

an introduction to

DAR AHL AL-SUNNAH



features of their latest 22-volume edition of

FATAWA RIDAWIYYAH



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INTRODUCTION TO **DAR AHL AL-SUNNAH** / IDARAH AHL E SUNNAT, KARACHI

Praise be to Allāh, the Sustainer of the Universe; blessings and salutations of peace be upon the most honoured among Prophets and the leader of Messengers; and also upon his descendants and his Companions and those who followed them in the best manner until the coming of Judgement day.

Idārah e Ahl e Sunnat or **Dār Ahl al-Sunnah** [in Arabic] has been publishing books and monographs of Imām Ahl al-Sunnah¹ and other Sunni scholars [especially Arabic works] since 2006. In the past 14 years, the organisation has published critical editions of Islamic literature spanning 16,000 pages, which include **Jadd al-Mumtār**, a supercommentary on **Radd al-Muhtār**² in 7 volumes; the latest edition of **Fatāwā Ridāwiyyah** in 22 volumes; **Kanz al-Īymān**³ along with the commentary **Khazā'in al-Īrfān**⁴ which are particularly worthy of mention.

Dār Ahl al-Sunnah⁵ was established on the 15th of January 2006 with the aim of publishing valuable books of our elders in line with modern demands of quality and style, and present them with cross-references and well researched texts. The main aim of the organisation is to publish the books of our elders, especially those of our master and the imām of Ahl al-Sunnah, Imām Aḥmad Ridā Khān [may Allāh's Mercy be upon them all] which have gone out of circulation.

Many of these books which are in Arabic, or in arcane Urdu are not purchased by people in our time; hence, there is no incentive for publishers and thus they are not interested in printing them. Our organisation has taken up this task of publishing these valuable books in the hope of safeguarding them from being lost for ever. There is a burden of debt on Sunnis – of knowledge and community service⁶ – which cannot be repaid

¹ Aālā Hazrat Imām Aḥmad Ridā Khān al-Baraylawī [1272-1340 AH].

² **Radd al-Muhtār**, written by Imām Sayyid Muḥammad Amīn ibn Ābidīn al-Shāmī [d.1252 AH] is a multi-volume commentary on the famous Ḥanafī text **Al-Durr al-Mukhtār** by Imām Ālā'uddīn Muḥammad ibn Ālī al-Ḥaṣkafī [1021-1088 AH], which is itself a commentary on **Tanwīr al-Abṣār wa Jāmiy al-Bihār** by Shaykh Muḥammad ibn Ābdullāh al-Tumurtāshī al-Ghazzī [939-1004 AH].

Radd al-Muhtār is known as **Shāmī** in the subcontinent and **Ḥāshiyatu Ibn Ābidīn** among Arabs and is considered as the authoritative text of Ḥanafī fiqh in the past 200 years and forms the basis of Muslim Personal Law in many countries including India and South Africa.

³ The translation of the Qur'ān in Urdu by Imām Aḥmad Ridā Khān.

⁴ An exegesis of the Qur'ān in Urdu by Ṣadru'l Afāḍil Mawlānā Sayyid Naẓīmuddīn Murādābādī [1368 AH /1948 CE] .

⁵ Alternatively, **Idārah e Ahl e Sunnat** in Urdu.

⁶ Sunni scholars in the past 200 years have written so many useful works that are immensely needed in our time; however, we as a community have not been able to publish these gems and stem the growth of heresies.

by any single organisation. We therefore appeal to capable Sunnis who can marshall resources to establish more such organisations and preserve the scholarly heritage of our elders. Our organisation will extend any assistance it can in kind.

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Mawlānā Abu'l Qāsim Ziyā'yī and Ustadh al-Úlamā'a Állāmah Muftī Muḥammad Abū Bakr al-Shadhilī have been involved in all the efforts of our organisation since the time it was established. It would not have been possible for our organisation to be established or continue for 16 long years without the contribution of these two key figures. We thank them immensely and beseech Allāh to grant them goodness in this world and hereafter and protect them from every evil.

