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MUHAMMAD 'AMÔM AL-IHSÔN: HIS LIFE, WORKS AND CONTRIBUTION TO QUR'AN AND HADÔTH STUDIES IN BANGLADESH

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Abstract

Muhammad ‘Amên al-Ihsên is one of the most influential Islamic scholars in the Indian Archipelago. Through his intellectual expertise and abundant knowledge in multiple disciplines, he has played a significant role to develop knowledge and thoughts in the Qur’an and Hadîth studies in Bangladesh. He wrote more than 250 books and manuscripts on a wide variety of subjects related to Islam in the Urdu and Arabic language. This study aims at commemorating the life of Muhammad ‘Amên al-Ihsên, and highlighting his works and contributions to the development of teaching and learning Qur’an and Hadîth studies not only in Bangladesh but to the entire Islamic world. Moreover, there will be a brief discussion about his two comprehensive books of Sciences of the Qur’an (Ulêm al-Quran) and Hadîth namely al-Tanwîr fî Usûl al-Tafsîr and Fiqh al-Sunan wa al-Athîr. This study is a qualitative using documentary analysis. The results showed that Muhammad ‘Amên al-Ihsên has his personal characteristics that are perspicuous, follow various disciplines of knowledge, active in the fields of writing, which he controls and able to discover used of methodologies in a comprehensive manner in order to practice teaching and learning the Qur’nic and Prophetic studies, especially through the books al-Tanwîr fî Usûl al-Tafsîr and Fiqh al-Sunan wa al-Athîr. This study discovers the personality of Muhammad ‘Amên al-Ihsên and his gold legacies can be recognized as a niche in the whole archipelago dimension Islamic Studies.

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This book aims at introducing the latest studies and researches conducted in the field of Quranic studies. This is achieved through the participation of researches from all over the world which paves the way for scholarly communication and interaction between scholars and researches. This fruitful book would help to generate ideas and put them into action. Thus, the title of this book, "Quranic Research: Interaction of Knowledge, Sciences, and Civilizational", has been chosen. This is to emphasize on the central role that the Qur'an plays in humankind life in realizing interaction and mutual understanding in the fields of knowledge, sciences and the civilizational achievements.