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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



The month of July has been very busy and hectic, because of holy month of Ramadan, Gaza relief, IDPs medical relief in KPK province of Pakistan and preparations for the 31<sup>st</sup> FIMA council meeting and FIMA-IMANA scientific meeting in Arusha-Tanzania.

The month of Ramadan is a month in which the Mercy and Blessings of Allah SWT descend upon us continuously. The whole Qur'an was sent down to the first sky from Lawhe Mahfooz. There is the night of Qadr, which is better than 1000 months. The thawaab of good deed is equal to the fardh of another month. The first ten days are of

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## FIMA PRESIDENT ATTENDS OIC - SESRIC WORKSHOP IN ANKARA, TURKEY

President FIMA Dr. Tanveer Zubairi attended a workshop on the "Role of NGOs in the Implementation of OIC Strategic Health Program of Action 2014-2023 (OIC-SHPA)" held at SESRIC HQ in Ankara, Republic of Turkey, on 7-8 April 2014.

The representative from around 20 Muslim NGO's gathered in Ankara had a detailed brain storming session and an elaborate discussion on assessing the present status of healthcare facilities in the OIC countries and to frame a strategy to help in formulating and achieving targets for OIC-SHPA strategic health program of action 2014-2023.

The meeting also requested SESRIC to represent, publicize and raise awareness about the Alliance in both OIC and international level, and establish close communication channels and networking among the members of the Alliance,

The meeting reaffirmed commitment and support to the efforts made by OIC institutions, including OIC General Secretariat, SESRIC and IDB, and other international organizations such as the WHO, UNICEF and UNFPA working together with the civil society assisting the OIC member countries to promote and intensify research and development efforts for



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product development and health systems research that can greatly enhance public health services. The meeting in communiqué also called on the Alliance to support and follow up with IDB's programme on "Alliance to Fight Obstetric Fistula" and "Seeing the Light" as part of poverty alleviation programme and to support programmes on maternal and child health and nutrition;

The meeting called upon the relevant NGOs and institutions to support the development of tobacco, alcohol, technology addiction and substance abuse control programs in OIC countries to protect society and particularly youth from the devastating health, social and economic consequences of tobacco, alcohol, technology and drug use.

The meeting also called upon the relevant NGOs and Institutions to work with the OIC countries in collaboration with WHO on strengthening national disease prevention, surveillance, control, preparedness and response as part of health security and commitment of countries to implement the International Health Regulation (IHR 2005) including addressing emerging diseases and building core capacities. The meeting also strongly affirmed that polio eradication is an urgent priority for all OIC community, and fully committed to mobilize political, religious and financial support that is needed to achieve this historic goal.

A working group comprising of participants of the Workshop in coordination with SESRIC to develop: a) Terms of Reference

(ToR) for the OIC Ibn Sina Health Alliance for NGOs to be adopted through circulation by the end of May 2014; and b) vision and five years plan of action for the period of 2015-2020 to be adopted through circulation by the end of July 2014.



# FIMA AND ITS PARTNERS DISPATCH MEDICAL AID & SUPPLIES TO GAZA VICTIMS AMIDST CRISES

The incessant and indiscriminate attacks on the Gaza strip has caused at least 1500 (~40% women and children) deaths and more than 7500 (~65% women and children) injured in relentless Israeli attacks on the blockaded seaside enclave. The MOH facilities have not been spared of the savage assaults. Two hospitals, six clinics, three ambulances and a water desalination centre have been damaged and the toll is increasing. The MOH has less than six days of fuel reserves to power hospitals, as attacks on the electricity lines have exacerbated the pre-existing power shortages and resulted in complete reliance on generators for 20 hours a day.

Even prior to the invasion, at the end of June, the Ministry of Health (MOH) central drug stores reported that 28% of essential medicine items were at zero stock and half of surgical consumables were at zero stock.

All MOH hospitals stopped elective surgeries three weeks ago to save resources and are

struggling to cope with the deluge of emergencies. Chief Surgeon and Medical Director of Shifa Hospital, Dr Sobhi Skaik described the situation as impossible!

