

The founder of this Tanzeem, is Dr. Israr Ahmad (اسرار احمد) (April 26, 1932 – April 14, 2010) was a Pakistani national, who considered himself a product of the teachings of Abul Ala Maududi, Founder of Jama'at-e-Islami, Pakistan. However, he left Jama'at-e-Islami in 1957 and founded an offshoot Organization named as 'Tanzeem-e-Islami.

He was born in Hissar (currently Haryana, India). His followers consider him as a scholar who worked towards revival of Quran centered philosophy of Islam. However, real Ahle Sunnah wal Jama'a condemn him for his outrageous beliefs based on the teachings of Abul Ala Moududi.

His biography on his official website does not mention the name of his father or any detail about his early Islamic Education or his teachers / Scholars under whom he studied Islam, except that he was born to a Government servant.

He graduated from King Edward Medical College, Lahore in 1954. In 1965, he received masters degree in Islamic studies from Karachi University. He became influenced by the teachings of Abul Ala Maududi during his students years and worked as Islamist activist for "Jamiat-e-Talaba" and then for Jama'a't-e-Islami. In 1957 he left Jama'at-e-Islami. In 1971, he stopped his medical practice and started dedicating full time towards his religious activities. In 1972 he established 'Markazi Anjuman Khuddam-ul-Quran, Lahore. In 1975, he established 'Tanzeem-e-Islami. In 1991 he established "Tahreek-e-Khilafat", Pakistan. In 2002, he left Tanzeem-e-Islami on health grounds and since then Hafiz Aakif Saeed is the Ameer of the Tanzeem. He has written many books in Urdu, some of which have been translated into English.

Dr. Ahmad remained a highly controversial figure throughout his life. He was banned from appearing on QTV - Pakistan, and Vision TV - Canada for his controversial statements. He continued to appear on Peace TV - India; the TV channel which propagates Salafi, Deobandi and Jama'at-e-Islami beliefs. Dr. Ahmad is famous for disrespect of Sahaba and Ahle Bait. He also supported Yazid's actions against Imam Hussain (RU) and used to say Raziallahu ta'ala unhu with Yazid's name. He had a high regard for Ibn Taymiyyah, Ibn Qayyim, Abdul Wahhab and other Salafi scholars and openly supported their ill conceived Islamic ideology.

Dr. Israr Ahmad spearheaded the thinking of Hamiduddin Farahi, Amin Ahsan Islahi, Abul Aala Maududi, etc., who are well known for their hardcore Salafi / Deobandi beliefs.

The ideology of Tanzeem-e-Islami founded by Dr. Israr Ahmad is similar to **Hizb-ut-Tahrir**, a radical Islamist Organization which was founded in East Jerusalem in 1953, by Taqi al-din al-Nabhani, an Islamist activist who had split from Muslim Brotherhood (a radical Salafi outfit) of Egypt. After the death of an-Nabhani, in 1977, a Palestinian resident of Hebron named Abd al-Qadim Zalum became its Head and continued till his death in 2003. Since 2003, Hizb-ut-Tahrir is headed by Ata Abu al-Rishta, a Jordanian national of Palestinian origin.