

[Grand Sheikh Dr. Ahmad Al-Tayyeb](#) - Grand Imam of Al-Azhar University, was president of Al Azhar for 7 years, and prior to that was [Grand Mufti](#). He replaced Tantawi after his death in 2010, probably making him the most influential Sunni jurist. PhD in Islamic philosophy from Sorbonne University". "His scholarly influence as a leading intellectual of Sunni Islam spans the globe".

4/4/02 - "the solution to the Israeli terror lies in a proliferation of Fidayi [martyrdom] attacks that strike horror into the hearts of the enemies of Allah. The Islamic countries, peoples and rulers alike, must support these martyrdom attacks." ([MEMRI](#))

5/25/07 - Explains wife beating, "It's not really beating, it's more like punching..." ([MEMRI TV](#)) ([transcript](#))

2/16/11 - Article 2 of Egypt's Constitution says that "Islam is the Religion of the State, and the principal source of legislation is Islamic Jurisprudence (Sharia)." El-Tayeb said that is one of the pillars of Egypt and changing it would come in the way of achieving freedom and democracy. ([Ahram online](#))