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Scholars Discuss Development of Islamic Code of Media Ethics

Doha, 07 November 2013: Leading Islamic scholars and media experts conferred over the possible development of an Islamic code of media ethics during closed-door discussions held by the Research Center for Islamic Legislation and Ethics (CILE) earlier this week.

The “Media & Ethics” debate was the fourth private seminar to be held on the sidelines of the ongoing CILE public lecture series held at Qatar Faculty of Islamic Studies (QFIS). Previous closed seminars have included discussions on “Bioethics”, “Art & Ethics” and “Ethics & Politics”.

The latest talks hosted leading scholars and media experts including, Dr Abouzaid El Idrissi, a prominent theologian and member of the Moroccan Parliament, Dr Abdul Sattar Abu Ghuddah, Professor of Comparative *Fiqh* (Islamic Jurisprudence) and a member of the European Council of Fatwa and Research, Khadija Benguenna, presenter at Al Jazeera and Dr Tariq Ramadan, CILE Executive Director.

The experts engaged in talks based on finding practical solutions to the two following questions: ‘*What role should the media play in the reform of contemporary reality?*’ And ‘*How can we practice ethical media principles in an industry dominated by money and politics?*’

Central to the discussions were issues regarding the limits and values of the media profession, the possible development of a theoretical media ethics framework and the proposal of establishing an Islamic code of media ethics.

In addition to those mentioned above, the following experts engaged in CILE’s most recent private seminar: Dr Motaz Alkhateeb, Senior Producer at Al Jazeera and Islamic Studies Researcher; Dr Rasha Al Disuqi, Professor of *Fiqh* (Islamic Jurisprudence) at Al Azhar University;

Dr Yahya El Yahyaoui, Professor of Knowledge Economics at Mohammed V University;
Dr Aboubakr Jamaï, Publisher of *Assahifa Al Ousbouiya* newspaper in Morocco (The Weekly);
Dr Alain Gresh, Editor of *Le Monde diplomatique* in France; Dr Nouredine Miladi, Head of
Department of Mass Communication at Qatar University and Mr Chaoiki Lazhar, CILE Deputy
Director.

CILE, a member of QFIS, hosted the various private sessions on the sidelines of its ongoing
public lecture series, which brings together leading scholars and experts to discuss pressing
contemporary issues. The lecture series aims to provide ethical solutions to matters in various
disciplines including, politics, economics, media, the arts, environment, education, gender
issues and psychology.

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About the Research Center for Islamic Legislation and Ethics (CILE):

CILE aims to contribute to the reform and renewal of Islamic thought by developing a contemporary
vision guided by the fundamental principles of the Holy Qur'an, Sunnah and the higher objectives of
Islamic Shariah.

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