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CHAPTER 2

A WEBOMETRIC STUDY OF SELECTED QURANIC WEBSITES

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Introduction

Information and communication technology (ICT) has impacted a great part of our lives, directly or indirectly. The Internet has now become widely accessible and many people have grabbed the idea of using it for their multifarious purposes and agenda. They have established all types of websites to foster their mission and visions. They recognize that the Internet can enhance their scale of communication through the websites. The websites may also serve as a mechanism for conducting interactive communication since the format of communication can be any (or all of) text, audio, video and graphics. As these websites have been around for quite sometime already it is therefore appropriate to question how effective those websites are. To get the desired results from this type of question it is imperative for a study to be conducted to address the issue. As Conway and Dorner (2004) point out “a party may be providing large amounts of information on its website, but if this information is difficult to find, its usefulness will be reduced. Likewise, a website may offer a high level of interactivity, but if a user cannot access