Kabul. Professor Kamali’s book was published in three languages, English, Dari and Pashto.

In his speech at this book launch, Professor Kamali identified key constitutional issues that have arisen over the past decade since the promulgation of the 2004 constitution. The event also marked the tenth anniversary of that constitution. Former Foreign Minister, Dr Rangin Spanta, and Deputy Commissioner of Independent Human Rights Commission of Afghanistan, Mr Farid Hamidi also presented on the state of fundamental rights, and separation of powers, respectively. The seminar concluded with a question and answer session.

**Concept and Programme: Afghan Legal Studies Conference**

(Kabul, Afghanistan, 1-3 December 2014)

Mohammad Hashim Kamali

Professor Kamali presented a paper entitled “Constitutional Interpretation and Adjudication and the Relationship Between Executive and Parliament During Karzai Administration” at the inaugural sessions of the Afghan Legal Studies Conference in Kabul. The Conference was held to provide a forum for scholars from Afghanistan and abroad where they can present the results of their research. The conference was organised by The Max Planck Foundation for International Peace and the Rule of Law of Germany, which provides assistance, consultation, and training to Afghanistan in various fields including legal research. The organisers plan to strengthen academic exchange among Afghan law professors, Ph.D. students and independent researchers and connect them with the international scientific community.

The Hamida Barmaki Organisation for the Rule of Law (HBORL), joint organiser of the event also provides assistance in the areas of rule of law, access to justice, human rights and social peace in Afghanistan. Fourteen candidates have been selected so far to write doctoral dissertations in different fields of law. Five of them presented some of their research results at the conference.

The organisers are also planning to publish an annual book series, the Yearbook of Afghan Legal Studies. Selected conference papers will subsequently be published in Dari in 1393/2014 in the first volume of this series. Professor Kamali was selected as member of the International Scientific Advisory Board of this proposed yearbook.