 (9/12) on Inflation
and the Changing Value of Currency,
Having considered the Academy’s
resolution no. 228 (12/23) on the
Suggestions of the Committee established
by the Secretariat General of the Academy
to research some issues on Sukuk,
Having considered the Academy’s resolution
no. 238 (9/24) on Hedging Transactions
in Islamic Financial Institutions,
Having examined the research papers
submitted to the Academy on Revisiting
New Issues in Contemporary Applications
of Ijara Ending with Ownership,
Having listened to the discussions
and deliberations of the
Academy’s members and experts,

Resolves

The Council of the Academy decided to
postpone adopting a resolution therein
pending additional research and studies,
with the recommendation to organize a
specialized symposium.

Indeed, Allah is All-Knowing.

In the name of Allah,
The Entirely Merciful, The Especially
Merciful,
Praise is due to Allah, Lord of the worlds,
may the blessings and peace be upon our
master Muhammad, the seal of Prophets,
on his family and all his companions.

Resolution No. 255
(17/25)
Letter of Guarantee and
Documentary Letter of
Credit

The Council of the International Islamic
Fiqh Academy of the Organization
of Islamic Cooperation, holding its
25th session in Jeddah, Kingdom
of Saudi Arabia, on 29 Rajab - 3
Shaaban 1444H (20-23 February 2023),
Having examined the research
papers submitted to the Academy
concerning the Letter of Guarantee
and the Documentary Letter of Credit,
Having listened to the discussions
and deliberations of the
Academy’s members and experts,

Resolves

The Council of the Academy decided to
postpone adopting a resolution therein
pending additional research and studies,
with the recommendation to organize
a specialized symposium beforehand.

Indeed, Allah is All-Knowing.

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



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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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



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

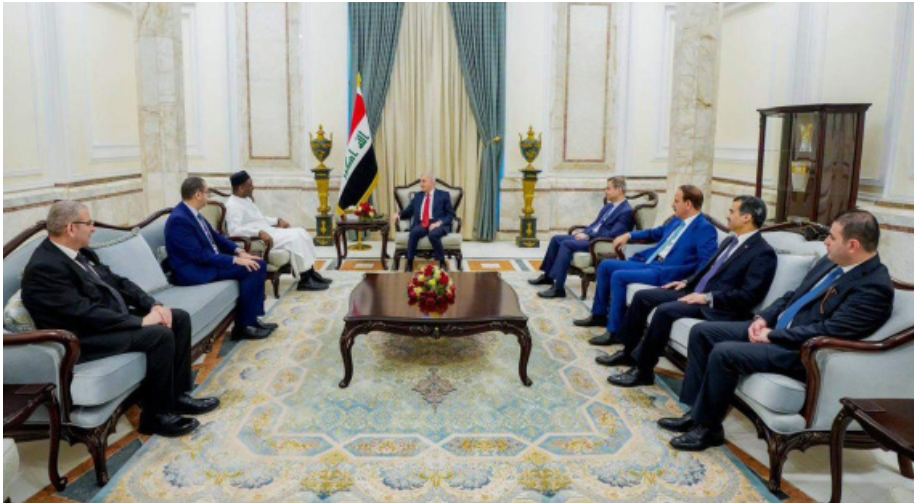
The Almighty, to grant him success and continuous trust and love of the Malaysian people. To the Secretary General His Excellency the Honourable Prime Minister is a blessing of Allah not only for Malaysia but also for the Ummah and the humanity. This is due to the fact that he has all the criteria of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



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



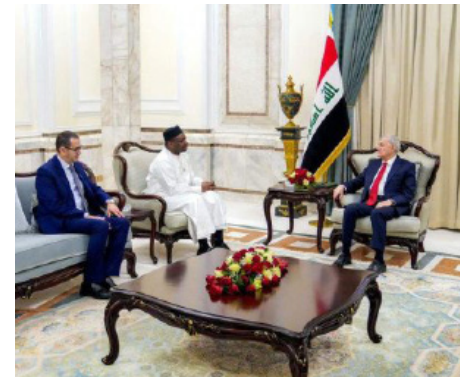
President of Iraq receives Secretary General at Presidential Palace in Baghdad



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

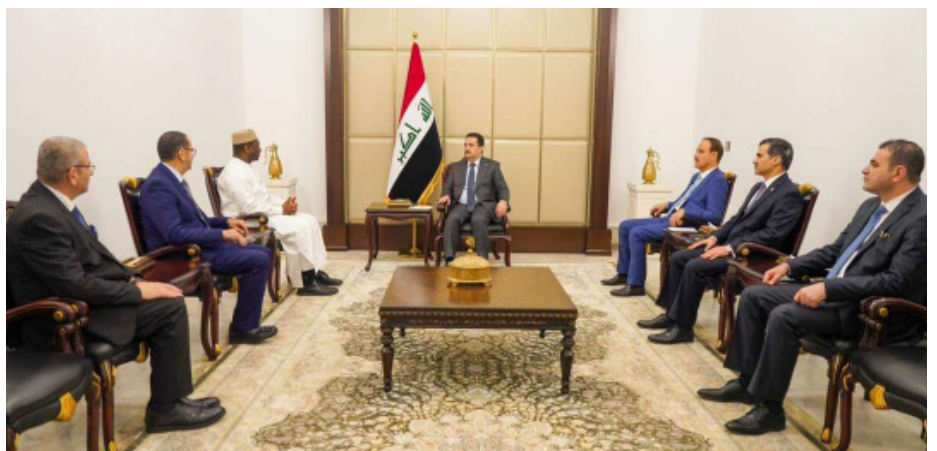
relations between religions and Islamic sects, also stressing the importance of confronting extremist ideas with moderate thinking through programs and practical projects, noting, in this regard, Iraq's readiness to provide the necessary support to the Academy, in achieving its objectives and endeavours.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

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



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

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



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

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



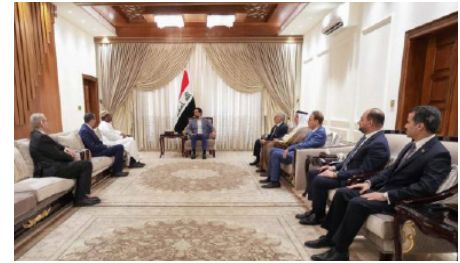
President of Iraqi House of Representatives receives the Secretary General



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

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

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



Chairman of Shiite Waqf receives Secretary General of Academy in Baghdad



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

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



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



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



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

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

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



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

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



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

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

IIFA and Iraq Fiqh Council sign an MoC in Baghdad



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

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

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



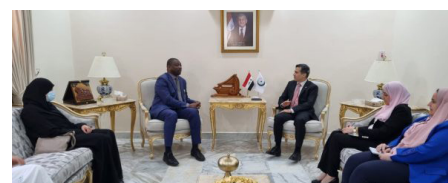
Secretary General visits Iraq's Consulate General in Jeddah



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

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

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



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

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



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

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



President of Guinea's Islamic Supreme Council visits the Academy

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



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

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

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

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



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

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

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



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

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

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



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

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



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

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

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



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

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

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



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

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

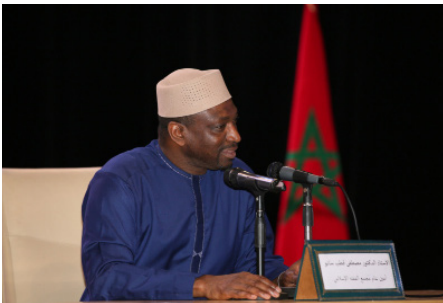


choose realistic examples from the life of Sheikh Al-Islam, the saint of the saints and the righteous, the prince of jurists and hadith scholars, and the Sheikh of the Shafi'is. He gave examples of his merit in these two titles, such as his stance towards King Baybars when they were about to lay his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

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



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



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

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

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



A dialogue between the Secretary General and PhD students in Rabat

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



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

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

IIFA Participates in the Conference of Aesthetic Gynecology and its Jurisprudence



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

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

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

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

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



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

28th Monthly Periodic Meeting of the Academy's Employees

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

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



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

10th Joint Weekly Meeting of Departments and Divisions



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

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

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

29th Monthly Meeting of the Academy Staff

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

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



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

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Secretary General participated in opening ceremony of 40th anniversary of IIUM

At the kind invitation of the management of the International Islamic University Malaysia, H.E. Prof. Dato Dr. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, participated in the official opening ceremony for the fortieth anniversary of the University, on Saturday, 30 Shawal 1444H, corresponding to 20 May 2023, at its main campus in Gombak, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The event was organised under the patronage of **Her Majesty Seri Paduka Baginda The Raja Permaisuri Agong Tunku Azizah Aminah Maimunah Iskandariah binti Almarhum Al-Mutawakkil Alallah Sultan Iskandar Al-Haj**, Consort of the King of Malaysia, and Constitutional Head of the University. The ceremony was opened with the recitation of the Holy Quran. Then Her Majesty delivered a speech on this occasion, which she described as the most crucial moment in the history of an university that has produced and continues to produce generations of distinguished leaders in various intellectual, scientific, religious, social, economic and political fields, praising what the university has done and continues to do through its programs of remarkable efforts and commendable work in the field of training generations. It is highly respected and appreciated what IIUM has accomplished during forty years of remarkable scientific achievements, whether at the local, regional, or international level. Her Majesty invited the university to move forward in improving its programs and to continue preparing a generation of young people who work to advance their society, help their people and contribute to building their homeland, and strengthen it with security, safety and stability. The opening speech was followed by a unique historical event: the awarding, for the first time in the history of the university, of an honorary doctorate to **His Majesty Seri Paduka Baginda The Yang Di-Pertuan Agong Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah ibni Almarhum Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah Al-Musta'in Billah**,



King of Malaysia, in recognition of His Majesty's outstanding efforts in the field of reform and development, and in celebration of His Majesty's wisdom, deep sophistication, successful leadership and remarkable ability to resolve internal crises, as well as his well-known work in providing the means for a decent life, and his great care for parishioners at all levels. Prof Emeritus Tan Sri Dato Dzulkifli Bin Abdul Razak, rector of the university, gave an overview of His Majesty's biography, accompanied by commemorative photos of some of the milestones in His Majesty's life. The ceremony ended with a royal speech by His Majesty the King, in which he expressed his thanks to the university for granting him this honorary certificate, praising the vision, mission and achievements of the university over the past forty years, and emphasizing his pride in what the university has achieved during these four decades of giving, and called on the university's leaders to redouble their efforts to promote its mission and excellence. His Majesty also called on university graduates around the world to actively participate in building their communities, serving them and putting their knowledge to work for the nation and humanity. At the end of the ceremony, the university

offered a lunch in honor of His Majesty. His Majesty took commemorative photos with the guests of honor and participants, including the Secretary General, who came to greet His Majesty and take a souvenir photo with him and asked Allah to bless him successfully. He also prayed for the King's father, the late **His Majesty Almarhum Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah Al-Musta'in Billah ibni Almarhum Sultan Abu Bakar Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mu'azzam Shah**, who conferred upon him the title "Dato" in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the advancement of education in Malaysia in general and the IIUM in particular. It is noteworthy to mention that His Excellency had previously worked as a professor and deputy vice-chancellor of the university for 16 years, and had taught thousands of students of different levels and nationalities.



Ministers of Finance, Investment and Cooperation and Governor of Guinea Central Bank visit IIFA



On the sidelines of the IDB Group annual meeting, a delegation representing the Republic of Guinea visited the Secretariat General of the Academy in Jeddah on Friday 22 Shawal 1444, corresponding to 12 May 2023. The delegation included H.E. Mr. Moussa Cissé, Minister of Finance and National Economy, Mr. Gando Barry, Minister of Infrastructure and Investment, Ms. Rose Paul, Minister of Planning and International Cooperation, Dr. Karamo Kaba, Governor of the Central Bank, and Mr. Ismail Nabe Advisor to the Prime Minister on Cooperation Affairs; and accompanied by Mr. Naby Soumah, Chargé d'Affaires of the Embassy of the Republic of Guinea to Saudi Arabia, and Mr. Mohamed Savane, Consul General of Guinea in Jeddah. His Excellency welcomed the Ministers and the accompanying delegation and thanked them for visiting the Secretariat General, despite their heavy schedule, who came to affirm their appreciation and respect for the Secretary-General and the Academy, in line with the directives of the President of Guinea, who urges officials to celebrate and cherish Guineans who hold leadership positions in international institutions outside the country, to encourage them and

to affirm the support of the Government and the Guinean people for them. The Secretary-General presented his guests with a detailed overview of the vision, mission, activities and projects of the Academy, expressing his thanks and appreciation for the continued support of the Academy by the leaders and people of the Republic of Guinea from its inception to the present day. He also expressed his aspiration to strengthen the relations of cooperation, partnership and coordination between the



Academy and the scientific, intellectual and religious institutions and centres in the Republic of Guinea. His Excellency concluded his speech by expressing the full readiness of the Academy to hold and organize scientific and intellectual seminars and conferences in Guinea, in cooperation with the Guinean authorities, on various issues aimed at promoting a culture of moderation, tolerance and coexistence, and at fighting extremism and terrorism. His Excellency Minister Gando Barry spoke on behalf of the official delegation, expressing their great pleasure to visit this great scientific

institution, and their pride in having its Secretary General as a virtuous Guinean who has already left a good impact, and a good memory among all Guineans, when he worked as Minister of Religious Affairs and Minister of International Cooperation. His Excellency also said that the Guinean people feel pride and joy in the remarkable developments that the Secretariat General of the Academy has undergone since His Excellency took over the leadership, concluded his speech by conveying the greetings of the Guinean people and government and the people, who are currently led by Colonel Mamadi Doumbia, President of the Republic, Commander of the Army, and H.E. Mr. Goumou, Prime Minister and Head of Government, to the Ministers and the entire Guinean population, praying to Allah, to protect and assist them. At the end of the meeting, Their Excellencies recorded words of praise and congratulations in the Academy's guestbook. His Excellency also briefed them on the different departments of the Academy and the library and gave them a copy of the Academy's book of



Secretary General welcomes Executive Director of Waqf-BID in Guinea



H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, welcomed H.E. Mr. Mohamed Koroma, Executive Director of Waqf of Islamic Development Bank in the Republic of Guinea (Waqf-BID), and his two deputies, Mr. Sadamoudou Kaba and Mr. Hassan Bah, on Saturday morning 23 Shawal 1444, corresponding to 13 May 2023, at the Academy's headquarters in Jeddah. Mr. Koroma expressed his sincere thanks and gratitude to the Secretary General for giving him and his delegation the opportunity to meet with him despite his heavy schedule, and commended the developments and changes

witnessed by the Secretariat General of the Academy since assuming office as Secretary General of the Academy. He also expressed the great appreciation of the Executive Direction, for the esteemed efforts of His Excellency in promoting the Waqf in Guinea, in his capacity as Chairman of the Standing Committee of this Waqf-BID, and member of its Board of Directors, and concluded his speech by hoping for more support and backing for all the projects that the Waqf intends to execute, praying Allah the Almighty to bless His Excellency and his family. For his part, the Secretary General welcomed his honourable guest and the accompanying delegation and thanked them for visiting the Academy's headquarters for the first time, praising their considerable efforts to improve the Waqf-BID in Guinea, and stressing his full readiness to provide them with all the support, attention and guidance they need, because of his conviction of the importance of the success of this endowment project in the Republic of Guinea, which will have a significant impact on raising awareness of

the importance of endowment and its social, economic and developmental role in Africa in general, and in West Africa in particular, as there is a great weakness in the area of Waqf awareness among Muslims in this region. In the world. His Excellency concluded his speech by stressing the need to move forward by supporting all the projects and initiatives undertaken by the Waqf's executive management, and then presented his guest and companion with a the book of the Academy's resolutions and recommendations



Moroccan Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs receives Secretary General in Rabat



H.E. Prof. Ahmed Al-Tawfiq, Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs of the Kingdom of Morocco, received H.E. Professor Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, on Tuesday, 26 Shawal 1444, corresponding to 16 May 2023, at the headquarters of the Ministry in Rabat, the capital. His Excellency the Minister welcomed his guest and the accompanying delegation, praising the positive transformations that have taken place in the Secretariat General of the Academy since His Excellency took office as Secretary General, and highly appreciating the great efforts made by the Academy in various fields, particularly in promoting moderation, coexistence and open-mindedness in line with the evolution of human thought. His Excellency noted in this regard the importance of the Academy as an important and reliable scientific institution, headed by an eminent scientific personality

known for his moderation and openness, combining science, experience, management and wisdom, which requires support, encouragement and special attention. His Excellency concluded his speech by renewing his welcome to His Excellency in his second homeland, the Kingdom of Morocco, and emphasized the support of Morocco, as king, government and people, to the Academy in order to help it carry out its activities and projects in the best possible way.



