

## How Did The Islamic Civilization Interact With Other Different Civilizations?

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### Abstract

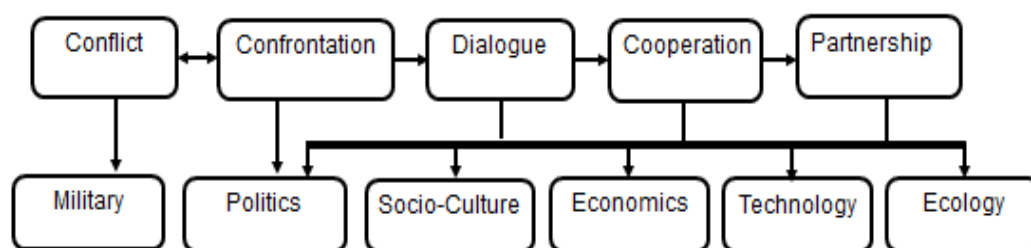
Every civilization in this world interacts with another to build, strengthen and advance itself. Similarly, the Islamic civilization interacted with other different civilizations before it reached its golden age. The forms of interaction between civilizations were clearly described by Kuzyk and Yakovets, that is, interaction occurred in the form of conflict, confrontation, dialogue, cooperation and partnership. This article relates the forms of interaction described by them with the reality of interaction which occurred between the Islamic civilization and other world civilizations including of ancient Greece, Persia, India and China. Research findings show that interaction between the Islamic and Greek and Indian civilizations was in the form of conflict and cooperation. Interaction between the Islamic and Persian civilizations was through dialogue and cooperation. And with the Chinese civilization, interaction was through conflict and dialogue.

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### Introduction

The Islamic civilization did not develop by itself in isolation. It was influenced by other civilizations. In other words, the Islamic civilization interacted with different civilizations before it ultimately became strong and advanced politically, socio-economically and intellectually. In the context of interaction between civilizations, it is appropriate to refer to the view of Kuzyk and Yakovets (2006: 157). They developed the theory of form and environment of social interaction between civilizations as pictured in the Diagram 1 below:



Form of Social Interaction between Civilization (Kuzyk dan Yakovets 2006: 157)