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The Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) has issued advice to the ICANN Board of Directors regarding New gTLD applications. Please see Section IV, Annex I, and Annex II of the GAC Beijing Communique for the full list of advice on individual strings, categories of strings, and strings that may warrant further GAC consideration.

Respondents should use this form to ensure their responses are appropriately tracked and routed to the ICANN Board for their consideration. Complete this form and submit it as an attachment to the ICANN Customer Service Center via your CSC Portal with the Subject, "[Application ID] Response to GAC Advice" (for example "1-111-11111 Response to GAC Advice"). All GAC Advice Responses must be received no later than 23:59:59 UTC on 10-May-2013.

#### **Respondent:**

Applicant Name	Asia Green IT System Bilgisayar San. ve Tic. Ltd. Sti.
Application ID	1-2131-60793
Applied for TLD (string)	halal

#### Response:

I am writing to you as CEO of Asia Green IT System (hereafter "AGIT"). We are the sole applicant for Dot HALAL and our application is currently in Initial Evaluation with priority number 1695.

Our application has received no String Confusion Objections, no Existing Legal Rights Objections and no Limited Public Interest Objections. It has received a Community Objection from the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority of the United Arab Emirates.

The GAC's Beijing Communiqué dated April 11, 2013 includes advice to the ICANN Board on our application for Dot HALAL. Specifically, the GAC said: "The GAC recognizes that Religious terms are sensitive issues. Some GAC members have raised sensitivities on the applications that relate to Islamic terms, specifically .islam and .halal. The GAC members concerned have noted that the applications for .islam and .halal lack community involvement and support. It is the view of these GAC members that these applications should not proceed."

This advice is very specifically worded and must be carefully considered to avoid any misunderstanding. It is made by the GAC under Module 3.1 part II of the Applicant Guidebook which states that "The GAC advises ICANN that there are concerns about a particular application "dot-example." The ICANN Board is expected to enter into dialogue with the GAC to understand the scope of concerns. The ICANN Board is also expected to provide a rationale for its decision."

This advice therefore is not the result of an overall consensus of the GAC. It is, as the GAC highlights in its Beijing Communiqué, the result of some GAC members raising concerns. These concerns and any statements accompanying them, such as the suggestion made in the Beijing Communiqué by the members in question that our application for Dot HALAL lacks community involvement cannot be considered as anything more than individual opinions being expressed by at most a few GAC members.

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As the applicants for Dot HALAL, we stand ready to engage with the ICANN Board to provide in-depth explanations on our TLD and to help the ICANN Board complete the process described under Module 3.1 part II of the Applicant Guidebook.

Dot HALAL is an ambitious project which we have approached with an extremely high level of commitment to the Muslim faith and Islamic culture. Halal is an Arabic term which can be translated as "lawful" and which is used to designate an object or action permissible under Islamic law. The main use of the term pertains to food which can be eaten under Islamiw law.

Dot HALAL aims to bring Muslims together across national borders in a free-flowing exchange of information and commerce. Our company was founded by Muslims. We are devoted to our religion, and proud of it. We aim to create a quality namespace for the Muslim faithful and those who wish to learn about our culture and religion.

We take our responsibility towards the Internet users that will be served by Dot HALAL very seriously indeed. AGIT will be putting measures in place to limit second-level domain registrations to those of Muslim faith or with a positive interest in the Muslim community. Due to the complexity of enforcing this through a set of standard registration rules, Dot HALAL registrants will be asked to self-impose their commitment to proper behaviour within this TLD and will be provided with mechanisms to report abusive, irrelevant or anti-Muslim registrations.

As Dot HALAL operator, we will not tolerate radical content or criticism of Islam and the Muslim faith, and we will take immediate and severe action against this should it occur. We will strive to ensure Dot HALAL is both an abuse-free TLD and one that is open to those who respect our faith. This will be accomplished with Registration safeguards, keyword alerts, name selection polices, all governed by an Acceptable Use Policy and post registration protections.

