



Desire for Peace



Our Message Hope. Our Way Peace. Our Choice Living Together.

The nobility of the soul.

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An extract from the speech of His Excellency Mohamed Aïssa, the Algerian Minister of Religious Affairs and Endowments to UNESCO regarding the Sheikh al-'Alâwî:

« His doctrine, which calls for the nobility of the soul, for generosity and for a largesse of spirit in religious terms, also preaches, on social planning, excellence of character and good behavior in respect to others, regardless of race or religion. »

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« If I found a group to be my interpreters to the people of Europe, one would be amazed to see that nothing divides the West and Islam. »

Shaykh al-'Alâwî (1869-1934)



The Minister Mohamed Aïssa and Sheikh Bentounes answer media questions.

Tribute to Sheikh al-'Alâwî at UNESCO in Paris

28 and September 29, 2015

More than 1,600 participants from around the world attended the conference « Spiritual Islam and Contemporary Challenges » organized by AISA International NGO at UNESCO to find ways to thwart fundamentalism and build a society for Living Better Together.



Among those present were, His Excellency the Algerian Minister Mohamed Aïssa, Ms. Bariza Khiari Senator of Paris, Boris Cyrulnik Neuropsychiatrist, Edwy Plenel Director of Mediapart, Philippe Dessaint Director of International projects for TV5 Monde, Virginia Larousse Editor of World Religions, Ms. Yenny Wahid Zanjuba Director of the Wahid Institute of Indonesia, Mansour Sy Djamil, Vice-President of the National Assembly of Senegal, including many Academics, members of the Diplomatic Corps from different countries, Artists and Representatives of different Spiritual Traditions.

This event was made possible thanks to the support of the Ambassador of Algeria to France Mr. Amar Bendjama.

The exhibition « Sheikh al-'Alâwî, a School for Tolerance and Coexistence » spotlights the journey of a lifetime and the different facets of Sheikh Ahmed Ibn al-Mustapha'Alâwî (1869-1934).

Successor of an unbroken chain of Sufi masters, this peace-loving Muslim reformer and humanist left a visionary and timeless message for our multicultural era, in the search for solutions at the global scale.

The school of thought that he revived, addresses beyond the Muslim world to all humanity. It invites us to integrate rationality and spirituality, to restore the balance between sacred and profane and lay the foundations of a path that leads men and women to a Culture of Peace and Living Together.



To the right: a spiritual evening with several Sheikhs representing various Sufi Orders in the world.

Given the urgency of finding solutions faced with all the violence and insecurity in the world, AISA International NGO, carrying the message of the Sheikh al-'Alâwî invited a necessary reform of Islam.

A detailed account of this conference can be downloaded from [this link](#).



The Minister Mohamed Aïssa, Ms Bariza Khiari Senator of Paris and Sheikh Bentounes inaugurate the exhibition of the Sheikh al-'Alâwî.



Launch of the International Day of Living Together





1st Festival of the International Day of Living Together in Algeria

from November 24 to 29, 2015

The Ministry of National Solidarity, Family and the Status of Women together with the Mediterranean Foundation for Sustainable Development Djanatu al-Arif organized the first Festival of the International Day of Living Together in Algeria on the occasion of the « International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women ».

The following events were part of this festival:

- Conference « Towards a Culture of Peace in matters of Health and Environment »
- International Conference « Against Violence, for Living Together »
- Solutions Village
- Ceremony for signing the Emir Abd el-Kader Prize for the Promotion of Living Together around the Mediterranean and worldwide
- Press conference

« Through her education, transmission of values, pain of childbirth, the enormous sacrifices that she has made, and in spite of the injustices she has suffered, the woman remains the matrix and the guarantor of the stability of a nation. She is the center of gravity, revealing its strength, as its fragility.

If Muslim society wants to find peace and joy in life, if it respects her dignity, repairs the injustice and harm that it caused her and returns to her the place and the rank that is her due right, then everything becomes possible in the near future.»

Sheikh Khaled Bentounes at the conference "Against violence, for Living Together" at the University of Mostaganem.

The law on violence against women adopted in Algeria is partly due to the work of the Algerian JMVE :

www.lecourrierdelatlas.com/1055310122015La-loi-sur-les-violences-faites-aux-femmes-enfin-adoptee-au-Senat.html



Minister Mounia Meslem and the Wali of Mostaganem at the inauguration of the exhibition of the Emir Abd el-Kader.

[Download this link for a detailed account of all the activities of the 1st Festival of the International Day of Living Together \(in french\)](#)

This event took place in a symbolic space: under the tree of Derdara where the tribes gave allegiance to the Emir Abd el-Kader, it was 183 years later, almost to the day (27 November 1832), that Mr. Mohamed Aziza suggested considering it as a second moubaya'a. A tree was planted, marking the event that was imbued by a palpable emotion accompanied by festivities and ululating expressing unanimous joy amongst all the women and men who witnessed this memorable moment.

The Spirit of the Emir Abd el-Kader was evident on this memorable day.



Planting of the tree by Minister Mounia Meslem and Sheikh Bentounes at Ghriss, Mascara.

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Launch of the Emir Abd el-Kader Prize for the promotion of Living Together around the Mediterranean and worldwide.

Ms. Mounia Meslem, Minister of Solidarity and the Status of Women, Mr. Salah El Affani, Wali of the city of Mascara, many authorities and notable dignitaries attend the signing of the documents of the Emir Abd el-Kader Prize for promoting Living Together around the Mediterranean and worldwide.



Signing the documents of the Emir Abd el-Kader Prize, for the promotion of Living Together around the Mediterranean and worldwide, under the tree of Derdara at Ghriss, Mascara by Prof. Mohamed Aziza, President of MED 21 and Sheikh Bentounes.



Speaking with the media in Mascara in the presence of Prof. Mustafa Cerić, Grand Mufti Emeritus of Bosnia and Herzegovina.