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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



A few years back the world was ready to witness and bid a farewell to the deadly disease of Poliomyelitis, which took lives and made crippled millions of children since time immemorial. Unfortunately this dream has not yet come true, owing to the fact that only three Member States of the Organization of the Islamic Conference remain endemic to the disease. In all these three countries, national polio emergency action plans have been launched under the auspices of the offices of the heads of state, to rapidly interrupt the remaining chains of wild poliovirus transmission.

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FIMA SAVE-VISION LAUNCH M.Sc (OPHTHALMOLOGY) COURSE IN SOMALILAND

To honor its commitment for capacity building and training of manpower in underdeveloped African countries, FIMA save Vision in collaboration with World Health Organization (WHO), Manhal Charitable Organization & University of Hargeisa, Somaliland has started its first M.Sc (Ophthalmology) diploma course.

This is the first ever Postgraduate

diploma in any discipline in the history of Somaliland. The collaboration is amongst FIMA Save Vision, Hargeisa University, WHO, Manhal Charitable organization and Peshawar Medical College. Duration of the course is for two years and consists of 4 semesters and 12 modules.

Three doctors from Somaliland and three from Mogadishu have been admitted in the first batch. Dr



Prof. Hafeez ur Rehman, Prof. Intzar Butt & Prof. Aslam Bhatti with the Students of M.Sc 1st batch

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Mahmoud Shine is director of Manhal Charitable Hospital and renowned ophthalmologist of Somaliland and Somalia. He has kindly consented to declare newly constructed block of Ophthalmology as FIMA Eye Centre which is fully equipped with latest ophthalmic instruments including the recently purchased items like Argon/YAG Laser and B-Scan.

The inaugural ceremony was held at Hargeisa University and was attended by the representatives of all collaborating organizations. FIMA was represented by Prof. Dr. Hafeez ur Rehman and Dr. Intzar Hussain. Dr. Hafeez ur Rehman spoke on behalf of FIMA at this occasion. The ceremony was presided over by the President of Hargeisa University and minister of planning of



Course organizers & the M.Sc diploma students

University and they appreciated the starting and developing of this diploma course including curriculum and assessment material designing done by Dr. Ayesha Abdullah under the supervision of Prof Hafeez ur Rehman at Peshawar Medical College.

interest in joining CIMCO while Dr. Shine was keen to collaborate with IHC and asked about the process to establish the IMA of Somaliland.



Somaliland was the chief guest. Later FIMA Save Vision delegation had a meeting with president, dean of faculty of medicine and controller of examinations of Hargeisa

The first two modules were taught by Prof Hafeez ur Rehman and Dr. Intzar Hussain and at the end of session assessment of first module was conducted. Director FIMA Save Vision also has a one day visit to Mogadishu where he had meeting with President of Binadar University, Dr. Abdul Razaq Dalmer and visited Alnoor Eye Hospital. Dr. Dalmer showed

Dr. Aslam Bhatti is the master trainer, he is a senior faculty member from Pakistan with extensive experience and rich knowledge of the specialty. A rotation of Professors from Pakistan has started as a part of curriculum.

FIMA President Dr. Tanveer Zubairi has expressed his satisfaction on the progress made so far. It is hoped that FIMA and WHO will collaborate with each other in other disciplines in future.



Orientation course-Day 1 in the eye department of University of Hargeisa



Inauguration of the M.Sc course



Dr. Intzar Butt at Aden Adde International Air Port - Mogadishu

NIGERIA FREE EYE CAMPS

With the slogan of *Serving the Humanity without discrimination* and *Sight for all*, the global initiative of FIMA Save Vision extended its services to the needy communities of Nigeria during the month of December 2013. In a series of two free eye camps more than **10,000** patients were examined in OPD whereas **1247** were operated for cataract with Intraocular Lens Implantations. FIMA Save Vision is proud to present the brief report of these camps.

