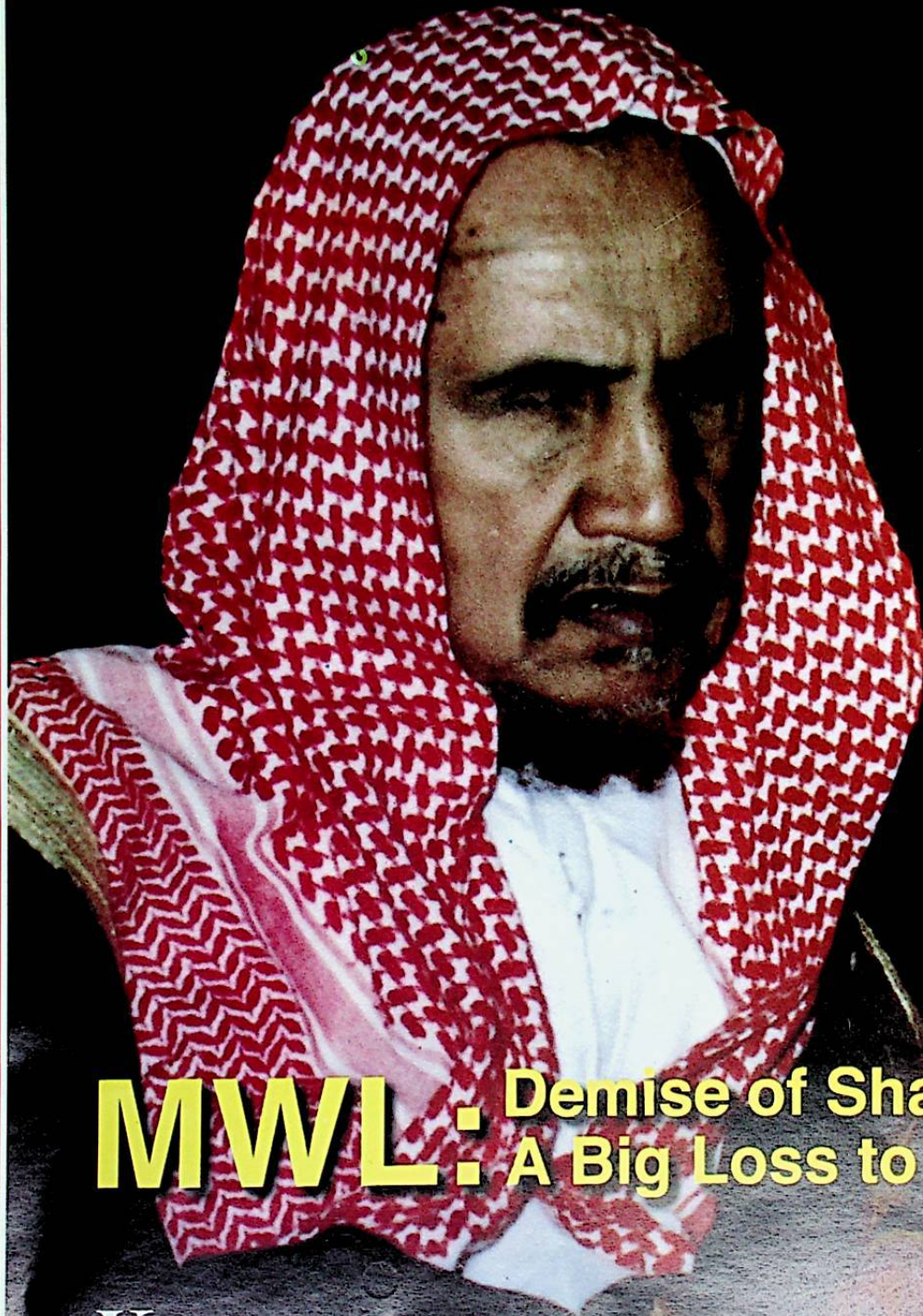


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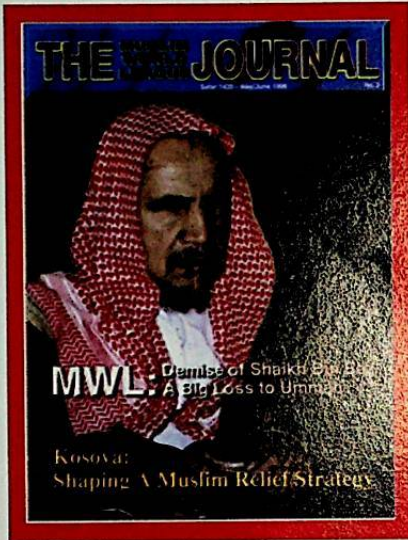
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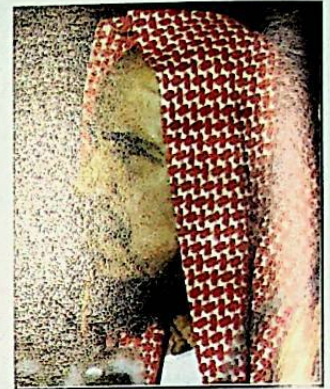
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## A Tribute to Shaikh Bin Baz

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In Muharram this year, the Muslim world lost one of the great scholars of the 20th Century. In the death of Shaikh Abdul Aziz bin Baz, Saudi Arabia not only lost its Grand Mufti but the Ummah was deprived of a gifted religious scholar in the mould of the early generations of men of learning and piety, an untiring and dedicated Dawrah activist and defender of Islamic cause, who devoted his whole life to the service of Islam and to the issues and concerns of the Ummah. The Muslim World League mourned the death of the great Shaikh as its own loss because as the Chairman of its Constituent and other Councils, Shaikh Bin Baz steered this pan-Islamic organisation with his vast erudition, incomparable wisdom and good counsel to its present position. A tribute to the great scholar on his sad demise by the Muslim World League.



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