Press Release

The King Faisal International Prize for Service to Islam for 1987

Riyadh, 12 Jan. 1987: The 1987 Selection Committee of King Faisal International Prize for Service to Islam has announced today that it has awarded the Prize to Shaikh Abu Bakr Mahmoud Gumi (Nigeria). The prize was conferred on Sheikh Gumi in recognition of his relentless strife to promote Islam inside and outside his country through his efforts in teaching, education, judiciary and Fatwa.

Shaikh Gumi has also had a long history of struggle against colonialism in Nigeria and was closely associated with the prominent Nigerian leader, Ahmadu Bello. He authored several books and articles to explain the true Islamic creed and to confront blasphemy and superstitions. He translated the meanings and dictates of the Holy Quran.