GLOSSARY

Fatwa - Religious writ
Hadith - Saying of Prophet Mohamad
Iddat - Three Menstruation period
Ijtihad - Reinterpretation of Quranic Law
Ijtima - Gathering for religious preachings
Ijma - Consensus
Jahez - Dowry
Jihad - Religious war
Khula - Form of divorce taken by women
Mehr - The amount paid by husband to his wife
Nikah - Marriage
Quran - A verbal noun meaning "to read" or "recite". The term originally meant each separate revelation made to the Prophet, until the 3rd Caliph Uthman issued his authorised collection and used the name Qur'an for the whole.
Shari'at - Code of Islamic Law
Sunnah - Deeds of Prophet Mohamad
Tohr - Period of purity of women
Talaq - Divorce repudiation of a wife by the husband
Ummat - Followers of Islam
Ulema - The plural of two Arabic nouns, "aleem and alem", both meaning "possession of the knowledge (elm) of facts."