

Two of the founding members of the Editorial Advisory Board of this journal, *Islamic Economic Studies*, passed away in 2021 and 2022. The *Islamic Economic Studies* mourns the death of respected Prof. Dr. Muhammad Nejatullah Siddiqi and Prof. Dr. Muhammad Omar Al-Zubair. We belong to Allah and to Him we shall return.

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Nejatullah Siddiqi (died 11 November 2022) was not only an individual but also an institution himself. He was much more advanced in thought from his time and promoted critical thinking while combining economics and Islamic understanding. He was among those early pioneers who ignited the movement for Islamic economics and finance. Though famous for his profit-sharing model of Islamic banks and a banking system, he has contributed to many other areas of Islamic economics and finance including maqasid al-Shariah and economic development. His services were recognized in the form of the King Faisal International Prize awarded to him in 1982 and Shah Waliullah Award in 2003 for contributions to Islamic Economics. He had been a member of the Editorial Advisory Board of this journal since its inception in 1993 and continued to help and advise the journal throughout his active academic life. May Allah have mercy on him, forgive any of his shortcomings, receive him in the place of the righteous with the foremost believers and martyrs, and raise his levels in the Paradise.

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Omar Al-Zubair (died 18 March 2021) was one of the pioneers of Islamic economics who led the establishment and continuity of some key academic institutions in the field. He was also instrumental in the establishment of a series of conferences in Islamic economics and finance that paved the way for research in this field. He was a humble and soft-spoken person, an active member of the Editorial Advisory Board of this journal since its inception in 1993 and continued to help and guide the journal during his active academic life and later as Chairman of the Academic Committee of the Islamic Research and Training Institute (now the IsDBI) until 2015. May Allah have mercy on him, forgive any of his shortcomings, receive him in the place of the righteous with the foremost believers and martyrs, and raise his grades in the Paradise.

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