

# BLACK IRIS



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## AND THE WINNER IS....

JORDAN CELEBRATED ITS SPORTING HEROES OF 2006 IN CELEBRITY STYLE WHEN THE BLACK IRIS SPORTS MEDIA AWARDS WERE HELD IN FRONT OF ROYALTY, VIPs AND THE REGION'S MEDIA.

SPONSORED BY FASTLINK AND ORGANISED BY THE JORDAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE (JOC) UNDER THE ROYAL PATRONAGE OF ITS PRESIDENT HRH PRINCE FEISAL AL HUSSEIN, A TOTAL OF SIX BLACK IRIS AWARDS - THE MOST SOUGHT AFTER HONOUR FOR THE KINGDOM'S SPORTING SUPERSTARS - WERE PRESENTED. THE EVENT WAS ALSO ATTENDED BY HRH PRINCE RA'AD, PRESIDENT OF THE JORDAN PARALYMPIC FEDERATION AND HRH PRINCE ALI, PRESIDENT OF THE JORDAN FOOTBALL FEDERATION (PICTURED TOP RIGHT).

VOTED FOR BY MORE THAN 140 MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL SPORTING MEDIA, THE SHORTLISTS SAW FOOTBALLERS DOMINATE, BUT THE TWO BIG INDIVIDUAL AWARDS GOING TO

MEMBERS OF THE SUCCESSFUL JORDAN TEAM THAT COMPETED IN THE 2006 DOHA ASIAN GAMES.

TAEKWONDO STAR MOHAMMED AL BAKHIT MADE HISTORY BY BECOMING THE FIRST JORDANIAN TO WIN GOLD AT THE ASIAN GAMES AND HE RECEIVED MORE THAN 70 PER CENT OF THE MEDIA'S VOTES FOR THE NUMBER ONE SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR.

THE BLACK IRIS SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD WAS WON BY ALA' KUTKUT WHO PICKED UP SILVER IN HER WEIGHT DIVISION IN TAEKWONDO AT DOHA.

THE EVENING'S GUEST LIST WAS A 'WHO'S WHO' OF SPORT WITH SPORTS STARS, VIPs, AND MEDIA RUBBING SHOULDERS WITH MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL FAMILY THAT TURNED OUT IN FORCE TO SUPPORT JORDAN'S SPORTING OSCARS.

THE BLACK IRIS TEAM AWARD WAS WON BY FEISALI FOOTBALL CLUB FOR THE SECOND TIME AFTER 2006 SAW THEM WIN THE ASIAN AFC CUP FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR.

THERE ARE HIGH HOPES FOR JORDAN'S YOUNG FOOTBALLERS WITH THE YOUNG ACHIEVER OF THE YEAR AWARD GOING TO ABDULLAH DIB OF AL WIHDAT CLUB.

ITALY CAPTAIN FABIO CANNAVERO ADDED THE BLACK IRIS OVERSEAS PERSONALITY AWARD TO HIS WORLD FOOTBALLER AND EUROPEAN FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR AWARDS. GUIDO BILANCINI FROM THE ITALIAN EMBASSY PICKED UP THE GONG ON HIS BEHALF.

FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE KINGDOM'S MEDIA RECOGNISED PARALYMPIC SPORTS RESULTING IN TABLE TENNIS STAR KHITAM AWAD BEING VOTED 2006 BLACK IRIS PARALYMPIC ATHLETE AMIDST TOUGH COMPETITION.

THE BLACK IRIS SPORTS MEDIA AWARDS WERE ORGANISED FOR THE FIRST TIME LAST YEAR AS PART OF THE JOC'S STRATEGY FOR HIGHLIGHTING SPORTING EXCELLENCE. THE EVENT WAS BROADCASTED THROUGHOUT JORDAN AND ALSO SCREENED IN 16 COUNTRIES ACROSS THE REGION.

