Sharjah 24 – WAM: Winners of the 11th Sheikh Zayed Book Award were honoured by Lt. General Sheikh Saif bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Interior, at the grand annual ceremony on the margin of Abu Dhabi international Book Fair, on Sunday.

The award-ceremony was held under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, at Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre, Abu Dhabi.

Sheikh Saif honoured the Moroccan historian and scholar, Abdallah Laroui, for being named the Cultural Personality of the Year for the award’s eleventh session 2016-2017. The title recognises prominent figures for their unique contributions to the advancement of Arabic culture, and for works that portray tolerance and promote peaceful coexistence.