

(SIRIM) in 1992, Chairman of Permodalan Nasional Berhad in 1996, Chairman of Sime Darby in 1998, Pro-Chancellor of Universiti Tun Abdul Razak (UNITAR) in 2003, Pro-Chancellor of Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) in 2006, and Chancellor of Universiti Tun Abdul Razak (UNIRAZAK) in 2012.

Ahmad Sarji regarded leadership not as a position of profit but of trust; and one can only achieve great victory if this trust was honoured. He received numerous recognitions for his outstanding leadership in administration and management, including the National Ma'al Hijrah Award in 1999, the Sports Leadership Award by the National Sports Awards, the Tun Sri Lanang Premiership National Book Icon Award, the Gold Medal of Honour 2012 by the Royal Rotary Club of Kuala Lumpur, the Queen Victoria Memorial Medal by the European Business Assembly, and he was named the National Sports Icon in 2015. In June 2008, Ahmad Sarji was granted the Seri Setia Mahkota Malaysia (SSN), which bears the title 'Tun'. He breathed his last breath on 28 August 2021 at the age of 82 and was buried at the Raudhatul Sakinah Islamic Cemetery, Bukit Kiara, Kuala Lumpur.

Professor Dato' Dr Siddiq Fadzil (1947-2021)

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Professor Dr. Siddiq Fadzil was born on 4 January 1947 in Kampung Sungai Tiang Darat, Bagan Datoh, Perak, to a family of Javanese descent. He received his primary education at Sungai Tiang Darat Primary School (1954-1959) and his secondary education at Izzuddin Shah Religious School in Ipoh (1959-1966). He then moved to the Lembah Pantai Language Teaching College in Kuala Lumpur (1967-1968) to begin his career as an educator, before continuing his studies at the University of Malaya (1971). He joined Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Bangi, as a tutor after obtaining a Bachelor of Arts degree in Islamic Studies with First Class Honours (1974), then pursued his second degree at the same university, gaining a Master of Letters (M.Litt.) in Islamic Thought in 1978. In 1989, he was the first person to get a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) degree in Malay Culture and Islamic Philosophy from the Institute of Malay Language, Literature and Culture, UKM.

Siddiq Fadzil served as the third President of the Malaysian Islamic Youth Movement (ABIM – Angkatan Belia Islam Malaysia) from 1983-1991, succeeding Anwar Ibrahim, who quit to enter politics by joining UMNO. He was also the President of the National Association of Malaysian-Muslim Students

(PKPIM, Persatuan Kebangsaan Pelajar Islam Malaysia) and the leader of the Muslim Students Association at the University of Malaya (PMIUM, Persatuan Mahasiswa Islam Universiti Malaya). He also acquired the trust of the Perak state government when he was appointed to the Perak Islamic Religious and Malay Customs Council (1992-2000).

In 2005, Siddiq Fadzil founded Wadah Pencerdasan Umat Malaysia. Finally, he was the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (USIM) from 1 October 2018 until his death on 31 August 2021. He was the President of Kolej Dar al-Hikmah, the Head of Majlis Istisyyari, Wadah Pencerdasan Umat Malaysia (WADAH), the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Institut Darul Ehsan (IDE), and the Chairman of the Academy of Civilisational Studies (AKK, Akademi Kajian Ketamadunan) at Universiti Industri Selangor (UNISEL) where he was also appointed as an Adjunct Professor.

Dr. Siddiq was a very prolific writer and a productive scholar. Among the books published by him are *Sejarah Orang Cina di Tanah Melayu (History of the Chinese People in Malaya)* (1971), *Kebangkitan Islam: Kenyataan dan Harapan (The Rise of Islam: Reality and Hope)* (1975), a translation of *Di Bawah Naungan al-Qur'an (Under the Protection of al-Qur'an)* (1980), *Minda Melayu Baru (New Malay Mind)* (1992), *Turning to History in a Direction* (1999), *Tawhidic Management* (2001), *Qur'anic Perspectives: Thematic Discourse Series* (2003), and *Management in Islam: Appreciating Principles and Values* (2005).

One of his most recent publications, *Pembinaan Bangsa – Kepelbagaian Dalam Bingkai Kesatuan (Nation Building – Diversity in the Framework of Unity)*, published by Institut Darul Ehsan (IDE), was regarded as one of the finest references advocating nation building in a plural society like Malaysia. He argued that the terms *dhimmi* and *harbi*, as defined by classical scholars, do not adequately characterise Malaysia's multireligious and multiethnic society seeking to replace them with *muwatanah*, or "Malaysian citizen".

In recognition of his great contribution to Islamic education, the late Siddiq Fadzil received the National Ma'al Hijrah Recipient Award (*Tokoh Maal Hijrah*) in 2018. In 2001, he was conferred the Darjah Dato' Paduka Mahkota Perak (DPMP), which carries the title Dato'. In 2006, he was also honoured with the Perak Ma'al Hijrah Award.

Siddiq Fadzil died at 6.32 pm on 31 August 2021 at the age of 74, in An-Nur Specialist Hospital, Bangi, Selangor, from lung and kidney infections. His remains were buried at the Islamic Cemetery, Kampung Sungai Ramal Dalam, Kajang, Selangor.