I also thank the hard working team of Idārah Ahl e Sunnat – I remain indebted to them and I cannot repay their many favours. Even if a person is competent and has resources, one cannot do things alone in an organised manner, and achieve success without a good and supportive team. Whatever success our organisation has achieved is the fruit of the efforts of these great people without whom, I would not have been able to do anything. Here below, I mention the names of our team members:

1. Muftī Hangūru Ábd al-Razzāq Qādirī
2. Muftī Muḥammad Kashif Mahmūd Hāshmi Qādirī
3. Muftī Muḥammad Amjad Ḥusayn Aáwān
4. Muftī Muḥammad Fārūq Siddīqī Shadhilī
5. Muftī Muḥammad Farmān Nūrī Shadhilī

I beseech Allāh to give them goodness and blessings in this world and in the Hereafter; and protect them from every evil and mischief. In spite of limited resources, our organisation has published critical editions of the many books and monographs in a short time [see next page].



BOOKS PRINTED AND PUBLISHED BY DAR AHL AL-SUNNAH UNTIL 2016

1. ***Sharḥ Ūqūd Rasm al-Muftī***, Imām Ibn Ābidīn al-Shāmī [d. 1252 AH], critical edition.
 - a. First edition published by *Dār al-Faqīh*, Abū Dhabi, UAE in 1436 AH / 2015 CE.
 - b. Second edition published by *Dār al-Ṣāliḥ*, Cairo, Egypt in 1438 AH / 2017 CE.
 - c. Third edition published by *Dār al-Faqīh*, Abū Dhabi, UAE in 1439 AH / 2018 CE.
2. ***Ajlā al-Iylām anna al-Fatwā Muṭlaqa al-Qawl al-Imām***, Imām Aḥmad Riḍā Khān [d. 1340 AH], critical edition.
 - a. First edition published by *Dār al-Faqīh*, Abū Dhabi, UAE in 1436 AH / 2015 CE.
 - b. Second edition published by *Dār al-Ṣāliḥ*, Cairo, Egypt in 1438 AH / 2017 CE.
 - c. Third edition published by *Dār al-Faqīh*, Abū Dhabi, UAE in 1439 AH / 2018 CE.
3. ***Al-Faḍl al-Mawhibī fī Maʿānā Idhā ṣaḥḥa'l Ḥādīthi fa huwa Madh'habī***, Imām Aḥmad Riḍā Khān [d. 1340 AH], critical edition.
 - a. First edition published by *Dār al-Faqīh*, Abū Dhabi, UAE in 1436 AH / 2015 CE.
 - b. Second edition published by *Dār al-Ṣāliḥ*, Cairo, Egypt in 1438 AH / 2017 CE.
 - c. Third edition published by *Dār al-Faqīh*, Abū Dhabi, UAE in 1439 AH / 2018 CE.
4. ***Jadd' al-Mumtār ālā Radd al-Muḥtār***, Imām Aḥmad Riḍā Khān [d. 1340 AH], in seven volumes, critical edition. Published by *Dār al-Faqīh*, Abū Dhabi, UAE in 1434 AH / 2013 CE.
5. ***Ḥayātu al-Imām Aḥmad Riḍā***, Muftī Muḥammad Aslam Razā al-Maymanī; a brief monograph on the biography of the Imām in Arabic. Published by *Al-Idārah li Taḥqīqāt al-Imām Aḥmad Riḍā*, Karachi, 1427 AH / 2006 CE.
6. ***Taḥsīn al-Wusūl ila Muṣṭalaḥ Ḥādīth al-Rasūl***, Muftī Muḥammad Aslam Razā al-Maymanī in Urdu.
 - a. First edition published by *Maktabah Barakāt al-Madīnah*, Karachi in 1427 AH / 2006 CE.
 - b. Second edition published by *Dār Ahl al-Sunnah*, Karachi in 1437 AH / 2016 CE.
7. ***Taḥsīn al-Wusūl ila Muṣṭalaḥ Ḥādīth al-Rasūl***, Muftī Muḥammad Aslam Razā al-Maymanī in Arabic.
 - a. First edition published by *Dār Ahl al-Sunnah*, Karachi in 1428 AH / 2007 CE.
 - b. Second edition published by *Dār al-Faqīh*, Abū Dhabi, UAE in 1436 AH / 2015 CE.
 - c. Third edition published by *Dār Ahl al-Sunnah*, Karachi in 1437 AH / 2016 CE.

⁷ Can also be read as *Jidd al-Mumtār*.

