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## Editorial

### Scientists of the Islamic Era

Most Muslims acknowledge that the Muslim Scientists have done pioneering research. However, most Muslims are unaware of the research discoveries that those Muslim Scientists contributed. Most Muslims cannot name more than a handful few names of the Muslim Scientists.

This is not a healthy situation for us or for our next generations. To help this circumstance, the Muslim Voice Project has undertaken to write a book titled: *Scientists of the Islamic Era*.

The book includes all scientists in this time period. However, the non-Muslim scientists in the list are few and far between because the Scientific Scene during this time was entirely dominated by Muslims.

Another unhealthy situation arises from the attitude of the European writers. Generally speaking, they refuse to acknowledge the foundational work that the Muslim Scientists contributed. In reality, the Muslim Scientists are the giants on whose shoulders the European scientists stood unequivocally. Without those Giants, the Europe still would be in the Dark Ages.

The undertaking of the Muslim Voice Project is as follows.

The Islamic Era starts from the birth of the Prophet till the abolishment of the Ottoman Khilafat. This is the period from 570 AD to 1923 AD. In order to manage the undertaking, the work has been divided in two parts. The first part ends in 1400 AD, corresponding to the so-called Renaissance in Europe.

We expect Part 1 of the book to be published in 2022.

Following information will be covered for each scientist:

1. Full name and area of expertise: Arab names are long, expressing a short sequence of the genealogy. These names are provided along with a short name under which, also, they were known.

Most of these scientists were unlike today's scientists who are narrowly specialized. Most of the scientists of the Islamic Era were true lovers of scholarly pursuits. They were Polymaths, which means that they were masters in many fields of research. Thus, many of them had mastery over Mathematics, Astronomy, Chemistry, Physics, Geography, and History. In addition, many were also Jurisprudents, Mohaddis, Mofassir, Poets, and Linguists. It is highly non trivial to select just one area of expertise for such scientists. However, out of necessity, we have selected such areas of expertise based on the most acknowledged writings of their research.

2. Scientific Contributions: A brief description is provided for the research contributions of the scientist. Very many of these research works were the basis for many findings, centuries later, by the post renaissance Europeans. However, these European scientists like Kepler and Euler did not provide references to the works of the Muslim Scientists upon which their own research was based. That is the reason that the text books of today are empty of references to those Muslim Scientists.

That is a sorry situation. We have improved upon this circumstance by explicitly pointing out the research situations where the European research has lacked academic honesty and research integrity.

3. Biographical Summary: We have included a biographical summary of each scientist. This includes the year of birth, the year of death, the place where worked, and the Muslim ruler of the place at that time. Many of these biographies are illustrative of the living circumstances of the scientist.

We will offer this book in the service of the community through our publication process. We hope that you appreciate the darn need for this work. We hope you will also appreciate how difficult and research intensive the work is. We have undertaken the project in good faith and trusting God for the completion of the project. As we already mentioned, there are two main objectives that we wish to achieve by writing this book. First is to address the lack of knowledge about the Muslim Scientists, their research contributions, and their biographies. Second is to correct the lack of academic honesty in the works of the European Scientists with respect to references to the contributions of the Muslim Scientists.

The result of the above two unfortunate circumstances is that most people think that Muslims just did the translation of the Greek texts into Arabic, and nothing else. This is the picture that the Europeans have painted to cover up not acknowledging the Scientific Discoveries of the Muslim Scientists.

We ask you to please [help](#) us with this herculean task. You can use your Zakat and Sadaqat to [support](#) us. We provide a fishing rod rather than a fish. Your contribution will continue and keep growing, as the fishing rod is used again and again and again.



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## Articles for Muslim Community

### US Congresswoman Ilhan Omar tours Pakistan, meets families at LoC

*Outspoken lawmaker meets with top Pakistani and Kashmiri leadership during her trip*  
Riyaz ul Khaliq | 22.04.2022



### ISTANBUL

US Congresswoman Ilhan Omar has met with Pakistan's top leadership and paid a visit to Azad Jammu and Kashmir as part of a four-day visit to the country that began on April 20.

Omar, a vocal lawmaker who has raised the issues of Islamophobia, Palestine and Kashmir in and outside of the US Congress, met with President Arif Alvi, newly sworn-in Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif and his predecessor Imran Khan in Islamabad on Wednesday.

Omar is the first US lawmaker to visit Pakistan after the recent change in government in which former Prime Minister Khan accused Washington of effecting a regime change in Islamabad.

President Alvi appreciated the "outstanding role" of the US Congresswoman "in upholding Muslim values, fighting against Islamophobia and in the cause of Palestinians and Kashmiris."

“The world must be made aware of the suppression and possible Muslim genocide in India,” Alvi told Omar, saying Washington and Islamabad “need to come closer.”

