

## PRESS RELEASE

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## AFP'S AFRICA COVERAGE SHOWCASED AT VISA POUR L'IMAGE 2018

FROM SEPTEMBER 1 TO 16 THE INTERNATIONAL PHOTO FESTIVAL VISA POUR L'IMAGE WILL PAY TRIBUTE TO AFP PHOTOGRAPHERS IN AFRICA WITH EXHIBITIONS FEATURING THE WORK OF JOHN WESSELS IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO, LUIS TATO'S COVERAGE OF THE KENYAN ELECTIONS AND AN EVENING SCREENING OF MOHAMED ABDIWAHAB'S COVERAGE OF SOMALIA. ALSO FEATURED WILL BE BRENDAN SMIALOWSKI'S COVERAGE OF THE WHITE HOUSE, AND THERE WILL BE A TRIBUTE TO SHAH MARAI WHO WAS KILLED IN AN ATTACK IN KABUL LAST APRIL.



John Wessels's exhibition at the Hôtel Pams, <u>'Trapped in DRC'</u>, presents his coverage of the Democratic Republic of Congo, which for decades has been plagued by political crises and conflict.

Luis Tato's exhibition <u>'2017 Kenya Election'</u>, held at the church of the Dominicans, focuses on the events surrounding last year's presidential vote. Tato won the City of Perpignan's Rémi Ochlik 2018 award for this coverage, which he will receive on September 7.

A <u>screening</u> at Campo Santo on September 7 will pay tribute to <u>Shah Marai</u>. AFP's chief photographer in Kabul was killed on April 30 when a suicide bomber blew himself up in the middle of a group of journalists who had gathered at the scene of an earlier blast. Shah Marai was one of nine journalists killed in the attack.

Mohamed Abdiwahab's coverage of Somalia since 2015 will be screened on September 6 and Brendan Smialowski's images of the White House on September 8.

AFP is again a partner of the <u>Live Magazine</u> forum. Olivier Morin, the Agency's head of photo for France, will take to the stage to explain their work on September 8 at the Charles Trenet Auditorium.

During this event, photographers, journalists and artists will use words, images and music to recount what is happening in the world.

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