For his part, the Secretary General expressed his sincere thanks and gratitude to the Minister for the kind reception and the wonderful feelings he had towards his modest person. His Excellency also expressed his great gratitude to the Kingdom of Morocco for the generous support and continuous care provided to the Academy since its inception to date, praising on this occasion the great achievements of the Minister in

the field of religious affairs in Morocco, and the advancement of its institutions to the ranks of quality and perfection, in addition to the thoughtfulness, sophistication and creativity enjoyed by the Minister of Awqaf. His Excellency also praised the contributions of Moroccan scholars to the publications of the Academy, especially the Zayed Encyclopedia of Fiqh Maxims. His Excellency then referred to the Academy's aspiration to hold its next session in the Kingdom of Morocco, in cooperation with the Supreme Scientific Council, under the kind patronage of His Majesty King Mohammed VI, may Allah protect him. His Excellency the Minister welcomed this request and convened an urgent meeting with the General Secretariat of the Supreme Scientific Council to study and discuss the details of holding the session.



Secretary General of Moroccan Supreme Scientific Council meets IIFA Secretary General in Rabat

H.E. Dr. Muhammad Yasef, Secretary General of the Moroccan Supreme Scientific Council, received H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, on Wednesday 27 Shawal 1444, corresponding to 17 May 2023, at the headquarters of the Council in Rabat. The Secretary General of the Council thanked His Excellency and the accompanying delegation for their visit, expressing his great joy to see him after the end of the pandemic, as His Excellency's last visit to the Council took place during the pandemic. On that occasion, His Eminence expressed his great satisfaction and appreciation for the various awareness-raising and educational activities carried out by His Excellency at the global level to correct stereotypes about Islam and promote a culture of moderation, tolerance, and openness. They also discussed holding the next session of the Academy in cooperation with the Supreme Scientific Council and welcomed the



idea. He promised that he would study the matter with his assistants and then inform the Secretariat General of the Academy. For his part, the Secretary General of the Academy expressed his sincere thanks and gratitude to His Eminence for his warm welcome and fraternal feelings, appreciating the great efforts made by the Supreme Scientific Council in responding to the requests for fatwas and advice in the public calamities and developments of the time, and praising the wise leadership of the Supreme Council by His Eminence since its inception until today. His Excellency also expressed his gratitude to His Eminence for the Council's readiness to consider holding the next session of the Academy in Morocco, promising to provide all information related to the organisational, coordination and administrative aspects. His Excellency reiterated the Academy's thanks to His Eminence and the Council for their

contribution to the clarification, rationalisation and rectification of the Moroccan people, which has a great impact on the order of the nation and cooperation between the different segments of society, as well as on the promotion of coexistence between the different components of Moroccan society. At the end of the meeting, His Excellency submitted to His Eminence an official request for the holding of the next session of the Academy in the Kingdom of Morocco. His Excellency was accompanied by Mr. Muhammad Adnan Al-Fihri, Director of Administrative and Financial Affairs of the Academy, Mrs. Sarah Bint Amjad Hussein, Director of Family, Women and Children Affairs, and Mr. Saad Al-Sammar, Head of the Media Division.



Secretary General speaks on Sharia directives for protection of human rights in trade at 21st session of IPHRC



Within the framework of the 21st Session of the OIC Independent Standing Committee on Human Rights, which started on Sunday, 01 Dhul Quidah 1444, corresponding to 21 May 2023 at the Hilton Hotel in Jeddah, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, delivered a speech on the Islamic Perspective of Commercial Activities and the Role of Islamic Heritage in Preserving Rights and Human Rights. The following is an excerpt from His Excellency's speech: As a blessed Ummah, its early scholars and forefathers in the fields of belief, jurisprudence, principles and objectives, have left us this unifying legacy that contains everything that comes to mind, including solid foundations capable of directing financial and business calamities, addressing current developments in terms of gain and acquisition, and streamlining the forms and patterns that occur in contracts, obligations, rights and transactions. In reality, it is not a great effort or difficulty, but an assimilation of these principles, a digestion of these rules, and a commitment to the fundamentals and principles, away from all forms of betrayal. The role of our intellectual heritage in preserving rights, protecting property, encouraging productivity and celebrating creativity and innovation has been confirmed by our wise laws which consider the preservation of money as one of the legitimate objectives and five necessary interests (self, religion, offspring, money and reason) which all legislations have agreed on the need to preserve from any violation or arbitrariness; Moreover, the great law has linked the fulfillment of the commitment to a good set of acts of worship, such as zakat, awqaf, charity, wills, among others, to the necessity of its existence, availability, growth and stability. It is not surprising, therefore, that the rules that govern and control business are given special attention and a striking presence in the Qur'an and Sunnah as a guide, orientation and rationalization. It is also not surprising that these provisions include a security barrier and a good set of legal controls that make wealth and business a building block and one of the means to preserve human rights, especially the right to dignity and a decent life. These sharia controls prevent money from becoming a tool for sabotaging, eliminating or confiscating human rights. Doing business is part of the religion, like prayer, zakat, Hajj, and others, based on the word of the Almighty (Say: "Indeed, my prayer, my sacrificial rites, my life and my death are for Allah, the Lord of the worlds"); and because of the wisdom of

the noble Shari'ah, the texts contained in financial transactions are flexible texts that allow for Ijtihad and innovation in order to keep up with the developments and changes that occur in financial transactions in general and in business in particular. While Islam recognizes man's innate love for money and encourages him to seek it (It is He who has tamed the earth for you – so walk among its slopes and eat of its provisions – and to Him belongs the resurrection), it restricts this love and imposes controls on earning and owning money through business. Among the most important of these are: the pursuit of honesty and trustworthiness, which are considered two reasons for obtaining a blessing in money, and the honest and trustworthy merchant with the prophets, the truthful and the martyrs (both sellers have the option as long as they do not separate if they are honest and clear, they will be blessed in their sale, and if they conceal and lie, the blessing of their sale will be wiped out). Honest partners in the presence of God according to the Qudsi hadith: (I am the third of the two partners as long as one does not betray the other). In order to preserve these two important controls, the stern warning and the sure threat have been addressed to those who lie in financial transactions. Abu Dharr, may God be pleased with him, reported that the Prophet (peace be upon him) said, "There are three people to whom Allah will not speak



on the Day of Resurrection, will not look at them, and will not sanctify them, and their torment will be painful. The Messenger of Allah repeated and Abu Dharr said, "May they be lost and condemned." He added, "The one who lets his garment hang below his ankles, a salesman who tries to sell his goods by means of false oaths, and the one who reminds people of what he has given them." Among the important controls that the Shari'ah obliges one to observe in business affairs is that of avoiding cheating and deception, as it has been proved in the Sunnah that a man, peace and blessings be upon him, passed a patience of food and put his hand in it, so that his fingers got wet. He said, "What is this? What is this, O owner of the food? The Messenger of God, may the prayers and peace of God be upon him, said, "Why don't you put it on the table? Why don't you put it on top of the food so that people can see it because of our cheating, then it is not from us). Among the important controls that must be observed in commercial affairs is tolerance in transactions so that the seller does not



exaggerate in the goods and the buyer does not underestimate the price (may God have mercy on the man who is tolerant if he sells, if he buys, and if necessary), and among the important controls is that of keeping away from monopolization and not exploiting the needs of the people, especially during crises and disasters, monopolizing products and goods until they are no longer needed and the need arises, and then selling them at double prices. Moreover, it is not possible to list all the controls here. Therefore, we conclude by saying that our heritage is full of events and testimonies about the commitment of Muslim merchants to respect these controls in their business activities, which had a considerable impact on the spread of Islam and the call to Islam, as well as on the acceptance of non-Muslim societies to embrace it. As their words were consistent with their actions and behavior, they were role models in their dealings with others, especially in financial transactions, which had a positive effect on spreading the tolerance, moderation and justice of Islam on earth. On this basis, the Ummah is called upon today more than ever to clarify and care for these rights through collective Ijtihad, which is represented in the present era by its largest institution, the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, as an intellectual and scientific body comprising the eight schools of Islamic law followed by Muslims worldwide. Through seminars, conferences, workshops and forums aimed at raising awareness of the importance of adhering to Shariah controls in business. It is worth mentioning on this occasion that the Academy has taken an early interest in financial transactions, studying, investigating, rooting and clarifying them, studying their problems and discussing their recurring and evolving problems in order to guide and pay them so that they become free from the means of earning that confiscate human rights and infringe on his dignity, such as usury, fraud and monopoly. This great mission is evident in the resolutions and recommendations of the Academy which are considered a unanimous consensus in this era, and nearly one hundred (100) resolutions on various issues related to financial transactions to facilitate the activities of financial institutions and banks in the OIC Member States. In conclusion, we hope that this blessed session of the Commission will achieve its objectives.

Secretary General of the Moroccan Ministry of Justice visits the Academy



On Sunday and Monday 12- Dhul Quida 1444, corresponding to 1st of June 2023, Mr. Abdul Karim Bujradi, Secretary General of the Interministerial Delegation for Human Rights of the Kingdom of Morocco, visited the Academy, accompanied by His Excellency the Deputy Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Morocco to the OIC in Jeddah. H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, welcomed his honored guests and thanked them for their visit, praising the continuous support and constant attention enjoyed by the Academy from the Moroccan government since its inception to the present day, and also expressed his thanks for the contributions of Moroccan scholars and their distinguished thinkers in the advancement of the Academy. He also expressed his thanks for the contributions of Moroccan scholars and their distinguished thinkers to the advancement of the Academy, particularly in the achievement of a unique, historic and grandiose scientific

work, Zayed's Encyclopedia of Fiqh, which is considered the first and largest encyclopedia of Fiqh maxims and rules in Islamic history, and comprises forty-two volumes. He then concluded his speech by expressing his warmest thanks to the Moroccan government, represented by the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation and the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs, for its continued

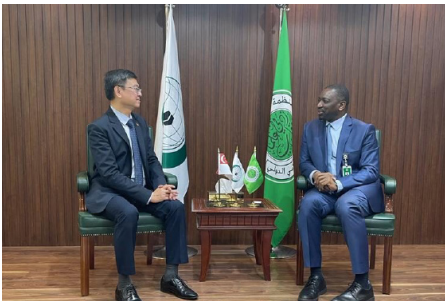


support and attention, and expressing his delight that the Kingdom of Morocco would be hosting one of the Academy's forthcoming sessions in coordination with Morocco's Supreme Scientific Council, which includes renowned and distinguished scholars. For his part, the guest expressed his deep thanks to His Excellency for his warm welcome, underlining the Kingdom of Morocco's willingness to support prestigious scientific and intellectual institutions and

centers such as the Academy, hailing the remarkable intellectual efforts undertaken by the Academy under the auspices of His Excellency's distinguished leadership, particularly with regard to correcting concepts and crystallizing an integrated and clear Islamic vision on human rights issues. Indeed, most of the visions and ideas presented on many human rights issues in general ignore and may be unaware of the moderate Islamic perspective on such issues, which makes the Academy's and other intellectual institutions' participation in various international forums very important in order to present the true Islamic stance on human rights. H.E. Prof. Koutoub Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, welcomed the positive suggestions presented by his guest and renewed to him his invitation to participate in future Academy conferences and seminars, and gifted his guest the Academy's book of resolutions and recommendations, as well as other publications.



Singapore Ambassador visits the Secretary General of the Academy



His Excellency Wong Chow Ming the Ambassador of Singapore to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia visited the International Islamic Fiqh Academy headquarters in Jeddah, where he was received by His Excellency Professor Koutoub Moustapha Sano the Secretary General of the Academy on Sunday 24th Shawwal 1444 H corresponding to 14th May 2023. His Excellency was accompanied by the Consul General of Singapore to Jeddah His Excellency K Chandra Kumar and Consul for Politics at the Consulate General Honourable Syfulnizar Hamid. Ambassador Ming thanked the Secretary General for the warm welcome and the opportunity accorded to them to have an audience with His Excellency the Secretary General of the Academy and expressed their delight and honour to meet Professor Sano. He explained that the purpose of the visit was meant to strengthen the already existing relationship

between the Academy and the Singapore Embassy and Consulate General respectively in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on issues of common interest particularly the promotion of cultural engagement and peaceful coexistence. On his part, His Excellency Professor Sano welcomed the Ambassador and his delegation thanking them for the visit and made reference to the visit of His Excellency Mr. Masagos



Zulkifli, Minister for Social and Family Development, Second Minister of Ministry of Health, and Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs in the Republic of Singapore, on Tuesday 17 Jumada II 1444H corresponding to 10 December 2022G, at the headquarters of the Academy's General Secretariat in Jeddah, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia who stressed his keenness to make the visit within the framework of his country's tireless endeavor

to strengthen cooperation and coordination with the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and its affiliated bodies, especially the International Islamic Fiqh Academy. His Excellency the Secretary General professor Koutoub Moustapha Sano gave an overview of the Academy noting the importance of the Academy as the religious, juristic, intellectual and scientific body of the OIC to spread and promote the culture of moderation, while combating extremism and its ideology that threatens coexistence and peace. His Excellency Ambassador Ming thanked His Excellency the Secretary General for the kind hospitality and warm reception. The meeting was attended by Ms. Sara Amjad Bedwi Director of family, Women and the Elderly at the Academy and Dr Alhagi Manta Drammeh Head of International Cooperation and External Relations at the Academy.



Director General of Islamic Affairs of Malaysia visits Academy in Jeddah



In order to strengthen the cooperation and partnership with the scientific, intellectual and religious institutions of the OIC Member States, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, received H.E. Prof. Datu Hakima bint Muhammad Yusuf, Director General of Islamic Affairs, on Sunday, 01 Dhul Quida 1444, corresponding to 21 May 2023, at the Academy's headquarters in Jeddah. His Excellency welcomed his guest and the accompanying delegation and thanked them for their visit. He praised the outstanding efforts of the Ministry of Religious Affairs in general and the Department of Islamic Affairs in particular to enhance cooperation and coexistence among all segments of the Malaysian society and followers of different religions, stressing the importance of openness, tolerance, cooperation and coexistence among religions in order to meet common challenges and join efforts to fight extremism and terrorism. His Excellency gave an overview of the vision, mission, objectives and activities of the Academy. His Excellency welcomed the proposal of

the General Department of Islamic Affairs regarding the draft cooperation agreement between the Academy and the Ministry, stressing that the Academy is fully willing to sign the agreement at the place and date to be determined by the General Department of Islamic Affairs, with the aim of identifying the areas and aspects of cooperation, and that



it wishes to start implementing these elements soon. His Excellency concluded his speech by looking forward to Malaysia hosting one of the sessions of the Academy in the near future. For her part, Her Excellency expressed her sincere thanks for the excellent reception accorded to her and the accompanying delegation, praising the quality activities and distinguished programs organized by the Secretariat General of the Academy, especially in the field of halal industry, correcting concepts, as well as responding to calls for fatwas in current issues and developments. In this regard, she expressed her aspiration to strengthen the ties of cooperation, coordination and partnership with the Academy, noting that the signing

of the proposed cooperation agreement will soon mark the beginning of a strategic partnership between the two institutions, as it includes many activities and programs such as joint organization of conferences, seminars, workshops, exchange of expertise, visits, publications, translation of literature, as well as providing appropriate responses to inquiries on halal issues and various vaccinations. His Excellency concluded by expressing his thanks to His Excellency for the agreement of the Academy to sign a cooperation agreement between the two institutions in the near future. The meeting ended with an exchange of souvenirs and a tour of the Academy. The meeting was attended by Mr. Muhammad Shouk, Director of Cabinet and Protocol, Mr. Mohamed Al-Fihri, Director of Administrative and Financial Affairs, and Mrs. Sarah bint Amjad Hussein, Director of Family, Women, Children and Youth Affairs at the Academy; in the presence of the Head of International Cooperation at the General Department of Islamic Affairs and the Malaysian Consul in Jeddah.



