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Topic: Studies Dealing with Islamic Law

The Selection Committee for the **King Faisal International Prize** for Islamic Studies has awarded the 1994 Prize jointly to:

**Sheikh El-Said Sabiq Mohammad Et-Tihami** (Egypt) and **Professor Sheikh Yusuf Abdallah El-Qardhawi** (Qatar)

Sheikh El-Said Sabiq was born in 1915. He graduated from the Faculty of Sharia Law, El-Azhar University (Cairo) in 1947 and then went on to teach at El-Azhar and Um al-Qura (Makkah) universities. Sheikh Sabiq was awarded the Prize in recognition of his distinguished academic efforts to simplify and popularize Islamic law (Fiqh) in his book "Fiqh As-Sunnah" as well as for his relentless efforts during the past 40 years to enrich that field through research and teaching.

Professor Al-Qardhawi was born in 1926. He graduated from El-Azhar University in 1953 and completed his Ph.D. in 1973. He taught at Qatar and Algiers universities. Professor Al-Qardhawi was awarded the Prize for his continuous academic efforts to relate Islamic Law (Fiqh) to modern Muslim society. His work "Fiqh Az-Zakat" is characteristically comprehensive in content, academic method, and analytical approach.

The 1995 topic in Islamic Studies is "Studies Dealing with Thematic Commentary of the Holy Qur'an"