

### Morocco North Africa

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#### Map of Morocco



Morocco, a North African country
bordering the Atlantic Ocean and
Mediterranean Sea, is distinguished by its
Berber, Arabian and European cultural
influences, and the capital is Rabat.

They speak Moroccan Arabic, dialect is known as Darija and Moroccan Berber, local currency is Moroccan Dirham. Some of the traditional Foods in Morocco is Couscous, Tagine and Harira. Morocco is also known for its famous Mint Tea.

# Traditional Food invitation at our host 'Abdul Hādi's residence in Atlas mountains, Amlogui village.



#### Couscous



Tagine

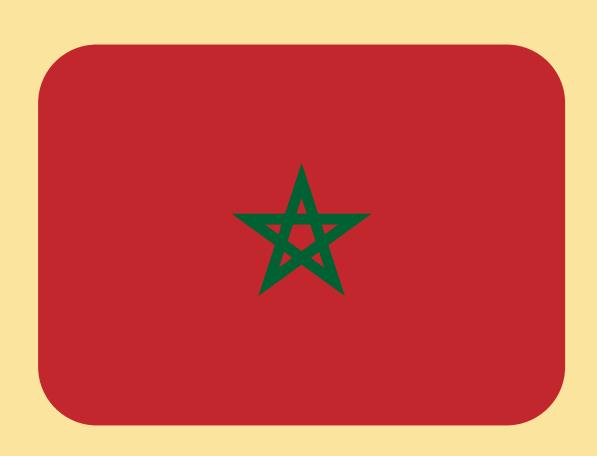




Ladies of Misr cut their hands whilst cutting fruits on seeing Hadhrat Yūsuf (AS). We saw this in Italy, Scotland and now in Morocco at 'Abdul Hādi's house, where they gave us whole fruits with knives. On seeing this, it reminded me again of the story of Hadhrat Yūsuf (AS).



Mint Tea



#### Moroccan Dirham



# 200 Dirham equals to £15.80p approximately

# Muslims in Morocco are Māliki by Fiqh

Imām Mālik (RH) was born in 93 AH in Madīna Munawwara. He memorised the Qur'ān early in his childhood, he also began to study and memorise hadīth. Imām Mālik (RH) began teaching hadīth at the tender age of 17.

Amongst his illustrious students, are Imām Shāfi, Imām Muhammad, Imām Laith and 'Abdullāh bin Mubārak (RH).

The "Muwatta" was the first hadīth book on the pattern of Fiqh. It is a highly acclaimed book, which many rank as the most authentic kitāb (book) after the Qur'ān. It took him a period of 11 years to compile this Kitāb.

Thousands have studied "Muwatta" under him.



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مرافع معاد المنشر مسبة نروم ي مرعلي المنبية (المبعد) كانتمين المتاب Imām Mālik (RH) was famous for his piety and staunch obedience to the Sunnah.

His extent of love and respect was such that he never rode an animal in Madīna, saying "I feel ashamed to ride an animal on the soil where Rasūlullāh placed his feet". Due to his profound love and respect for Rasūlullāh, he himself claimed that not a night passed wherein he was not blessed with the noble vision of Rasūlullāh in his dreams.

Imām Mālik (RH) passed away at the ripe age of 86 in Rabī'ul-Awwal, 179 AH, in the blessed city of Madīna Munawwarah and is buried in the famous cemetery of Baqī', as was his lifelong desire.

Source: Great Islamic personalities, part 2.



### In Morocco they recite The Holy Qur'ān in the narration of Warsh.

Ibn 'Abbās (RA) reported Allāh's Messenger as saying:

Jibrīl taught me to recite in one style. I replied to him and kept asking him to give more (styles), till he reached seven modes (of recitation). Ibn Shihāb said: It has reached me that these seven styles are essentially one, not differing about what is permitted and what is forbidden.