We have gone to great lengths to ensure Dot HALAL meets the highest possible standards of quality. Our application has received letters of support from, amongst others, the media, civil society, religious organisations, public figures and NGOs. We have received letters of support from prominent members of the Muslim community, such as religious Islamic Leaders, Religious Organizations, and such countries as Turkey, Lebanon and Pakistan and the Muslim communities in countries in Europe and even South America.

In the objection our application has received from the UAE, the argument is made that there is no community support for Dot HALAL. Clearly, quite the contrary is true. This is shown by the advice received from the GAC, which is not concensus advice but the opinion of only a very few members (the Beijing Communiqué does not provide specific information as to which members, or how many members, voiced concerns). Similarly, the UAE is one of 57 member states of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC). The OIC is the second largest inter-governmental organization after the United Nations and is the collective voice of the Muslim world. It exists to safeguard and protect the interests of the Muslim world. If Dot HALAL was against these interests, it would have raised significant opposition from a great many more than just one OIC member state, or OIC itself could object directly.

It should also be noted that this TLD aims to provide a safe and easily recognisable space on the Internet for Halal industry service providers. One example of this could be a company like McDonalds, who would be eligible to register a Dot HALAL domain name to promote the Halal food service they provide in some Islamic countries. Our application has the support of the only Halal certification body to be recognised by all Islamic countries, HalalWorld (http://halalworld.ca/about-us). This is a strong sign of support from the TLD's target community.

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We have also communicated with the OIC and the ICRIC (Islamic Chamber Research and Information Center) to ensure they have sufficient knowledge of Dot HALAL and have good opportunity to participate and comment.

Asia Green IT System is keen to work with both the GAC and the ICANN Board to help alleviate concerns, even when they are from specific entities rather than whole groups. I would be personally be very happy to speak with the Board to provide any background or detail on our application which would be helpful to the Board before it goes back to the GAC to provide its rationale for the decision it will take with regards to Dot HALAL.

Best regards,

Mr. Mehdi Abbasnia Chief Executive Officer Asia Green IT System Turkey

P.S.: In addition to the information contained in this letter, please find attached a list of the support received for Dot HALAL (and another of our applications, Dot ISLAM).



# Who support .ISLAM and .HALAL new gTLDs?

.ISLAM and .HALAL new gTLDs, applied for through Asia Green IT System have received several endorsement letters from different Islamic organizations and famous people around the world, and from different branches of Islam (Shia and Sunni as the main branches).

AGIT as the Muslim company applying for .ISLAM and .HALAL gTLDs, has an ongoing task to promote .ISLAM and .HALAL new gTLDs to the Muslim community to receive new supporting letters.

As a strategic approach, AGIT is trying to make International Islamic organizations like Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), or Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) to be involved in the governance of .ISLAM and major Halal certification bodies to be involved in .HALAL policy making. Although it is hard to contact such huge organizations (OIC is the second largest international organization after UN), and very hard to explain the concept of TLD in their managerial positions (since most of high level managers in these organizations forward our letters to lower technical staff considering them as less important and more technical cases), but eventually we found the correct entities to sponsor .ISLAM and .HALAL gTLDs in terms of making decisions and policy making. After many meetings we have recently been succeeded in getting Islamic Chamber Research and Information Center (ICRIC)'s supporting letter for .ISLAM. Earlier we have also been succeeded in involving HALALWORLD, the only HALAL certification body which is accepted by all Islamic countries. (There are many Halal certification bodies around the world but all of them are supported by one or few countries. HALALWORLD is OIC's Halal certification standard project which is accepted by all Islamic countries)

Since getting the supporting letter, our decisions with them has improved in principle agreement of ICRIC-OIC to become a partner in the project and take a leadership role beyond support.

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In particular they could act as a potential sponsoring organization. We currently are working out the formalities of such relationship.

