Under the sponsorship of H.E the Prime Minister, the Ministry of Environment convened the main celebration of the IYB on Monday 24th May,2010. The meeting was attended by the Minister of Environment, Minister of Education and the president of the syndicate of journalist and several stakeholders. IUCN, the Royal Botanical Garden and the Royal Society for Conservation of Nature participated also in the event. Several presentations were made on the progress towards 2010 target and Jordan efforts in this regard.

At the event, awards were distributed to students who won the competition organized by the Ministry of Environment on biodiversity. Awards were also distributed to journalists- winners of the best articles on Zarqa river - one of the most degraded ecosystems in Jordan.

Below are links of the mass media coverage of the event.

MEDIA LINKS:

Al Sabeel:

http://www.assabeel.net/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=7618:-lr------&catid=41:local-sport&Itemid=75

Al Sabeel:

http://www.assabeel.net/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=7615:2010-05-24-19-15-13&catid=41:local-sport&Itemid=75

Al Rai: http://www.alrai.com/pages.php?news id=337302

Al Ghad: http://www.alghad.com/index.php?news=507228

Addustour:

Petra News Agency: http://petra.gov.jo/Artical.aspx?Lng=2&Section=1&Artical=195834

Jordan Times: http://www.jordantimes.com/index.php?news=26860

Al Madeena News: http://almadenahnews.com/newss/news.php?c=117&id=43695

Moheet.com: http://www.moheet.com/show_news.aspx?nid=377079&pg=1

Sahab.jo: http://www.sahabjo.com/vb/t43782.html

Irtiqa2.net: http://www.irtiqa2.net/vb/showthread.php?t=20560

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