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Throughout the 1980s and the 1990s, an effort was made by countries of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) as well as its various off-shoot organizations to enhance the science and technology capabilities of the Ummah. The OIC Summit Conference which was held in Putrajaya, Malaysia, in 2003 adopted, for the first time, a vision for science and technology for OIC countries; Vision 1441. Vision 1441 (1441 is the Hijri year corresponding to the year 2020) is a sensible yardstick to measure development in the domain of science and technology that OIC decision-makers can relate to. It is a set of 4 goals, a number targets and performance indicators relating to the state of science and technology that OIC countries should aim to achieve by the year 2020. Vision 1441 manifests a commitment by OIC-Member Countries to doing all they can to achieve a reasonable level of S&T advancement. To the mind of many, it represents the long overdue marriage of POLITICS and POLICIES!

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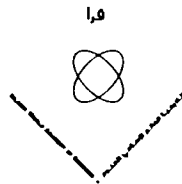
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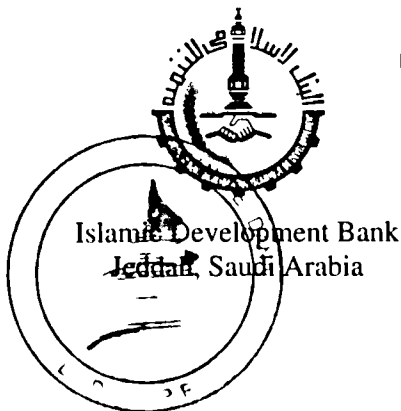
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