

**PRESS RELEASE**  
**WINNERS ANNOUNCED**  
**2012/1433H KING FAISAL INTERNATIONAL PRIZE**  
**FOR**  
**SERVICE TO ISLAM**

**Riyadh, 16 January 2012 - 22 Safar 1433H.**, HRH Prince Khalid Al-Faisal, Director of King Faisal Foundation, tonight announced the winners of the King Faisal International Prize.

The King Faisal International Prize for Service to Islam for the year 2012 (1433H.) has been awarded to:

**Shaikh Sulaiman Bin Abd Al-Aziz Al-Rajhi**  
**(Saudi Arabia)**

Shaikh Sulaiman Al-Rajhi, a world leading philanthropist, has been awarded the prize In recognition of his outstanding services to Islam, including:

- 1- Endowing more than 50% of his wealth for humanitarian purposes, and establishing a special foundation to monitor this endowment, maintain it and ensure that it is spent on its intended recipients.
- 2- Participating in establishing the world's largest and most venerable Islamic banking institution operating in concordance with Islamic Shari'ah teachings.
- 3- Contributing regularly towards humanitarian efforts to fight poverty. This is accomplished by providing national and international humanitarian societies with material support and training.
- 4- Encouraging Quranic memorization groups and providing them with financial support and prizes, in addition to printing hundreds of thousands of copies of the Holy Quran and distributing them free of charge worldwide, particularly in Africa.

- 5- Establishing non-profit colleges as a nucleus for a university soon to be announced. There are currently three health sciences colleges as well as other academic institutions for developing Arabic and Islamic studies curricula in different languages and for teaching Arabic language to non-Arabic speakers.
- 6- Building large mosques with places for prayers, education and seclusion, such as Al-Rajhi mosque in Riyadh and his mosque in Ha'il, each of which accommodates thousands of worshippers.
- 7- Investing in major projects aimed at providing food security and serving industry, construction and other sectors.
- 8- Contributing to the development of Muslim communities through investment and strengthening of commercial relations with the Islamic world.
- 9- Encouraging Muslim youth, through his talks and personal experience, to indulge in private business.

**Note to Editor:**

- Over the past 34 years, a total of 40 individuals or institutions from 20 different countries have been recognized by the King Faisal International Prize for Service to Islam.