Islamic Chamber Research and Information Center (ICRIC) in association with the Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) which is under the umbrella of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation (OIC) was established in 2003. ICRIC has a Board of directors consisting of 9 members from Malaysia, Jordan, Iran and Egypt plus Secretary General of ICCI and acts within the framework of its articles of association approved by the Islamic Chamber and with regard to 16 strategic principles included in its mandate for elevation of trade and economic ties among Islamic Countries.

AGIT has also recently started to open the opportunity to Muslim people to express their interest in .ISLAM and .HALAL gTLDs through online social media like Facebook (<a href="https://www.facebook.com/DotIslam">https://www.facebook.com/GotHalal</a>) with thousands of fans.

# List of .ISLAM and .HALAL gTLD supporters (updated on May 5th, 2013):

Access to the last updated PDF version of letters: <a href="http://www.agitsys.com/pdf/dot-ISLAM-support-letters.pdf">http://www.agitsys.com/pdf/dot-ISLAM-support-letters.pdf</a>

## 1. Major Organizations / Associations / Leaders representing Muslim populations:

1.1. Islamic Chamber Research and Information Center (ICRIC) (.ISLAM and .HALAL)

ICRIC is a subsidiary of **Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI)** which is under the umbrella of Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC). ICRIC is responsible for research and information activities of ICCI and operates some of OIC and ICCI's

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projects. OIC has created ICCI in line with the goal of development for all Islamic communities, and its continuous consideration on the promotion of commercial and economic relations among its Member States to achieve the goal of sustainable and comprehensive development. ICRIC acts as the research and development wing of ICCI in terms of new ideas and technologies, so when contacting OIC's different sections, we were forwarded to ICRIC as the most relevant subsidiary of OIC and ICCI.

After several meetings with the general secretariat of ICRIC, we finally got their support of .ISLAM new gTLD, but we still have more negotiations to establish a formal cooperation in the governance of .ISLAM (maybe as one of their projects).

Link to download the letter (.ISLAM): <a href="http://www.agitsys.com/pdf/supports-islam/LOS-ISLAM-ICRIC.pdf">http://www.agitsys.com/pdf/supports-islam/LOS-ISLAM-ICRIC.pdf</a>

Link to download the letter (.HALAL): <a href="http://www.agitsys.com/pdf/supports-halal/LOS-HALAL-ICRIC.pdf">http://www.agitsys.com/pdf/supports-halal/LOS-HALAL-ICRIC.pdf</a>

#### 1.2. Dr. Mahathir Bin Mohamad (.ISLAM)

The former president of Malaysia and the man who moved Malaysia to an advanced country. He is with no doubt the most popular figure in Malaysia and many other countries. Dr. Mahathir was one of the first who supported us and his support has brought a great credit for AGIT, because everybody knows that he will not support a non-eligible entity to hold the sensitive TLD of .ISLAM.

Malaysia has a 14.5 million Muslim population and we believe Dr. Mahathir Bin Mohamad is the best representative of this community.

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#### 1.3. The Management Center for Islamic Schools of Thought (.ISLAM and .HALAL)

The management center for **Twelver** or **Imami** Shia Schools of thought (Hawza's) in Turkey, Azerbaijan, Iran, Iraq, Pakistan, India, Bahrain, Syria, Lebanon etc... operate under this center's supervision. (<a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hawza">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hawza</a> and <a href="http://www.nationmaster.com/graph/rel">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hawza</a> and <a href="http://www.nationmaster.com/graph/rel">http://www.nationmaster.com/graph/rel</a> isl shi-religion-islam-shia)

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Shia's population is around 200 Million. 85% of them (170 Million) are **Twelver** or **Imami Shia's.** All Imami Shīa's follow the thoughts of religious leaders which are trained in schools of thoughts in different countries under the supervision of this center. This center is the main training management system of Shia schools in terms of religious content and can be counted as the representative of **170 million Twelver or Imami Shia's** around the world.