8. ***Iqāmatu'l Qiyāmah alā Ṭāyini'l Qiyāmi li Nabiy Tihāmah*** in Urdu; Imām Aḥmad Ridā Khān published 1427 AH / 2006 AH.
9. ***Ḥusām al-Ḥaramayn alā Manḥari'l Kufri Mayn***, Imām Aḥmad Ridā Khān published by *Mu'assasah al-Ridā*, Lahore 1427 AH / 2006 AH.
10. ***Jaliyyu'ş Şawt li Nahyi'd Dāwati Amāma'l Mawt*** in Urdu; Imām Aḥmad Ridā Khān, published in 1428 AH / 2007 AH.
11. ***Muqaddimah al-Jāmiy al-Ridawī fi Iyṭibāri al-Ḥadīth al-Ḍayif***, Muḥaddith Mālik al-Ūlamā'a Muftī Zafaruddīn al-Bihārī.
 - a. First edition published by *Dār Ahl al-Sunnah*, Karachi in 1428 AH / 2007 CE.
 - b. Second edition published by *Dār al-Faqīh*, Abū Dhabi, UAE in 1436 AH / 2015 CE.
12. ***Māārifu Ridā***, Yearly Magazine in Arabic, Volume Six, Published by *Al-Idārah li Taḥqīqāt al-Imām Aḥmad Ridā*, Karachi.
13. ***Rādd al-Qaḥt wa'l Wabā'a bi Daāwati al-Jirān wa Mu'āsāt al-Fuqarā'a***, Imām Aḥmad Ridā Khān; Arabic translation [originally in Urdu] *Al-Idārah li Taḥqīqāt al-Imām Aḥmad Ridā*, Karachi, 1429 AH / 2008 CE.
14. ***Aājab al-Imdād fi Mukaffarāti Huqūq al-Ībād***, Imām Aḥmad Ridā Khān; Arabic translation [originally in Urdu] *Al-Idārah li Taḥqīqāt al-Imām Aḥmad Ridā*, Karachi, 1429 AH / 2008 CE.
15. ***Şafā'ih al-Lujayn fi Kawni Taşafuḥ bi Kaffay al-Yadayn***, Imām Aḥmad Ridā Khān; Arabic translation [originally in Urdu] *Al-Idārah li Taḥqīqāt al-Imām Aḥmad Ridā*, Karachi, 1429 AH / 2008 CE.
16. ***Anwār al-Mannān fi Tawḥīd al-Qur'an***, Imām Aḥmad Ridā Khān; Originally in Arabic, Urdu translation by Muftī Shaykh Akhtar Ridā Khān al-Azharī, 1429 AH / 2008 CE.
17. ***Idhāqatu'l Aāthām li Māniyi Āmali'l Mawliidi wa'l Qiyām***, Muftī Naqī Āli Khān [d.1297 AH]
 - a. First edition [Urdu] published by *Dār al-Faqīh*, Abū Dhabi, UAE in 1429 AH / 2008 CE.
 - b. Second edition [Urdu] published by *Dār al-Faqīh*, Abū Dhabi, UAE in 1437 AH / 2016 CE.
18. ***Usūl al-Rashād li Qami Mabāni al-Fasād*** [Principles to Identify Heresies and Innovations]
 - a. In Urdu by Muftī Naqī Āli Khān [d.1297 AH]; published in 1430 AH / 2009 CE.
 - b. In **Arabic Translation** published by *Dār al-Faqīh*, Abū Dhabi, UAE in 1436 AH / 2015 CE.