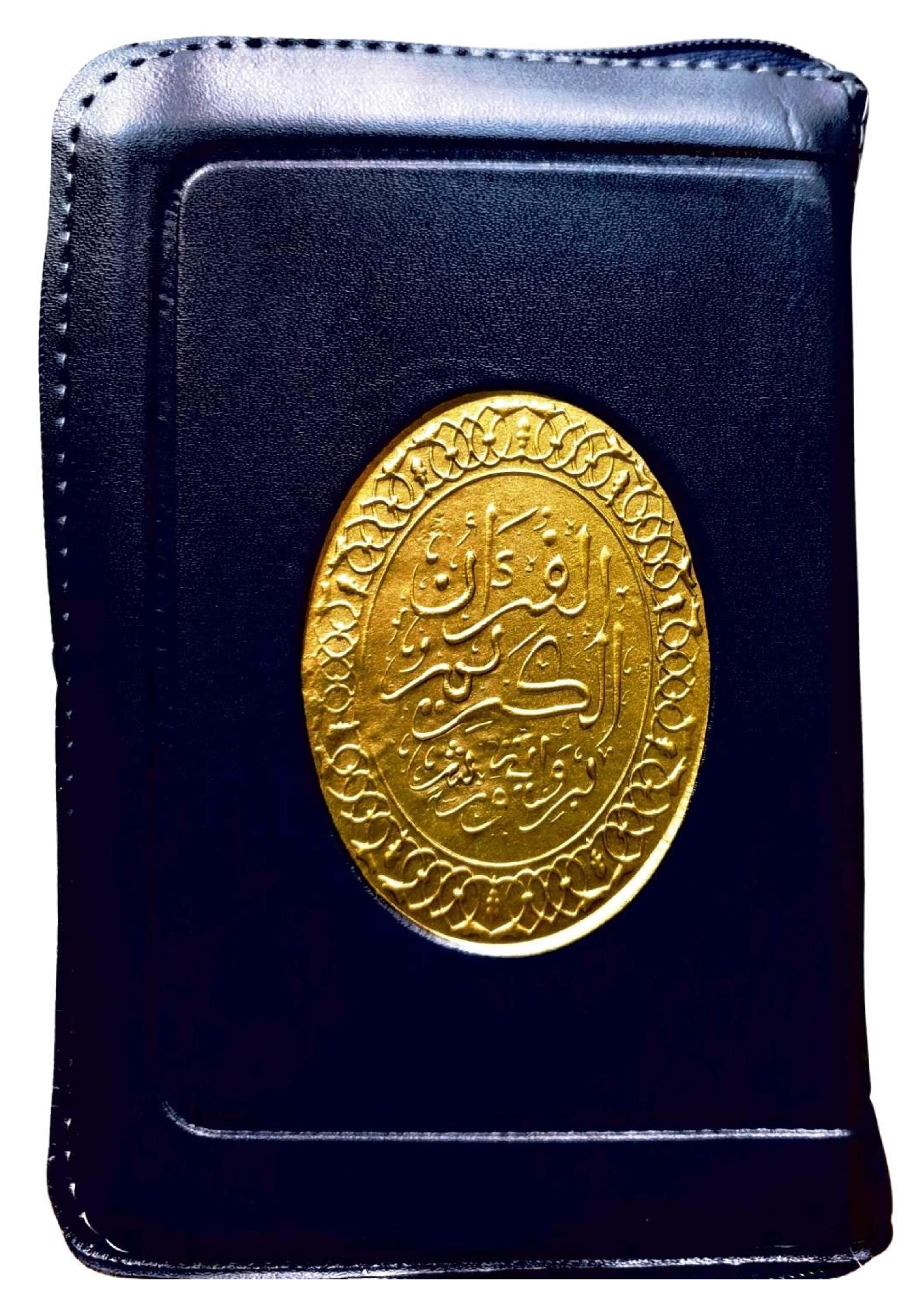
(Sahīh Muslim)

For more information on this subject, please refer to the relevant books.

I purchased a copy of The holy Qur'ān in the narration of Warsh from the bookshop in Rabat Market.