1- Free Eye Camp Gombe

Gombe is the state situated at a distance of 500 kilometers from Kano City, the capital of Kano state. The state has an area of 20,265 km² and a population of around 2,353,000 people as of 2006. This Camp was jointly organized by FIMA Save Vision, I- Care Abuja and IIRO Jeddah. All the local arrangements were

made by the I-Care where as IIRO Jeddah was the main sponsor of this camp. Highly qualified and trained Human Resources were provided by FIMA Save Vision. During the activity of 6 days at Gombe Specialist teaching hospital, **774** patients were operated for cataract extraction with Intra ocular lens implantation.

The chair person of I-Care & wife of the Vice President of Federal Republic of Nigeria Hajiya Amina Sambo graced the occasion with her presence and appreciated the services for the needy communities. She announced to extend her full support in future camps as well.

Representative of IIRO was also present throughout the Gombe Camp. The National secretary General of IMAN also visited with the executive committee of local

branch of IMAN and had meeting with the Director FIMA Save Vision for future collaboration with FIMA Save Vision activities in Nigeria.

2- Kaduna Free Eye Camp

The second camp was arranged at Yousaf teaching hospital Kaduna. Khalifa Foundation was the local partner in this camp. The chairperson of Khalifa Foundation Haja Marayan worked very hard for the successful and smooth working. A total **473** patients were operated from 20th to 24th December 2013. IMAN national president Dr. Ibrahim Sule visited this Kaduna Camp.

This was the first time that IMAN participated in the free eye camps organized by the FIMA Save Vision in Nigeria and the leadership of IMAN is very much enthusiastic to actively participate in future camps.



Patients waiting outside



Patients waiting outside



Guest in opening ceremony of camp



Gombe Nigeria Free Eye Camp



Dr Usman & Dr Riaz Ahmed with Hajiya Amina Namadi Sambo (wife of Vice President)



Gombe Nigeria Free Eye Camp



Gombe Nigeria Free Eye Camp



Patients after treatment



Hajia Amina Namadi Sambo in opening of Camp



Patients after treatment



IIRO Representative in the camp



Patients waiting outside the hospital

Before departure a meeting was organized to evaluate the recent camps and for future activities of FIMA Save Vision in Nigeria. The meeting was attended by the FSV leadership in Nigeria, Eng Ibrahim maimaje, Yousaf Umer Chadi, Dr. Imam and Director FSV Dr. Intzar Hussain, The Camps was declared successful with some minor deficiencies which were pointed out to improve the future quality of the camps. The involvement of local ophthalmologists in the

camps was also appreciated. The dates of the next camps in Bauchi & Kaduna states were also fixed. These camps will be conducted between 15 to 24 January 2014 and 1000 surgeries will be performed in these camps. May Allah accept these humble efforts by team members of FIMA Save Vision, forgive our mistakes. May Allah Shower His countless blessing on all the individuals / organizations/ sponsors and workers.

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Hajia Amina Namadi Sambo (I Care women & Youth development Chairman & Wife of VP)



Dr. Yousaf Umer Chadi



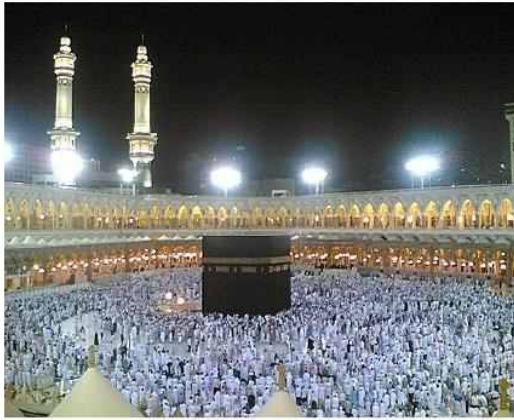
Director FIMA Save Vision with IMA Nigeria Fellows



Dr. Hamid Peshawri, Dr Yousaf Umer Chadi with other fellow doctors of IMA Nigeria



Final Announcement



9th FIMA / WAMY Umrah Program for MEDICAL STUDENTS Saturday 22 to Thursday 27 March 2014 (21 to 27 Jumada I 1435 H) Including Visit Program to Al Madinah

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BRITISH MEDICAL RELIEF WORKER, DR. ABBASS KHAN TORTURED, STARVED AND LATER KILLED IN A SYRIAN PRISON BY ASSAD'S REGIME. FIMA AND BIMA SEND CONDOLENCES TO THE BEREAVED FAMILY

Dr Abbas Khan, from South London, vanished on a mercy mission to Syria. He volunteered a year ago for a humanitarian mission to Syria. The information revealed that he was tortured in a notorious military prison - and was only found after his mother spent months in the war-torn country trying to locate him. Dr Abbas Khan, 31, an orthopaedic surgeon, was systematically beaten by interrogators and held for eight months in darkness in an underground cell. At one point his weight dropped to just under five stone.