Making them attracted to support .ISLAM was hard and time consuming process, following their deep investigations on the eligibility of AGIT to operate .ISLAM TLD.

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#### 1.4. The World Forum for Proximity of Islamic Schools of Thought (.ISLAM and .HALAL)

The World Forum for Proximity of Islamic Schools of Thought is a multi cultural organization that several hundreds of Islamic leaders (both Shia and Sunni) cooperate with, in its consideration about creation of peace and proximity between different Islamic sects.

The forum holds the "Islamic Unity Conference" each year with participants from around the world, including mostly religious leaders of different Sects of Islam. The followers of these leaders are Muslims from all sects of Islam all around the world.

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#### 1.5. HALAL WORLD Center (.HALAL)

Halal Research& Development Center (HALAL WORLD) is the unified Halal standard and certification project of Islamic Chamber Research and Information Center (ICRIC). ICRIC operates under Islamic Chamber of Commerce and affiliated with OIC.

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#### 1.6. Islamic Center Hamburg, Germany (.ISLAM)

Germany has the largest Muslim population in Western Europe after France. Approximately 3 to 3.5 million Muslims live in Germany, and 80% of them do not have German citizenship; 608,000 are German citizens. 70% of the Muslim population is of Turkish origin. (<a href="http://www.euro-islam.info/country-profiles/germany/">http://www.euro-islam.info/country-profiles/germany/</a>)

The Islamic Centre Hamburg (German: Islamisches Zentrum Hamburg) is one of the oldest Shia mosques in Germany and Europe.

Established in Hamburg, in northern Germany, in the late 1950s by a group of Hamburg-based emigrants and business people it rapidly developed into one of the leading Shia centers in the Western world.

Muslim groups of different nationalities get together for regular meetings, prayers, lectures, seminars, readings, Islamic festivals, funerals, etc. For interested people there is always opportunity to learn Arabic. Under Islamic rules, marriages are implemented. There are experienced theologians dedicated to help people who have psychological or family problems as well as those who have been newly converted to Islam. The Islamic Centre is regularly visited by schools, church communities and other interested groups from Hamburg and the nearby towns. Lots of organizations, lectures and discussions have been held to get rid of prejudices about Islam and to develop a better understanding of Islam. Our centre and Mosque may be visited at appropriate times.

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#### 1.7. Islamic Shiite High Council, Lebanon (.ISLAM and .HALAL)

One of the highest level Islamic centers in Lebanon: <a href="http://www.shiitecouncil.gov.lb/">http://www.shiitecouncil.gov.lb/</a> and <a href="http://www.shiitecouncil.org/">http://www.shiitecouncil.org/</a>

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#### 1.8. Islamic Academy, Germany (.ISLAM)

One of the oldest and most well-known Islamic educational centers in Germany with over 50 years of activity. Many Islam fans are trained in this center.

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#### 1.9. The ECO cultural institute (.ISLAM and .HALAL)

ECO Cultural Institute is one of the specialized agencies under the Economic Corporation Organization (ECO), an intergovernmental organization consisting of Islamic State of Afghanistan, Azerbaijan Republic, Islamic Republic of Iran, Republic of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Republic of Tajikistan, Republic of Turkey, Turkmenistan and Republic of Uzbekistan. Among ECO member states, 9 out of 10 are members of OIC. ECO Cultural Institute has supported .ISLAM as a subsidiary of the Economic Corporation Organization (ECO) which is most likely related to governmental attitudes of its member states.

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#### 1.10. Association AlGhadir Islamique, France (.ISLAM)

A Shia Islamic training institute in France (with 350,000 Shia's out of 5 million Muslims)

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#### 1.11. Centro Islamico No Brasil (.ISLAM)

The main Islamic organizations in Brazil (Muslim population of around 900,000) (http://www.nationmaster.com/graph/rel isl num of mus-religion-islam-numberof-muslim)

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#### 1.12. Islamic Institution Arresalla, Brazil (.ISLAM)

An Islamic institute offering cultural, religious services to a large group of Muslim community in Brazil.