19. ***Qawāriy al-Qahhār alā al-Mujassimati'l Fujjār***, Imām Aḥmad Ridā Khān; originally written in Urdu, Arabic translation by Muftī Shaykh Akhtar Ridā Khān al-Azhari; published by *Dār al-Muqaṭṭam*, Cairo, Egypt in 1432 AH / 2011 CE.
20. ***Al-Mútaqad al-Muntaqad***, Imām Fadl al-Rasūl al-Qādirī al-Badāyūnī [d. 1289 AH] along with an extensive marginalia by Imām Aḥmad Ridā Khān [d. 1340 AH] named ***Al-Mútamad al-Mustanad Binā'i Najāt al-Abad***; critical edition.
 - a. First edition published by *Dār al-Faqīh*, Abū Dhabi, UAE in 1437 AH / 2016 CE.
 - b. Second edition published by *Dār Al-Hijrah al-ūlā*, Cairo in 1440 AH / 2018 CE.
21. ***Qawāyid Uṣūliyyah Li Fahmi'l Āyāt al-Qur'āniyyah wa'l Aḥādīth al-Nabawīyyah***, in Arabic by Muftī Muḥammad Asalm Ridā al-Maymanī.
 - a. First edition published by *Dār al-Faqīh*, Abū Dhabi, UAE in 1437 AH / 2016 CE.
 - b. Second edition published by *Dār Al-Hijrah al-ūlā*, Cairo in 1440 AH / 2019 CE.
22. ***Qawāyid Uṣūliyyah Li Fahmi'l Āyāt al-Qur'āniyyah wa'l Aḥādīth al-Nabawīyyah***, in Urdu by Muftī Muḥammad Asalm Ridā al-Maymanī.
 - a. First edition published by *Dār al-Faqīh*, Abū Dhabi, UAE in 1437 AH / 2016 CE.
 - b. Second edition published by *Dār Al-Hijrah al-ūlā*, Cairo in 1440 AH / 2019 CE.
23. ***Al-Āṭyā al-Nabawīyyah fi'l Fatāwā al-Ridāwiyyah***, Imām Aḥmad Ridā Khān; first print, cross-referenced in 22 volumes; 1438 AH / 2017 CE.
24. ***Naẓm al-Āqāyid al-Nasafiyyah*** [Arabic verse], Muftī Ibrāhīm Ālī al-Ĥamdū al-Ūmar al-Ĥalabī.
 - a. First edition published by *Dār Ṣālih*, Cairo in 1438 AH / 2017 CE.
 - b. Second edition published by *Dār Ahl al-Sunnah*, Karachi in 1439 AH / 2018 CE.
25. ***Naẓm al-Āqāyid al-Nasafiyyah*** [Urdu verse], Shaykh Muḥammad Salmān al-Faridī al-Miṣbāhī al-Hindī; published by *Dār Ahl al-Sunnah*, Karachi in 1439 AH / 2018 CE.
26. ***Kanz al-Īmān fi Tarjamati'l Qur'an***, by Imām Aḥmad Ridā Khān; together with the commentary ***Khazā'in al-Īrfān*** by Ṣadru'l Afādil Sayyid Muḥammad Naẓīmuddīn al-Murādābādī [d.1368 AH] published by *Dār al-Faqīh*, Abū Dhabi, UAE in 1439 AH / 2018 CE.
27. ***Al-Ijāzāt al-Matīnah li Ūlamā'a Bakkah wa'l Madīnah***, by Imām Aḥmad Ridā Khān. Critical edition published by *Dār al-Hijrah al-ūlā*, Cairo in 1440 AH / 2018 CE.

