



36th International Islamic Unity Conference, with the main theme of “Islamic Unity, Peace, and Avoidance of Division and Conflict in the Islamic World

Excerpts from the Views Shared by the Participants

Hojjat al-Islam Shahriyari, Secretary General of the World Forum for Proximity of Islamic Schools of Thought:

One of the objectives of this

conference is to design a plan for the attainment of the New Islamic Civilization and examine the ways and means of its practical implementation. In this regard

there are some points that need to be taken into consideration:

*Approving ijthihad in all Islamic schools of thought and respecting the differences,



* Clarifying ignorance is one of the duties of the scholars and exposing the enemy's projects is one of the duties of the Islamic media, and we should make the Jihad of Tabyin (lit. "struggle to explain/clarify" unknown facts) on the agenda using modern tools,

* Islamic nations must pursue their rightful demands from autocratic governments,

* Ethnic and sectarian prejudice is against the teachings of Islam and the Muslim Ummah should avoid it, and all should hold on to the divine rope and know that the criterion of superiority in our religion is piety and adherence to divine guidance,

* Adhering to rational methods to resolve disputes, and

* Constructive and healthy competition between Islamic countries.

Hojjat al-Islam Sayyid Ali Fazlullah, Friday Prayer Imam of Beirut:

All Islamic schools of thought and trends must be respected. Islam is a religion of love, compassion, and friendship, and we must prove this important thing to the rest of the world by creating unity and seriously avoiding division and war in order to achieve salvation. Of course, Islamic countries have good facilities and capabilities that if they unite, they can liberate occupied Palestine from the clutches of the enemy - the usurper Israel.

Sheikh Khaled Al-Molla, the head of the Iraqi Sunni Ulema community:

This conference is being held in a situation where Islamic countries are facing complex problems. Today, the people of Iran, who are

obedient to their leader and support the oppressed nations of the world, have been targeted by the enemies, and we must act vigilantly to confront them and explain the concept of Jihad of Tabyin that the Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution has proposed. Today the enemy is trying to increase the differences and create division among Muslims and incite more sedition in the Islamic Ummah.

Mawlawi Eshaq Madani, Chairman of the Supreme Council of the World Forum for Proximity of Islamic Schools of Thought

The Qur'anic verse "وَاعْتَصِمُوا بِحَبْلِ اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَلَا تَفَرَّقُوا" which has been repeatedly brought to the notice of the Muslim Ummah after the Islamic Revolution of Iran, the same verse that the Holy Prophet of Allah resorted to at the time when there had occurred



some disputes among his companions. Today, both hypocrites and enemies of Islam cannot tolerate the unity of the Islamic Ummah and are always trying to destroy it. Therefore, we must know and realize the importance and power of Islamic unity in facing

our common enemies. We hope that this Islamic Ummah will be fully alert and finally we will be able to achieve what we want, i.e. the New Islamic Civilization.

Sheikh Muhammad Abdul Ha-meed, head of the department

of Islamic education of Juranpur College of Bangladesh:

All the differences that are going on in the Islamic world are about details, otherwise, there are no differences in the fundamentals of Islam. Therefore, in order to avoid differences and divisions, it is bet-



ter to follow someone whose ijti-
had is stronger or most people
follow his opinion. In this way, it
would be possible to avoid un-
necessary conflicts and disputes.
It is very sad that conflicts and
differences in the Islamic Ummah
are increasing and Jewish, Chris-

tian, and infidel groups are seizing
these opportunities to harm Mus-
lims.

**Hojjat al-Islam Ramin Igidov,
Chairman of the Georgian Mus-
lim Administration:**

Sometimes some people con-
sider unity as a tactic, but this is
not a tactic or a tactical step, but
an important strategy and plan
to achieve a goal, and it is neces-
sary for the growth and excellence
of Muslims in political, social,
and other fields. It certainly takes
strength to face the enemy, and if
we are separated, we cannot over-
come them. But if there is unity
and solidarity among one billion
and 700 million Muslims under
the existing situation, we will wit-
ness what a terrible picture will be
drawn in front of the enemy. God
the Most High says “collectively
hold on to the divine thread and
never divide. However, there are
people who do not consider uni-

ty among Muslims possible, and
even if they have a positive view of
interfaith dialogue, they consider
proximity among Islamic schools
of thought a mistake, which - as
specified by the Holy Qur’an - is
the wrong way of thinking.

**Irfan Rashid Sharif, Deputy
Minister of Awqaf of the Kurdis-
tan Region of Iraq:**

The religion of Islam is a unify-
ing religion to strengthen cohe-
sion and solidarity in society, and
the Holy Qur’an has emphasized
brotherhood and peaceful coex-
istence among Muslims. We Mus-
lims should strive to strengthen
unity and cohesion among the Is-
lamic Ummah by following the life
of the Messenger of God (PBUH)
and following the Qur’anic teach-
ings. Also, we consider it obligato-
ry upon ourselves to thank the ef-
forts of the Islamic Republic of Iran
in bringing the hearts of Muslims
in the region closer to each other.