

## Editorial

This issue comprises five research based articles, one book review and one obituary.

The first article from Indonesia entitled “Imām al-Suyūfī’s Original Thought on the Opposition to (Greek) Logic and Theology in *Ṣawn al-Manṭiq wa’l-Kalām ‘an Fannay al-Manṭiq wa’l-Kalām*” throws light on the famous conflict between the followers of Greek logic and traditional understanding of the Divine message (The Qur’ān). Imam Suyūfī in his celebrated work the *Ṣawn al-Manṭiq wa’l-Kalām ‘an Fannay al-Manṭiq wa’l-Kalām* opposes the logicians’ arguments on their lack of understanding of subtleties of Arabic phonetics and multiplicity of shades of meaning.

The next article from Pakistan entitled “Fundamental Guarantees of the Rights of the Accused in the Islamic Criminal Justice System” lays emphasis on the fact that *Shari’ah* (the Islamic Law) ensures fundamental rights for all the individuals in a society. This includes the legal offenders so that the punishment meted out to them may not exceed the logical legal limits.

Dr. Muḥammad Ḥamidullah was an outstanding and celebrated scholar, known for his legal and Islamic studies and history in several languages viz. Urdu, English, Arabic and French. Though settled in Paris, he was regarded as a citizen of the world. He made significant contributions to Islamic studies in French also which are not available to non-French people. The author from Saudi Arabia provides in his article entitled “The Writings of Muḥammad Ḥamidullah in French: Trends and Novelties” an idea of Dr. Ḥamidullah’s French works besides his famous French translation of the holy Qur’ān and *Sirah* of the holy Prophet (ﷺ).

Indonesia has become one of the countries facing serious criticism on the methods used in the implementation of Islamic law. The Government of Aceh is the only Indonesian province with the delegated authority to legally implement Islamic law. The author from Indonesia in his article “Enforcing Islamic Law for Non-Muslims: A Case Study of Indonesia” has presented and discussed a case study of Aceh in which a non-Muslim alcoholic-drinking dealer was punished by Islamic criminal law.

Resurgence and exponential outlook of terrorist activities, local as well as international, has led to devise more effective and stringent methods of search and checkup. Now one such popular method is strip search of the offenders and inmates besides x-ray scanning, pat and search. It allows the police to undress the offenders and examine their physical cavities. But these methods are often misused by the security personnel and police. The article from Pakistan, “Western and Islamic Perspective of Strip Search and Undressing of Inmates, Permissibility, Practices and its Jurisdiction”, discusses its implications internationally and locally in Pakistan as well.

An obituary of one of the senior most directors of Hamdard Pakistan and close associate of Shaheed Hakim Mohammed Said, Mr. Masood Ahmed Barakati is also included in this issue. He had been and would be, known for his exemplary literary services.

This issue includes one book review as well.

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