28. *Al-Ẓafar li Qawli Zufar*, Imām Aḥmad Ridā Khān; critical edition published by Dār al-Hijrah al-Ūlā, Cairo in 1440 AH / 2018 CE.
29. *Shamā'im al-Ānbar fī Adabi al-Nidā'a Amām al-Minbar*, Imām Aḥmad Ridā Khān; critical edition, published by Dār al-Hijrah al-Ūlā, Cairo in 1440 AH / 2018 CE.
30. *Ṣayqal al-Rayn ān Aḥkāmi Mujāwarati'l Ḥaramayn*, Imām Aḥmad Ridā Khān; critical edition, published by Dār al-Hijrah al-Ūlā, Cairo in 1440 AH / 2018 CE.
31. *Al-Jabal al-Thānawi ālā Kulyati al-Tahānawī*, Imām Aḥmad Ridā Khān; critical edition, published by Dār al-Hijrah al-Ūlā, Cairo in 1440 AH / 2018 CE.
32. *Kifl al-Faqīh al-Fāhim fī Aḥkāṃ al-Qirṭās al-Darāhim*, Imām Aḥmad Ridā Khān; critical edition, published by Dār al-Hijrah al-Ūlā, Cairo in 1440 AH / 2018 CE.
33. *Hādī al-Uḏḥiyyah bi'sh Shā'a al-Hindiyyah*, Imām Aḥmad Ridā Khān; critical edition, published by Dār al-Hijrah al-Ūlā, Cairo in 1440 AH / 2018 CE.
34. *Al-Ṣāfiyah al-Mūhiyah li Ḥukmi Jild al-Uḏḥiyyah*, Imām Aḥmad Ridā Khān; critical edition, published by Dār al-Hijrah al-Ūlā, Cairo in 1440 AH / 2018 CE.
35. *Al-Kashfu Shāfiyā Ḥukm Fonografiya*, Imām Aḥmad Ridā Khān; critical edition, published by Dār al-Hijrah al-Ūlā, Cairo in 1440 AH / 2018 CE.
36. *Al-Zulāl al-Anqā min Baḥri Sabqati'l Atqā*, Imām Aḥmad Ridā Khān; critical edition, published by Dār al-Hijrah al-Ūlā, Cairo in 1440 AH / 2018 CE.
37. *Al-Qawl al-Najīh li Iḥqāqi'l Ḥaqqi'ṣ Ṣarīh* along with its marginalia, *Al-Sayī al-Mashkūr fī Ibdā'i al-Ḥaqq al-Mahjūr*; both by Imām Aḥmad Ridā Khān; critical edition, published by Dār al-Hijrah al-Ūlā, Cairo in 1440 AH / 2018 CE.
38. *Inbā'a al-Ḥayy anna Kalāmahu al-Maṣuna Tibyānun li Kulli Shayy* (two volumes); Imām Aḥmad Ridā Khān; critical edition, published by Dār al-Hijrah al-Ūlā, Cairo in 1440 AH / 2018 CE.
39. *Al-Dawlatu'l Makkiyyah bi'l Māddati'l Ghaybiyyah*, Imām Aḥmad Ridā Khān; critical edition, published by Dār al-Hijrah al-Ūlā, Cairo in 1440 AH / 2018 CE.

40. *Al-Amnu wa'l ūlā li Nāyiti al-Muṣṭafā bi Dāfiy al-Balā'a* (Arabic translation); originally in Urdu by Imām Aḥmad Riḍā Khān; critical edition, published by Dār al-Hijrah al-Ūlā, Cairo in 1440 AH / 2019 CE.
41. *Islāmī Āqāyid o Masā'il* [Urdu]. Mufti Muḥammad Aslam Raza al-Maymanī. published by Dār al-Hijrah al-Ūlā, Cairo in 1440 AH / 2019 CE.

UPCOMING TITLES:

42. *Munīr al-Āyn fī Hukmi Taqbil al-Ibhāmāyn* [Arabic Translation]; originally in Urdu by Imām Aḥmad Riḍā Khān.
43. *Tahqīqāt e Imām e Īlm o Fann in Urdu*; by Āllāmah Shaykh Khwājah Muẓaffar Ḥusayn al-Riḍawī.
44. *Majmūah Tāliqāt al-Imām Aḥmad Riḍā Khān ālā al-Kutub al-Mutadāwalah*: Imām Aḥmad Riḍā Khān.
45. *Aqāyid o Kalām* [in Urdu] by Imām Aḥmad Riḍā Khān; critical edition.
46. *Talkhīṣ e Fatāwā Razawīyah* in six volumes [Urdu]; Imām Aḥmad Aḥmad Riḍā Khān.

I request the patrons of Ahl al-Sunnah to take notice of the hitherto efforts of the organisation and its future aims and honour us with their prayers and useful suggestions.

I beseech Allāh, the Glorious, the Almighty to give us sincerity and grant us the aid and guidance to fulfill our aims in the best manner. Amen. O the Most Gracious, the Bountiful. For the sake of Your Beloved, the Chosen One: Our master and lord, the coolness of our eyes, Muḥammad ﷺ, the Seal of all Prophets. O Allāh, send blessings and salutations of peace upon him and his progeny and all of his Companions. Praise be to Allāh the Sustainer of the universe.

آمین یا أكرم الأكرمين بجاه حبيبك المصطفى سيدنا ومولانا وقرّة أعيننا محمد خاتم النبيين
اللهم صلّ وسلّم وبارك عليه وعلى آله وصحبه أجمعين ، والحمد لله رب العالمين !

Muḥammad Aslam Raza Memon Tahsīnī

27th Rabīy al-Awwal 1438 / 27th December 2016.



