Press Release

The King Faisal International Prize for Arabic Literature for 1984

Riyadh, 8 Dec. 1983: The Selection Committee of the 1984 King Faisal International Prize for Arabic Literature has announced today that it has awarded the Prize to Mr. Mahmoud Mohammed Shakir (Egypt) for his book, "Al-Mutanabi" in its first version dating back to 1936. The Committee maintained that the book contains a wealth of literary merits, including:

- Depth of study, efforts and thorough investigation and ability to draw valuable conclusions.
- Accuracy of literary appreciation
- Close linkage between poetry and life events and disclosing the same in the evolution of Al-Mutanabi’s life

The Committee has taken into consideration the wide horizons explored by the author and acknowledged his merits in terms of literary and intellectual research and his major contribution to the Arab cultural life and the Islamic heritage. In general, Mr. Shakir’s overall publications and life stances were all considered to warrant appreciation.