Announcement

The Secretariat General of King Faisal International Prize

Deliberations of the Selection Committees of

King Faisal International Prize for 1986

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The Selection Committees of the 1986 King Faisal International Prize, in its five branches: Service to Islam; Islamic Studies; Arabic Literature; Medicine; and Science, convened their meetings on December 1985 and reached the following decisions:

First:

The Selection Committee of KFIP for the Service of Islam for 1986 decided to award the Prize to:

1- Mr. Ahmed H. Dedat, from South Africa
2- Dr. Roger Jaraudy from France.

- Mr. Dedat is renowned for his tireless Islamic preaching activities spanning more than 35 years at the local, regional and international levels. In his public debates he staged reasoned arguments in confronting opponents of Islam.
- He participated in several Islamic conferences, delivered public speeches and lectures to a vast audience from all over the World.
- He established Al-Salam Centre to train preachers of Islam and provide them with the necessary tools that ensure the success of their mission.
- He authored numerous publications and pamphlets in service of Islam and Muslims.

- Dr. Roger Jaraudy is awarded the Prize for the following considerations:
- Publishing important books reflecting an honest image of Islam, like ‘Islam Lives in our Future’, and ‘Promises of Islam’, in which he elaborates on the validity of Islamic fundamentals and values and their capability to secure a dignified life for Man at all times and solve contemporary problems.
- Defending Palestine and Palestinians in his lectures, press articles and books, unearthing the Zionist policy in his publications, ‘The Palestinian Issue’.
- Contributing to international conferences where he strikes a balance between civilization and Islamic principles. He believes that adhering to these Principles is capable of redeeming Man from current worries threatening the World.

Second:

The Selection Committee of KFIP for Islamic Studies for 1986 Prize decided to award the Prize to:

- Dr. Abd Al-Aziz Al Duri, of Iraq, for his book: ‘The Economic History of Iraq during the 7th century AH’. In this book Dr. Al-Duri exhibits a rigor of scientific
research methodology. Accuracy of statement, clarity of argument, and originality are markers of his reliable Historical studies.

Third:

The Selection Committee for KFIP FOR Arabic Language and Literature for 1986 Prize, decided to award the Prize to:

- Mr. Mohammed B. Al-Athari, from Iraq for:
  - Editing Imad Al-Deen Al-Afghani’s ancient masterpiece, the four volumed ‘Kharidat Al-Qasr wa Jaridat Al- Asr’, written about Iraqi poets. Al-Athari’s edited work is based on matching the manuscript to imaged texts of the poets’ anthologies and news from various literary sources.
  - He spent a considerable part of his life serving Arabic Language and Literature authoring books, research papers and articles that warrant appreciation.

The Selection Committee decides that the Topic for the 1987 Prize will be:

‘Studies Addressing Modern Literary Prose’.