THE LATEST 22-VOLUME EDITION OF THE FATAWA

By: Muftī Muḥammad Aslam Raza Memon Tahsīnī,

Idārah Ahl e Sunnat, Karachi.

Praise be to Allāh, the Sustainer of the Universe; blessings and salutations of peace be upon the most honoured among Prophets and the leader of Messengers; and also upon his descendants and his Companions

Fatāwā Razawīyyah is a rare and peerless gem in the annals of Islamic literature in Urdu. Especially on the topics of Fiqh, Uṣūl and Áqāyid, this is an authoritative source and if this can be translated into Arabic – this will attain a prominent place among the works of earlier scholars of Fiqh, Uṣūl and Kalām among the Arabs as well. This can be gauged from the impression of Arab scholars upon the publication of Arabic monographs of the imām. This collection of fatāwā was printed in 12 volumes spanning over 10,000 pages on approximately quarto size paper.⁸

- ▶ The **first** volume was published in the lifetime of the author in 1335 AH by *Matbá Ahl e Sunnat*,⁹ Bareilly.
- ▶ The **second** volume was published in the supervision of Ṣadru'sh Shariáh¹⁰ in 1344, nine years after the publication of the first volume.
- ▶ The **fifth** volume, *Kitāb al-Nikāh*, was published in four parts by Muftī Aázam e Hind,¹¹ along with his brief annotations in the supervision of Állāmah Ḥasanayn Ridā Khān¹² by *Ḥasanī Press*, Bareilly, over a period of two years from 1346 AH to 1347 AH.
- ▶ Thereafter, volumes 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8 were published one after the other by Állāmah Ḥāfiz Ábdu'l Ra'ūf Balyāwī [d. 1391 AH / 1971 CE] and his companions, notably our esteemed teacher Állāmah Bahr al-Ulūm Muftī Ábdu'l Mannān Aázamī [d. 1434 AH / 2012 CE], who was the chief editor and also supervised the project. These volumes were published by *Sunni Dār al-Ishāat*, Mubarakpūr.
- ▶ Volumes 9 and 10 were published under the supervision of Dr. Qurbān Áli and Fayzān Áli from Besalpur, Pilibhit.
- ▶ Volume 11 was published by Mawlānā Mannān Raza Qādirī from Bareilly.
- ▶ During this period many monographs were also published separately from various publishers in different cities; all of these volumes [fatāwā and monographs] were collected, collated and published by Raza Academy, Bombay in **twelve** giant sized volumes in Ṣafar 1415 AH / 1994 CE.

⁸ This was the old paper size which was 24.2 mm x 30.5 mm.

⁹ *Ahl e Sunnat Press*.

¹⁰ Mawlānā Amjad Áli Aázamī [d. 1367 AH / 1948 CE], author of the famous work *Bahār e Shariát*.

¹¹ Mawlānā Muṣṭafā Ridā Khān [d. 1402 AH / 1981 CE], the second son of Imām Aḥmad Ridā Khān.

¹² Mawlānā Ḥasanayn Ridā Khān [d. 1401 AH / 1980 CE], Aálā Hazrat's nephew; son of Mawlānā Ḥasan Ridā Khān.

In the meantime, the onerous task of translating Arabic and Persian passages, cross-referencing and source validation had started in *Jami'ah Nizamiyyah Razawiyyah*, Lahore and the first volume of the critical edition was published by *Raza Foundation*, Lahore in Shábān 1410 AH / March 1990 CE. After this, work continued at a quick pace and in the space of 15 years, **thirty** volumes of the new edition were published.¹³ This edition has received various reprints. This edition contains 206 monographs and the credit of this achievement goes to our esteemed teacher Állāmah Muftī Ábdu'l Qayyūm Hazārvi.¹⁴

I must emphasize here, that the major portion of credit to our 22-volume edition goes to the previous editions and the great men who made this feat possible with their untiring efforts – such voluminous fatāwā were transformed from manuscript to being published and then translated and cross-referenced. If these scholars had not done the monumental work they did, it would not have been possible for us to present this edition either. We thank and acknowledge our elders, their companions and all those who contributed in the publication of the previous two editions of the fatāwā. We beseech Allāh táālā to reward them all immensely.