FIMA President Dr Tanveer Zubairi requested Dr. Musa Nordin, the past FIMA President and Chair of FIMA advisory council to take charge of FIMA Gaza Medical and humanitarian

Relief project in liaison with Dr Ashraf Jedaar, Director of FIMA Relief. The immediate priority of our FIMA humanitarian efforts has been the resuscitation of the beleaguered health system made worse by the current invasion. Our estimates of the emergency list of medical & surgical supplies as requested by the Ministry of Health (MOH) of Gaza costs at least USD10 million. And this has not even begun to take into consideration the shortfalls and deficiencies inflicted by the chronic siege and blockade of Gaza.

Our joint endeavour has been to provide basic and essential supplies for health care and help restore basic health services to the hospitals and clinics of the MOH of Gaza.

FIMA has successfully purchased and stored most of these essential goods in Cairo, with the assistance of our partners in Egypt, Arab Medical Union (AMU), Islamic Medical Association of Egypt (IMAE) and PIMA (Palestinian



"An AK Party MP is addressing Turkish Parliament accusing Israel a terrorist state!"



Ramadan food basket program by VPM.



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Medicine & supplies dispatched inside Gaza



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A stall & exhibition arranged by Viva Palestina launching fund raising campaign for Gaza Medical and humanitarian relief.



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International Medical Aid).

The hospitals and healthcare facilities have been intentionally targeted during the last week. In Shuhada Al Aqsa Hospital, Central Gaza, 4 persons were killed and 20 injured. Wafa Hospital in East Gaza and Hospital in Beit Hanun, North Gaza were also attacked. 23 health facilities in Gaza have sustained damage. This is against all norms of accepted international warfare ethics.

MOH Gaza requires USD 3.2 million monthly to secure the needed drugs and disposables. They require immediately 8 anesthesia machines, 10 ventilators, 5 electrosurgical units, 20 vital sign monitors, ECG machines, 5 defibrillators. There is also a need for fuel as to run the hospitals basic operations. Al Shifa hospital urgently needs neurosurgeons, anesthesiologists, plastic and general surgeons, and orthopedic specialists, as well as 20 ICU beds, a digital C-ARM machine for orthopedic surgeries, three operation tables and a lighting system for the five operation rooms.

The FIMA convoy comprising of

16 trucks moved yesterday to Gaza to deliver USD 500K of medicines & surgical equipments and disposables. This is the second consignment after the first 7 trucks moved in on the fifth day of the invasion on 13 July 2014. Mercy Malaysia has procured USD30K medical supplies and USD100K medicines from AMU (Arab Medical union). Aqsa Syarif Malaysia has procured USD60K medical & surgical supplies and donated USD120K for the purchase of 4 ambulances. Viva Palestine Malaysia has sent

USD50K for medical supplies and USD90K for three ambulances.

Doctors World Wide Turkey (DWW) is planning to purchase a total of USD500K worth of medical, surgical supplies and ambulances. South Africa has raised 1 million Rands for medical relief. 5 WHO Health kits weighing 5,000 kgs airlifted by Islamic Medical Association North America (IMANA is presently at Cairo Airport due to be transported to Gaza via Rafah. And with other contributions from Islamic Medical Associations (IMA) and charity organization in Egypt, Jordan and Pakistan a total of 20 ambulances will be bought for the MOH Gaza.

All FIMA doctors are now stationed in Cairo. Egypt has tightened check point controls all the way leading to Rafah. No foreign personnel is allowed to travel pass Ismailia and those who manage to get through up to el-Arish have been escorted back to Cairo by the military.

Our FIMA representatives in Cairo are still in negotiations with the Egyptian authorities. We have been given verbal consent to enter Gaza



Solidarity with the people of Gaza, a rally organized by DWW and IHH Turkey opposite Israel embassy in Istanbul



Al Shifa hospital immediately after bombing



Doctors in Cairo, waiting for entry into Gaza for extending medical help.



Ramadan food baskets distributed by viva Palestina Malaysia.



"... a rally organized by NGOs in Turkey opposite Israel Embassy in Istanbul."



Salat ul Maghrib after breaking fast in a Gaza hospital



Protest rally in Cape Town, IMASA was one of the hosts.

but are still awaiting written permission from the Egyptian authorities.