“Ms. Omar also appreciated Pakistan's role in the Islamophobia resolution of the UN,” said a statement by the Pakistani presidency.

Pakistan along with Turkiye played a leading role in moving a resolution at the UN to declare March 15 a day to combat Islamophobia.

Sharif hoped that Omar’s visit “would lead to a deepening of people-to-people ties and strengthen exchanges between the Parliament of Pakistan and the US Congress.”

“Pakistan values its longstanding relationship with the US and wants to further deepen bilateral cooperation based on mutual respect, trust, and equality,” Sharif told the Congresswoman.

Emphasizing constructive engagement between the two countries, Sharif said it could “help promote peace, security and development in the region.”

A statement by the prime ministry said Sharif also highlighted the “serious human rights situation in IIOJK (Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir) and stressed the importance of a peaceful resolution of the Jammu and Kashmir dispute, enabling the region to realize its economic potential and promote social progress.”

“A peaceful and stable South Asian region can focus on its growth and development,” he said, adding concerted efforts at the global level “were needed to deal with the scourge of Islamophobia.”

The US lawmaker also met with Pakistan National Assembly Speaker Raja Pervez Ashraf and Deputy Foreign Minister Hina Rabbani Khar.

Omar also called on former Prime Minister and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party Chairman Khan at his Bani Gala residence on the outskirts of the capital Islamabad.



“They discussed Islamophobia and related issues. Ilhan Omar expressed her admiration for Imran Khan and his position on and work against Islamophobia globally,” said Khan’s party colleague and former Human Rights Minister Shireen Mazari after the meeting.

“Imran Khan appreciated her courageous and principled position on issues,” she added.

### **Tour of Azad Kashmir**

During her maiden trip to Pakistan, Omar on Thursday reached Azad Jammu and Kashmir, where her delegation met with President Barrister Sultan Mehmood Chaudhary of the Pakistan-controlled part of the UN-designated disputed region.

Omar assured Chaudhry that “she would join hands with other members of the US Congress to show solidarity with Kashmiris and will raise the plight of Kashmiris in the (Joe) Biden Administration,” said a statement by the Azad Kashmir government.

She also visited the Line of Control (LoC) – the dividing line between the Pakistani and Indian controlled parts of Kashmir. The two countries claim the region in full. However, the UN resolutions passed on the disputed region call for a plebiscite to decide the future of the divided state.

The US congresswoman also visited the Chakothei bridge that connects the two sides of Kashmir and was seen peering into Indian-administered Kashmir through the iron gate mounted by the Pakistani side.

At the LoC, she met residents living on the Pakistani side of the dividing line who have been victims of cross-border shelling that has stopped ever since Pakistan and India revived a 2003 cease-fire in February last year.

Omar’s trip to Azad Kashmir drew a sharp reaction from India, which said the US lawmaker “visited a part of Jammu and Kashmir currently illegally occupied by Pakistan.”

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### **Sweden: Qur’an burning**

By Leila Nezirevic

STOCKHOLM,Sweden(AA): Sweden, a country thought to be a safe haven for refugees, was set aflame when riots erupted last week, after the anti-Muslim Danish-Swedish politician, Rasmus Paludan, announced his burning “tour” of the Quran during the holy month of Ramadan.



Over 40 people have been arrested and some injured when protesters took to the streets against Swedish authorities' decision to allow the far-right group's plans to burn the copies of the Muslim holy book.

Azra Muranovic, deputy chair of the Municipal Council of Vernamo and Social Democratic Party politician, said the Quran burning was a planned campaign.

"I think that the burning of the Qur'an was not an accident. Rather, a planned and distasteful campaign to provoke riots by using freedom of speech. I'm very sorry that he succeeded."

Now it seems that Swedish tolerance and freedom of speech are being put on a test as the burning of the Qur'an has pushed the country's limits to free speech.

Muranovic believes freedom of speech in the case of the Qur'an burning incident might be a problem.

"I think that the question is tricky because freedom of speech gives you freedom to state your thoughts regardless of how distasteful it is.

"After the burning of the Qur'an and the violence that followed, the police have raised the question to the court again: 'Is this specific matter hate speech or freedom of speech?'" she added, noting that they saw the incident as "hate speech.

### ['Using free speech to burn Quran'](#)

Rashid Musa, former chairman of the Muslim Swedish Youth Organization, thinks the historical context of the latest events also need to be taken into account.

"The Swedish authorities are using free speech as an argument to allow him (Paludan) to burn the Qur'an, but we have to understand and also put this into historical context," said Musa, who is also a known Muslim public debater.

"In 1920s Germany, before the holocaust, the Nazi regime used to burn Jewish literature and Jewish books to advance their politics.

"We don't have to go that far into history as we can look at Bosnia in the mid-1990s, where Serbian fascists used to burn Bosnian literature and bomb libraries," he added.

