

# Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)

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**In news**– Recently, Pakistan has hosted the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) summit to discuss the Afghanistan situation.

## **About Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)-**

- OIC is the **second largest intergovernmental organization after the United Nations** with a membership of 57 states spread over four continents. 56 of which are also member states of the United Nations, the exception being Palestine.
- It **is the collective voice of the Muslim world** and works to safeguard and protect the interests of the Muslim world in the spirit of promoting international peace and harmony.
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- **It was established upon a decision of the historical summit which took place in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco in September 1969** following the criminal arson of Al-Aqsa Mosque in occupied Jerusalem.
- In 1970 the first ever meeting of Islamic Conference of Foreign Minister (ICFM) was held in Jeddah which decided to establish a permanent secretariat in Jeddah headed by the organization's secretary general.
- The OIC has **permanent delegations to the United Nations and the European Union.**
- **The official languages** of the OIC are Arabic, English, and French.
- **Its Headquarters** is in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

<b>Subsidiary organs</b>	<b>Specialized Institutions</b>
The Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC)	Islamic Development Bank (IDB)
Research Center for Islamic History, Art and Culture (IRCICA)	Islamic Research and Training Institute (IRTI)
Islamic University of Technology (IUT)	Islamic Corporation for the Insurance of Investment and Export Credit (ICIEC)
Islamic Centre for the Development of Trade (ICDT)	Islamic Corporation for the Development of the Private Sector (ICD)
International Islamic Fiqh Academy	International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation
Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF)	Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO)
	Islamic Broadcasting Union (IBU)
	The Union of News Agencies (UNA)
	Islamic Committee of the International Crescent (ICIC)
	Islamic Organization for Food Security (IOFS)