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AFP RECEIVES THE CAPA GOLD MEDAL AND FOUR AWARDS FROM THE NORTH AMERICAN PRESS PHOTOGRAPHER'S ASSOCIATION

THE ROBERT CAPA GOLD MEDAL AWARD GOES TO FABIO BUCCIARELLI AND THE "NATIONAL PRESS PHOTOGRAPHERS ASSOCIATION" (NPPA) HONORS FOUR AFP PHOTOGRAPHER-REPORTERS IN ITS ANNUAL "THE BEST OF PHOTOJOURNALISM" COMPETITION.



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The Robert Capa Award was given to [Fabio Bucciarelli](#) for a portfolio of 12 photographs shot in Syria. The 32 year-old Italian photographer was recognized for his reporting on the Syrian rebels in Aleppo. With an engineering degree specializing in digital imagery, Fabio Bucciarelli began his career in photojournalism in 2009. Since then he has covered a number of major conflicts like Sudan and Syria in 2012 and Mali in 2013, with a focus on human rights.

The Oversea Press Club of America (OPC) has handed out the Robert Capa Gold Medal Award since 1955 for "the best investigative photographic report having required exceptional courage and logistics". Some images from Bucciarelli's series already won World Press Photo awards.

"There is a consistency to the images that helps the viewer identify with the subjects and the perils they are encountering," read the award citation.

As part of the "The best of photojournalism" competition organized by the North American Press Photographers Association, British photographer [Adrian Dennis](#) took first place in the "Olympics Feature" category for his photo of Thai horsewoman Nina LamsanLigon during the cross country competition at the Olympic Games in London.

[Roberto Schmidt](#), of Columbian and German nationalities, took second place in the "Contemporary Issues" category for his shot of a Pakistani laborer using a wire to try to peel away a slab of hull from a ship in one of the 127 local dismantling shipyards that employ some 10,000 people.

Iraqi [Karim Sahib](#) received a reward of excellence in the "Feature" category for his picture of a child playing with a model airplane near the Mazayin Dhafra Camel Festival, a 9-day event featuring a beauty pageant for camels that takes place 150 km west of Abu Dhabi.

Spanish photographer [Cesar Manso](#) received a reward of excellence in the "International News Picture Story" category for a series of photographs of Spanish miners marching through the streets of the northern Spanish town of Langreo on June 18, 2012, as part of a nationwide strike.

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