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AFP WINS FIVE NATIONAL PRESS PHOTOGRAPHERS ASSOCIATION (NPPA) AWARDS

OBAMA 'SELFIE' AMONG FIVE PRIZE-WINNING AFP IMAGES IN NPPA'S 2014 "THE BEST OF PHOTOJOURNALISM".



AFP/Claudio Santana

Claudio Santana, a freelance photographer, won first prize in the "International News Single" category for his image distributed by AFP showing riot police shielding themselves during a student demonstration for educational reforms in Santiago, Chile.

Bulent Kilic, an AFP photographer based in Istanbul, won third place in the "International News Picture Story" category for his series on the Taksim protests calling for the resignation of Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

Roberto Schmidt, AFP's chief photographer in New Delhi, received an honourable mention in the "Feature" category for his image that went viral of Barack Obama, David Cameron and Helle Thorning Schmidt posing for a 'selfie' at the Soweto memorial ceremony in honour of Nelson Mandela.

Daniel Sannum, who works with AFP in Norway, received two honourable mentions. The first in "Sport Action" for his shot of skier Ander Bardal training at the Ski Jumping World Cup. The second in "Sport Feature" for the image of exultant Russian skiers Alexander Legkov and Ilya Chernousov at the finish line of the cross-country event in the Ski World Cup.

Francisco Leong, an AFP photographer in Lisbon, also won an honourable mention in the "Sport Action" category for his photo of midfielders Lucho Gonzalez (FC Porto) and Gabi (Atlético Madrid) during a Champions League game.



AFP/Bulent Kilic



AFP/Roberto Schmidt



AFP/Daniel Sannum



AFP/Francisco Leong

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