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AFP WINS THE BAYEUX-CALVADOS PHOTO AWARD FOR WAR CORRESPONDENTS

AFP PHOTOJOURNALIST MOHAMMED AL-SHAIKH RECEIVES FIRST PRIZE FROM THE JURY OF THE 21ST BAYEUX-CALVADOS AWARDS. BULENT KILIC AWARDED THIRD.



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Mohammed Al-Shaikh won first prize in the photo category for [coverage of violent demonstrations in Bahrain](#) which began in 2011.

Mohammed Al-Shaikh, 40, was born in Manama. He graduated as an engineer but his passion for photography led him to become a freelancer in 1999 contributing fashion, culture and profile images to local publications. He joined AFP in 2011 and has won several prizes for coverage of the unrest in Bahrain, including the top prizes at the 18^e Gran Tour delle Colline in Italy and the Finland International Photography Circuit.

'This prestigious award recognizes the long term work of a photographer who, with great talent and professionalism, continues to be the witness of events which have shaken the Arab world since 2011,' said AFP chairman Emmanuel Hoog



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Turkish photographer Bulent Kilic, 35, who received third prize for [coverage of clashes between security forces and protesters in Kiev's central Maidan Square](#), began his career working for the local press and became a photo journalist in 2003, joining AFP two years later as a freelance. Kilic is currently chief photographer for Turkey and has carried out several missions abroad including Ukraine, and in the border zone between Iraq and Turkey.

Created in 1994 by the city of Bayeux, the Bayeux-Calvados Awards for War Correspondents reward journalists reporting on conflicts and their consequences for civilian populations, or news stories covering the defence of freedom and democracy.

A total of 248 reports were entered for this year's competition across different categories: radio, photo, written press, television, grand format television, young reporter and web journalism. The jury was chaired by US journalist Jon Randal, a specialist in the Middle East.

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