

Speech of Mr. Ahmad Mohammad Al-Dobeib
Secretary General of King Faisal International Prize
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In the Name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful,

Your Majesty King Fahed bin Abd Al-Aziz,
Your Royal Highness,
Your Royal Highness the second Deputy Prime Minister,
Your Royal Highness,
Your Excellencies,

It is an honor for me-Your Majesty-to present to you this selected elite of Islamic and International personalities who won the King Faisal International Prize this year.

A great struggler in our times won the King Faisal International Prize for the service of Islam, he is Mr. Abd Rab Sayyaf, president of Islamic Union for the fighters of Afghanistan. He got the Masters degree from Hadith Department in the college of Religion in Al-Azhar, and taught for a period at the Shari'a college in Kabul University. The selection committee agreed unanimously to award him the King Faisal International Prize for the service of Islam, as the only winner for his distinction in establishing the first Group of Islamic movement in Afghanistan, and preparing fighters and preachers. He also stood in the face of atheistical movements in spite of all of what he gained from torture and prison. He also had an effective role in leading Islamic Jihadi movements in Afghanistan, and introducing their case in Islamic assemblies, requesting their support in defense of truth, justice, human values, and in defense of legitimacy, dignity, and freedom. He called for God through work and word, and amazed the world with his work and the heroic work of heroes around him who still plan, resist, and fight.

The King Faisal International Prize for Islamic studies was awarded to three scholars who gave excellent efforts in research that dealt with Islamic doctrine. I am happy to present them to you your Majesty in the alphabetical order of their names.

-The first one is Dr. Farouk Hassan Desouki, born in 1938 in Alexandria, Egypt. He earned his education up to the masters degree from Alexandria, then he obtained his Doctorate in Islamic

Sciences from the college of Sciences in Cairo university in 1978. The selection committee saw that he deserved King Faisal International Prize for Islamic studies as a co-winner with his two colleagues, for his distinguished work in a book called “Destiny and Fate in Islam” the first and second volumes. This book is distinguished by accommodation of the subject and proof of it through sufficient convincing proofs from the Quran and the Sunna, secure derivation, straight thinking, easiness and clarity of style, and moderation and justice in argument, and revealing of suspicions and refuting them in an academic and convincing style.

-The second winner of King Faisal International Prize for Islamic studies is Professor Mohammad Rashad bin Mohammad Rafiq Salem, a professor of Religion in AL-Imam Mohammad bin Saud University. He was born in 1347H and earned his primary education in Cairo, then he got a university degree in Philosophy from the college of Arts in Cairo University in 1370H. He got his Doctorate(Ph.D) in 1379H 1959 from Cambridge University in England. The selection committee saw that he deserves the prize as a co-winner with his two colleagues for his valuable work in editing the book “Averting contradictions between Reason and Transmittence” for Sheikh of Islam Ibn Taymiyyah which is made up of 11 volumes, and he gave a great effort in editing the book and meeting its requirements and executing it academically. Moreover, this work is considered a part of a huge project which is “editing the heritage of Sheikh of Islam Ibn Taymiyyah”. It is a project that is worthy of interest and encouragement.

-The third winner of King Faisal International Prize for Islamic Studies is Professor Mustafa Mohammad Hulmi Suleiman. He was born in 1932 and got his Ph.D in Literature in 1971. He is now chair of the Philosophy department in thre college of “Dar-Al-Ulum” in Cairo University. The selection committee saw that he deserves the prize as a co-winner with his two colleagues for his distinguished work in his three books:

- (1) The Methodology of Al-Sunna and Hadith scholars in Religion.
- (2) the Rules of Salafi Methodology .
- (3) Salafia between Islamic doctrine and Western Philosophy.

These books are distinguished for the following:

- Correctedness of Information through authentication from its original sources.
- Safety of thought direction of the author.

-The power of derivation in what he considers or refutes from schools, honesty in style and easiness and clarity of expression.

The King Faisal International Prize for medicine was awarded to two pioneering doctors who were concerned in searching for short ways to rescue humanity from what it suffers from pains and especially in liver infectious virus (Viral Hepatitis), which is an illness that millions of people suffer from. They are Professor Robert Balmer Bizli and Professor Mario Rezito.

Professor Robert Bizli was born in Gelindal in the state of California in 1936. He completed his graduate studies in Harvard medical school and Washington university in Seattle, then he was promoted in the academic ladder until he became full Professor in 1981, and he participated in numerous medical and scientific tasks. He also worked as an expert for scientific and technical institutions. He also became a member in many scientific and technical associations, and he settled as a director for the Medical Research Unit of Washington University in Taibai. The selection committee saw that he deserves to be awarded King Faisal International Prize in Medicine as a co-winner with his colleague Mario Rizito, for his two important discoveries in the field of Viral Hepatitis. They are summarized as follows:

- (1) Infection with the Viral Hepatitis moves among pregnant women to their children in a high percentage around the world to more than 90% of children of those mothers. Professor Bizli and his assistants proved that inoculating children of mothers who carry this virus with an impregnable protein at the time of birth decreases many illnesses in this virus. Therefore, these results led to the change of methods that are taken to prevent this illness.
- (2) The second discovery: carriers of this virus are exposed to the danger of liver cells cancer, perhaps 40% of those who carry Viral Hepatitis are exposed to liver cancer and die as a result of this. Therefore, this discovery proves the benefit of prevention and the complications of Viral Hepatitis, and the rescue of many human lives by using this preventive inoculation against this illness.

The second winner of King Faisal International Prize is Professor Mario Rizito. He was born in Padova in Italy in 1945, and specialized in medicine and surgery in Padova University in 1969, and worked as a professor and researcher in many Italian and international medical institutions. The selection committee saw that he deserves the prize as a co-winner with Dr. Bizli, in recognition of his discovery of the place in the body "Delta" in liver cells that counters the illness of Viral Hepatitis. He also explained that this always accompanies B virus that causes liver infection. He explained that a nuclear acid inside the surface of virus B that causes this

infection accompanies this place. Therefore, “Delta” is considered a new kind of virus that has large effects on studies in the field of Viral Hepatitis. Moreover, by his discovery and specification of the characteristics of “Delta” he paved the way for producing an inoculation against the dangerous Viral Hepatitis.

Your Majesty,

I am happy to announce that the selection committees have decided that the subjects of the prize for next year are:

- (1) “Studies that deal with Islamic History” for Islamic studies.
- (2) “Studies that deal with Arabic Literature in the fifth and sixth Hegri centuries” for Arabic Literature.
- (3) “Studies and research in Diabetes” for medicine.
- (4) “Studies and research that deal with Biochemistry” for the prize in Science.

I would like at the end of this blessed ceremony to thank you you Majesty for your continuous sponsorship of King Faisal International Prize. On behalf of the General Secretariat, I would like to thank all those who collaborated with us to achieve the noble goals of this charitable project in nomination, arbitration, and selection.

I ask God to make our work sincere and honest for his sake, and to take care of us and guide us to the right path .

Wa ssalamu alaykom wa rahmatu llahi wa barakato