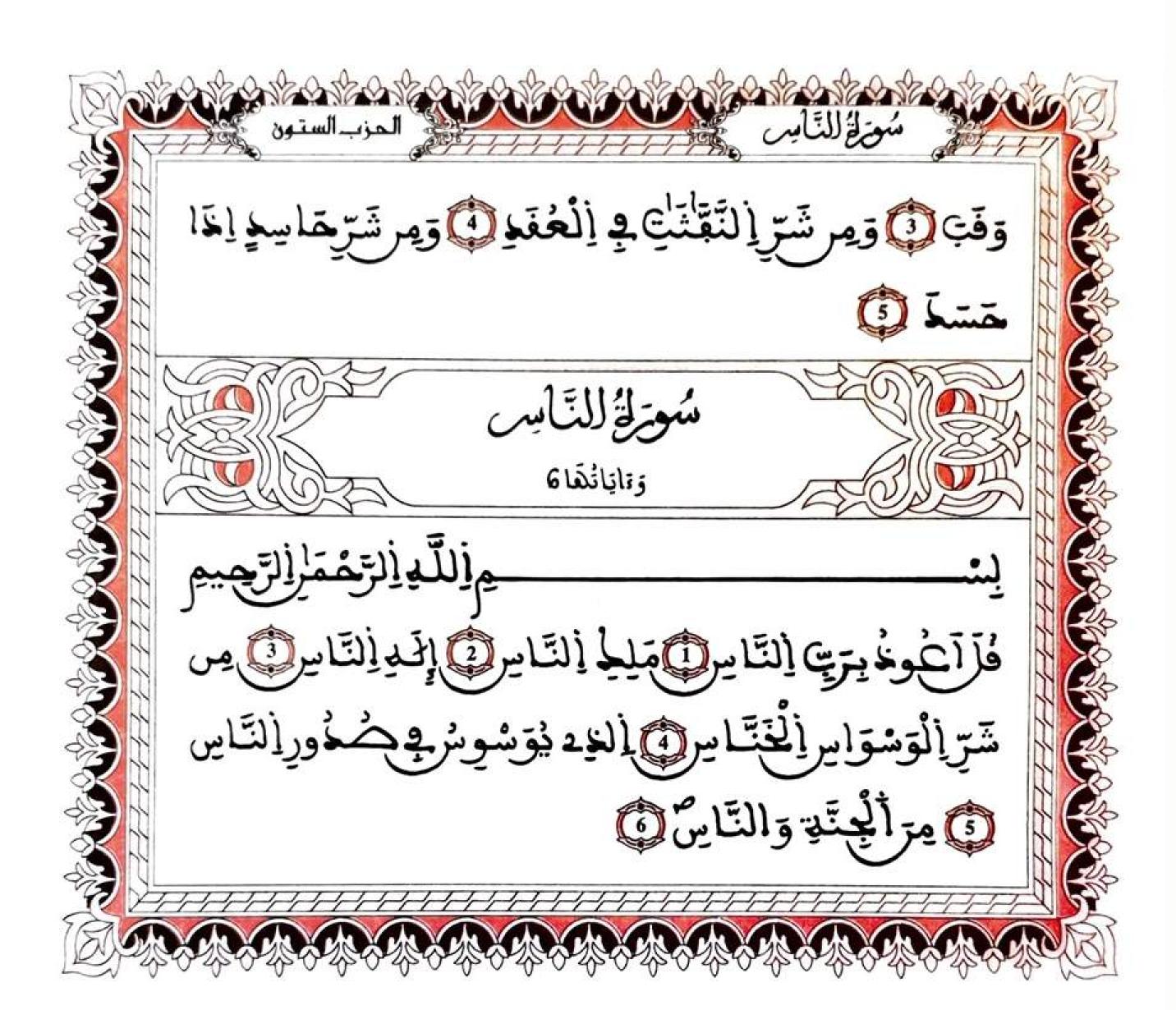


#### Rabat Bookshop









#### Marrakech

#### "The red city"

The ancient section of the city, known as the medina, was designated as a World Heritage site.

The medina in Marrakech is called the "red city" because of its buildings and walls of beaten clay. Much of the medina is still surrounded by 12th-century walls.

Many saints are buried in this location.

# The Old City - Marrakech













# Local Masjid & Madrasah in the old city - Marrakech

We performed our 'Asr Salāh in one of the local masājid, after Salāh, students gathered for their Qur'ān hifz studies.

We asked the teachers and students their method of memorising the Holy Qur'an.

They informed us that firstly they would memorise their sabaq (lesson), thereafter they would write their sabaq, which they have learnt by memory on a wooden board.

The following day the teacher would listen to their Sabaq from the board by memory, and rectify any mistakes if necessary.