Secretary General meets with Special Envoy and Director of OIC Office in Kabul



H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, held a meeting on Wednesday, 4 Dhul Quidah 1444, corresponding to 24 May 2023, at the headquarters of the Secretariat General of the Academy with H.E. Ambassador Tariq Bakhit, Assistant Secretary General for Humanitarian, Cultural and Social Affairs of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and his Special Envoy to Afghanistan, and with H.E. E. Ambassador Tariq Bakhit, Assistant Secretary General for

Humanitarian, Cultural and Social Affairs of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and his Special Envoy to Afghanistan, and with H.E. Mr. Muhammad Saeed Al-Ayyash, Director General of the OIC Office in Kabul. The meeting was convened to discuss the final preparations for the upcoming visit of the Ummah scholars to Afghanistan to meet with representatives of the ruling authority. The purpose of this visit is to discuss with them the latest developments related to girls' education, women's participation

in progress, and the promotion of cooperation, communication and integration among all parts of the Afghan people. This meeting follows the resolutions of the Ministerial Council of Foreign Ministers of the OIC Member States at their recent conferences, which mandated the Academy to lead a delegation of scholars to visit Afghanistan. It should be noted that a delegation of scholars from the Ummah already visited Kabul last year and this visit is a continuation of the previous one. The meeting was attended by Mr. Mohamed Chouk, Director of Cabinet and Judicial Affairs, and Mr. Mohamed Al-Fihri, Director of Administrative and Financial Affairs.



Secretary General gives a lecture on need for humanities in Ijtihad and Ifta



H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustpha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, delivered a lecture on “The Need for Humanities in Ijtihad and Ifta in the Current Era”, in the first scientific session of the international symposium organized by the Foundation entitled “Teaching Human Sciences in Institutions of Religious Higher Education: The Present and the Future,” on Tuesday, 26 Shawal 1444, corresponding to 16 May 2023, at the institution’s headquarters in Rabat. He began his lecture by extending his sincere thanks and appreciation to those in charge of Dar Al-Hadith Al-Hasaniya Foundation for their warm welcome, and for their successful organization of this important scientific symposium in the present era, praising the importance of the topic and the necessity of multiplying similar seminars and conferences that aim of enhancing awareness of the importance of the humanities. He then spoke of the concepts of his lecture, in which he emphasized that “both Ijtihad and issuing fatwas have become an industry and a task that cannot be practiced by anyone. The scholars of Usul and Maqasid went on early in history with the codification of sciences to surround it with a solid fence of conditions and controls that prevent it from being compromised. Sometimes, with the tools of ijtihad and fatwas at other times, and with the mechanisms of ijtihad and fatwas at other times..” His Excellency then explained that the Sharia ruling has three pillars, which are the Lawgiver represented in the Quran and the Sunnah and the evidence that derives from them known as sub-evidence, or rational evidence, and the second pillar is meant by the person who is charged, and as for the third pillar, it is the one who is judged in it, and it means the act that is the subject of the assignment. His Excellency added, saying that the intended goal of diligence and fatwa is “to achieve a trustworthy link between the Revelation from the Sky and the reality on earth, and to enable man to carry out the duty of succession and prospering the universe,” which means that the subject of each of the two , ijtihad and ifta, revolves around understanding the text (the revelation = the ruler), understanding the human being (= the one who is judged = the one charged), and understanding the reality (= the one who is judged or by it = the subject of the assignment), and that is for the sake of “ Ensuring human compliance with what was brought by the Revelation (= the sacred text), and ensuring the excitement of reality with its lofty teachings, in order to ward off the specter of conflict and contradiction between the text

and the human being on the one hand, and between the text and reality on the other hand. His Excellency pointed out that “the one who meditates on the tools and instruments considered by the former scholars of usul and maqasid as the most important conditions for practicing the industry finds most of them knowledge and sciences that enable the listener to understand the text with a rational and graceful understanding; As for those knowledge and sciences that enable him to understand man, they are sober and solid in parallel, we think that they did not receive the same proper care, nor that desired care, in order to root their foundations and liberate their contents, just as we think that the desired attention and the expected liberation of these knowledge and sciences that enable him to understand The reality that is intended to be adapted and subjugated to the will of the honorable Lawgiver has not yet obtained what it deserves in terms of rooting, analysis, and investigation. Therefore, we call from here, from the well-established Dar Al-Hadith Al-Hasaniyya Foundation, to the necessity of reconsidering the classification of the sciences and tools of ijtihad and fatwas so that it becomes an objective, balanced and reliable classification. With the sciences and knowledge that helped to understand the sacred text as sciences and knowledge for Ijtihad and fatwas, and also relied on the sciences and knowledge that helped to understand man, and to understand reality in a sound, sober understanding that was no less deep and accurate than the previous



ones, and that was to ensure a safe and effective usage of the requirements and significance of the text that is fixed on man and the reality...” With regard to the first type of science and knowledge, it is represented by what is known as the legitimate sciences and knowledge, and the knowledge of the Arabic language as well, the knowledge of the roots of religion, the science of hadith, the science of jurisprudence, the science of difference = comparative jurisprudence, and the knowledge of purposes/maqasid. As for the second type of sciences and knowledge, it is represented in those sciences and knowledge that are labeled with human sciences and knowledge.”And he added that “enabling ijtihad and issuing fatwas to bring about the desired and sustainable change in man and reality today requires mastering the basic principles that make up those sciences and knowledge, and also requires his saturation with the major theories that organize them, in addition to the need to supervise the curricula and the research tools in it that are equivalent to the methods of inference and deduction.” And he also added: “The implication of this proposed classification of the sciences and knowledge of the fiqh and fatwa is the need to overcome that

schizophrenia between religious sciences and human sciences, and the need to carry out a prudent and honest review of the curricula and courses so that they become curricula capable of preparing an empowered and balanced generation of scholars and thinkers who understand the sacred text (= revelation = Example) They are sober, and they understand the human being and the reality that affects him and is affected by him. Our basis for this call, is what the reader may find in many books and works that talked about the conditions of ijtihad and issuance of fatwas, from the firm belief that their masters have knowledge of reality as one of the conditions of ijtihad, and knowing people well is a condition of issuing fatwas. However, one does not find in the midst of that analysis and elaboration of those sciences and knowledge specific to these two knowledges. He then explained that “the predecessors have their excuse for not stating the sciences and knowledge called sciences and human knowledge within the sciences and knowledge of Sharia, given that these sciences and knowledge were not codified in their eras, which made it impossible to stipulate them at that time. For our current era, that excuse is no longer acceptable, because these knowledge and sciences are today written, available and facilitated for learning and furthering, which nullifies with it every excuse or reluctance to not stipulate them..”. Therefore, today the human sciences should be relied upon as one of the conditions for ijtihad and fatwas in our present era, as they are sciences that provide a reasonable explanation for the phenomena surrounding man in their various manifestations and formations, as they are available on specific research methods and tools for a good understanding of reality, and for an understanding of duty in reality without affectation; and of course, it goes without saying that it is not required of the one who practices ijtihad and issuing fatwas to reach the degree of specialists in all the knowledge and sciences mentioned by the scholars of the Fiqh principles and maqasid, whether to know the text or to know the reality and know the human being, but it is sufficient for him to master the basic principles of them, and that is according to all of them sciences, instruments and means, not just sciences of purposes, as Ibn Khaldun pointed out in his introduction..” His Excellency concluded his lecture by stating that the need for human sciences by both the mujtahid and the mufti is considered one of the most important acts of worship, in order to achieve the objectives of his Ijtihad and fatwa, which is to achieve the predominance of religion over reality, and to guide life with the teachings of Sharia based on balance, coherence, harmony and stability.



Governor of Indonesian Province of Riau visits Secretariat General of the Academy



H.E. Dr. Indus Haj Shamswar, Governor of the Province of Riau in the Republic of Indonesia, and the accompanying delegation visited the Academy's headquarters in Jeddah, on Thursday 21 Shawal 1444, corresponding to 11 May 2023, and were received by H.E. Prof. Koutoub Sano, Secretary General of the Academy. His Excellency welcomed his honourable guest and the accompanying delegation, thanked him for his visit, expressed his thanks and appreciation to the Republic of Indonesia for its support to the Academy and its willingness to strengthen cooperation, communication and partnership, and reassured his guest of Indonesia's importance as the largest Muslim country in the world and a founding member of the Academy. His Excellency then gave an overview of the Academy, its activities and achievements, carried out in the recent period, and the

developments it has witnessed, noting in this regard the prestigious position and great appreciation that the Academy receives from the OIC Member States, as it is the leading contemporary jurisprudential reference for



the Ummah, with its membership consisting of the leading scholars and jurists of the Ummah representing the eight schools of Islamic law. On this occasion, His Excellency called for strengthening Indonesia's

role in the Academy by appointing a new member representing Indonesia. For his part, the Governor of Riau expressed his honour and thanks for visiting the Academy and told His Excellency that the purpose of this visit is to strengthen the strong fraternal relations and fruitful cooperation with the Academy and to take advantage of it to address many local and regional issues. His Excellency also expressed his appreciation for the work of the Academy in his country, especially in the field of Islamic education and economics in Riau Province, Indonesia. His Excellency hence gave a brief overview of the Muslim-majority province of Riau in Indonesia, which is one of the centres for the development of the Islamic economy and halal industry in Indonesia. His Excellency also expressed his aspiration for more strategic partnerships with the Academy, to make the most of the Academy's resolutions issued by the leading scholars of the Ummah, especially in the field of halal industry, and to establish a benchmark for teaching and research on the Holy Qur'an, Hadith and Islamic economics in Southeast Asia. The meeting was attended by Dr. Abdulqahir Qamar, Director of the Studies and Research Department, and Mr. Mohamed Walid Al-Idrisi, Director of Media and IT at the Academy.



Consul General of Gabon and Dean of African Group Consuls visits the Academy



H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha, Secretary General of the Academy, received the Dean of the Consuls General of the African Group in Jeddah, H.E. Mr. Abdelaziz Branly Opoulou, Consul General of Gabon, on Tuesday 19 Shawal 1444, corresponding to 09 May 2023, at the Academy's headquarters in Jeddah. His Excellency welcomed his guest, thanked him for his visit and expressed his gratitude to the Gabonese Republic for its continuous support to the Academy, then His Excellency

discussed with his guest who in turn expressed his pleasure and honor to visit the Academy and thanked the Secretary General for this warm welcome. The Consul General conveyed to His Excellency the generous invitation, on behalf of the African Group of Consuls General accredited in Jeddah, to receive him as a guest of honor during the celebration of the 60th Africa Day, which will be held at the end of May 2023 in Jeddah, and that His Excellency is welcome to deliver



a speech on that occasion. His Excellency thanked the Consul General for this honor, and promised to honor him, praying Allah to grant him much success in his duties. The meeting was attended by Mr. Mohammed Al-Chouk, Director of Cabinet and Protocols of the Academy.



African Consuls General present the Shield of Merit and Excellence to the S.G.



On the occasion of the celebration of the 60th anniversary of the founding of the African Union, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, was awarded a Shield of Merit and Excellence during this year's Africa Day celebration, in recognition of the quality reforms and profound changes he has brought about since his ascension as Secretary General of the Academy, and as the first non-Arab African to hold this position since the founding of the Academy. After presenting the award to His Excellency, on behalf of the consuls general, H.E. Mr. Abdelaziz Branly Opolo, Head of the African Consular Service, Consul General of the Gabonese Republic in Jeddah, declared: "H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano is the guest of honor at this celebration, as we have decided to award him the Shield of Merit and Excellence to express our sincere respect for this honorable person, and our high appreciation for the reforms, changes and developments that have been introduced since he assumed the position of Secretary General of the Academy in 2020. We also express our full support for His Excellency and our commitment to him to enable him to continue to honour Africa with his outstanding achievements, and to show the world that

the African continent is full of talented, distinguished and creative men like him. We are proud of him, and we are very pleased with what he is doing with his knowledge and his position, clear and innovative reforms". For his part, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Sano spoke on this occasion to a large crowd gathered in a magnificent hall, including consuls general representing 54 African countries and a number of Africans residing in Jeddah, and said: "In fact, I am deeply honored and filled with



gratitude and appreciation to all of you for this great and generous honor. This night will certainly remain etched in our memories. Allow me to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to each and every one of you, and in particular to you, my dear brother, Your Excellency, the Consul General of the Gabonese Republic, to the Consul General's companions, and to all the guests, friends of Africa, and all the African citizens who are present with us. It's true that I must work assiduously and sincerely to deserve this great trust you have placed in me this evening. I take this great opportunity to say loud and clear that we Africans must firmly believe that our country is the continent of the future, the continent of humanity, the continent of fraternity, the

continent of peace and serenity, and that is why we need human resources and natural resources. Future developments require nothing more than strengthening cooperation between countries, reinforcing solidarity between peoples, and investing in youth and courageous men and women. At the end of this brief speech, I would like to thank you once again, Ladies and Gentlemen Consuls General. I can also assure you that this honor is also an honor for the Secretary General of the OIC, H.E. Mr. Hissein Ibrahim Taha, as the International Islamic Fiqh Academy is one of the organs of the OIC. I cannot refrain from expressing my sincere thanks to the rulers and people of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, for this blessed country has been and will remain a friend of Africa, may it receive all the love, friendship, appreciation and respect it deserves. May Allah protect us all and bless us with his grace. Thank you." The Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia was represented by H.E. Ambassador Adnan Murad, Deputy Director General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Saudi Arabia in the Makkah region, and H.E. Ambassador Ahmed bin Dhafar, Secretary of Royal Protocols in the Makkah region, as well as a large number of Consuls General from Europe, Asia and America.



