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**Al Gore, Israeli author Amos Oz win Dan David prizes**

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**JERUSALEM:** Al Gore and the Israeli author Amos Oz are among the recipients of this year's Dan David Prize for outstanding scientific, technological, cultural or social impact on the world.

The prize, which is based at Tel Aviv University, awards \$1 million (€690,000) each in categories representing the three time dimensions: past, present and future.

Gore, a Nobel Prize laureate and former U.S. vice president, won the present prize for "his multiple contributions to creating greater worldwide awareness of the disastrous effects that man's energy consumption has on the environment," read a statement from the Dan David Prize.

Gore told the fund that he would contribute the money toward raising awareness about the solutions to the climate crisis.

Oz won the past category for "portraying historical events while emphasizing the individual, and for his personal exploration of the tragic conflict between two nations." He won together with British playwright Tom Stoppard and Canadian filmmaker Atom Egoyan. They will share the prize money for the category.

Speaking from his home in the town of Arad in Israel's Negev Desert, Oz said he is working on a new collection of stories. He wouldn't say what the book is about. "I'm reluctant to expose my pregnancy to x-rays," Oz said.

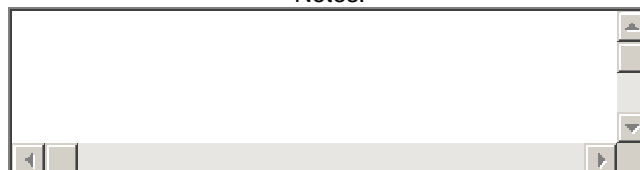
The author also has won the Goethe and Israel prizes for his writing. Oz's well-known novels "My Michael," "A Tale of Love and Darkness" and "How to Cure a Fanatic" have been translated into numerous languages.

The future category went to researchers Ellen Moseley-Thompson and Lonnie G. Thompson at Ohio State University for their studies of geological and environmental records in ice cores and Geoffrey Eglinton of Britain's University of Bristol for findings on inhabitants and climates of ancient worlds through his studies of organic chemical fossils.

International business man and philanthropist Dan David formed the foundation in 2000 with a \$100 million (€69 million) endowment, and a year later the award was first given.

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