Thus far, 16 days of the invasion, only 5 European doctors have been allowed into Gaza to relief the fatigued and overworked doctors in the MOH Gaza. Let us pray that we are allowed into Gaza to ease the strain on the Gazan doctors.

We further appeal to all our generous individual and corporate donors to help rehabilitate the struggling medical facilities in Gaza.

All forms of generous contributions are acceptable including Zakat & Sadaqah. Kindly find our banking details, for your banking convenience as

attached below. Kindly email your corporate logo to [relief@amueg.org](mailto:relief@amueg.org) for our display banners on the trucks.

May Allah reward you all abundantly for your prayers and contributions during this blessed month of Ramadhan.

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Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan, First Lady and Dr Ihsan Karaman Vice President FIMA at an Aftar meeting arranged by Turkish Green Crescent.



Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan addressing an Aftar meeting arranged by Turkish Green Crescent.



A young child in ICU ward which has been demolished by the Israeli forces.



Arab Medical Union consignment of life saving medicine waiting at the Raffah border.



PIMA Karachi arranged a protest rally in solidarity with the doctors who were waiting in Egypt to enter Gaza for medical help.



PIMA Peshawar arranged a protest rally in solidarity with the doctors who were waiting in Egypt to enter Gaza for medical help.



Arab Medical Union convoy carrying the medicine (first five trucks)



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Doctor's World Wide (Turkey) dispatch emergency medicine and disposables to Gaza.



A young boy operated upon in the Al Shifa Hsopital.



Former Malaysian Prime Minister Dr Mahatir Muhammad purchasing the donation tickets.

# POB Trust Excellence Award

POB Trust presented Excellence Awards to its prestigious Doctors.

Awardees are:

1. Dr. Intzar Hussain
2. Dr. Muhammad Zahid Latif
3. Dr. Kunwar Usman Saeed
4. Dr. Hafeez ur Rehman
5. Dr. Misbah ul Aziz
6. Dr. Muhammad Azhar Qazi
7. Dr. Ghulam Hussain Asif
8. Dr. Shayan Shadmani
9. Dr. Riaz Ahmed
10. Dr. Lal Muhammad
11. Dr. Iftikhar Ahmed
12. Dr. Imran Gayoor



## PALESTINIAN EX - HEALTH MINISTER DR. MOFEED EI-MOKHALALATI PASSES AWAY

Al Marhum Prof Mofeed El-Mokhalalati past dean of medicine Islamic University Gaza (IUG) and past minister of health Gaza passed away on 25 Sha'ban 1435 / 23 June 2014. A surgeon par excellence, Fellow Royal College of Surgeons Ireland, he had Irish PR but chose to build the medical services and initiate the medical faculty of Gaza.

On many occasions he was asked by the Prime Minister, Dr Ismail Haniyeh to be Gaza's minister of health but he politely refused saying he must first graduate his medical students. Once his first few cohorts of medical students graduated he had no choice but to accept the appointment.

IMA Malaysia & FIMA invited him to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in 2012 for the international IMAM/FIMA conference in Istana Hotel. During this visit we arranged for him and his Ministry of Health entourage to meet our deputy minister of health, National Heart Institute and National University Malaysia & Cyberjaya University College of Medical Sciences where he had his students doing post-graduate studies.

The legacy that he has left behind is simply awesome and testimony to his noble deeds that he has devoted to Islam. May he be in the company of the syuhada in the highest of His paradise.

Of these men Allah says in Surah 33. Al-Ahzab, Ayah 23: Among the believers there are men who have been true to their covenant with



Allah: of them some have completed their vow through sacrificing their lives, and some others are waiting for it, and have not changed their

determination in the least.

Nanos gigantum humeris insidentes.

We, his students are but "dwarfs standing on the shoulders of giants".

And as Syakh Prof Malik Badri has often described these exemplary Ikhwan: "They walked on earth and served the ummah like His angels"

[To the righteous it will be said], "O reassured soul,

Return to your Lord, well-pleased and pleasing [to Him],  
And enter among My [righteous] servants  
And enter My Paradise."

