



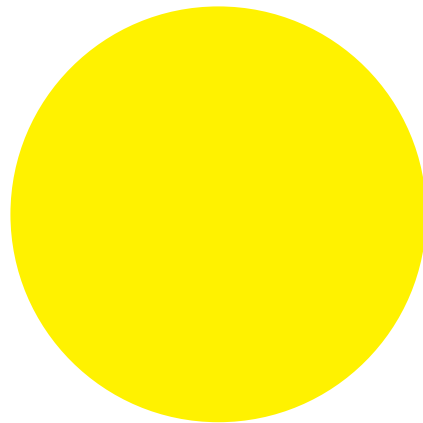
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OIC: Measures needed to prevent desecration of Qur'an

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation said collective measures are needed to prevent acts of desecration to the Muslims' holy book, Qur'an, and international law should be used to stop religious hatred days after a copy of the book was torched outside a Stockholm mosque. The statement by the Saudi-based organization was issued after an extraordinary meeting in Saudi Arabia. The 57-member body met on Sunday to respond to the Wednesday's incident in which an Iraqi citizen living in Sweden, Salwan Momika, 37, set several



pages of the holy book alight. The OIC urged member states to "take unified and collective measures to prevent the recurrence of incidents of desecration of copies of the" Qur'an.

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French court rejects US appeal over 1998 verdict against Iran

International Desk

The Supreme Court of France has rejected an appeal filed by a US court over its 1998 verdict against the Islamic Republic of Iran. On June 28, the French court dismissed the appeal filed by the US district court in Washington D.C., which had ruled in 1998 that Iran should pay \$247 million to the family of Alisa Flatow, a 20-year-old US citizen killed in a bomb explosion in Gaza in April 1995. The court claimed that Iran was responsible for her death because it provided funding to the Palestinian Islamic Jihad, which claimed respon-

sibility for the act. The family of Alisa had been seeking to implement the ruling in a European country. Back in March 2021, the Paris court of appeals turned down the verdict issued by the US court. However, the US court appealed against the Paris court's ruling. Flatow's verdict had earlier been rejected by Italian courts in 2013 and 2015. According to Iran's vice presidency for legal affairs, the US government has violated the judicial immunity of a few governments, including the Iranian government, contrary to the principles of international law.