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WINNERS ANNOUNCED
2011/1432H KING FAISAL INTERNATIONAL PRIZE
FOR ISLAMIC STUDIES

Topic: Socioeconomic Aspects in the Islamic World through 10th – 13th Century A.H/ 16th – 19th Century A.D.

Riyadh, 17 January 2011 - 13 Safar 1432H, 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 Islamic Studies (Socioeconomic Aspects In the Islamic World Through 10TH - 13TH Century H; (16TH - 19TH Century G.) for the year 2011 (1432H) has been awarded jointly to:

Professor Khalil Ibrahim Inalcik (Turkey)
Bilkent University, Ankara.

and

Professor Mohammad Adnan Bakhit Al-Sheyyab (Jordan)
Jordanian University, Amman.

Professor Halil Inalcik is awarded the Prize for his seminal book: "An Economic and Social History of the Ottoman Empire: 1300-1600" Part I, which represents the pinnacle of his research over six decades, and establishes an entirely new school of thought independently from the centrist, European approach to studying Ottoman history. Professor Inalcik's inferences were based on reliable, original and highly documentative sources and have influenced many scholars of economic and social aspects of Ottoman history.

Professor Mohammad Adnan Bakhit Al-Sheyyab is awarded the Prize for his 3- volume book: "Studies into the History of Bilad ash-Sham (today's Palestine, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon)" which deals with profoundly important aspects of the economic and social history of those countries.
Bakhit al-Sheyyab's studies derive from different sources including documents of Ottoman archives and records of Sharia courts and churches, as well as conventional sources. The author applied statistical and graphical methods and obtained new and influential information, thereby founding a new Arabic school in this field.

**Note to Editor:**

- Over the past 33 years, a total of 32 scholars from 14 different countries have won the King Faisal International Prize for Islamic Studies.

- The topic for the 2012 King Faisal International Prize for Islamic Studies is *Human Rights in Islam*. The deadline for nomination is 1 May 2011.