IIFA participates in Experts Group Meeting on OIC Plan of Action on Disabilities



The Academy participated in the Intergovernmental Expert Group Meeting on the OIC Plan of Action on People with Disabilities, held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 01 Dhul Qui'dah 1444, corresponding to June 21-22, 2023. The Academy was represented by Ms Sara Amjad Bedwi, Director of Family, Women, Children, Elderly and Disabled, and Dr Alhagi Manta Drammeh, Head of International Cooperation and External Relations Division. Statements were made by the representative of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania as Chairman of the forty-ninth session of the Council of Foreign Ministers and the representative of Turkey as Chairman of the Ministerial Conference on Social Development respectively on the importance of the Action Plan to develop an action plan that will integrate people with disabilities in OIC

member countries at socio-cultural, educational and political levels. This was followed by a welcoming remark from the Secretariat General to get enriching feedback from delegates and representatives before finalizing the document or submitting it to the Ministerial meeting. The draft action plan was prepared by the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC). The Action Plan includes an overview of the OIC Action Plan, highlighting the timeliness of this document to address the issues of inequality and challenges faced by people with disabilities, and to develop a comprehensive action plan to address these challenges in socio-economic life and increase their participation in the development of their societies and communities. It is hoped that the action plan will serve as a roadmap for policy-makers to coordinate efforts and share knowledge and experience between member states on improving the situation of people with disabilities in relation to international initiatives and the Sustainable Development Goals. The action plan also includes the general principles of diversity, life-course approach, inclusion, human dignity and multi-sectoral approach. The action plan stresses the many challenges faced by people with disabilities in OIC

countries, including weak institutions and insufficient financial resources. The plan focuses on social, economic, health and cultural challenges. Accordingly, the Action Plan outlines a number of areas for action, including education, health, economic integration, governance and the creation of an enabling environment, as well as the articulation of Islamic values that emphasize respect for diversity and inclusion. Following SESRIC's presentation of the Action Plan, representatives of member countries and OIC institutions made interventions and comments on various aspects of the project. The representatives of the Academy thanked the OIC General Secretariat for the kind invitation, reiterating the paramount importance of this Action Plan and expressing the Academy's willingness to work in collaboration with the OIC and its other institutions to implement the aforementioned Action Plan in its Strategic Plan when approved accordingly. The Academy delegation drew the attention of the honourable representatives to Resolution No. 213 (922/) issued by the Academy at its 22nd session held in Kuwait from 2 to 5 Jumada al-Akhirah 1436, corresponding to March 22-25, 2015, concerning the rights of people with disabilities in Islamic jurisprudence.

Secretary General speaks on Digital Assets at AAOIFI Conference in Manama



H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, participated on Monday 18 Shawal 1444, corresponding to 8 May 2023, in a roundtable discussion on “Digital Assets and Islamic Banking”, which was part of the 21st AAOIFI Sharia Council Conference, recently held in Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain. His Excellency began his speech by defining what is meant by the term “digital assets” which refers to anything that can be stored and transmitted electronically via a computer or any other digital device, and which is linked to ownership or usage rights. In other words, assets, benefits and property rights stored in digital form. This perception applies to paintings, documents and photographs, as well as to what are now known as digital currencies of different types. His Excellency clarified the situation by stating “The Shariah ruling regarding these and other new transactions, whether a permissibility or a prohibition, must be based on the general texts of Shariah, its general maxims and objectives. The general principle is permissiveness, and the principle in transactions is particularly permissiveness, and the Sharia texts contained on transactions are flexible texts that allow for Ijtihad and Tajdid in every time and place. The concept of “wealth/maal” in Islam applies to goods, benefits and rights, and it also applies to digital goods, as they are not without being representative of goods, benefits

or rights, which means that the digitization is now considered to be one of God Almighty’s bounties and facilitations to us in our time, as it has now become one of the most important and effective means we use to preserve money and property, and no one can attack or control it without our permission, and until recently we used to carry our money and coins with us, then our paper money, and now, thank God, we don’t need to carry that money which has become stored in codes and forms in computers and wristwatches. This is why we should no longer talk about the legitimacy of these modern means, but rather about how to take advantage of them and enable them to achieve legitimate objectives in the field of transactions, by subjecting them to Sharia rulings and controls”. His Excellency went on to talk about the types of digital assets, explaining that they are divided into two types, namely, “Digital assets that represent real assets transformed into digital codes and forms, such as logos, paintings and other assets that are actually rights held by their owners, and rights are a type of money, and all other types of money apply to them.” The rulings on wealth in Islamic jurisprudence, and as for the second type of digital assets, these are digital currencies, particularly cryptocurrencies, which are the subject of continuous debate on their Sharia ruling in terms of permissiveness or prohibition.” His Excellency pointed out that there are three types of crypto-currency: “Firstly,

cryptocurrencies that are backed by local paper currencies such as the dollar, euro, dinar and riyal, and there is no dispute that their rulings is the same rulings as of the currencies they represent, and secondly, cryptocurrencies backed by precious commodities or metals, and there is also no legal divergence in the ruling of this first type; As for the third type, these are decentralized cryptocurrencies which are not subject to the jurisdiction of any government or state, and have today become a new means of exchanging benefits and a mediator for transactions.” His Excellency explained that



the position of Sharia ruling in this type of case requires the need to differentiate between currencies and their areas of use and circulation, and the fact that it is not subject to the jurisdiction of the ruler or official authorities does not mean that it is not subject to the will of a ruler, because the ruler has the right to set conditions and controls for its use or movement within the borders of his country, and each individual must comply with these rules, controls and conditions. The dialogue was moderated by H.E. Mr. Shaher Abbas, Founder of IFN and it was well received by the attendees who had a chance to interact with H.E. Sheikh Dr. Kahlan Al Kharusi, Assistant to the Grand Mufti of Oman, and H.E. Dr. Yusuf Sultan, Executive Director of Adli Corporation, who also participated in the conference.



Head of International Cooperation represents IIFA at OIC Expert Meeting for Protection of Cultural Heritage in Muslim World



H.E. Dr. Alhagi Manta Drammeh, Head of the International Cooperation and External Relations Division represented the Academy at the Intergovernmental Experts Group Meeting on the Establishment of an OIC Platform for the Protection and Preservation of Cultural Heritage in the Muslim World on 2627- Shawal 1444, corresponding to 1617- May 2023, at the Organization of Islamic Cooperation headquarters in Jeddah. The idea of protecting and preserving cultural heritage in OIC member states dates back to the 1980s, with the creation of the OIC Commission for the Preservation of Islamic

Cultural Heritage as a subsidiary body and the Research Centre for Islamic History, Art and Culture as an executive body. The session of this committee was later merged with that of IRCICA in 2000. The Council of Foreign Ministers held in Niger on November 27 and 28, 2020, in its resolution 1047-/C, requested the OIC Secretariat General to implement the resolution on the establishment of the OIC Platform in collaboration with the relevant OIC institutions. Accordingly, the May 16-17 meeting was convened to recommend the status, modalities, composition, scope, themes, tasks and operation of the platform. The opening session began with remarks from the representatives of the Foreign Session of the Council of Islamic Ministers, who welcomed the representatives of OIC member countries and representatives of OIC institutions. The IRCICA representative spoke of the project progress to create the platform and the consultations that had

led to the preparation of the action plan. The ICESCO representative spoke of the important role of its Heritage Centre. Furthermore, IRCICA Secretariat General spoke about the legal basis for the creation of the platform, including the resolutions of the ministers and summits and the results of the workshops and conferences, held in 2017 and 2019 respectively. Several interventions were made by representatives to enrich the report before its submission to the Council of Foreign Ministers meeting to be held in Cairo in June 2023. The representative of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy conveyed the best regards of the Academy’s Secretary General to the participants, appreciating the idea of establishing the Platform, and thus transmitted the Academy’s willingness to contribute to the establishment of such a platform from a Sharia point of view, being the main reference in the matter.

IIFA's media department takes part in the OIC's specialized training course



The Secretariat General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation organized a specialized training course in social media management under the title "Linguistic Management of Official Media Accounts" on 45- Dhul Quida 1444H corresponding to May 24/2023 ,25- at the OIC Secretariat General in Jeddah. The

training was attended by Mr. Muhammad Al-Idrisi, Director of Public Relations and Media, and Mr. Saad Al-Sammar, Head of the Media Division at the Academy. The objective of this specialized course was to develop participants' skills in preparing and writing content for social media accounts for official institutions based on media and linguistic considerations and to manage them effectively, in addition to acquiring the necessary skills in preparing content for social media accounts, as well as the mechanisms of persuasion (linguistic and non-linguistic), and how to improve editing social media content. At the end of the training, H.E. Ambassador Tariq Bakhit, Assistant Secretary General for Humanitarian, Cultural and Community Affairs, and H.E. Dr. Ibrahim bin

Muhammad Abanmi, Deputy Secretary General of King Salman Global Academy for the Arabic Language, issued certificates to the participants approved by the OIC Secretariat General and King Salman Global Academy for the Arabic Language.



30th Monthly Meeting of the Academy's Personnel

On Sunday, 17 Shawal 1444, corresponding to 07 May 2023, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, chaired the thirteenth monthly meeting of the Academy's personnel at the Secretariat General in Jeddah. He opened the meeting by welcoming the participants and thanking them for their discipline and full commitment to the Academy's regulations, especially the regular participation in the periodic meetings. He also took the opportunity to congratulate all employees on the occasion of Eid Al-Fitr, asking Allah to accept our fasting, prayers and good deeds. As it is customary in this kind of meeting, His Excellency allowed all the employees



to express their opinions about the work and progress of the Academy, as well as their suggestions for the advancement of the Academy and the development of its performance. His Excellency listened with interest and concentration to the remarks,

suggestions, and requests of a number of employees, calling on everyone to continue to show a spirit of cooperation and brotherhood, while making maximum efforts to carry out the Academy's activities and programs. The meeting made several decisions, notably:

- Distribute the strategic plan progress report to employees in order present their opinions and comments for discussion at the next meeting.
- Study the status of employees whose residence cards are under the Ministry of Interior to try to transfer them to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- Create a new WhatsApp group for Academy employees.

99th Weekly Meeting of Departments



H.E. Prof. Dr. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, chaired the ninety-ninth weekly meeting of the departments on Monday 11 Shawal 1444 corresponding to 1st May 2023. He opened the meeting by extending his congratulations on the occasion of Eid Al-Fitr, asking the Lord to bless everyone's fasting, payers and good deeds and to return it to us and the Ummah in the best of returns, and may He grant security and prosperity to our Ummah. He expressed his condolences on Professor Abdulwahab Abu Suleiman, former member of the Council of Senior Scholars and Academy member, who passed away on the 26th Ramadan 1444, corresponding to 17th April 2023, after a scholarly career rich in knowledge. He then talked about his official visit to the Republic of Iraq aimed at strengthening the relations of cooperation and integration with

the main scientific and religious institutions in the Republic of Iraq, during which he met with the President of the Republic, the Prime Minister, the Speaker of the Parliament and a number of political and religious figures, and also gave lectures at Abu Hanifa Mosque and the Grand Imam College. He also talked about the signing of a MoU between the Council and the Iraqi Fiqh Academy, as well as between the Academy and the Sunni Waqf Fund. He also talked about his visit to the Shiite Waqf Fund and his meeting with the Executive Director. He then spoke about his participation in the Hassani Lectures in the Kingdom of Morocco, under the patronage of HM King Mohammed VI, as well as his participation in the Hashemite Lectures in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, where he gave a lecture on Imam al-Nawawi, may Allah have mercy on him. He also discussed the five-year strategic plan for the Academy and asked all directors to review the plan with the employees of their departments and submit a detailed report on what has been achieved. The meeting discussed the decisions issued by the previous meeting, and several new decisions were issued, notably:

- Sending letters of thanks to the Consul

General of the Republic of Iraq, the President of the Republic, the Speaker of the Parliament, the Prime Minister, the Head of the Sunni Foundation, the President of the Shia foundation, the President of the Iraqi Fiqh Academy, the Dean of the Grand Imam College, and the Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs of the Kingdom of Morocco, the President of the Higher Scientific Council of Morocco, and the Jordanian Minister of Awqaf, Islamic Affairs and Holy Places.

- To start calling for participants to the scientific symposium entitled: The use of breast milk for premature babies, in cooperation with the Islamic Organization of Medical Sciences, and with the participation Academy's members and experts.
- Transcribing the audio recordings of the twenty-fifth session

100th Weekly Meeting of Departments

H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, chaired the 100th weekly meeting of the departments on Tuesday 19 Shawal 1444 corresponding to 09 May 2023, at the Secretariat General in Jeddah. His Excellency welcomed the participants and thanked them for their commitment to the weekly meetings, noting that this meeting is the 100th meeting, and that these meetings have enabled the Academy to progress and strengthen the principle of transparency, and to put all new issues on the table through discussions to express opinions and appropriate solutions, and to facilitate communication and exchange of information with full transparency and follow-up of the various works and activities. His Excellency confirmed the date of the coming symposium entitled: Breastfeeding

of premature babies with milk from known and unknown mothers, which will be held at the end of May, stressing the need to start early preparations and called on all departments to cooperate to ensure the success of this symposium. His Excellency also talked about the visit of a delegation of Ummah's scholars to Afghanistan, under the leadership of the Academy, with the aim of discussing and dialoguing with Afghan officials and scholars on the previous issues in order to reach practical resolutions that will be beneficial to the Afghan people, especially girls' education and women's work. The meeting discussed the previous decisions and several new decisions were made, notably:

- Sending a reminder to countries that have not paid their contributions,



- and to countries that are in arrears.
- Transcribing the audio recording of the 25th session and completing it by early July.
- Drafting a memorandum of cooperation between the Academy and the Ministry of Islamic Affairs and Awqaf of the Kingdom of Morocco.
- Drafting a new blueprint for the Academy's Zayed Fiqh Encyclopedia with a new title.

46th Periodic Meeting of Divisions



H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, chaired the forty-sixth periodic meeting of the heads of divisions at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Academy in Jeddah on Thursday, 21 Shawal 1444, corresponding to 11 November 2023. His Excellency greeted the heads of divisions and thanked them for their regular

participation in these important periodic meetings to ensure the full completion of the Academy's activities and programmes, and then spoke about the medical fiqh symposium that the Academy will organize on the topic of "Breastfeeding of Premature Babies: With milk from known and unknown mothers" at the end of May 2023, so he called on everyone to cooperate and make more efforts to prepare this symposium well with the rest of the departments, based on the values that call for productivity, cooperation and integration in order to achieve the desired results. His Excellency also showed the importance of institutional work in the different activities of the march and the depersonalisation/ decentralisation of actions and responsibilities.

After the participants discussed the points of the meeting, a number of new decisions were taken, including:

- Expedite the completion of the revision of the first edition of the "Dictionary of the biographies of the Academy's members", adding the full bibliography of each member's biography.
- Review the research for the symposium "Family Foundations: Challenges and Prospects".
- Prepare a weekly statistical report on the number of visitors to the Academy's website by day, week and month.
- Upload the documentary film to the Academy's website and social media.

14th Joint Meeting of Departments and Divisions

The Secretary General of the Academy, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, chaired the fourteenth joint weekly meeting of departments and divisions on Monday, 02 Dhu al-Quida 1444, corresponding to 22 May 2023, at the Academy's headquarters in Jeddah. His Excellency welcomed the participants and thanked them for their participation in the meeting, indicating that this meeting will be a joint meeting between the departments and divisions to follow up the preparations progress of the symposium scheduled for the end of this month entitled: Breastfeeding of premature babies with milk from known



and unknown mothers. His Excellency urged the committees working in session to work in the same order at the symposium and urged them to work together across departments and divisions and to cooperate in order to make the symposium a success. His Excellency then listened to the opinions

and suggestions of the employees regarding the preparations for the symposium. The following decisions were made at the end of the meeting:

- To review the research papers and ensure that they address the required themes, so that they can be approved in their final form for printing.
- Book and send participants' tickets directly to those who have been granted visas.
- Prepare a media coverage plan similar to that of the previous symposium.

