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FOR
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Topic: Studies Dealing with Prominent Contemporary Arab Writers

The Selection Committee for The King Faisal International Prize for Arabic Literature (Studies Dealing with Prominent Modern Writers) has jointly awarded the 1995 prize to:

Professor Hamdi Sayyid Ahmad EI-Sakkout
Mrs. Salma Lutfi Al-Haffar Al-Kowzbari
Professor Mohammed Abu Al-Anwar
Mohammed Ali

Professor El-Sakkout (Egypt) has been awarded the prize for his comprehensive 2-volume book, Abbas Mahmoud Al-Akkad, an objective and systematic study of one of the most distinguished contemporary Arab writers.

Mrs. Al-Kowzbari (Syria) has made outstanding contributions within the prize category. This is exemplified by her book Mai Ziadah or The Tragedy of a Genius. This work has particular value because the author has used previously unpublished sources in presenting her precise documentation of the writer's life and literary works.

Professor Ali's (Egypt) most noteworthy contribution is his 3-volume book, Mustafa Lutfi Al-Manfalouti, in which he presented an extensive, well-documented study of this influential writer whose work has had a tremendous impact on modern Arabic literature.