Press Release

The King Faisal International Prize for Service to Islam for 1980

Riyadh, 8 Jan. 1980: The Selection Committee of the 1980 King Faisal International Prize for Service to Islam has announced today that it has the Prize jointly to:

1. Sheikh Abul-Hassan Ali Al-Nadawai, founder and secretary general of the Indian Islamic Academy and a member of the constitutional council of the Muslim World League in Saudi Arabia. The prize was conferred on Shaikh Al-Nadawi for his extensive Islamic teaching activities in the Indian subcontinent and throughout the Islamic world in terms of lectures at universities and presentations at mosques. He dedicated some of his publications to the Muslim children to nurture Islamic values in them. His famous book, "the World Lost for the Decadence of Muslims" is but an example of his profuse writings in Arabic, English, Hindu and Urdu.

2. Dr. Mohammed Natsir, a founding member of the Council of Muslim Associations of Indonesia and a member of the constitutional council of the Muslim World League in Saudi Arabia. He was awarded the prize for his highly respected role in international Islamic circles for his scholarship, intellect and oratory as well as for his role in resisting colonization in Indonesia and in countervailing blasphemous and missionary currents.