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IIFA organises Medical Fiqh Symposium on Breastfeeding the Premature Babies



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

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



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

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



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



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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Final Statement for the Symposium on Breastfeeding Premature Babies



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

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

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

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

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

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

Sheikh Al Azhar welcomes Secretary General in his office in Cairo

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



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

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



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



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

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

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



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



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

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

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

Secretary General delivers Friday sermon at Bangkok Mosque



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

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

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

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

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



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



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

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



Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan visits the Academy

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



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

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



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



Secretary General receives the Consul General of Nigeria in Jeddah



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

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

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



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



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

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

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

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



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

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

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



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

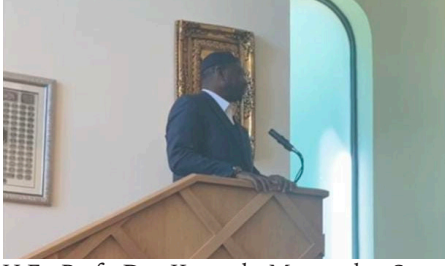
Al Maktoum College of Higher Education organized on Thursday the 26th of Dhu al-Qi'dah 2023, corresponding to the 15th of June 2023, a dialogue session on Islamic studies in the higher education institutions in Britain at the college's headquarters in Dundee, Scotland. The session began with a focused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



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

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

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



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

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

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

47th periodic meeting of department heads

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



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

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

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

32nd monthly meeting of the Academy's personnel



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

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

- Revision of the recommendations

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

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

15th Joint Meeting of Departments and Divisions

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

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

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



the opening of the symposium.

16th Joint Meeting of Departments and Divisions

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



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

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

The hundred and one weekly meeting of the department

H.E. Prof. Dr. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, presided over the 101st weekly meeting of the departments on the day Monday, 23rd of Dhu al-Qi`dah 1444H, corresponding to the 12th of June 2023 AD, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat in Jeddah. He welcomed the attendees, then spoke about his participation in the Conference of Ministers of Social Affairs, which was held in the Arab Republic of Egypt in the period between 56-June 2023, as he spoke on his meeting with His Eminence, the Grand Imam, Sheikh Dr. Ahmed Al-Tayyib, Sheikh of Al-Azhar, at the headquarters of the Sheikh of Al-Azhar Al-Sharif in Cairo. He discussed with him many topical issues and problems of the time, especially the importance of coordination and strengthening cooperation relations and partnership and communication with a reputable scientific institution such as Al-

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

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



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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

H.E. Prof. Dr Koutoub Moustapha SANO

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

Recommendations of the IIFA Symposium on Breastfeeding Premature Babies



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

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

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

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

whether the child is premature or not, and this obligation is confirmed for the premature child because of their urgent need for breastfeeding, which makes the use of legitimate means to breastfeed them a matter of importance.

Fourth: The mahramiyyah (inability to marry someone) spreads with the arrival of pure milk or tinged (mixed) with a liquid that did not come out of its reality, such as water, medicine or the like, from a known woman to the cavity of a premature baby by sucking through the mouth, or snuff through the nose.

Fifth: It is not permissible for any party to deliberately breastfeed a premature child with the milk of mothers known to them, and unknown to the parents of the premature child, because of the consequent nullification of the spread of mahramiyyah through breastfeeding, knowing that enabling the parents of the premature child to know the mothers who donate their milk has become possible and easy in this era thanks to modern technologies.

Sixth: Donors of their milk to premature babies have the right to

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

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

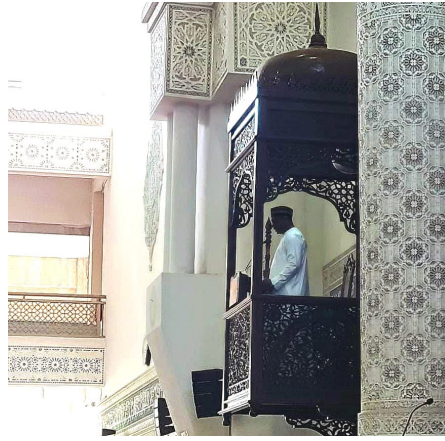
Eighth: The concerned health authorities shall establish regulations and legislation regulating the donation of maternal milk to premature babies to protect them and achieve the purpose of self-preservation.

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

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

Secretary General pronounces Eid Adha Sermon at IIU Mosque in Malaysia

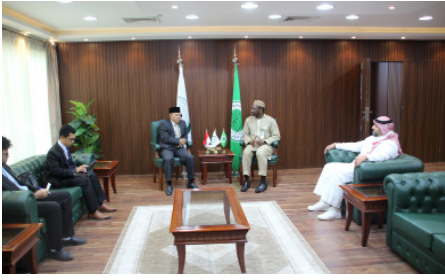
His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustafa Sano, Secretary General of the International Fiqh Academy, delivered on Thursday, the 10th of Dhu al-Hijjah, 1444H corresponding to the 29th of June 2023, the blessed Eid al-Adha sermon at the Sultan Ahmad Shah Mosque at the International Islamic University in the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



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

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

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



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

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

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



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



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

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



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

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



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



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

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

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



Head of Sharia Judicial Authority of Chad visits IIFA

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



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

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

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



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



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

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

brotherhood, mercy. It must also be employed to fight hatred, intolerance, discrimination, and exclusion, because it is really impossible to build a healthy and stable society without diversity and differences among its members.”. He concluded his lecture by pointing out that the Youth Peacemakers Forum is one of the most important initiatives of the Muslim Council of Elders, believing in the Chairman of the Council, His Eminence the Grand Imam Maulana Sheikh Dr. Ahmed Al-Tayeb, Sheikh of Al-Azhar Al-Sharif, may God protect him, who affirms on every occasion that young people are the leaders of the future, and that they are the ones who can change the world positively, because they represent today a large percentage of 7075%- of the world's population, because of their strong ability and will to make peace, the hope is in you after God to become messengers of peace, human fraternity, justice and equality to lead the world for the better. Geneva, Switzerland, witnessed the activities of the second edition of the Youth Peacemakers Forum organized by the Muslim Council of Elders, in partnership with the World Council of Churches and the Rose Castle Foundation, between 614- July 2023, with the participation of 50 young men and women from around the world.



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

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



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

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

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

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

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



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

102nd weekly meeting of departments

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



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

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

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

103rd weekly meeting of departments

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

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



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

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

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May Allah have Mercy on our Beloved and Venerable Sheikh Prof. Ali Al-Salous



“Among the believers are men true to what they promised Allah. Among them is are those who have fulfilled their vow [to the death], and among them are those who await. And they did not alter [the terms of their commitment] by any alteration” Al-Ahzaab, 23. It is with hearts full of faith in Allah’s fate and destiny, that submit to His judgment and command, that the International Islamic Fiqh Academy has received the news of the passing of our honorable Sheikh, the revered scholar, the sincere preacher, Professor Shaikh Ali bin Ahmed bin Ali Al-Salous, on Tuesday evening, 7 Muharam 1445, at the age of 90. He has spent his life in the service of religion, scholarship and the Ummah, as a dedicated teacher, diligent educator, refined author and sincere preacher to Allah with insight, wisdom and sophistication. His Eminence – may Allah have mercy on him – was one of the Academy’s distinguished and loyal designated members, accompanying it

from its inception and contributing to its development four decades ago. His Eminence participated in its sessions and symposia as a serious scholar, energetic and tactful commentator. I bear testimony – and this testimony is for Allah and for history – that his concern for the future of Islamic finance and banking was great, guiding its path, its activities, and streamlining its new transactions and contracts. His Eminence never hesitated to warn against new transactions and contracts that did not adhere to legal controls in terms of structure and content, and he never tired of warning against the disastrous consequences of usurious transactions. I attest that he was very attached to the methodology of the Companions and their followers. He defended that methodology with sincerity! How much effort and money he spent in the service of Allah and defending Islam in all parts of the world! Our venerable Sheikh leaves our mortal world after a blessed life. He has

bequeathed us and the Ummah useful knowledge through his books and lectures. May Allah weigh them in the balance of his good deeds, reward him in our name, in that of his students and admirers, and reunite us with him and those who preceded him among our venerable sheikhs, and our honorable masters among the scholars, in the gardens of bliss, in a seat of sincerity with our Lord. The Presidency of the Council, the Secretariat General, members, and experts mourn His Eminence, may Allah shower him with His forgiveness and grace, and we implore Him to shower him with mercy, to forgive him and grant him His vast gardens, and to gather him with the prophets, the truthful, the martyrs, the righteous and the best of them as companions, and to give his family and loved ones patience and consolation, for we belong to Allah and it is to Him that we shall return.

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

S.G. offers condolences to Cote d'Ivoire on death of former President Mr. Konan

On Thursday, 20 Muharram 1445, corresponding to 7 August 2023, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, accompanied by a delegation from the Academy, presented the condolences of the Secretariat General of the Academy to the Consulate General of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire in Jeddah, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on the passing of Mr. Henri Konan Bidier, former President of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, on August 1, 2023. Moreover, His Excellency recorded his condolences in the register designated, saying: "In the name of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy emanating from the



Organization of Islamic Cooperation, its presidency, general secretariat, members, experts, and employees, we present, on this sad occasion, to His Excellency Mr. Alassane Ouattara, President of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, may Allah protect him, and the honorable people of Ivory Coast, and the family of the deceased, offer our deepest sympathy and sincere condolences, asking God Almighty to bestow His mercy on the deceased, pardon him, and grant his family and relatives patience and solace. It is worth noting that President Henri Mr. Konan had ruled the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire during the period from 1993 to 1999.

Secretary General receives Rector of International Islamic University Malaysia



As part of the cooperation agreement between the Academy and the International Islamic University of Malaysia (IIUM), H.E. Prof. Emeritus Tan Sri Dzulkifli Abdul Razaq, Rector of the International Islamic University Malaysia, visited the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, accompanied by Dato Sri Syed Hussain Abdul Qadir, member of the IIUM Board of Governors, on Sunday 04 Safar 1445, corresponding to August 20, 2023, and were received at the Academy by H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy.



At the start of the meeting, he expressed his deep thanks and appreciation to the Secretary General for the warm welcome, good reception and generous hospitality, praising the Academy's distinguished intellectual efforts in promoting the values of moderation, tolerance, openness, and coexistence among OIC member states. He also expressed his desire to strengthen relations of cooperation



and partnership between the Academy and the IIUM in many areas, including inviting IIUM members to participate in scientific activities, programs, conferences and seminars organized by the Academy on emerging issues and developments.

For his part, H.E. Prof. Sano expressed his great pleasure and thanks to Tan Sri and the accompanying delegation, noting that this was a sincere expression of IIUM's desire to consolidate the ties of communication and cooperation between the two parties. He presented the Academy as a place for meeting and exchanging ideas, and also emphasized the Academy's status as the supreme and primary jurisprudential reference to which OIC member states refer to clarify legal rulings on calamities, developments, and issues of concern to Muslims worldwide, making it a living model for the institution of collective ijthad. Achieving intellectual convergence and cognitive integration between the jurists and thinkers of the Ummah who represent fifty-seven (57) Muslim countries in addition to Muslim communities worldwide. He also explained that the Academy organizes sessions and seminars to study contemporary issues and developments, as well as to carry out Ijtihad in these fields, with the aim of clarifying appropriate legal rulings by issuing Shariah resolutions. It is accepted by the scholars of the Ummah in the present age. He stressed that the participation of IIUM members in the various activities, programs, conferences and seminars organized by the Academy was most welcome. The meeting was attended by Dr. Abdelfattah Mahmoud Abnauf, Director of the Planning, International Cooperation and External Relations Department, Mr. Muhammad Al-Idrisi, Director of the Media and Public Relations Department, and Mr. Alhagi Manta Drammeh, Head of International Cooperation and External Relations Department.

Deputy Secretary General of the Muslim World league visits IIFA



H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, received on Thursday 01 Safar 1445, corresponding to August 17, 2023, H.E. Dr. Abdulrahman bin Abdullah Al Zaid, Deputy Secretary General of the Muslim World League at the Academy's headquarters in Jeddah. Abdul Rahman Al-Zaid expressed his sincere thanks and gratitude to the Secretary General for the warm welcome extended to him. He also conveyed the greetings of the MWL Secretary General, H.E. Sheikh Muhammad bin Abdelkarim Al-Issa, underlining the MWL's willingness to support and strengthen cooperative ties. He underlined the MWL's willingness to support and strengthen the ties of cooperation and coordination with the Academy on issues and topics of concern to Muslims worldwide and appreciated the Academy's considerable efforts to spread the values of moderation, coexistence and tolerance. He also referred to the great importance

attached to the Makkah document, which is the most important, comprehensive, and approved contemporary document, having been published by over 1,200 Muslim personalities representing the Muslim world, including muftis, leading scholars, noting that the Academy is ready to cooperate with the MWL Fiqh Council to implement activities, programs and initiatives. The scientific work contained in this document, through the activation of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the OIC and the MWL.



For his part, His Excellency welcomed his honorable guest, thanking him for the visit and expressing his appreciation for the valuable efforts and major achievements undertaken by the Muslim World League under the leadership of H.E. Sheikh Al-Issa – may Allah protect him -, particularly in highlighting the tolerant teachings of Islam based on moderation and restraint. He also stressed the importance of the World League for

Human Rights in promoting dialogue and understanding between peoples in international forums, and welcomed the League's distinguished presence, as well as its valuable contribution to correcting misconceptions about the pure values of Islam and its great teachings. He noted that there is agreement between the noble aims of the OIC and the MWL, on the one hand, and between the latter and the IIFA, on the other. He looked forward to strengthening cooperative ties on issues of interest to the Ummah, particularly in the implementation of the scientific activities contained in the Makkah document, beginning with its adoption as part of the Academy's resolutions at the next session. He concluded by expressing the hope that the two organizations would jointly organize specialized scientific symposia on calamities and developments. The meeting was attended by Dr. Abdel-Fattah Abnauf, Director of Planning and Mr. Mohamed Al-Idrisi, Director of Media and Public Relations.



Afghanistan's Permanent Representative to the OIC visits the Academy

H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, received Ambassador H.E. Dr. Shafiq Samim, Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to the OIC, on Monday 06 Muharram 1445 corresponding to 24 July 2023, at the headquarters of IIFA in Jeddah. The Ambassador expressed his gratitude for the warm welcome and his honor to visit the Academy. He appreciated the considerable efforts under His Excellency's leadership in the service of Islam and Muslims, particularly with regard to the unification of the Ummah, the dissemination of correct concepts about Islam and the promotion of the values of moderation and peaceful coexistence, welcoming the Academy and the Muslim scholars delegation headed by the Secretary General to Afghanistan and efforts to enhance cooperation between the Academy and the current Afghan government. For his part, His Excellency welcomed and thanked him for his role



in the success of the Ummah scholars' first visit to Afghanistan to dialogue and communicate with Afghan scholars and the ruling authority on a number of current issues. He also spoke of the Ummah scholars' delegation's second visit to Afghanistan in the coming days to continue dialogue and discussion with Afghan scholars and the ruling authority. This aims to continue discussions and dialogue with the incumbent authority on the latest developments related to the topics previously addressed by the delegation, in particular with regard to the issue of girl's education, the participation

of women in efforts to build and progress, and the promotion of integration between all segments of Afghan people. Finally, he renewed his great hope that the objectives of the forthcoming visit by the delegation of Muslim scholars would be achieved, stressing that he was fully prepared to provide all the facilities necessary for the success of the visit. The meeting was attended by Mr. Muhammad Chouk, Director of Legal Affairs and Protocols, and Mr. Muhammad Al-Idrisi, Director of the Media and Public Relations.



