

Preface

The Islamic *fiqh* (jurisprudence) is divided into several sections: *'ibadat* (rituals) that include: ritual purity (*taharah*), prayers (*salat*), fasting (*sawm*), alms (*zakat*), one-fifth (*khums*) and pilgrimage (*hajj*). These six chapters are included in the first part of the Book *al-Fiqh 'ala al-madhahib al-khamsah* (*Fiqh according to five schools of Islamic Law*), which was published first by Dar al-'Ilm li al-Malayin, achieving unprecedented circulation, that prompted this foundation to republish it for the second, third and fourth time, all of which have run out of print.

The second section of Islamic *fiqh* contains the Individual conditions (*al-'Ahwal al-shakhsiyah*), that include: marriage, divorce, will and bequest, endowment (*waqf*) and legal disability (*hajr*), which constitute the second part of the book published by Dar al-'Ilm li al-Malayin, whose copies have run out of print.

Some honourable personages suggested to the Dar to republish the two parts in one volume, of which the first part to be *'ibadat* and the second *al-Ahwal al-Shakhsiyah*. The Dar has complied, as the subject of the two parts being one, by the same author. I hope that this work will be beneficial for the readers.

The Almighty Allah is the guarantor of success.

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