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#### 1.13. Association Culturelle Musulmane de Roissy en Brie, France (.ISLAM)

The cultural Islamic association in Roissy, and the founder of Roissy mosque (http://www.leparisien.fr/roissy-en-brie-77680/feu-vert-pour-la-mosquee-de-roissyen-brie-26-01-2009-387205.php)

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#### 1.14. Muslim Religious Community, Belarus (.ISLAM)

The main organization of Muslims in Belarus (total Muslim population: 51,000)

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#### 2. Islamic Institutes / NGOs in Muslim Countries:

#### 2.1. Islamic United Council, Pakistan (.ISLAM)

One of the main Islamic Societies in Pakistan.

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#### 2.2. Islamic Unity Magazine (Wahda Islamiya), Lebanon (.ISLAM and .HALAL)

The Lebanese Islamic organization's magazine on the unity of Islam Branches: <a href="http://wahdaislamyia.org/">http://wahdaislamyia.org/</a>

Link to download the letter: <a href="http://www.agitsys.com/pdf/supports-islam/LOS">http://www.agitsys.com/pdf/supports-islam/LOS</a> ISLAM-HALAL Lebanon Islamic-Unity-Magazine.jpg

#### 2.3. Aras Justice, Freedom and Solidarity Association, Turkey (.HALAL)

Established in 2012 in Istanbul, As a Non-government and non-profit organization, Aras's mission is to support victims and protect their rights and help them to solve their problems. And creating public awareness in order to uphold political freedom and prevent inhumane conduct.

For this reason, Aras organizes panels, Symposiums and conferences in Turkey and Azerbaijan. Aras is kept public informed through the release of periodicals, press releases. Aras makes use of the internet, as well as radio and TV broadcasts preparing, organizing contests, demonstrations, dinners and evening performances.

Apart from these, Aras finances scholarships for poor student and opens the student dormitory.

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#### 2.4. Beyan Cultural Center, Turkey (.ISLAM and .HALAL)

Beyan started its activities in 2012 in Istanbul. The main object of the Beyan Cultural Center is to provide better understanding of Islam for Muslims and non-Muslims in Turkey. Therefore, they organize such activities as conference, symposium, and meetings.

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#### 2.5. Kudus-Der, *Turkey (.ISLAM)*

Founded in 2012, the association's headquarters in Istanbul. The association was founded to help the Palestinian people.

Kudüs Der assistance not only humanitarian aid but also inform Turkish public about Palestinian issue by organizing media conferences, meetings in Turkey.

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#### 2.6. Halal Supreme Council, Iran (.HALAL)

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#### 2.7. Fatih Akincilari Social and Cultural Association, Turkey (.ISLAM and .HALAL)

Akıncılar social solidarity and cultural association was founded in the 1970s in Istanbul district Fatih.

Akıncılar aims to meet the needs of those who are suffering poverty or hunger.

Social Aid: food aid and organizations during the Ramadan fast-breaking dinner, Qurban programs.

Educational Aid: delivering school bags, educational sets, and supplementary materials to needy students.

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HALAL Turkey Akincilar Social Solidarity and Cultural Association.pdf

### 2.8. Association of Development, Promotion, Production and Trade of Halal Products, *Iran (.HALAL)*

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#### 2.9. Diplomatic Correspondents Association, Pakistan (.ISLAM)

The association of Diplomatic Journalists of Pakistan, with thousands of members, all active in the media in Pakistan

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#### 2.10. Peoples Youth Organization, Pakistan (.ISLAM)

A famous civil socia Islamic organization, very active in Islamic cultural activities in Pakistan.

