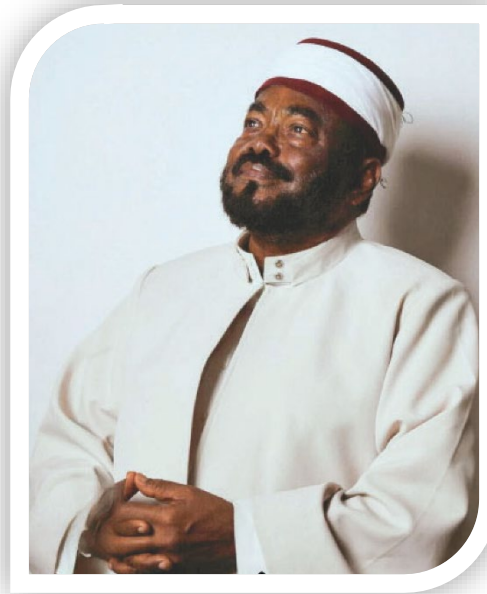


**About the  
His Eminence  
Sheikh Abdul Quddoos Al-Azhari's**

**His Eminence Abdul Quddoos Al-Azhari's life is a testament to his dedication to education and community service. His remarkable linguistic abilities, spanning English, Hindi, Arabic, Urdu, and Tamil, equip him to effectively engage in social work, counselling, and youth training. In 2001, prime Minister John Howard acknowledged his exceptional service to the Australian Muslim Community, bestowing the prestigious Australian Centenary Medal upon him.**



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SHEIKH ABDUL QUDDOOS ALAZHARI, Baqavi, Qasimi  
The Grand Mufti of Jamiyathul Ulama, Australia.  
Founder and Chairmen  
QALAM GROUP OF INSTITUTIONS, India  
AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC COLLEGE, Australia**

**Born in Tamil Nadu, India, Sheikh Al-Azhari embarked on a remarkable journey of Islamic scholarship. His pursuit led him to earn a Bachelor of Arts in Arabic Studies and a Master of Arts beginning a distinguished career as a respected scholar and educator. His academic journey reached a pivotal point at Al-Azhar University, where he passionately delved into Islamic jurisprudence, theology, and history. In 1977, he earned a Master of Arts in History, Culture, and Civilisation with a thesis on the history of Muslims in India. He further honed his skills with an ESL Degree from Massey University, New Zealand, and an Australian Graduate Diploma in Education from Northern Territory University.**

**Following his studies in Egypt, Abdul Quddoos Al- Azhari was appointed by the Libyan Government as the World Islamic Call Society representative in Fiji and the South Pacific. During his tenure, he played a pivotal role in establishing the first Islamic Academy of the South Pacific in collaboration with the Fiji Muslim League. Recognising his leadership, the Libyan Government entrusted him with the responsibility of spearheading mosque construction across Pacific Oceania. With unwavering determination and enthusiasm, he oversaw the building of mosques that have since become pillars of faith and community for Muslims in the region.**

**Sheikh Al-Azhari's influence on community empowerment and Islamic education in Australia is profound. In Darwin, he not only organised Muslim communities but also laid the groundwork for mosques, madrasas, and educational institutions across the Northern Territory. His relocation to Brisbane in 1991 marked the birth of the Darul Uloom Academy and Brisbane Muslim School. The pinnacle of his achievements, the Australian International Islamic College (AIIC), now stands with pride across five campuses in Queensland and the Northern Territory, employing over 350**

**staff and educating over 1600 students. He also established the Qalam Group of Institutions in India, which currently hosts 1200 students on four campuses and is steadily expanding.**

**His literary contributions span various subjects, reflecting his diverse interests and unwavering dedication to education. He has authored over a dozen books, covering topics such as children's education, introductions to Islam, Arabic language learning, and the Muslim contribution to human civilisation. Notably, he has also completed an English translation of the Quran, widely distributed in Australia, furthering his mission of promoting Islam.**

**His Eminence's leadership is distinguished by his steadfast commitment to interfaith dialogue and social cohesion. As a founding member of the Multi-Faith Forum of Australia and the Multi-Faith Centre at Griffith University, and also member of Chaplaincy, University of Queensland in Brisbane, he advocates strongly for mutual respect among diverse religious communities. His recent appointment as Grand Mufti of Australia by the Australian Federation of Islamic Councils and Jamiyatul Ulama Australia is a testament to his dedication and commitment to the communities.**

**Throughout his tenure, he has fostered dialogue and reconciliation, championing social justice, equality, and inclusion.**

**He divides his time between Australia and India. He is married and has three sons and three daughters. All his sons are respected Imams and scholars in Islam. In his spare time, he enjoys gardening.**