

atrocities, including the setting up of camps across the region, where up to a million Uyghurs have been detained. As the situation in Xinjiang continues, the speakers implored the global community to play its part in ending the tragedy. In particular, Malaysia can mediate with the Chinese government, to placate fears that this episode might be hijacked as part of the geopolitical contest between China and the US.

The event saw a turnout of around 100, including representatives from several embassies.

**Forum on Civilisation and Global Peace: The Concept of Peace and Social Justice According to Shaykh Abdullah ibn Bayyah
(Konsep Keamanan dan Keadilan Sosial Menurut Shaykh Abdullah bin Bayyah)
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On 30 April 2019, IAIS Malaysia, along with its co-organisers al-Naqiy Islamic Solutions, the Malaysian Islamic Youth Association (ABIM), the National Union of Malaysian Malay Students (PKPIM), the Malaysian Youth Council (MBM) and Ilham Books, held a forum entitled ‘Konsep Keamanan dan Keadilan Sosial Menurut Shaykh Abdullah bin Bayyah’ (The Concept of Peace and Social Justice according to Shaykh Abdullah ibn Bayyah). The event was officiated by Nurul Izzah Anwar, the Member of Parliament for Permatang Pauh. In her keynote speech, Nurul Izzah Anwar stressed the critical importance of Abdullah ibn Bayyah’s message, which relentlessly prioritises peace while celebrating the plurality of social realities amid the security crises currently plaguing the Muslim *Ummah*. Furthermore, Nurul Izzah Anwar also stressed how Ibn Bayyah’s approach combined mastery of Islamic jurisprudence (*fiqh*) with the spirituality of *tasawwuf* (mysticism) in order to exhibit the beauty of Islamic teachings and exemplify its moderation. This trend can also be identified in Ibn Bayyah’s commitment to maintaining the functional balance between revelation and reason seen throughout his writings and speeches. The panel discussion that followed hosted other presentations by prominent speakers, such as Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zulkifli Hassan (Deputy Rector of IIUM), Ustaz Fauwaz Fadzil Noor (shariah editor for the publishing house Telaga Biru), and Mr. Jufitri Joha (Malaysian Youth Council President). The conclusions reached by the discussants included: 1) measures and strategies for fighting extremism need to be holistic in their approach and

mechanism, involving (among other things) political process, education, culture, security policies and media activities; 2) Abdullah ibn Bayyah's message of peace and coexistence needs to be more widely shared among the Muslim youth to prevent them from falling under the influence of extremists; and 3) in spite of its drawbacks, The Marakesh Declaration initiated by Abdullah ibn Bayyah remains an important document that needs to be carefully observed by all Muslim countries in the pursuit of global peace and political stability.