Married with two young children six year-old son Abdullah and daughter Rurayya, seven he was arrested on November 22 after crossing the Syrian border without a visa and treating wounded civilians in a field hospital in a rebel-held district of Aleppo.

For months his fate remained unclear, his plight seemingly forgotten, but his mother

succeeded where diplomats and politicians failed, and managed to track him down after travelling to Damascus alone.

Dr Abbas Khan, arrived in Turkey on November 12, 2012 and initially he worked alongside the

refugees crossing the border. Along with two other doctors he decided to cross independently into Syria on November 20. He had brought medical supplies from home. According to his family, Dr Khan spent just 24 hours working



Loss of life: Dr Abbas Khan, 32, pictured with his son Abdullah, had spent more than a year in jail

UK charity Human Aid, he spent the first week treating injured

at a field hospital in Aleppo, helping only women and children,



Namaz e janza, coffin of British doctor Abbas Khan is carried at Regent's Park mosque in London



Fatima Khan, mother of Dr Abbas Khan, is comforted by her son at a service for the British doctor



Large number of people attended the Namaz e Janaza of Dr Khan



The Namaz e Janaza of Abbas Khan took place at Regent's Park Mosque

before being arrested by security forces at a checkpoint on November 22.

Dr Khan is one of many doctors who have been targeted in a deliberate campaign by the Assad's regime to wipe out health services in war torn Syria.

His death was announced on December 17, the day when he was scheduled to be released by the jail authorities. Transfer of dead body from Damascus to London was another challenge and

the Syrian authorities were not cooperative to assist in logistics. At this critical juncture doctors of British Islamic Medical Association lead by Dr. Hammad Lodhi in collaboration with FIMA approached IMA of Lebanon, played a pivotal role in transporting the corpse of the late doctor out of Syria, first to Beirut and then to London, International Red Cross Organization played a significant role in making a safe transit of the dead body, which was unduly retained in Syria.

Earlier in December last, the family revealed a letter in which the doctor expressed his optimism at being released and his hopes of being home in time for Christmas.

There was a very large turnout of Muslims to attend the funeral, including members of the medical profession and besides scores of people from other faiths also gathered to pay a tribute to the late Dr. Khan. He was later taken to Ilford grave yard, East London, to be laid to rest.

BIMA (BRITISH ISLAMIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION) AND FIMA SHOWS ITS CONCERN OVER COLD BLOODED MURDER OF A BRITISH MUSLIM PHYSICIAN IN SYRIA WHILE ON A MEDICAL RELIEF MISSION

Dr. Abbass Khan, 32, a resident in Orthopedic Surgery from London, UK went on a medical relief mission to volunteer his services in conflict hit Syria as a medic. He worked in the refugee camps and extended his expertise to help the destitute. He was arrested by the Assad's regime forces and sent to a prison, he was tortured and kept in solitary confinement for almost one year. His family and a few organizations waged a campaign for his release. His mother went to Syria to rescue her child, but she

was denied access to him for a legal discourse. Later she was communicated that he will be released on 17th December 2013. However on the day of his release she was told he is dead. Dr. Abbass was tortured till death and unfortunately his dead body was not released and handed over to the grieved family.

Arrest and killing of medics during any conflict situation is a heinous crime and a violation of all the norms, international pacts

and treaties. BIMA as a representative of British Muslim Physicians has shown its solidarity with the bereaved family and arrangements are being made for the safe custody, transfer to UK and burial of the dead body of deceased Dr. Khan. FIMA EXCO has shown its grief over the cold blooded murder of Dr. Abbass Khan and has appealed the international community to exercise its influence and intervene in this grave situation.