At Open Dialogue, S.G. calls for relying on Three Foundations of Islamic Action

At the invitation from the Canadian Academy of Dawah Arts in Canada, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary-General of the Academy delivered an online lecture entitled the Fiqh of the Ummah and its Impact on Islamic Action, through the Canadian Academy's famous program titled the Open Dialogue Forum, on Saturday evening 11 Muharram 1445, corresponding to 29 July 2023. At the opening of the lecture, he explained that the term Ummah or nation, has two concepts, a general concept, and a specific concept. As for the general concept, it is used to refer to all the inhabitants of a country living together in harmony on a piece of land, regardless of their beliefs and affiliation. As for the special concept, it is used to refer to a group of people belonging to a specific religion, regardless of their place of residence and presence. He pointed out the existence of rights and obligations for individuals who live within a state or share a particular belief, stressing that the strength and weakness of nations depend on the extent of their individuals' commitment to the foundations of their existence and stability. No nation throughout history has adhered to its foundations except that it has been happy, elevated, exalted, and prevailed, and no nation has neglected its foundations except that it has become weak and collapse has become her fate. He noted in the meantime that what is meant by Ummah in this lecture is the general concept, and this is true today of two billion people who believe in one religion, turn their prayers to one qibla, fast one



month, and their richest among them pay zakat once a year, and perform the Hajj every year to one house, and this nation is characterized by its benevolence and witnesses over other nations of the earth, as indicated by the Almighty's sayings "You are the best nation produced [as an example] for mankind." And "Thus we have made you a just community that you will be witnesses over the people and the Messenger will be a witness over you." He explained that the success of Islamic action in place and time depends on the extent of the Ummah's commitment, and on three foundations, which are explained by the hadith reported by Imam Muslim and said: "The example of the believers in their love, compassion, and sympathy is like the body. If one organ complains, the rest of the body responds with sleeplessness and fever." These foundations are represented by the affection, the compassion, and the sympathy. These foundations share the fact that they are deeply connected and linked to the heart, which is their source and place. This means that if they are established in the heart, their effects will be evident in behavior and the same

is true of their weakness, and instability. He called on those involved in Islamic action everywhere, especially outside the Muslim world, to remember, adhere to, and cling to these foundations while completely staying away from sterile, destructive competitions, fragmented repetition of efforts, and the frantic race towards self-destruction, as well as rivalry, envy, quarreling, hatred, and deception. All of this prevents the success of Islamic action, which means that the success of contemporary Islamic work is always and forever dependent on the constant evocation of these foundations, and the continuous adherence to them in every activity or behavior that a Muslim person undertakes. To achieve this, he called for a positive outlook, positive interaction, and responsible dealing with difference, whether in the field of faith, jurisprudence, or education. He concluded by emphasizing the importance of optimism, not despairing of the current reality, and working hard to change the reality into a more solidaristic, supportive, and synergistic reality. At the end of the lecture, His Excellency answered a number of questions posed by the attendees, and the lecture received great acclaim from the followers. The session was moderated by Dr. Moaz Al-Bayyouni. The Academy is a Canadian non-profit institution specializing in the science of Islamic advocacy (Dawah) that offers a variety of programs that develop professional and social skills related to the art of Dawah, and is headquartered in Ontario, Canada.

Director of Brunei's Shafi'i Madhab Research Center visits IIFA



H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, received H.E. Dr Mas Noorani bint Haji Mohiuddin, Director of the Shafi'i Madhab Research Center, and Dr Amni Suhaila Abrahan, Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Islamic Finance at Sultan Sharif Ali University, on Thursday 01 Safar 1445, corresponding to August 17, 2023, at the Academy's headquarters. The Secretary General welcomed his guests and thanked

them for their visit, and presented the Academy's vision and mission, as well as its willingness to cooperate with Brunei's universities and other scientific and religious institutions. For her part, Dr. Mas Noorani thanked His Excellency for his warm welcome and for the honor of visiting the Academy, which is considered the supreme authority on Fiqh in the Islamic world. Dr. Noorani underlined the good reputation enjoyed by the Academy thanks to the great services it renders to the Ummah through its rulings, recommendations, and declarations, and looked forward to developing cooperative relations between the Academy, the university, and the center, particularly with regard to scientific visits by university and center staff, as well as participation in joint conferences and seminars on issues of common interest. Her Excellency concluded her speech by inviting the

Secretary General of the Academy to visit the university and its center, which is dedicated to the study of the Shafi'i school of law. The meeting was attended by Mr. Muhammad Walid Al-Idrisi, Director of the Department of Media and Public Relations, Ms. Sara Bedwi Director of Family, Women and Children and Dr. Alhagi Manta Drammeh, Head of International Cooperation and External Relations at the Academy.



S.G. participates in Marrakesh International Symposium on Fatwa in African Context

At the kind invitation of the Mohammed VI Foundation of African Ulemas, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary-General of the Academy, participated in the international scientific symposium organized by the Foundation during Saturday and Sunday 20-21 Dhul-Hijjah 1444, corresponding to 8-9 2023, in the city of Marrakesh, Kingdom of Morocco. He expressed to the Moroccan media his great pleasure in participating in this timely scientific symposium, which is being held in an important historical period in which the institution of legal fatwas in the countries of the continent is going through a difficult historical turning point, as a result of those individuals who dared to resort to the fatwa before they were able to its tools, etiquette, and conditions, and the result of the distortion of the extremists who claim to have knowledge of Sharia, while they have no knowledge of the rules of inference and deduction,



and are ignorant of the purposes and virtues of the Sharia, which calls for the importance of intensifying scientific and intellectual efforts in order to formulate clear, coherent, and comprehensive Sharia provisions that illuminate the path for those who qualify for the fatwa, in the African context, transcends passive isolation under the attacks on constants at the hands of those who have no relation with the qualified institutions of fatwa and opens up with a responsible and strict openness to the changes and developments witnessed by the world in general, and the African continent in particular, especially in the field of employing all modern means of communication and through official scientific fatwa institutions that adhere to the general principles of Sharia law, are based on overall objectives, are accompanied by jurisprudential foundations, and take into account the

consequences of actions, when issuing fatwas on public issues. He also stressed that there is an urgent need today to hold more such seminars and scientific conferences in order to protect people's faith from whoever prone deviant fatwas that contradict the principles of religion, incite violence and exclusion, discord, and disdain customs and traditions, as he called for. He sought to formulate legislation that criminalizes anyone who submits to a Sharia-based fatwa before mastering its tools and etiquette and prohibits individuals from issuing fatwas on public matters without authorization from the legal fatwa institutions authorized by law and law to address fatwas in those matters. He also called for the necessity of referring to solid jurisprudential academies regarding the appropriate legal rulings for calamities, as they are general fatwa institutions whose members consist of the Ummah's best, established and distinguished scholars. He concluded his speech by expressing his sincere thanks and great gratitude to His Majesty the Commander of the Faithful, His Majesty King Mohammed VI, may Allah protect him, for the great care and generous care he gives to science and scientists in general, and African scientists in particular, in emphasis on strengthening the deep-rooted relations of love, communication, support and support.



Dr. Abnauf participates in Training Course of Permanent Committee on IHL

Dr. Abdel Fattah Abnaouf, Director of the Department of Planning, International Cooperation and External Relations, participated as a representative of the Academy in the training course organized by the Standing Committee on International Humanitarian Law in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia entitled: Preventive measures to protect humanitarian aid and health services during armed conflicts, with the participation of various military and civilian sectors and representatives of the OIC Member States during the period between 5-8 Muharram 1445 AH, corresponding to 23-26 July 2023 in Jeddah. The course included a set of valuable specialized scientific lectures from specialists and experts in the field of international humanitarian law, which are specific to the concept of international humanitarian law, its sources, principles, scope of application and implementation mechanisms, with reference to its most important terms, as well as rights and duties of health care workers and journalists during armed conflict, preventive

measures to protect humanitarian action in areas of military operations, protection of emblems of humanitarian organizations in armed conflict, and the role of national strategic leaders in promoting international law. The course also dealt with the statement of criminal responsibility and the accountability mechanism for violations against health, media and humanitarian personnel during armed conflicts, and the supervisory role of humanitarian organizations in protecting violations of international humanitarian law during armed conflicts. The course concluded with sessions that included a presentation of the most important contemporary models of applications of international humanitarian law in the Arab Republic of Egypt and in the Kingdom of Morocco with scientific and practical discussions from military leaders, civilians, volunteers, judges and experts practicing humanitarian work in areas of armed conflict. It is noteworthy that the approval of the establishment of the Permanent Committee for International



Humanitarian Law was by Resolution of the Council of Ministers on 14/5/2007, and was formed under the chairmanship of the Saudi Red Crescent Authority, and the committee is concerned with international humanitarian law and its conventions, with recommendations on the conventions and creating awareness about it. It also aims to contribute to the development of international humanitarian law through national studies and research, and to strive for the Standing Committee to be the first national reference in consultations in the field of international humanitarian law.

IIFA participates in 5th session of IC-OIC Islamic Committee Consultative Meeting

Dr. Abdel Fattah Mahmoud Abnaouf, Director of the Department of Planning, International Cooperation and External Relations, representing His Excellency the Secretary General of the Academy, participated in the fifth session of the consultative meeting of the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent and the National Societies of the Red Crescent of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, which was held in Jeddah between 5-8 of Muharram 1445 AH, corresponding to 23-26 July 2023. The session on the first day included opening speeches by the Turkish Red Crescent, followed by a speech by His Excellency the Secretary-General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, then a speech by the Chairman of the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent, then a speech by the President of the Saudi Red Crescent Authority, and the handover ceremony of the consultative meeting from the presidency of the Turkish Red Crescent to the presidency of the Saudi Red Crescent Authority. The meeting, through various scientific working papers



and practical experiences presented to the OIC countries in the field of charitable and humanitarian work, aimed to unify the efforts of humanitarian organizations and charitable bodies working in the field of humanitarian work to serve international business to reflect the exchange of expertise and practical experiences for the digital transformation of National Societies in the fields of humanitarian work. After deliberations over four days, the meeting

concluded several recommendations that contribute to the development of joint humanitarian action, most notably: The importance of holding the periodic consultative meeting between the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent and the national bodies and societies of the Red Crescent and Red Cross in the OIC countries and considering it a platform within the framework of the Organization and the need for bilateral and multilateral partnerships between National Societies and with the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent to enhance joint cooperation in the areas of developing human and developmental capacities in all the basic tasks of National Societies related to humanitarian work. It is worth mentioning that the fifth session of the consultative meeting was attended by representatives of the relevant national societies of more than fifty (50) countries, OIC Member States, as well as senior officials of the International Committee of the Red Cross, the International Federation of Red Crescent and the Arab Red Cross and Red Crescent Organization.

IIFA takes part in United Nations Children's Fund meeting in Sri Lanka

At the kind invitation of UNICEF's regional office in Nepal, Dr. Alhagi Manta Drammeh, Head of International Cooperation and External Relations, represented the Academy at the "Regional Workshop on Religious Organizations Advocating for Child Rights and Protection" between 26 and 28 Muharam 1445, corresponding to August 13-15, 2023, in Colombo, Sri Lanka. This meeting follows the South Asia Regional Consultative Group for the Faith and Positive Change for Children, Families and Communities (FPCC) initiative, which was organized by the Nepal Regional Forum for Religious Participation in Kathmandu in 2022, and brought together religious leaders,

stakeholders, and UNICEF representatives from eight countries: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. Dr. Alhagi Manta Drammeh delivered a speech in which he expressed his appreciation and thanks on behalf of the Secretary General of the Academy for the kind invitation and conveyed to them His Excellency's greetings and best wishes. He also gave them an overview of the Academy, one of the most important bodies of the OIC, established in 1981 to be the main reference for OIC member states and Muslim communities regarding Sharia rulings on emerging issues and matters of concern to Muslims worldwide. He also spoke about the Academy's important resolutions and declarations concerning women in Islam, peaceful coexistence, and education. The opening remarks were followed by workshops focusing on the national context, highlighting the role that religious actors can play in promoting the rights and well-being of children through child-centered counseling and educational programs, and the establishment of psychosocial service systems. Over sixty delegates from eight South Asian

countries and UNICEF representatives attended the meeting. It should be noted that this event was organized by UNICEF in partnership with Religions for Peace and the Mutual Learning Initiative on Beliefs and local Communities.



33rd Monthly Meeting of the Academy's Personnel



The Secretariat General of the Academy held the thirty-third periodic monthly meeting of the Academy's staff, chaired by H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary-General, on Sunday 19 Muharam 1445, corresponding to 06

August 2023, at the Secretariat General's headquarters in Jeddah. At the start of the meeting, His Excellency welcomed the participants and thanked them for attending, recalling the importance of such meetings to improve communication

and coordination between the various departments and divisions, benefit from suggestions and identify difficulties. He then spoke of his recent visit to the Kingdom of Morocco and his meeting with a number of officials to discuss the possibility of hosting the twenty-sixth session in Rabat. His Excellency gave the floor to the staff to express their opinions and observations on the progress of the Academy. His Excellency listened with interest to the comments and proposals. The meeting took a number of decisions, the most important of which are as follows:

- Prepare and equip the meeting room so that staff can attend meetings remotely when required.
- Submit a full report on the latest developments in translating the Academy's resolutions into various languages.
- Drafting names of researchers for the next symposium on genetically modified meat.

104th Weekly Departments Meeting

H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, chaired the 104th weekly meeting of departments on Monday 27 Muharram 1445, corresponding to 15 August 2023, at the Academy's headquarters in Jeddah. His Excellency welcomed the participants and thanked them for their regular attendance at the weekly meetings, reiterating the importance of these meetings, during which consultation and coordination on urgent issues and problems are pursued in order to take collective decisions that involve all departments. His Excellency emphasized that these meetings are an opportunity to familiarize oneself with the latest updates on the Academy, its events, activities, and issues, and how to implement and monitor the Academy's activities and programs. His Excellency then spoke about his participation in the international conference organized by Saudi Arabia's Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Daawa and Guidance, entitled Communication with the Departments of Religious Affairs and Ifta' around the World: Communication and Integration, under the auspices of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, King of Saudi Arabia, may Allah protect him. Some 85 countries took part, represented by ministers and heads of religious affairs, ifta and Islamic organizations. On the sidelines of the conference, His Excellency met with the Minister of Islamic Affairs, Sheikh Dr

Abdullatif bin Abdulaziz Al Sheikh, and the Undersecretary of the Ministry, Dr Awad Al-Enezi, and they discussed ways of strengthening cooperation between the Academy and the Ministry by organizing joint programs and activities. His Excellency also congratulated Sheikh Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sudais on renewing the royal trust in his honorable person, by appointing him head of religious affairs at the Grand Mosque and the Prophet's Mosque and wished him every success. The meeting reviewed the decisions of the previous meeting, and several new decisions were taken, including the following:

- To prepare a list of universities, which are affiliated with the Association

of Islamic Universities in the Muslim World and the International Federation of Universities in OIC member states, in order to gift them the Academy's publications.

- Submit proposals for joint programs and activities that the Academy can organize in partnership with the Ministry of Islamic Affairs and the General Presidency of Religious Affairs at the Grand Mosque and the Prophet's Mosque.
- Prepare a letter of congratulations to His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sudais and H.E. Dr. Tawfiq Al-Rabiah for the renewal of their positions.



105th Weekly Meeting of Departments



The IIFA Secretariat General held its 105th weekly meeting of departments on Thursday 08 Safar 1445, corresponding to 24 August 2023, at the Secretariat General in Jeddah. H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of IIFA, chaired the meeting and welcomed the participants,

then spoke of his meeting with the delegation from the Islamic Economics Institute of King Abdulaziz University during their visit to IIFA. The meeting provided an opportunity to examine ways of strengthening relations between the Institute and IIFA on economic topics of

common interest to the Ummah. As part of the activities and programs that IIFA intends to implement, His Excellency asked the departments to present a vision for holding a scientific symposium on The Calamities of Hajj and its Novelties to study some important calamities that did not exist in past times, and to invite high-level scholars and muftis from Muslim world countries to participate in this symposium. The meeting reviewed the decisions taken in the previous meeting and several new decisions were taken, notably:

- Prepare a vision for joint activities and programs to strengthen relations between IIFA, Al-Haramain General Presidency of Religious Affairs, and the Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Call and Guidance.
- Final revision of the transcripts of the audio recordings of the twenty-fifth session and delivery of the final format to the printer.
- Coordinate visits to a number of major universities in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and discuss ways of cooperating with them.