According to Musa, the Qur'an burning was part of efforts to de-humanize minority groups, in this case Swedish Muslims.

In August 1992, in the Bosnian capital of Sarajevo, almost 2 million books were set on fire.

Vibrant Ottoman-era manuscripts and fragile 500-year-old brochures were turned into ash when the National Library of Bosnia and Herzegovina was shelled and burned by Serb forces.

### [Swedish far-right extremism rising for over 15 years](#)

The far-right populist Sweden Democrats party, once politically forbidden due to its neo-Nazi ties, is now the third-largest party in the Riksdag, the Swedish parliament.

The party has managed to appeal to many voters by pushing its anti-Muslim and anti-immigration narrative.

Putting the most recent Qur'an burning into political context as well, Musa said far-right extremism had been on the rise in Sweden for "the past 15 years and even more."

Paludan has been holding events to burn the Muslim holy book for two years, said Musa, adding that this was “nothing new.”

“This is just a result of the anti-Muslim racism that already exists in the society,” he asserted.

Other hate crimes committed in Sweden include those against Muslim women wearing the headscarf, as well as those against mosques.

Sweden Democrats do not believe that problems of crime or integration are primarily due to failures of socioeconomic policy or government bureaucracy. Instead, they blame it on culture, both that of Muslim immigrants and of political correctness.

### **‘Alternative’ media**

Often, left-wing parties are also scrutinized by the far right in Sweden.

“Their top goal is to prove that we all cannot live together in a welfare society. When they can’t take us on the politics, they go personal,” said Muranovic.

They are also “harder on female left-wing politicians and they dig for trash to discredit you as a person,” she added.

The far-right network of “an alternative media” pushes an anti-Muslim narrative, in which it blames the country’s problems on Muslims, regardless of whether claims are true or false.

Often, when confronted with concerns of racism, they claim that they are just normal, working-class people trying to shed light on economic and cultural problems.

Non-Western and predominantly Muslim refugees cause these problems that they say traditional political parties do not address.

### **Gov’t right-ward shift?**

While some claim that the ruling Swedish Social Democratic party has shifted slightly to the right, Muranovic disagrees.

“I don’t think that the party has shifted to the right at all. Stefan Lofvens’ government, however, was lead together with the Green Party, and through budget cooperation with two liberal parties which of course then entails negotiation to be able to move forward politically.

Since Magdalen became prime minister and the Green Party left the government, it has been “easier to put forward our politics.”

Swedish clinical psychologist, Stefan Hellsten, thinks that this shift might be triggered by poorly managed immigration.

“There seems to be a shift towards the right within Swedish social democrats because of certain challenges. For example, immigration (has been) quite high for some years now and it has not been handled rationally, and now we’re overwhelmed,” he argued.

Regardless, the Quran burning has hurt the feelings of Muslims living in the country that they call home.

Mahmoud Khalfi, the imam and director at the Stockholm Central Mosque said that in December, he had personally witnessed a Quran burning in Skarholmen.

“I remember how hurtful it was,” he said, adding that many Muslims had “called and told us how hurtful and provocative it was to burn the holy Qur’an.”

“The Qur’an is sacred in Islam. It’s the word of God. Burning the Qur’an, therefore, becomes enormously hurtful for us Muslims,” he explained

Sweden is known for its national narrative of “Swedish Exceptionalism” and its welcoming policy towards refugees and providing asylum.

As other European countries tightened their borders in the 1990s and 2000s, Sweden opened up.

However, things changed with the refugee crisis in 2015, marking the end of this open-armed attitude.

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## **OIC discusses Israeli aggression in Al-Aqsa**

JEDDAH (UNA-OIC) – Secretary-General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Mr Hissein Brahim Taha, has reaffirmed the OIC’s total commitment and support for the right of the Palestinian people to sovereignty over their occupied land, including East Jerusalem as the capital of the State of Palestine.

He also underlined the religious and spiritual centrality of this city and the eternal connection of Muslims across the world to the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque, Islam’s first qibla and third holiest mosque. This was contained in his statement at the opening session of the open-ended extraordinary meeting of the OIC Executive Committee at the level of Permanent Representatives to discuss the ongoing Israeli aggression against the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque. Held at the OIC General Secretariat today 25 April 2022 at the request of the Republic of Indonesia, the meeting was presided over by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, chair of the 14th Islamic Summit.

The Secretary-General disclosed that he had dispatched letters to several international actors through which he conveyed the OIC’s rejection and condemnation of attempts by Israel to impose temporal and spatial division on the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque. He requested these actors and the international community to act quickly and stop Israel’s aggression in the holy sites.