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#### 2.11. The Danish-Palestinian Friendship Association, Denmark (.ISLAM)

An NGO active in Humanity helps to Palestinians

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#### 2.12. Brasil Halal Foods, Brazil (.ISLAM and .HALAL)

The main institute in Brazil working as a certification body for Halal foods (Foods certifying Islamic criteria on religious approved foods and drinks) (<a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Halal">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Halal</a>)

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#### 2.13. Halal Export Consortium, Iran (.HALAL)

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#### 2.14. Baheth Center for Palestinian Studies, Lebanon (.ISLAM and .HALAL)

An Islamic Educational institute for Palestinian Strategic Studies: <a href="http://www.bahethcenter.net">http://www.bahethcenter.net</a>

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#### 2.15. Iran-Tajikistan Friendship Association, Iran-Tajikistan (.ISLAM and .HALAL)

A multinational NGO working on cultural activities to tighten the relationships of Farsi-Speaking Muslims in Iran and Tajikistan.

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#### 2.16. Ehlibeyt Alimleri Dernegi / Ehla Der, Turkey (.ISLAM and .HALAL)

Ehlibeyt Alimleri Derneği (Association of Ahlulbayt Scholars) was founded in May 31, 2011 in Istanbul.

The short name is Ehla-Der and the Head Office is in Yenibosna - Istanbul. Currently, 18 people work in Headquarters Building. There are 190 Ahlulbayt Scholar members of the association who work in different cities in Turkey.

The purpose of Ehla-Der is contributed to the spread of social unity and brotherhood in the country. And provide correct information about Ahlulbayt.

Ehla-Der organizes cultural and social activities throughout Turkey.

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#### 2.17. Dar El Feta El Jafari, Lebanon (.ISLAM and .HALAL)

An Islamic Shia religious educational center in Lebanon

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#### 3. Famous Muslim Researchers / Academic people:

#### 3.1. Mr. Nureddin Sirin, Turkey (.ISLAM)

Well-known journalist by Islamic circles in Turkey. He was born in Trabzon and knows English, Arabic and Persian.

He has worked as a journalist with different News Papers and Magazines till 1997. In 1997 military memorandum he was arrested and sentenced to a prison term of 17.5 years, in the prison Type-F of Kandira. He released in 2004. During that time his name has become a symbol for victims.

He currently works for Kudüs TV.

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#### 3.2. Dr. Pere Michel Lelong, France (.ISLAM)

Famous Islamologist in France with lots of researches and publishing.

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#### 3.3. Dr. Majid Tafreshi, UK (.ISLAM and .HALAL)

University Professor and history Researcher, and the manager of a cultural publishing institute.

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#### 4. Newspapers / Media / Publications:

#### 4.1. Medyam 14 Radio TV, Turkey (.ISLAM and .HALAL)

Medya On4 Radyo Televizyon Yayıncılık A.Ş is the owner of On4 TV; On4 TV is a nation-wide television channel in Turkey. The channel was established by the Turkish businessmen in 2012.

On4 TV delivers the latest breaking news and information on the latest top stories, weather, business, entertainment, politics, and more.

Headquarters is located in Istanbul and more than 100 journalists, reporters etc. work in it.

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#### 4.2. Kevser Basin Yayin Organization, Turkey (.ISLAM and .HALAL)

Kevser Basın Yayıncılık (Kevser Press Publishing) has about 200 branches and distribution networks throughout Turkey and 10 distribution networks abroad. Headquarters is located in Istanbul Asaray and one of the leading Press publishing companies in Turkey.

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#### 4.3. Al Ahed News, Lebanon (.ISLAM and .HALAL)

Lebanese Islamic News Agency: <a href="http://alahednews.com.lb">http://alahednews.com.lb</a>

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#### 4.4. Daily Nijat, Pakistan (.ISLAM)

Daily newspaper / Media in Pakistan

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#### 4.5. Al Bilad Magazine, Lebanon (.ISLAM and .HALAL)

Islamic Cultural monthly magazine in Lebanon

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Daily newspaper / Media in Pakistan

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News agency in Lebanon

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Daily newspaper / Media in Pakistan

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