In 2016, Muftī Muḥammad Ḥanīf Khān Rizwī decided to produce a new edition, with modern formatting and composing. He provided our organisation, Idārah e Ahl e Sunnat, an opportunity to participate in this important project.

In the course of this publication, we had to face a number of problems including technical issues of printing and composing, the details of which I will omit in the interest of maintaining brevity.

The validation of various monographs in subjects such as geography, geometry, astronomy, mathematics and study of time [*tawqīt*] was very difficult as well. We have tried to have these works verified and corrected by subject matter specialists as much as possible and in places where we could not, we have left it as it was found.

May Allāh reward all those who have contributed in this project.



¹³ In the preface to the first volume, it is mentioned that the work on cross-referencing [*takhrīj*] and translation had already started in 1985. A publishing arm *Raza Foundation* under the aegis of *Jami'ah Nizamiyyah* of Lahore was established in March 1988 with the major objective of producing and publishing a cross-referenced, source-validated translated and reformatted edition of *Fatāwā Ridāwiyyah*. Ḥāfiẓ Ábd al-Sattār Sa'yīdī says in the preface of the 30th volume dated Rajab 1426 / August 2005: “The publication of the new edition of Fatāwā Ridāwiyyah started in Shábān 1410 / March 1990, and in a short span of 15 years thirty volumes have now been successfully published”.

¹⁴ Muftī Ábdu'l Qayyūm Hazārvi Qādirī passed away in August 2003.

FEATURES OF THE LATEST 22-VOLUME EDITION OF FATAWA RIDAWIYAH

The publication of the *Fatāwā* has passed through various phases and was carried admirably by many researchers, scholars and publishers in its journey so far. But this great work was published in an old style of writing which is tedious to read and is hence abandoned in the present time.

Books in Urdu, small or big, are all being composed on computers and published with computer typesetting and modern formatting.¹⁵ Hence, it was decided that *Fatāwā Razawiyyah* should also be printed in a modern format. One of the most important features of this edition is that great care has been given to ensure the accuracy of the text – especially in citations of passages from sources. A number of errors had crept in such citations of previous editions,¹⁶ which have now been removed to a great extent. **One hundred** additional fatāwā are included in this edition, which are not found in earlier editions. Also, **sixteen** more monographs have been included in this edition, the names of which are:

1. *Kashf al-illah an Samt al-Qiblah* [Volume 4]
2. *Qānūn e Ru'yat e Ahillah* [Volume 8]
3. *Al-Kashfu Shāfiyā Hukm Fonografia* [Volume 16] in Arabic
4. *Anwār al-Mannān fī Tawhīd al-Qur'ān* [Volume 16]
5. *Al-Ijāzāt al-Matīnah li Ūlamā'a Bakkah wa'l Madīnah* [Volume 16]
6. *Al-Qawl al-Najīh li Iḥqāqi al-Ḥaqq al-Ṣarīh* [Volume 18]
7. *Marginalia on the above: Al* [Volume 18]
8. *Al-Farq al-Wajīz bayn al-Sunnī al-Āzīz wa'l Wahabiyy al-Rajīz* [Volume 18]
9. *Al-Hidāyah al-Mubārakah fī Khalq al-Malā'ikah* [Volume 18]
10. *Māḥiyatu'l Āyb bi Īlm al-Ghayb* [Volume 18]
11. *Ḥusām al-Ḥaramayn ālā Manḥar al-Kufri wa'l Mayn* [Volume 20]
12. *Fatāwā al-Ḥaramayn bi Rajafi Nadwatu'l Mayn* [Volume 20]
13. *Maṭlā al-Qamarayn fī Ibānati Sabaqati'l Ūmarayn* [Volume 21]
14. *Al-Zamzamah al-Qumriyyah fī dh Dhabbi an'il-Khamriyyah* [Volume 22]
15. *Al-Saniyyah al-Anīqah fī Fatāwā Afriqah* [Volume 22]
16. *Ajlā Nujum al-Rajm bar Editor al-Najm* [[Volume 22]

¹⁵ Older styles did not have paragraph demarcations and were calligraphed – written by a scribe and then printed by photo-offset. Numbering, column separation and other modern formats for easier reading were not used.

¹⁶ Due to various reasons such as unfamiliarity of the scribes with Arabic script in the manuscripts etc.