Secretary-General Taha also called for the mobilization of political, economic and media efforts like never before to protect the Al-Quds and its holy sites, support the steadfastness of its inhabitants in confronting Israeli Judaization plans, and defend the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people. He called for responsible action and engagement with all international actors and relevant international bodies to take

appropriate political and legal measures against Israel, the occupation power, and bring pressure to bear on it to stop its ongoing violations against the Palestinian people and their holy sites. He urged all international actors to assume their responsibilities and get involved to sponsor a political track that will end the Israeli occupation and bring about the establishment of an independent and sovereign state of Palestine on the borders of 1967, with East Jerusalem as its capital, in accordance with international law, relevant resolutions of the United Nations and the Arab peace initiative.

For his part, the Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the OIC, Dr Saleh Bin Hamad Suhaibani delivered a statement saying: the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosque King Salman Bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud had declared during his presidency of the 29th Arab Summit in Dhahran that “Palestine is our first cause and Palestine and its people are in the conscience of Arab and Muslims.” He reiterated at the same time, “this will continue to be so until the brotherly Palestinian people get all their legitimate rights, notably the establishment of the State of Palestine. The cause of Palestine is the essential pillar of the OIC work and the focus of our attention until the brotherly people of Palestine enjoy all their rights guaranteed by resolutions of international legitimacy and the Arab peace initiative.”

Dr Suhaibani stated that while the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia strongly condemns and denounces the repeated and provocative Israeli onslaught and aggression against worshipers in the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque, it persistently calls on the international community to act effectively to assume its role in holding Israeli occupation forces fully responsible for those crimes and violations and their negative repercussion on the chances to revive the peace process, as the provocative acts threaten to ignite conflict in the region.

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## **Al-Qarawiyyin in Morocco is the Oldest University in the World**

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Fatima bint Muhammad Al-Fihriyya (Arabic: فاطمة بنت محمد الفهرية القرشية) founded the al-Qarawiyyin mosque and university in 859 AD in Fez, Morocco. She is also known as "Umm al-Banayn". Ibn Abi Zar' (d. between 1310 and 1320) described her contributions in his book: Rawd al-Qirtas (The Garden of Pages).

### **Scientific Contributions**

Fatima and her sister Mariam were well-educated and studied the Islamic jurisprudence Fiqh and the Hadith. According to Ibn Abi Zar', Fatima used the money inherited from her father to build the Al-Qarawiyyin Mosque, to honor the immigrants from her city. Her sister Maryam similarly built the Andalusian Mosque,

to honor the immigrants from the city of Andalusia. Please note that the mosque was also an educational institute.

Fatima's community outgrew the mosque and she built a new and larger one. Fatima purchased a mosque that was built around 845 AD under the supervision of King Yahya ibn Muhammad, and rebuilt it; and she bought the surrounding land, doubling the size.

Fatima herself supervised the construction project. Tunisian historian Hassan Hosni Abdelwahab noted in his book "Famous Tunisian Women" that Fatima used the land resource that she had purchased very ingeniously, economically, and optimally; she accomplished this by digging deep into the land and unearthing the yellow sand, plaster, and stone. Fatima used these recovered resources in the construction project to economize the costs and also improving the construction project results.

The mosque took 18 years to construct. According to Moroccan historian Abdelhadi Tazi, Al-Fihri fasted until the project's completion. When it was finished, she went inside and prayed to God, thanking him for his blessings. She named it after the immigrants from her hometown of Kairouan.

Fatima's sister Mariam also founded a similar mosque in the district across the river, the same year (859). Mariam got the Andalusian families involved to help build the mosque and school institute, which became known as the Al-Andalusiyyin Mosque

### Biographical Summary

Fatima was born around 800 AD in the town of Kairouan, in present-day Tunisia. She is of Arab Qurayshi descent, hence the nisba "al-Qurashiyya". Her family was part of a large migration to Fez from Kairouan. Although her family did not start out wealthy, her father, Mohammed al-Fihri, became a successful merchant. When he died, this wealth was inherited by Fatima, and her sister Maryam. It is with this money that they went on to leave their legacy. Little is known about her personal life, except for what was recorded by 14th century historian Ibn Abi-Zar'. This may be partly due to the fact that the Al-Qarawiyyin's archives suffered a large fire in 1323. Al-Fihri was married, but both her husband and father died shortly after the wedding. Her father left his wealth to both Fatima and her sister, his only children.

Both went on to found mosques in Fes: Fatima founded Al-Qarawiyyin and Maryam founded Al-Andalus. This idea was spurred on by the fact that due to all the Muslims fleeing like Fatima and her family, they were all gathering immigrants that were devout worshippers, keen on learning and studying their faith.

With many immigrants, there was an overwhelming need for these mosques and school institutes.

Fatima died in 880 AD.

**Source:** An excerpt from the draft version of the book titled: *Scientists of the Islamic Era*.

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