Al Fajr. 89:27-30

Our sincere condolences to his family and friends and may He bestow them patience and perseverance in their hour of need.



## 31ST FIMA COUNCIL MEETING, FIMA-IMANA SMV SCIENTIFIC CONVENTION- 2014 ARUSHA-TANZANIA



Tanzania is one of the choicest destination for tourists from all over the world, who are keen to get closer to the natural beauty of jungles, wildlife and game reserves. It is home to Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain, and is one of Africa's most popular safari destinations. The country also has dozens of beautiful white sandy beaches and many other attractions.

FIMA and IMANA is holding a joint meeting in Arusha-Tanzania this year in collaboration with our local host IMA; Sunshine Muslim Volunteers. Get ready for a very exciting and adventurous tour this summer.

Please mark the dates and rush for registration:

Arrival in Arusha on 06/08/2014

FIMA Pre-council Exco meeting: 06/08 at 19:30 (7:30pm)

FIMA Council meeting: 07/08 at 09:00-18:00

08/08 at 09:00-12:00

FIMA/IMANA Scientific Convention: 09-10/08 at Mt. Meru Hotel

Sight-seeing Safaris: 9-11/08 and during council meeting (spouses)

Depart Arusha: 11 or 12/08/2014

Venue for FIMA Council meeting :The East African All Suites Hotel ([www.hotels.com](http://www.hotels.com) or [www.eastafricanhotel.com](http://www.eastafricanhotel.com)) . Bookings can be made directly with the hotel: Contact person: Brian Mshana: email:

[bdc4@eastafricanhotel.com](mailto:bdc4@eastafricanhotel.com), mobile number: + 255 782 365337 or +255 717 487696. Fax: +255 272050074) Please quote "FIMA" as reference when making reservations (cc the same mail of booking to Dr. Juma Mwembie ( [drmwimbe@gmail.com](mailto:drmwimbe@gmail.com) ). The following affordable rates apply (bed/breakfast):

Single room \$100/room

Double room \$120/room

Family rooms (4 beds) are available on request

Safari fee: \$ 160 per head

1. I would Appreciate all delegates who will book directly to the Hotel for accommodation to please send a copy to Us







so that we can be aware and for possible arrangement of transportation from the airport.

2. The transportation from the airport will be available but the Cost indicated is for a trip. so because most delegates will arrive separately I have put it a single entity for each delegate. If happen that you arrive together the cost will be divided to all of you.



The FIMA/IMANA Scientific Convention will be hosted at the Mt. Meru Hotel, 3.5km from East African All Suites (a shuttle is available between the 2 hotels).



**Please Note:** Accommodation at East Africa All Suites Hotel and airport transfers and tours are for the delegate's own account and bookings should be made directly with the respective hotels. Dr Mwimbe Juma and his team of dedicated volunteers are available to assist with any difficulties.



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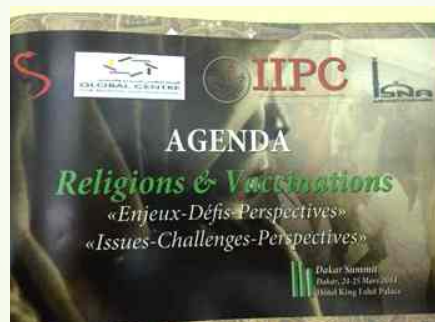


