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### **Thomas Schirmmacher receives the Order of Merit from the Royal House of Ghassan for his Activities relating to Human Rights in the Middle East**

(Bonn, 11.08.2016) The – no longer governing – oldest royal house in the world, the Christian and Arab ruling house of The Sovereign Imperial and Royal House of Ghassan, has honored Thomas Schirmmacher with the “Magister Praetor” Order of Merit for achievements relating to the planning of a civic central council of Christians in the Near East and Middle East (Oriental Christian Council) and for promoting the House of Ghassan, specifically noting “that he [enabled] the House’s personal contact to Pope Francis and to the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew.”

At the same time, Schirmmacher received the “Knight Grand Cross,” the highest order of the knightly order “The Sacred Order of Michael Archangel” for his efforts in the cause of human rights and religious freedom in the Near and Middle East.” Among the most prominent members of the Order are the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and Pope Francis.

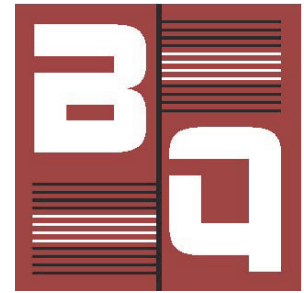
Both orders were conferred upon Schirmmacher by the head of the House, His Imperial and Royal Highness Prince Gharios El Chemor of Ghassan Al-Nu’man VIII, Amman, Jordan, in Bonn and in Istanbul.

The Royal House of Ghassan placed kings and rulers from about 300 A.D. to 1747 A.D. in various regions of the Near and Middle East, most recently in Lebanon from 1217-1747 (Sheikh Al-Chemor).

The claims of the Ghassanid Royal House and its present head were examined and recognized by the highest courts in Brazil and California and checked by the Vatican with a favorable opinion. Additionally, the Royal house received “special consultative”



Prince Gharios and Thomas Schirmmacher with the Ecumenical Patriarch in Istanbul



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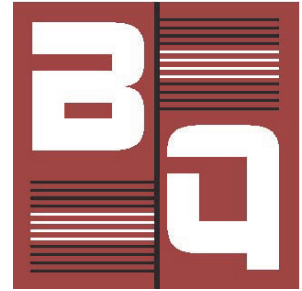
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status from the United Nations, whereby it was recognized as having legal personality under international law.



The Ghassanid tribe is spread throughout the entire Orient in all existing religions, above all, however, in all denominations within Christianity. It counts as the largest tribe in the Arab world. On account of its Christian orientation, millions of Ghassanids were driven to Brazil and throughout the world. Additionally, and for that reason, they are largely ignored since 'Arab' and 'Christian' cannot be thought about together or there is no desire to think about 'Arab' and 'Christian' together.

### Downloads:

- [Photo 1](#): Prince Gharios and Thomas Schirmmacher with the Ecumenical Patriarch in Istanbul
- [Photo 2](#): The "Magister Praetor" Order
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