

## **Prof. Dr. Abdulhamit BIRISIK**

Dr. Abdulhamit Birisik was born in Gaziantep-Turkey in 1963. He graduated from the Faculty of Theology, Marmara University (MUIF), Istanbul in 1987. He did his M.A. (1990) and Ph.D. (1996) in the Tafsir Department of MUIF. As a part of his Ph.D. studies he learned Urdu and collected materials from Pakistan and India between 1992 and 1994. He has been in UK to conduct researches at the universities (1995-1996). After returning back to Turkey he completed his dissertation in November 1996 at MUIF. The title of dissertation was "Urdu Tafsirs of Indo-Pak Subcontinent and The Contribution of Ahl-e Qur'an Scholars to Qur'anic Studies".

With regards to professional experience and career, Dr. Birisik has worked at the Ottoman Dolmabahce Palace as expert and then at the Prime Ministry Ottoman Archives as researcher. He joined to the Centre for Islamic Studies (an affiliated institution of Turkish Religious Foundation) as a research fellow in 1990. This institution has great reputation in the field of Islamic studies in Turkey as well as in abroad; particularly his product 46 volumes "The Encyclopedia of Islam (DIA)" has great scientific and academic value. Dr. Birisik contributed to DIA as writer and head of Tafseer Department many years and wrote more than 70 articles such as "Qur'an", "Qiraat", "Israiliyat", "Mufassir", "Tafsir", "Uloom al-Qur'an", "Urdu Literature on Holy Prophet Muhammed (pbuh)", "India: Islamic Studies and Islamic Institutions", "Madrasa Education in Indo-Pak Subcontinent", "Pakistan: Constitution, Religious, Social and Cultural Life, Education", "Mahmud Hasan Deobandi", "Rahmatullah Hindi Kairanwi", "Ahmad Raza Khan Barelwi", "Amin Ahsan Islahi", "Abul Hasan Ali Nadwi", "Pir Karam Shah al-Azhari" ...

Dr. Birisik worked in Uludağ University, Bursa between 2001 and 2013, then he moved to Marmara University, Istanbul. Presently he is serving there as Professor of Tafsir and Qur'anic Sciences. As regards to his teaching experiences in abroad, he was invited to Magtimguli Turkmen State University, Ashgabad as Tafsir Lecturer and stayed there two years (1999-2001). He also worked in the International Islamic University (IIUI) and Qatar University as visiting professor of tafsir and served there 1+3 (total 4) years respectively.

### **A selection from Dr. Birisik's scholarly works (in addition to articles and papers):**

1. *Tafseer Studies of the Schools of Thought in the Indo-Pak Subcontinent*, Istanbul 2001.
2. *Orientalists Missionaries and the Qur'an: Qur'anic Studies in Indian Subcontinent under the Western Influence*, Istanbul 2004.
3. *Ilm al-Qiraat and Its History*, Bursa 2004.
4. *Socialist Mufassir Ubaidullah Sindhi's Religious Thought and Tafsir*, Bursa 2012.
5. *Maududi: His Life, Thought, Works*, Istanbul 2007.
6. *How We Could Understand the Qur'an*, Bursa 2005 (Editor of Symposium Book)
- 7- *The Problem of Historicity in the Understanding of the Qur'an*, Bursa 2005 (Editor of Symposium Book)
8. *Terminology Problem in the Islamic Sciences*, Ankara 2006 (Editor of Symposium Book)