The astute reader will notice that the style of referencing varies across volumes; this is because a number of scholars from two different organisations collaborated on this project and obviously, the styles will differ. In spite of everything we have strived hard to make sure that every citation has been referenced. In this regard, my esteemed teacher Államah Muḥammad Aḥmad Miṣbāhī¹⁷ has helped in correction and validation of various passages; I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to him.

The style of research and cross-referencing of our organisation, *Idārah Ahl e Sunnat* can be seen in the first six volumes and the Arabic monographs in this 22-volume edition. None of the prevalent formatting styles can be considered as ‘absolutely correct’ or ‘the only right way’ and each method has its own advantages and admirers. However, we have tried to follow modern publishing standards and therefore used formatting elements such as numbering, punctuation marks such as commas, dashes, full stops, question marks, exclamation marks, demarcation of paragraphs etc. We have also moved around some monographs across volumes [changed the order present in earlier editions].

The following **twelve** monographs were penned by the Imām in Arabic and can be found scattered in various volumes of the *Fatāwā*:

1. *Ajlā al-Iylām anna al-Fatwā Muṭlaqan ālā Qawl al-Imām* [Volume 1]
2. *Al-Žafar li Qawli Zufar* [Volume 3]
3. *Az’hār al-Anwār min ṣabā Ṣalāti’l Asrār* [Volume 5]
4. *Shamā’im al-Ānbar fī Adabi al-Nidā’a Amām al-Minbar* [Volume 6]
5. *Ṣayqal al-Rayn ān Aḥkāmī Mujāwarati’l Ĥaramayn* [Volume 8]
6. *Kifl al-Faqīh al-Fāhim fī Aḥkām al-Qirṭās al-Darāhim* [Volume 12]
7. *Hādī al-Uḍ’hiyyah bi’sh Shā’a al-Hindiyyah* [Volume 14]
8. *Al-Ṣāfiyah al-Mūhiyah li Ĥukmi Jild al-Uḍ’hiyyah* [Volume 14]
9. *Al-Ijāzāt al-Matīnah li Ūlamā’a Bakkah wa’l Madīnah* [Volume 16]
10. *Al-Kashfu Shāfiyā Ĥukm Fonografiya* [Volume 16]
11. *Al-Jabal al-Thānawī ālā Kulyati al-Tahānawī* [Volume 20]
12. *Ĥusām al-Ĥaramayn ālā Manḥari’l Kufri Mayn* [Volume 20]
13. *Fatāwā al-Ĥaramayn bi Rajafi Nadwatu’l Mayn* [Volume 20]
14. *Al-Zulāl al-Anqā min Bahri Sabqati’l Atqā* [Volume 21]



¹⁷ He is the ex-principal of the famous seminary, Al-Jamiáh al-Ashrafiyah, Mubarakpur, U.P. India.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LATEST 22-VOLUME EDITION OF FATAWA RIDAWIYYAH

The new 22-volume edition of Fatāwā Ridawīyyah published by Idārah Ahl e Sunnat, Karachi has the following salient features:

- ▶ Modern computerised composing (according to international standards).
- ▶ Extreme care has been taken and immense efforts expended in verification of the text itself and validation of citations from various sources. Corrections of errors in previous editions.
- ▶ Referencing and cross-referencing of Qur'ānic verses and Ḥadīth of the Prophet ﷺ.
- ▶ A detailed index of topics, table of contents.
- ▶ Demarcation of paragraphs; punctuation marks such as commas, fullstops and numbering of lists where necessary.
- ▶ Using parantheses () to identify lengthy passages.
- ▶ Any notes, additional words, explanations or annotations by our researchers and editors are placed in square brackets [].

In the end, I acknowledge that there there might be room for improvement and errors might have remained. We ask Allāh tāālā to forgive us, me and my team and request those who notice these errors to inform us so that they can be rectified in future reprints. May Allāh tāālā reward you for this service.

We ask Allāh tāālā to keep us steadfast on the Straight Path for the sake of His Beloved ﷺ; and keep us in the service of His religion and make these endeavours the means of salvation in this world and in the Hereafter; may Allāh grant us sincerity and focus.

Amen. For the sake of the Leader of all Messengers ﷺ. All praise belongs to Allāh ﷻ



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