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# There are 'Seven Saints' buried in Marrakech

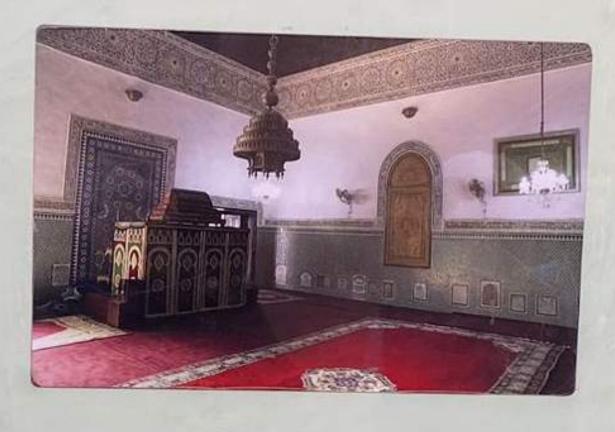


#### Grave & Complex of Shaykh Abū 'Abdullāh Muhammad bin Sulaymān al-Jazūli (RH)

## خريح سيكر معمك بر سليمان البحزولي

#### The Mausoleum of Sidi Mohamed Ben Slimane Al Jazouli

Abou Abdellah Mohamed Ben Slimane Al Jazouli was one of the most prominent Moroccan scientific figures and among the greatest mystics of the Islamic world. He was educated in Fez, traveled to Tangier, and from it sailed to Mecca, Medina and Jerusalem. When he returned, he devoted his life to worship and authorship and was followed by many. He contributed to the renewal of the Shadhiliya order and the establishment of the Jazouliya method, which gave birth to several other methods. He wrote many books, including : "Dala'il Al Khayrat", "Hizb Al Falah", "Hizb Al Jazouli". He died in Marrakesh, but sources disagreed on the exact date of his death between 869 Ah/1464 Ad and 875 Ah/1470 Ad. He was considered one of the most distinguished saints.





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## Shaykh Abū 'Abdullāh Muhammad bin Sulaymān al-Jazūli (RH)

The book, 'Dalā'ilul Khairāt', was written by the pious saint and scholar, Shaykh Abū 'Abdullāh Muhammad bin Sulaymān al-Jazūli (RH). He grew up amongst the Berbers of North Africa in Soūs and later moved to Fez, where he studied Fiqh and memorised the Mudawwana of Imām Mālik (RH).

More than twenty thousand students learnt Tafsīr and Fiqh from him and many narrated Hadīth from him.

Shaykh Abū 'Abdullāh Muhammad bin Sulaymān al-Jazūli (RH) passed away while in sajdah during Fajr salāh and was buried in Soūs. Seventy years after his death, his body was transferred from Soūs to another location (Marrakech). Amazingly, his body was completely intact.

Source: Pearls from the Path, compiled by Moulānā
Afzal Ismā'īl











### Grave & Complex of Imām Abul Qāsim 'Abdur Rahmān bin 'Abdullāh al-Suhayli (RH)



## ضريح سيكر ابو القاسم عبك الرحمن السهيلي ﴿ الإمام السهيلي ﴾

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Abou Al Qassim Abderrahman Ben Abdellah Al Souheili Al Khathmai of Khath'am origin in Yemen. He was born in 508 AH/1114 AD and lost his sight at the age of 17 as a consequence of a disease, but he was endowed with a sharper memory and an outstanding intelligence. He learned «Figh», interpretation, grammar, language and history from his contemporary scholars, such as Ben Al-Arabi, Ben Taraoua and others. He became a leading scholar and author in the Islamic West. Being renowned for his fortitude and patience, he was considered one of the seven saints of Marrakesh where he died in 581 AH / 1185 AD.





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#### Imām al-Suhayli (RH)

According to the information provided on the board outside the complex, Imām al-Suhayli (RH) was born in Yemen (but according to other sources he was born in Al-Andalus, Spain).

He lost his sight at the age of 17 as a consequence of a disease, but he was endowed with a sharper memory and outstanding intelligence.

He has authored many books, the most famous is 'al-Rawd al-unuf', commentary on 'al-Sīrah al-Nabawiyyah' of Ibn Hishām.



















### Grave of Qādi 'Iyād (RH), author of 'as-Shifā'

# ضريح القاضي عباض

#### The Mausoleum of Cadi Ayyad

Abou Al-Fadl Ayyad Ben Moussa Ben Ayyad Sebti was closely related to Imam Malik Ben Anas in lineage. He was born in 476 AH/1083 AD in the city of Ceuta and died in Marrakesh in 554 AH/1149 AD. Ceuta, then, was a center of Sheikhs, Oulemas and eminent personalities of literature. He learned from different scholars and was influenced by them, in particular those of his mother's family. He grew up in this environment and excelled to become Imam of «Hadith» and «Figh», a good speaker and a fervent defender of the Maliki School. He had a sharp memory for history and events. He also was a linguist, a writer and a creative poet. Cadi Ayyad held official positions in education and the judiciary. Among his famous works : « Al Chifa Fi Taarifi Houqouqi Al Mostafa ». He was considered as one of the seven saints of Marrakech.