48th Periodic Meeting of Divisions

H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of IIFA, chaired the forty-eighth ordinary meeting of divisions heads, on Wednesday 07 Safar 1445, corresponding to 23 August 2023, at the Secretariat General in Jeddah. At the start of the meeting, His Excellency welcomed the heads of division and thanked them for their regular participation in these periodic meetings. His Excellency then spoke about the second visit of the Ummah scholars' delegation to Afghanistan, under the supervision of IIFA, scheduled in the coming days to continue dialogue and discussion with Afghan scholars and representatives of the current authority. The purpose of the visit is to continue discussions and dialogue with them on the latest issues discussed in the previous visit, in particular with regard to the issue of women's education, the participation of women in development, and the strengthening of cooperation, communication and integration between all components of the Afghan people. The participants then discussed the decisions of the previous meeting and

new decisions were taken, notably: Review and coordinate research paper of the symposium "Family Foundation: Challenges and Perspectives" and deliver it in its final form for print. Completing the translation of the "Dictionary of the Academy's

Personalities" and reviewing the entire translation for printing. Prepare a weekly statistical report on the number of visitors to the IIFA website by day, week and month. Printing of cooperation agreements in all three languages.



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Secretary General of OIC chairs IIFA Bureau meeting



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

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



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

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



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



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



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

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

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

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

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



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

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



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



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

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

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



Afghan Interior Minister welcomes Ummah's Scholars in Kabul

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



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

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



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



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

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

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



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

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



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

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



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



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

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

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



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

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



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

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



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



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

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

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



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

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



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

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



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



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

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

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



Ummah's Scholars visit Afghan Academy of Sciences in Kabul

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

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



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



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

Ummah's Scholars meet with UN Agencies based in Kabul



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

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

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



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

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



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

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



Consul General of Japan in Jeddah visits the Academy



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

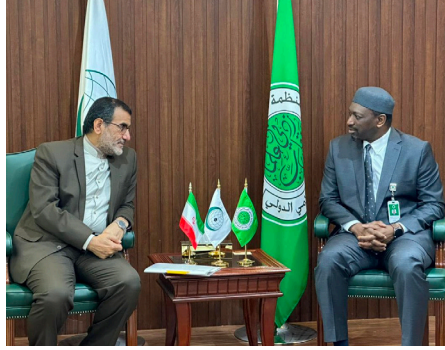
of cooperation and coordination with the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and its affiliated organs, in particular the International Islamic Fiqh Academy. His Excellency congratulated the Secretary General on the success of the latest visit to Afghanistan by scholars of the Muslim Ummah led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

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



Acting Permanent Representative of Iran to OIC visits the Academy

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



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

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



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



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

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

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



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



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



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

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

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



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



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

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

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



34th Monthly Staff Meeting

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



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

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

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

106th Weekly Departments Meeting

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

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

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



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

107th Weekly Departments Meeting

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



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

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

them for printing with the same previous specifications and formats.

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

49th Divisions Meeting



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

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

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

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

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

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Secretary General delivers a speech before H.E. President of Iran in Tehran



At the kind invitation of the World Forum for Proximity of Islamic Schools of Thought and under the patronage of H.E. Ayatollah Sayyed Ebrahim Raisi, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary-General of the Academy, participated in the opening session of the Thirty-Seventh Conference of Islamic Unity on Sunday, 16th Rabi' al-Awwal 1445, corresponding to 1st October 2023, in Tehran. His Excellency delivered a speech before the Iranian President in which he spoke about Islamic unity as a concept, its types, core values, and foundations, beginning his speech by expressing his sincere thanks and great gratitude to the Islamic Republic of Iran, the presidency, the government, and the people for the warm welcome, and hospitality, and congratulating the President of the Republic and the Ummah on the return of lovely fraternal relations between the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in order to enhance joint Islamic action and consolidate Islamic solidarity, praying to Allah The Almighty to strengthen the relations of cooperation and integration between the OIC Member states. His Excellency explained that the major challenges facing the Ummah today, both states and peoples, require the Ummah's scholars and wise men to enhance people's awareness of the Islamic unity in this era. This unity, in our view, is represented by the unity of feeling through strengthening our relation with the Ummah, being loyal to it and concerned with it. It is also represented in the unity of rites through adherence to the eternal rituals of Islam in worship,

transactions, marriages, and all areas of life. His Excellency explained that the unity that we aspire to achieve is unity in diversity, and diversity in unity, and unity in diversity means enhancing awareness that the existence of diversity and pluralism among Muslim countries, peoples and communities does not conflict with the desired unity, but rather diversity and pluralism are a reason for integration, solidarity, and support. As for diversity in unity, there is a need for intellectual, cultural, social, economic, and political unities. These patterns and forms are fertile and important areas that require



strengthening cooperation, coordination and communication between Muslim countries, communities, and institutions in the fields of education, culture, economics and politics. His Excellency spoke about the importance of adhering to values that he called the values of desired Islamic unity. Today, more than ever before, the Ummah needs to enhance the awareness of its members about the importance of moderation and balance in thought and behavior by rejecting extremism, intolerance and violence, and to consolidate the values of tolerance, coexistence and acceptance of others among its peoples,

countries and societies through openness and flexibility, as the magnitude of the challenges, the succession of developments and the pursuit of changes all require the necessity of deepening cooperation and consolidating work towards fighting extremist ideologies, and sectarianism. His Excellency emphasized that the Almighty's saying in the Quran (Indeed, this Ummah of yours is one nation, and I am your Lord, so worship me) is a declarative sentence, which refers to construction, and that we must be one nation in our sentiments, feelings, and practices. Unity is an obligation, a necessity, and an unavoidable interest if we desire to survive. This noble prophetic message includes an accurate clarification of the most important manifestations of Islamic unity sought in every time and place, which are love, compassion, and sympathy between Muslim countries, peoples, and Muslim societies. His Excellency concluded his speech by praying and supplicating to the Noble Lord to preserve and bless the Islamic Republic of Iran's leadership and people, and to perpetuate upon it the blessing of security, and stability, and to protect Muslim countries from all evil, and to increase the Ummah's solidarity and cooperation.



Iranian Foreign Minister receives Secretary General of the Academy in Tehran



H.E. Prof. Hossein Amir Abdullahian, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, received H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary-General of the Academy, on the evening of Monday, 17th Rabi' al-Awwal 1445, corresponding to October 2, 2023, in the capital, Tehran. The Minister welcomed His Excellency and thanked him for his participation in the thirty-fourth global conference organized by the World Forum for Proximity of Islamic Schools of Thought (WFPIST), and praised the signing of a cooperation agreement between the two institutions, expressing his gratitude and appreciation of the Republic for IIFA's appreciated efforts in promoting moderation, tolerance and coexistence in general, and in the field of rapprochement between Islamic sects in particular, he took this opportunity to affirm the support of his government and the people, for IIFA in its capacity as one of the leading and distinguished scientific institutions. His Excellency concluded his speech by expressing his aspiration for

further relations of cooperation and partnership between IIFA and Iran-based institutions, organizations, universities and scientific centers in the coming days, God Almighty willing. For his part, His Excellency the Secretary-General expressed his sincere thanks, and utmost appreciation to the government and people of the Islamic Republic for the generous support and hospitality since his arrival with the accompanying delegation to Tehran, expressing his special thanks to H.E. Sheikh Dr. Hamid Al-Shahriari, Secretary-General of WFPIST, for inviting him to participate in the conference. His Excellency congratulated the Minister on his great efforts in restoring relations of love and



brotherhood between the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, noting that the credit for this goes to Allah and then to the sincere hard work, skill and wisdom that His Excellency and his team display in diplomatic work. His Excellency took the floor to express his condolences on the death of the late Ayatollah

Al-Tashkhiri, a former representative of Iran to the Council of the Academy, praising his contributions to the Academy as the foremost global juristic authority for Muslim countries and communities. His Excellency presented the Academy's vision, mission, and objectives, pointing out the Academy's most important achievements, and aspiration to strengthen relations of cooperation, communication, and partnership with Iranian scientific institutions and centers, especially those active in the field of spreading the values of moderation, tolerance, and coexistence around the world. The two parties exchanged cordial conversations about ways to support IIFA and enable it to carry out its activities, initiatives, and programs with ease, and they exchanged souvenirs. The meeting was attended by Mr. Mohamed Al-Fihri, Director of Administrative and Financial Affairs, and Mr. Amjad Al-Mansi, Head of the Protocols at the Academy, and by Sayyid Muhammad Reda Mortazavi, representative of WFPIST.



Signing of MoC between IIFA and World Forum for Proximity of Islamic Schools in Tehran

Aiming to achieve intellectual convergence and integration between the Ummah's jurists and scholars, and to encourage cooperation, integration, and rapprochement between jurists of various schools of law regarding what is necessarily known about religion, out of respect for the commonalities, respect for differences, and commitment to the ethics of juristic debate, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary-General of the Academy, and H.E. Sheikh Dr. Hamid Shahriari, Secretary-General of World Forum for Proximity of Islamic Schools of Thought (WFPIST), signed a cooperation agreement between the two sides, on Monday, 17th Rabi' al-Awwal, 1445 AH corresponding to



October 2, 2023, in the Iranian capital, Tehran. The meeting began with the recitation of verses from the Holy Qur'an, then His Eminence Sheikh Al-Shahriari delivered a speech in which he expressed WFPIST's great pride in the participation of H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano in its annual conference this year, and the International Islamic Fiqh Academy's reliable and pioneering authority in the field of spreading the values of moderation, tolerance, and coexistence. He also expressed his great happiness with the signing of a cooperation agreement between the two institutions, hoping that this would be a blessed beginning for close and deep cooperation between the two institutions in various fields of common interest.

For his part, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano expressed his sincere thanks and appreciation for this honorable occasion, which represents a new stage for building a strategic partnership between the two institutions in all the fields in which they are active, especially in the field of spreading moderation, tolerance, coexistence, and the rejection of extremism, violence and extremism in thought, behavior and practice. The two parties then signed the agreement in the presence of members of WFPIST's Executive Council. The meeting was also attended by Mr. Mohamed Al-Fihri, Director of Administrative and Financial Affairs, and Mr. Amjad Al-Mansi, Head of the Protocols at the Academy.



Jordan's Consul General and Permanent Representative to OIC visits the Academy

H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary-General of the Academy, received Ambassador Muhammad Salah Sobhi Hamid, Consul General and the new Permanent Representative of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), on Thursday, 13 Rabi' al-Awal 1445, corresponding to 28 September 2023, at the Academy's headquarters in Jeddah. His Excellency began the meeting by congratulating his guest on his appointment as Consul General and the new permanent Representative of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the organization, praying to God for his success in his duties. His Excellency then expressed the Academy's sincere thanks and great appreciation to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, its King, government, and people, for the continuous support and care that the Academy has received since its founding to the present day, praising the invaluable efforts of his predecessor, His Excellency Ambassador Jaafar Al-Shishani, in strengthening communication relations, cooperation and coordination between the Academy, and Jordan's scientific and religious institutions and centers during his work period. His Excellency took the opportunity to



pay homage to the late Prof. Abdul Salam Al-Abbadi, the righteous son of Jordan and the former Secretary General of the Academy, for the great services he provided to the Academy as a member and as a Secretary General, May Allah have mercy on him, and may he rest in peace. His Excellency gave his guest a comprehensive overview of the Academy's vision, mission, objectives, activities, initiatives, and various programs through which it seeks to strengthen the unity of the Ummah, the integration of its peoples, and the solidarity of its countries. For his part, the Consul General expressed his great pleasure and honor to visit the Academy, and meet His Excellency, and know various programs and activities that the Academy

organizes, stressing Jordan's continued support of the Academy's worthy efforts, especially in promoting the values of moderation, tolerance, coexistence and dialogue, and consolidating the bonds of cooperation, coordination and communication between the Academy and the Jordanian scientific and religious institutions and centers. He also thanked His Excellency for his distinguished efforts in promoting the Academy and for paying homage to the late Prof Al-Abbadi, may Allah shower his soul with his vast mercy. The meeting was attended by Mr. Muhammad Chouk, Director of Cabinet and Protocols, Ms. Sarah Amjad Hussein, Director of Family and Women, and Mr. Amjad Mustafa, Head of the Protocols at the Academy.



Delegation from U.S State Department visits the Academy



A delegation of the United States of America's State Department visited the International Islamic Fiqh Academy in Jeddah on 12th Rabiul Awal 1445, corresponding to Thursday 28th September 2023. The delegation was composed of Mr. Hady Elneil, Deputy Political-Economic Section Chief of the Consulate General of the United States of America in Jeddah, Mr. Oliver Wileox Senior Advisor of OIC-USA at Department of State and Mr. Steve D. Leu Regional China Officer Embassy of the United States in UAE. The delegation was received by the Secretary General of the Academy, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano who expressed his delight with the visit and added: "This is manifestation

of the existing relationship between the US Consulate General and the Academy and with other organs of OIC in Jeddah." Professor Sano gave the guests an overview of the Academy with regards to its vision, philosophy and activities it is embarking on, in order to promote a balanced intellectual discourse, combating extremist ideologies, culture of comprehensive citizenship and social cohesion. He welcomed the idea of collaboration and partnership with relevant USA educational institutions to advocate for core values of freedom of religion, interfaith dialogue, acceptance of difference, defence of rights of people to education and dignity. On their part, the USA delegation thanked the Secretary General HE Professor Sano for the warm welcome and hospitality. The delegation concurred with Professor Sano on the issues he raised as there are core values that America shares with the Academy. Mr Hady Elneil assured His Excellency of the need to work collaboratively in developing practical steps for implementing the shared values across the board. Emphasis was particularly made on female education, rights of minorities, youth engagement and

response to humanitarian and social cries around the world and the role Muslim states can play through and under the umbrella of Organization of Islamic Cooperation. Mr. Steve Leu and Mr. Oliver Wileox of the USA delegation echoed the importance of partnership and collaboration in developing practical activities to respond to the challenges and issues discussed as a follow-up on earlier meetings that the Academy and USA officials had held in Jeddah and Washington. The meeting was attended by Mr. Mohamed Chouk, Director of Cabinet and Protocols, Mrs. Sarah Badawi, Director of Family, Woman, Childhood and Elderly Affairs, and Dr. Alhagi Drammeh, Head of International Cooperation and External Relations at the Academy.



President of King Saud University receives Secretary General of Academy



H.E. Prof. Badran bin Abdulrahman Al-Omar, President of King Saud University, received H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, on Monday 24 Rabi al-Awal 1445, corresponding to October 9, 2023, at the University's headquarters in Riyadh. The President of the University began his speech by welcoming his guest and the accompanying delegation, and expressing his pleasure at this visit, which confirms the appreciation and respect of the Secretary-General of the Academy for the university in which he studied, and the role model he has been for distinguished and exemplary students. In this respect, the President noted that King Saud University follows the careers of its alumni and celebrates their achievements and contributions to their countries and communities' development and prosperity. He also emphasized that the distinction and excellence of its graduates in the fields of education, scientific research and community

service, represent a source of pride and joy for the leaders and people of the Kingdom Saudi Arabia. For his part, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General, expressed his sincere thanks and gratitude to the President of the University for his warm welcome, as well as his pride in being one of the alumni of this prestigious university, which has given him everything and made him what he is today in terms of success, leadership and willpower – thanks to Allah the Almighty – then thanks to distinguished education of this university, emphasizing that he will remain loyal and grateful to this university



and to the leadership and people of Saudi Arabia for the great care and attention he has received. His Excellency presented an overview of the Academy's history, vision, mission, as well as its objectives, means and membership, underlining the Academy's intellectual status as the highest and leading jurisprudential reference to which OIC Member states refer for Shariah provisions on calamities, developments and current issues of

concern to Muslims worldwide. His Excellency then praised the continued support and great attention that the Academy receives from the leadership and people of the headquarters country, headed by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, and HRH Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, may Allah bless them. At the end, His Excellency expressed his aspiration to sign a cooperation agreement between the two institutions aimed at developing a complementary approach that would enable both parties to benefit from each other's potentials in scientific research and academic cooperation. His Excellency concluded his speech by inviting the President of the University to visit the Academy in Jeddah to discuss ways of strengthening cooperation and coordination between the two institutions. The meeting was attended by Mr. Mohamed Monder Chouk, Director of Cabinet and Protocols, Mr. Muhammad Walid Al-Idrisi, Director of Media and Public Relations, and Mr. Amjad Al-Mansi, Head of Protocols.



