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A prominent, independent Syrian intellectual, **Muhammad Kamil al-Khatib** is perhaps best known for his intellectual and critical works. He is also the author of three acclaimed novels and many short stories.

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