

The “Zaytuna (Olive Tree) Silver Award for Excellence in Democratic Action”



Al-Kawakibi Democracy Transition Center launched the “**Zaytuna (Olive Tree) Silver Award for Excellence in Democratic Action**”. This unique initiative constitutes a moral recognition of the role assumed by Arab personalities and institutions in the dissemination of democracy, while enduring various forms of pressure and dangers, and offering precious sacrifices. This act of honoring is indeed a token of recognition for those who are serving their people’s causes, and a contribution to highlighting models of commitment to the cause of democracy vis-à-vis public opinion, and countering the state of neglect or discrediting to which they are exposed as part of plans established by Arab authoritarian institutions.

His Royal Highness **Prince Al-Hassan Bin Talal**, President of the Board of Trustees of Al-Kawakibi Democracy Transition Center, awarded the Prize to a number of personalities and institutions. Of these, particular mention can be made of **Dr. Saad-Eddin Ibrahim** (Egypt), President of Ibn Khaldun Center for Development Studies, **Dr. Taieb Baccouche** (Tunisia), President of the Arab Institute for Human Rights, **Mrs. Amina Bouayach** (Morocco), President of the Moroccan Organization for Human Rights, **Mr. Ali Djerri** (Algeria), Chairman of the Board of *Al-Khabar* newspaper, **Mr. Ezz-Eddin Asbahi** (Yemen), General Director of Taiz-based Human Rights Information and Training Center, **Mr. Hasan Abu Nimah** (Jordan), director of the Royal Institute for Inter-Faith Studies, and **Mrs. Emma Bonino** (Italy), prominent human rights activist and Minister in the current Italian Government, and whose prize was received by **Niccolo Figà-Talamanca**, director of No Peace Without Justice.



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