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Al-Babtain receives Mediterranean Foundation Peace Award

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ROME, Oct 22 (KUNA) -- In a special and glittering ceremony, the Mediterranean Foundation conferred its Peace Award of 2015 on the Kuwaiti renowned poet Abdulaziz Saud Al-Babtain in recognition of his efforts to promote the values of co-existence and tolerance.

The award-giving ceremony on Wednesday was attended by the Foundation President Michele Capasso, Kuwaiti Ambassador in Rome Ali Khaled Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, and large number of dignitaries including international intellectual and art figures and several Arab and foreign diplomats.

"This award is recognition for all the supporters of dialogue among populations at a time when we know that the international political situation is very difficult due to conflicts that inflame many regions of the world, and especially the Middle East," Al-Babtain said in a speech on the occasion.

"The responsibility of promoting peace has become a human duty, obligatory for everyone," he added.

For his part, Kuwaiti Ambassador Sheikh Ali held a banquet in honor of Al-Babtain and his guests following the ceremony.

The Mediterranean Awards (with various categories), was launched by the Fondazione Mediterraneo in 1996, and are granted every year to eminent personalities from the worlds of arts and culture, politics and science and social disciplines, whose actions have contributed to reducing tensions, breaking down cultural barriers and developing shared values in the Greater Mediterranean.

This Award is considered one of the most prestigious acknowledgements in the world. Among those who received it were the UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon and the US President Barack Obama, Turkish President Recep Tayyp Erdogan, late Jordanian King Al-Hussein bin Talal. (end) mn.ibi

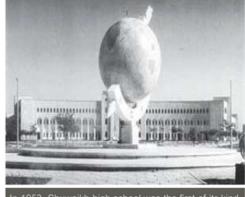




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