Delegations from Finnish Church Aid and Peacemakers Network visit the Academy



HE Profesor Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of International Islamic Fiqh Academy received high level delegation from Finnish Church Aid and Peacemakers Network on Sunday 30 Rabi Awal 1445 corresponding to 15th October 2023 at its headquarters in Jeddah the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The Head of the delegation and Executive Director of Finn Church Aid Dr Tomi Järvinen expressed of their delight at the hospitality and warm reception at the Academy. He added that their organisation FCA is one of the biggest NGOs in Finland active in humanitarian work around the world. Their work revolves around the themes of peace, quality education and sustainable livelihoods. Speaking

at the meeting, Dr. Muhamed Executive Director of the Network for Religious and Traditional Peacemakers expressed his gratitude for meeting Professor Sano in his capacity as the new Secretary General of the Academy, especially his efforts at promoting moderation and peaceful coexistence. He added: "It is extremely important to partner with religious organisations due to the importance of religion to inculcating the values of mutual respect, diversity and peaceful co-existence".



On his part, the Secretary General of the Academy welcomed the delegation and thanked them for the visit to the Academy in order to explore areas of collaboration, then gave an overview of the vision of the Academy anchored in nurturing the ideals

of peace, moderation and compassion as taught by the teachings of Islam. His Excellency added: "We need to embrace principles of citizenship, diversity and shared human values, and stress that religions are meant to promote dialogue and co-existence and not conflicts and clashes". Finally, the delegation thanked the Secretary General for the hospitality and warm welcome reiterating the willingness for collaboration with the Academy. The Meeting was attended by Mr. Mohamed Chouk, Director of Cabinet and Protocols, Ms. Sarah Amjad Badawi, Director of the Family, Woman, Childhood and Elderly Affairs and Dr. Alhagi Manta Drammeh, Head of International Cooperation and External Relations Division.



Secretary General of Academy Calls to Extend Support for Bioprinting Research



H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, participated in the online international symposium entitled *Bioprinting: Opportunities and Challenges from an Islamic Perspective*, on Sunday morning 9 Rabi al-Awal 1445, corresponding to 24 September 2023. His Excellency delivered a speech at the opening session in which he expressed his sincere thanks for organizing this international scientific symposium on an important biomedical issue that is witnessing developments day after day and achieving remarkable progress, based on the use of special biological materials instead of plastic and metal materials to treat a number of chronic and incurable diseases, such as joint roughness, liver and kidney damage, and damaged parts of the body as a result of some diseases. Bioprinting aims to replace damaged bones and dispense with artificial joints by treating their roughness with biomaterials, as well as manufacturing some surgical tools and medical electronics, indicating that the greatest goal of this type of regenerative medicine is to return man to the state in which God created him, as Allah said in the Quran: “We have certainly created man in the best of stature”. This is in no way intended to clone or imitate Allah’s creation, but rather it is considered a blessed qualitative development in field of medicine called regenerative medicine. His Excellency explained the importance of embracing these medical developments that will enable humanity to treat many chronicle diseases and talked about the importance of dealing with them in a wise manner, starting from the general principles of Sharia, which calls for medical treatment. Hence, dealing with calamities and medical developments such as bioprinting and others should be based on considering them as one of the means of preserving the five necessary objectives of protecting life, religion, mind, offspring, and wealth. Every scientific and medical discovery through which the Sharia objectives are maintained is governed by the same ruling as the objectives themselves, based on the famous Fiqh maxim that stipulates

that “means take the rulings of objectives”, which means the necessity of being open to these developments, and carefully understanding them well before issuing a ruling about them. One should also make maximum use of the jurisprudential maxims when dealing with calamities and medical developments, especially the maxim of “the basis of treatment is being obligatory”, and “the basis of medicines being permissibility”, which means the necessity to stay away from rushing to prohibit anything new and be wary of every scientific discovery. In fact, it should be praised and cherished while ensuring that it does not contain clear, permanent evils. His Excellency pointed out that the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, since its inception, has been seeking the assistance of specialized experts in various scientific fields, especially medical ones, in order to provide a complete and comprehensive vision of the medical calamity or the new incident in preparation for clarifying the appropriate Sharia rulings for it. His Excellency praised the efforts of the Islamic Organization for

Medical Sciences in this field, stressing that it has been the Academy’s strategic partner and even a full member of the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy. The Islamic Organization for Medical Sciences is almost the only member of the Council of the Academy in terms of medical fields, in appreciation of its efforts in following up on medical developments and calamities. At the conclusion of his brief speech, His Excellency renewed the call to support research and scientific efforts in universities, colleges, and institutes with moral and material support, to enable participation in scientific discoveries, and to formulate standards capable of preserving the well-known Sharia objectives. A number of contemporary jurists and a number of doctors specializing in this medical field participated in the conference, highlighting to the scholars’ accurate facts regarding bioprinting and the rapid developments it is witnessing, and assuring them that there is no point in apprehension and fear, but rather it is necessary to contribute to its advancement.



At WDO Event, S.G. affirms Women's Inclusive Financial Independence in Islam



WOMEN'S FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE



DR. AFNAN ALSHUAIBY
WDO – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



PROF. KOUTOUB MOUSTAPHA SANO
IIFA – SECRETARY GENERAL

H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, participated with H.E. Dr. Afnan Al-Shuaibi, Executive Director of the Women's Development Organization (WDO), on Wednesday, 26th Rabi' al-Awal 1445, corresponding to 11 October 2023, in the final session of WDO's online seminar series, entitled "Islam and Wrong Social Customs". At the beginning of his intervention, His Excellency congratulated the Executive WDO Director and her team for the organization of this successful series, as it is a means of enlightenment, education, and correction of many women's issues and Islam's clear and firm position on those issues, far from the distorted or mistaken understandings that are often attributed to Islam. His Excellency emphasized that many of these concepts and practices that attack women's dignity, confiscate their rights, and attempt to exclude them from life have absolutely nothing to do with Islam, pointing out that Islam gives women the right to full financial independence by enabling them to control and dispose of their money in the way they want without guardianship, or authority from someone, and therefore, any understanding or practice that affects this right, and attempts to undermine it, that understanding, and practice

has nothing to do with Islam. His Excellency stressed that there is no difference in Islam between men and women regarding the issue of financial independence, as they both have the absolute right to dispose of their money by managing it in the way each of them wants. He also stressed that women's work in Islam for the sake of earning and gaining is not only permitted, but she is commanded to do it just like her male counterpart, because work in Islam is a form of worship, and both men and women are commanded to worship equally. His Excellency clarified that Islam never differentiated between a man and a woman. It establishes that her dowry is her right. (And give the women [upon marriage] their [bridal] gifts graciously. But if they give up willingly to you anything of it, then take it in satisfaction and ease) and among those texts is the Almighty's saying "Whoever does righteousness, whether male or female, while he is a believer – We will surely cause him to live a good life, and We will surely give them their reward [in the Hereafter] according to the best of what they used to do." An-Nahl: 97, and "And say, "Do [as you will], for Allah will see your deeds, and [so, will] His Messenger and the believers. And you will be returned to the Knower of the unseen and the witnessed, and He will inform

you of what you used to do." Al-Tawbah: 105 and "And for all, We have made heirs to what is left by parents and relatives. And to those whom your oaths have bound [to you] – give them their share. Indeed, Allah is ever, over all things, a Witness." An-Nisa: 32. These sacred texts are clear in declaring a woman's right to own and dispose of her money just like her male counterpart. Therefore, differentiating between them is considered a blatant violation of Sharia. The session discussed a number of societal ideas that have led and continue to lead to compromising women established financial rights in Islam. It also discussed the importance of working for equal work and employment opportunities for women to enable them to own and own property, as well as the challenges facing women's financial independence in this age. His Excellency concluded with a careful analysis of the issue of inheritance in Islam, and the confusion that arises around it regarding the disparity in shares between males and females, noting that the basis of inheritance in Islam is justice and not equality as many people think, and there is a difference between justice and equality, because justice requires giving each of the heirs what he deserves from the estate and what he needs based on the responsibilities and duties assigned to him towards the family members. This is not considered a preference, but rather considering the circumstances of each heir. As long as the male is obligated in Islam to spend on his sister and support her if she needs that, then whatever share he is given is given in exchange for this responsibility that falls on him alone and not his sister. The meeting concluded with participants asking questions and the guests answering them. It is worth noting that WDO's series of online seminars was successful and witnessed great reception, and therefore, the WDO decided to upload it to their website and YouTube channel.



35th Monthly Meeting of Academy's Personnel

H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary-General of the Academy, chaired the thirty-fifth monthly meeting of the Academy's personnel, at the headquarters of the Academy in Jeddah, on Sunday 23rd Rabi' al-Awal 1445, corresponding to October 8, 2023. His Excellency began the meeting by welcoming the attendees, thanking them for their presence, then proceeded to speak about his participation in the activities of the 37th International Conference for Islamic Unity, held in the Islamic Republic of Iran, in the presence of the President of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Secretary-General of the World Council for the Rapprochement of Islamic Schools of Law. His Excellency delivered a speech at the opening session, in which he presented



the Academy and its role in promoting unity, and its necessity in this era in which the Ummah faces critical challenges, and facing them requires solidarity, sympathy, compassion, between Muslim peoples worldwide. His Excellency also spoke about the values of unity which are based on moderation, balance, coexistence, and tolerance. His Excellency called to spread the Academy's message and present it to

the world in a clear and focused manner. His Excellency paved the floor for the Academy's employees to express their opinions and remarks about workflow of the Academy, and listened with great interest and focus to the remarks and proposals. The meeting took several decisions, the most important of which are:

- Adding biographies of the Academy's employees to the book of the Academy's distinguished members.
- Posting the Academy's documentary film directly on the website, and dubbing it into the three languages.
- All employees shall submit their annual work reports.

108th Weekly Meeting of Departments



H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary-General of the Academy, chaired the 108th weekly meeting of the departments'

directors, on Monday, 11 Rabi' al-Awal 1445, corresponding to 25 September 2023, at the Secretariat General in Jeddah. After welcoming the attendees and thanking them for regularly attending the meetings, His Excellency spoke about the importance of saving electricity, and ensuring that the lights and air conditioners in the offices are turned off at the end of work and when leaving the offices. His Excellency instructed the financial department to study and find out the reasons for the steady increase in the electricity bill during recent months.

The meeting discussed decisions of the previous meeting, and several new decisions were issued, notably:

- Preparing a plan to publish a number of simplified encyclopedias and dictionaries that serve Islam and Muslims.
- Preparing a concept for the review of IIFA Journal, Issue 24, and submitting it for printing in the same way as Issues 21, 22, and 23.
- Search for companies specializing in library organization and classification to reorganize the Academy's library.

109th Weekly Meeting of Departments

The Secretariat General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy held its 109th weekly meeting of departments' directors on Wednesday 19 Rabi' al-Awal 1445, corresponding to October 4, 2023, at the Academy's headquarters in Jeddah. It was chaired by H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy. His Excellency welcomed the participants and spoke about his official visit to the Islamic Republic of Iran, which aims to strengthen cooperation with the country's leading scientific and religious institutions. His Excellency met the Iranian Foreign Minister, Amir Hossein Abdollahian, and the Secretary General of the World Forum for the Rapprochement of Islamic Schools, Dr. Hamid Shahriari. During the visit, an MoC

was signed between the Iran's Forum and IIFA. The visit falls within the framework of the Academy's strategic plan and objectives, particularly with regard to combating extremism, fanaticism, and terrorism, and promoting a culture of openness and coexistence among followers of religions and sects, in the hope of closing ranks, bringing people closer, eliminating temptations in all their forms, and strengthening cooperation for the progress of the Ummah. The meeting discussed the decisions of the previous meeting and new decisions were taken, notably:

- Periodic review of the Academy's website's news and preparing a weekly report in this regard.
- Searching for companies specialized

in libraries management, in order to develop the Academy's library.

- The Gifts Committee to continue sending the Academy's publications to various universities, libraries and other relevant organizations.



110th Weekly Meeting of Departments

H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary-General of the Academy, chaired the 110th weekly meeting of departments' directors on Tuesday, 25 Rabi' al-Awal 1445, corresponding to 10 October 2023. His Excellency welcomed the attendees, then spoke about his visit and the delegation accompanying him to King Saud University in Riyadh. His Excellency expressed his thanks, appreciations to the President of the University for the welcome and of his happiness and delight at the development and renaissance at the University from which he graduated thirty years ago, which has expanded, especially in its programs related to caring for people

with special needs, empowering women and promoting them to participate in promoting the University and actively participate in its development, asking Allah the Almighty to preserve it and all the scientific institutions in the headquarters country. His Excellency also spoke about his meeting with the President of the Academy, H.E. Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Humaid in Riyadh, and updated him of the latest activities of the Academy. The meeting discussed the previous decisions, and new decisions were issued, namely:

- Sending a letter of thanks to King Saud University's President, and a draft proposal of an MoC between



the Academy and the University.

- Preparing a plan to publish a number of plain encyclopedias and dictionaries that serve all Muslims.
- Sending a periodic report every three months on the Academy's activities to the President of the Academy.

51st Periodic Meeting of Divisions



H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, chaired the fifty-first periodic meeting of Heads of Division, on Thursday 27 Rabi' al-Awal 1445, corresponding to October 12, 2023, at

the Academy's headquarters in Jeddah. His Excellency began the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking them for their commitment to taking part in the meetings, then spoke of strengthening communication and coordination between the various departments and employees of the Academy, with the aim of reinforcing bonds of fraternity, exchanging opinions and proposals, monitoring new work, and seeking to identify obstacles to work and enable certain departments to complete this work, so that the Academy can remove them. The participants then discussed the

items on the meeting's agenda, and new decisions were taken, notably:

- Distribute all newsletters from the last two years to embassies, consulates and universities.
- Renew communication and organize the symposium "The Family Foundation: Challenges and Perspectives", proposed to be held in Istanbul in cooperation with the Islamic Youth Forum in Turkey, and review research and ensure that researchers adhere strictly to the themes.
- Calling researchers and experts for the symposium on violence against women.

111th Weekly Meeting of Departments

The Secretariat General of the Academy held its 111th weekly meeting for departments' directors on Monday 1 Rabi' Al-Akhir 1445, corresponding to October 16, 2023, at the Academy's headquarters in Jeddah. H.E. Prof. Koutoub Sano Moustapha, Secretary General of the Academy, welcomed the participants and thanked them for attending the meetings, then spoke of the progress made by the Academy in recent years and reminded them that development is one of Allah's universal laws, and that we are therefore obliged to benefit from it, notably by developing ourselves, our businesses and the institutions in which we work. His Excellency

also demonstrated the flexibility and breadth of the teachings of the Islamic religion, and their ability to keep pace with development within a framework of legal control. His Excellency also spoke of the Academy's importance as the religious wing of the OIC, in the women's conference scheduled to take place in Saudi Arabia, in coordination with the OIC Secretariat General, during the coming month. The meeting reviewed previous decisions, and several new decisions were made, including:

- Complete the final revision of the recordings for the twenty-fifth session and to transmit the final format to the print.

- Submit a project proposal and estimate for fitting out and organizing the Academy's library.
- Call on researchers and experts for the symposium on violence against women.



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