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—**Mehmet Pacaci**, affiliate professor, George Mason University

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—**Abdul Wahab**, ambassador of the Organization of the Islamic Conference to the United Nations

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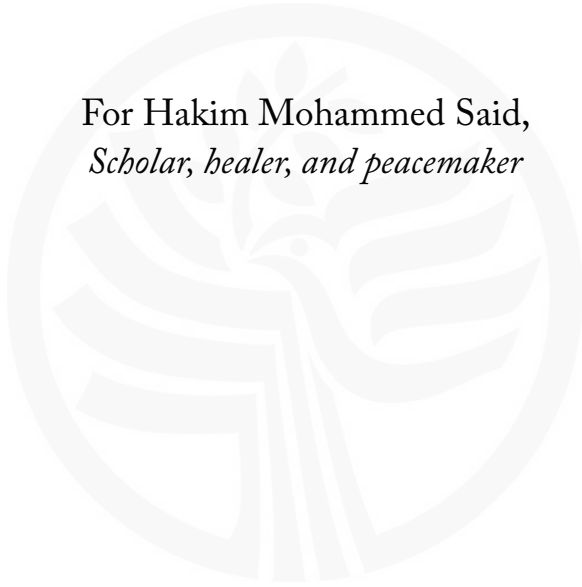
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