

Role models Takreem Awards reward Arabs who maximize their potential



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A number of Arab entrepreneurs, innovators and altruists have been honored this month at the Takreem Awards, an initiative founded by Lebanese TV personality Ricardo Karam. Yemeni human rights activist Amal Basha and Lihadh Al-Gazali, a leading clinical geneticist from Iraq, were among those decorated at the ceremony. Ghassan Tueni, the late Lebanese journalist and parliamentarian was honored posthumously for his astute statesmanship and policy-shaping editorials in An-Nahar newspaper. Founded in 2004, the Takreem Initiative seeks to shed light on "Arabs who maximize their potential," according to Karam. "Takreem creates role models and mentors, at precisely the time when the region needs them most."