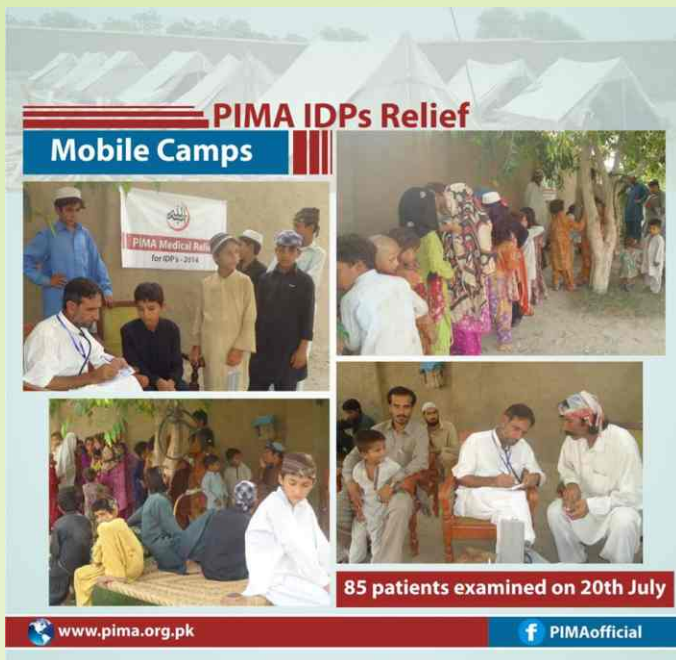
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## PRESIDENT IMANA ATTENDS SUMMIT ON VACCINATION & RELIGION: DAKAR CONFERENCE, SENEGAL

On March 24th and 25th, 2014, the International Interfaith Peace Corps (IIPC) in partnership with the Government of the Republic of Senegal co-hosted an international summit entitled Vaccinations and Religion: Issues, Challenges, and Prospects. The summit brought together more than 80 African Muslim government officials, medical professionals, and religious leaders AND Muslim professionals from all over the world to identify the challenges associated with vaccination in resistant and hard-to-reach communities in Africa in order to issue a declaration in support of disease prevention and help raise awareness within Muslim-majority communities about the necessity and importance of vaccination. Ultimately, the goal was to identify strategies to increase vaccine acceptance in their domestic constituencies. IMANA President Dr. Ismail Mehr was invited to attend this summit. Melinda and Bill Gates Foundation, is one of the major stake holders and funding agency. IMANA was invited to be part of this global initiative. The conference was endorsed by WHO, UNICEF, IIPC, the Global Center for Renewal and Guidance, the Islamic Society of North America, and the Government of the Senegal. Spearheaded by religious leaders and likeminded organizations, a strategy was developed to implement the declaration.





## REMAINING MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT

mercy, second ten days are of forgiveness and the last ten days are of being freed from Hell. The month of Ramadan is one of the greatest blessings of Allah (SWT) upon the Ummah of his beloved Prophet (SAW). This indeed is a great opportunity for all of us to get closer to our creator, Alhamdulillah Allah SWT gave us this opportunity to seek HIS forgiveness and benevolence during this holy month.

Unfortunately the Muslims in Gaza had to face the worst brutality and genocide during the last two weeks of Ramadan. The death toll has risen to more than 1500, a large number of them are women, children and elderly. FIMA relief immediately came forward to offer its emergency medical services to the innocent and helpless civilians in Gaza and a committee was formed headed by Dr Musa Nordin, ex President

FIMA to take measures to organize and mediate provision of medical supplies and disposables to the war torn healthcare system in Gaza. More than 20 doctors from Egypt, Jordan, Malaysia and USA volunteered to work in the emergent situation and were ready to reach Gaza, but they were denied entry and access to treat the patients. The MOH in Gaza has been fatigued due to exhaustion of available manpower and scarcity of medical supplies and electricity failure. FIMA has appealed to all its affiliates to start fund raising campaigns in their countries and prepare a database of medical doctors who can volunteer their services during this critical juncture and time of need. So far 17 truck load of medicine and medical supplies has been shifted to the Gaza hospitals and stores. A convoy of 20 ambulances is in the process of commissioning. This project will

also be funded by the partners of FIMA and IMAs. The details of IDPs medical relief in KPK-Pakistan by PIMA and IMANA will be provided in the next issue of e-newsletter.

The 31<sup>st</sup> FIMA council Meeting in Arusha is approaching closer. Our local hosts headed by Dr. Juma Mwimbe and supervised by Dr Ashraf Jedaar are trying their level best to finalize the arrangements for FIMA Council meeting and the scientific meeting of FIMA-IMANA to be held subsequently. A few last moment delegates have applied for registration, we will try to accommodate the maximum possible number of delegates to attend the scientific meeting and to make this activity memorable and successful. I welcome all the delegates coming over to Tanzania and wish them a comfortable stay. See you in Arusha...Inshallah

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