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**La Fondation de  
Développement Islamique  
Sheikh Alhaji Bubacar Zaidi Diallo**

## THE PATRON OF THE FOUNDATION

The Patron of the Foundation, Sheikh Alhaji Bubacar Zaidi Jallow (RA) was born in the first decade of the 20th Century in the village of Ndireh Sebori, Lelumaa in the Republic of Guinea Conakry . He lost his father Chernou Ousman Taanou Jallow (RA), an Islamic scholar, at a tender age and spent his early years with his mother Chernou Mariama Jallow (RA), a pious lady from the neighbouring village of Towndeh.

Under the care of his maternal uncle Chernou Ebrima Jallow Towndeh (RA), the Sheikh learnt the Holy Quran and other aspects of Islamic studies at the village of Towndeh. Eventually with the consent of his uncle and teacher the Sheikh travelled through the sub-region spending some time visiting various Islamic centres in Guinea Bissau, Senegal and the Gambia. On his way back home to Guinea Conakry, in 1939, the Sheikh passed through the village of Bansang now in the Central River Region of the Gambia. He was requested by the elders who, were impressed by his knowledge, his piety and his conduct, to remain in the village as the Imam. With the consent of his mentor Chernou Ebrima Jallow (RA) Towndeh and his mother Chernou Mariama Jallow (RA) at Ndireh Sebori the young Sheikh acceded to the request of the elders of Bansang.

Thus, by the Grace of Allah (SWT) Sheikh Alhaji Bubacar Zaidi Jallow (RA) lived in Bansang, the Gambia, serving as the Imam, Islamic teacher and community leader. His life until he answered the call of his Maker Allah (SWT) revolved around the mosque, the dara/ dudal (Islamic School) and the farm. His school became a centre of Islamic education, attracting seekers of knowledge from the entire sub-region, particularly the Gambia, Senegal, Guinea Conakry, Guinea Bissau, Mali and Mauritania. The Sheikh devoted his life to spreading Islam and the Tariqat Tijanniya of which he was a leading Caliph. His work saw the conversion of several persons to Islam, the construction of close to a hundred mosques and the adherence of several persons to the Tariqat Tijanniya in the region.

The Sheikh was a renowned scholar and author. Amongst his most well-known books – on Islam and the Tariqat – are “Miftaa us Saadatil Abadiyya,” “Bukhyital Saaili..,” “Khulaasatul Mardiyya...” “Sulamul Gurbi,” “Jawaahiral Ahmaddiyya...” and “Talhatul Fajri Fii Mawlidil Badri...”

In 1970 the Sheikh naturalised as a Gambian citizen, taking on the nationality of the country in which he had chosen to live. As a devout Muslim and a leading proponent of the Tariqat Tijanniya, the Sheikh was exemplary in constantly calling on all to pay heed to Allah’s declaration that He has spread this one earth for all His creatures. The Sheikh in furtherance to those words of Allah (SWT) (Surat Rahman Verse 10) encouraged the principles of unity, respect, tolerance and mutual respect in diversity. He was well known for his friendships across tribal, religious, racial and tariqat (Islamic Sect) lines.

At the inauguration of the newly reconstructed Central Mosque at Bansang in 1980 the disciples who had assembled for the occasion from all the countries in the region sought and obtained the consent of the Sheikh to reassemble there annually on the night of Al – Israa wal Miiraj ( 26th of the month of Rajab) in an annual Ziyarrah. That event, held consistently since then, has become one of the biggest annual Islamic gatherings in the region, devoted to returning thanks to Allah (SWT), renewing vows in the Tariqat and to prayer and sermons.

Sheikh Alhaji Bubacar Zaidi Jallow (RA) answered the call of Allah SWT on the 20th of February 1998, corresponding to 22 Shawwal (1418 H), , leaving behind a legacy of Islamic scholarship, devotion, teaching and a network of dairas/ Islamic associations in the entire sub-region, all of them linked to the Hadra in Bansang, the Gambia.

The Sheikh was succeeded by his eldest son Sheikh Alhaji Hassan Bubacar Jallow as Caliph of the Hadra and by his sons Dr. Alhaji Ahmad Tijan Jallow, Alhaji Mam Sait Jallow, Alhaji Idrissa Jallow (RA), Cherno Muhammed Arabi Jallow and Cherno Junaidu Jallow as well as by his daughters Haja Fatoumatta Jarai Jallow, Haja Nengaleh Mariama Jallow, Haja Maimuna Jallow, Haja Adama Jallow, Haja Ngenarr Aminatta Jallow, Haja Mansaratou Jallow and Haja Bintou Wahabin Jallow. As well as by many disciples and friends.

## **OBJECTS OF THE FOUNDATION**

The Sheikh Alhaji Bubacar Zaidi Jallow Islamic Development Foundation whose registered address is situated in Bansang in the Central River Region of The Gambia, is an Islamic, charitable, non-profit making association established in honour of and named after its Patron. The Patron of the Foundation is Sheikh Alhaji Bubacar Zaidi Jallow (RA) late Imam of Bansang. The Caliph of the Hadra is the Head of the Foundation. He is currently Sheikh Alhaji Hassan Bubacar Jallow.

