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- On 27 August 1952 Hajj Amin al-Husayni, the ex-Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, visited Ayatollah Kashani (leader of the Fedayan-i-Islam in Iran) in Beirut and approved Kashani's plans to organize the Ikhwan al-Safa Society (Brothers of Peace) with the purpose of defending the Holy Land from foreign imperialism.
- Kashani and the ex-Mufti also agreed to holding a Moslem conference at the end of autumn 1952, either in Damascus or Cairo, with the object of ensuring the neutrality of the Arab peoples in the East-West dispute.

1. Source Comment. The name of the Society is similar to the terrorist organization formed in Islam after the death of Muhammad.

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