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**“Sinead O’Connor embraces Islam at Islamic Centre of Ireland”**

For immediate release

Sinead O’Connor, now known as Shuhada Davitt, has adopted Islam earlier this week. She proclaimed the ‘Shahadah,’ the testimony of Islamic faith, with Shaykh Dr. Umar Al-Qadri, Chair of the Irish Muslim Peace & Integration Council and Islamic Theologian of the Islamic Centre of Ireland.

Her coming to Islam has been a careful and informed decision and follows a lifetime of searching and study. Shaykh Dr Umar Al-Qadri who facilitated the adoption of her new faith said, “Shuhada has a truthful soul and has always had a strong connection with the scriptures. After reading the Holy Qur’an, she came to realise that Islam is the natural conclusion of her search for the truth.”

He added, “Shuhada has faced many challenges in her life. Where there is light, darkness has tried to envelope it, the greater the light, the greater the struggle with darkness. We warmly welcome Shuhada to the Ummah, the global family of Muslims around the world and here in Ireland and like a family we will support her through her newly revived spiritual journey.”

At this early stage, she has asked for her privacy to be respected so she can focus on her own spiritual well-being and growth. Elated by her new-found community, she tweeted, “Thank you so much to all my Muslim brothers and sisters who have been so kind as to welcome me to Ummah today on this page. You can’t begin to imagine how much your tenderness means to me”

She took the name Shuhada, which refers to one who bears witness, as she hopes her life and her voice will always remain a witness to truth, justice and mercy.

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1. The Shahadah is the first and primary pillar of Islam and refers to the Muslim profession of faith: ‘There is no god but God, and Muhammad is the messenger of God’
2. The Irish Muslim Peace & Integration Council is an independent body, established to provide a forum where the Irish Muslim Community can speak as one recognised voice on matters relating to their well-being in Ireland, and help promote ways of integrating effectively in the community and promote the true teachings of Islam.
3. Shaykh Dr. Umar Al-Qadri can be contacted for comment on: [dr.qadri@icloud.com](mailto:dr.qadri@icloud.com) and on Twitter: @drumaralqadri