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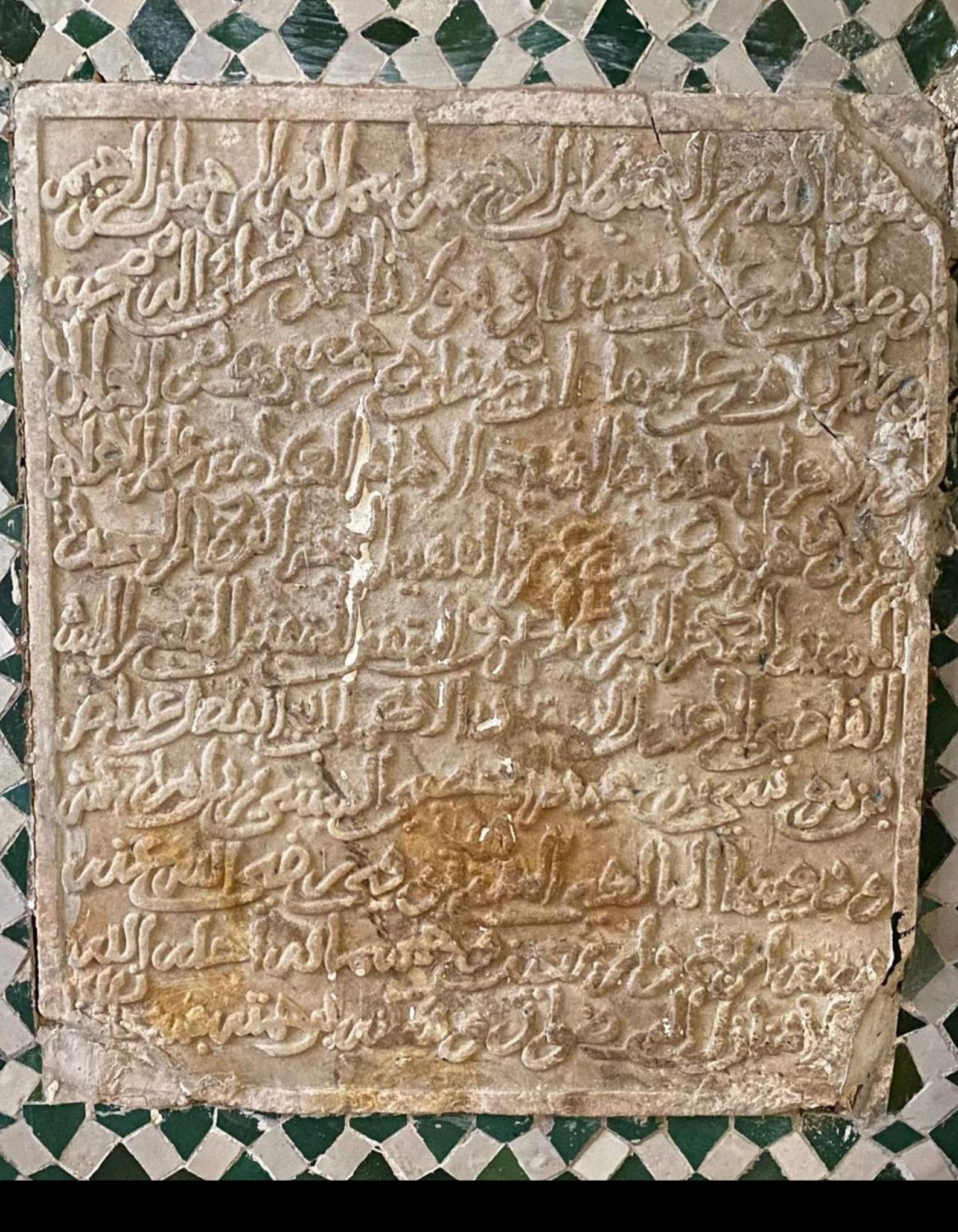
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