

**Mu'assasat al-Ba'itha li-l-Tiba'a wa-l-Nashr**

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management: Hadi al-Islami (representative)

branches: the mother institute is in Iran, a branch in London

This is an international theological institute which also publishes books. It receives some financial support for publishing multi-volume editions.

founded: 1989 number of employees: 2

aims: Islamic Shi'a propaganda (da'wa) with a socio-political content

themes: Shi'a turath and islamiyat, predominantly translations from Persian

main authors: Nasir Makarim al-Shirazi, Muhammad Taqi al-Falsafi, Murraqda Muiabadi, Ibrahim al-Amini

titles available: 50 (only some of them edited in Lebanon)

translations from: English (50), German (20) (by the Iranian branch)

main countries for export: all Arab countries, Europe and America

sources of information: questionnaire, publishing list, interview, NTH

**al-Mu'assasa al-Duwalyya li-l-Dirasat wa-l-Nashr**

al-Ghubain, al-Baq'awi Street

POB 25 / 247; Beirut - Lebanon

telephone: 01 / 632477, 03 / 866044

management: Ibrahim Shams al-Din (owner), al-Shaikh Ghali al-'Usaili, Muhammad al-'Usaili

The main author who is published by this house, Muhammad Mahdi Shams al-Din, is a famous Shi'i cleric and the head of the Supreme Shi'i Islamic Council in Lebanon. He is known for his reformist approach to Islam.

founded: 1994 number of employees: 3

aims: promoting Muhammad Mahdi Shams al-Din as a Marja', spreading knowledge about the Shi'a, rapproching Sunna and Shi'a (taqrif), social reforms in Lebanon.

themes: Shi'a islamiyat; belief, rights of women in Islam, politics and Islam

main authors: Muhammad Mahdi Shams al-Din

titles available: 20

share of export in sales: 20%

main countries for export: Syria, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Kuwait

cooperation: formerly cooperated with al-Mu'assasa al-Jami'iyya li-l-Dirasat wa-l-Nashr wa-l-Tauzi' / Dar al-Hilal (common brochure)

distribution: via Maktabat Bisn

distributes own books exclusively

sources of information: questionnaire, information from the publishing list of a distributing publisher, NIQ

**Mu'assasat al-Fikr al-Islami**

al-Ruwais, Hayy al-Abyad, al-Abyad Street, close to Markaz al-Nada li-l-Jitsalat

POB 13 / 5953, Beirut - Lebanon

telephone: 03 / 223683

management: al-Shaikh Jamal Wakil (owner), 'Aqil Sa'Id

This publisher specialises in spreading the works of Grand Ayatullah Muhammad al-Shirazi and his followers. (peripheral Islamist)

founded: 1980 number of employees: 2

aims: Islamic and Shi'i religious and political propaganda.

themes: Shi'a turath and islamiyat

main authors: Iraqi authors like Muhammad al-Shirazi, Sadiq al-Shirazi, Taqi al-Din al-Mudarrisi and many more

titles available: 75

share of export in sales: 80%

main countries for export: Syria, Bahrain, Kuwait, America, Europe

customers: mostly men, students, theologians, professionals

cooperation: Dar al-Kalima al-Tayyiba, Dar al-'Ulum

distribution: common with Dar al-Kalima al-Tayyiba and Dar al-'Ulum

distributes only Islamist books of cooperating publishers

sources of information: questionnaire, publishing list, interview