The objectives of the Foundation are:

1. To promote adherence to Islam and Islamic values and the Tarriqat Tijanniya;
2. To establish, maintain and support mosques, Islamic educational and other institutions;
3. To provide charitable and humanitarian services such as shelter for the homeless, the needy, supplies of food and medical services for victims of natural disasters etc;
4. To preserve and promote the works and legacy of the Patron of the Foundation;
5. To promote community development initiatives in general and to undertake programmes to enhance the status of women and youths in particular;

6. To provide sponsorships/ scholarships for deserving children in Islamic schools within The Gambia and elsewhere;
7. To promote interfaith dialogue in The Gambia;
8. To promote and encourage co-operation between the Foundation and similar Islamic organizations all over the world in serving the objectives of the Foundation by working together to implement projects and programmes;
9. To organize Islamic conferences, workshops, meetings and public awareness events and to issue publications on Islamic matters, and
10. To undertake such other activities and programmes as are consistent with the goals, objectives and purposes of the Foundation including but not limited to the objectives stated above.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

The membership of the Foundation is open to all Muslims (male and female), Muslim Organizations or Associations, Dairas etc., All Dairas or organizations affiliated to the Hadra of the Patron are automatically members of the Foundation. Membership requires an annual subscription which is determined by the Governing Council of the Foundation. As at January 2020 the annual membership fee is a minimum of D300 (Three hundred Dalasi) per person plus a membership card fee of D100 (One hundred Dalasi).

## **STRUCTURE OF THE FOUNDATION**

The Foundation has the following organs:

1. General Assembly (GA)
2. Governing Council (GC)
3. Executive Committee (EC)
4. International Advisory Council (IAC)
5. Women's Wing
6. Youth Wing

The General Assembly comprises all members of the Foundation i.e. individuals and groups. The General Assembly is the principal organ of the Foundation and shall meet once a year in Bansang on the occasion of the annual Ziyarra in honour of the Patron of the Foundation.

The Governing Council has the following functions:

1. To determine the policies and programmes of the Foundation;
2. To make proposals, recommendations and guidelines for the smooth implementation/ organization of the aims and objectives of the Foundation as well as the annual Ziyarra in honour of the Patron of the Foundation.
3. To establish guidelines on fundraising on behalf of the Foundation and to safeguard the finances and properties of the Foundation.

The Council members are appointed on the recommendation of the Caliph.

The Executive Committee members are appointed by the Caliph in consultation with the Governing Council and shall hold office for such period/ time as may be determined by the Governing Council. Its functions amongst other things include overall responsibility for the daily administration, management, planning and policy implementation of the Foundation. It is also charged with the responsibility of fundraising activities of the Foundation and to solicit sponsorships, aid and other assistance from individuals, donors, institutions and government agencies in support of the projects of the Foundation.

The International Advisory Council membership shall be determined by resolution from the Governing Council on the recommendation of the Caliph and its functions include advising the General Assembly or Governing Council generally on all matters relating to the attainment of the objectives of the Foundation.

The Foundation has also a Women's Wing and a Youth Wing.

The sources of funding of the Foundation are contributions/subscriptions from members, donations from individuals, institutions, non- government organizations and fundraising activities undertaken by the Foundation.

## **PROJECTS OF THE FOUNDATION**

The priority projects of the Foundation for funding are:-

- i. Support to the Islamic madarassa school and the Dara established by the Sheikh in Bansang e.g. rehabilitation of buildings, construction of additional classrooms, payment of staff salaries etc.
- ii. Maintenance of the Central Mosque in Bansang, the mosques at Bustaanul Aarifiina built by the Sheikh, the zawiyya at the Sheikh's compound in Bakau etc;
- iii. Construction of new mosque at the birthplace of the Sheikh in Fouta Jallon, Republic of Guinea (already at finishing stage) and new mosque at Tabokoto, Kanifing Municipality etc;
- iv. Translations and publication of numerous books written by the Sheikh
- v. Hosting of the annual Ziyarah and annual Gammo (Mawlud Nabi) in Bansang, Central River Region of the Gambia;
- vi. Humanitarian assistance to the needy.

*Foundation Bank Account* – The foundation maintains an account number 2040101101636110 with the Arab Gambia Islamic Bank (AGIB) in Banjul the Gambia into which all subscriptions and donations should be paid, directly or through the Treasurer Alhaji Bai Mass Saine (tel +220 5192666) or Alhaji Alieu Itu Ndow (tel +220 7669942) Deputy Treasurer or through the President of the members Daira/Association.

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Tidjanniyya Silsila (Chaine d'Autorité) d'El Hadji Abubacar Zaidi Diallo

سيدنا ومولانا الشريف  
الشيخ أحمد التيجاني رضي الله عنه  
Sheikh Ahmed Tijani R.A



سيدنا ومولانا الشيخ  
علي التماسيني رضي الله عنه (قبر)  
Sheikh Ali Tamasini (Qabr)



سيدنا ومولانا الشيخ  
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سيدنا ومولانا الشيخ  
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Sheikh Idriss Al-Iraqi R.A



سيدنا ومولانا الشيخ  
الحاج أبوبكر الزيدي رضي الله عنه  
Sheikh Abubacar Zaidi Jallow, R.A



سيدنا وخليفتنا الشيخ  
الحاج الحسن بن الشيخ أبوبكر زيد التيجاني  
Sheikh Hassan Abubacar Zaidi Jallow