IMANA AND FIMA RELIEF RESPONDS TO PHILIPPINES HAIYAN TYPHOON VICTIMS BY SENDING MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND MANPOWER



A major part of thickly populated area of central Philippines was severely hit by Typhoon Haiyan. The victims of this natural calamity were reported to be in dire need of shelter, food, drinking water, sanitation, medical supplies and other humanitarian aid. IMANA Medical Relief deployed its Rapid Response Assessment Team with immediate effect. Dr. Mohammad Nadeemullah and Dr Shazia Chaudhry lead the first team of eight doctors and volunteers in collaboration with American Agency International Medical Assistance Team (IMAT). IMR and IMAT previously worked together in Haiti and also in Pakistan during the floods. IMANA Relief airlifted a WHO IEHK kit worth \$ 11, 500 which has enough medications and medical supplies for 10,000 patients for 3 months. The IMANA Relief team was given assistance and logistic support by MERCY Malaysia. IMA Malaysia also worked closely with MERCY Malaysia in provision of essential medical supplies.

In response to appeal made by FIMA & IMANA relief, Al-Khidmat Foundation Pakistan also sent a contribution of USD 12,000 for purchase of another WHO-IHEK kit.



WHO-IHEK Kit transported to Cebu

IMANA Members saying farewell to year 2013 with a CME in Jeddah and

welcoming the new year with an Umrah

IMANA Families Start The New Year With An Umrah. 2013-IMANA-IMC Jeddah Conference was held on 28-30th December 2013 followed by one week Umrah program. The event was attended by a large number of IMANA members.

IMANA CME in Jeddah in collaboration with international Medical Center. The theme of the meeting was "Spirituality and Healing: A Relationship between Faith and Medicine."

After the meeting the IMANA group of 100 people, including spouses and children spent three days in city of the Prophet,

Madinah and later three days in Makkah. After performing Umrah the group returned to

United States and a few took this opportunities to take side trips.



IMANA Jeddah CME and Umrah December-2013





Dr. Wahid Fatihy, CEO IMC Jeddah



Dr. Faiz Khan MD



A talk on spirituality and medicine



Souvenirs presented to the speakers



CME faculty with IMANA President
Dr. Ismail Mehar & Dr. Farooq Khan



Dr. Ayaz Samdani
Former President IMANA



A view of the audience who attended IMANA CME Program

IMANA HOSTS MUSLIM RADIOLOGISTS AT 2013 RSNA

IMANA hosted Muslim Radiologists who attended 2013 RSNA(Radiological Society of North America) meeting on Tuesday, December 3rd 2013 at

Croatian Center, Devon Ave, Chicago. A large number of Radiologists and allied health professionals attended the sumptuous desi halal dinner , it

gave the participants of RSNA an opportunity to meet and interact with each other and discuss matters of mutual interest.



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Important Dates:

Date	Program
Friday 21 February	Deadline date for Registration or when all seats (50 seats) are reserved (Rule of: First comes, first served).
Wed 19 March - Fri 21 March	Arrival/Reception. Umrah performance. Free time in Haram Shareef
Friday 21 March	Last Date of Arrival to Assembly site in Makkah
Sat 22 and Sun 23 March 2014	Makkah program.
Monday 24 March	Travel from Makkah to Madina by bus (500 km) through Hijra Rd
Tuesday 25 and Wed 26 March	Madinah program.
Thursday 27 March	Home Departure.

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FIMA YEAR BOOK 2014

The FIMA Year book 2014 on substance abuse and mental health is in the process of finalization.

The Editorial board request all the IMAs to disseminate information to all the potential scholars and

specialists on the subject to send their articles to the editorial board (fmainfo@islamic-hospital.org)

MEETING OF ISLAMIC ADVISORY GROUP IN JEDDAH - SAUDI ARABIA

An Islamic Advisory Group has been established in coordination with Al Azhar University-Cairo, the International Islamic Fiqh Academy-Saudi Arabia and WHO, Dr Tanveer Zubairi, President FIMA has been selected to be a member of this group.

This group is expected to:

1. Express the solidarity of Muslim scholars in support of

polio eradication and highlight the urgent need to interrupt transmission of polio

2. Assist in mobilizing the communities for immunization activities and reassure the public about the safety of OPV

3. Prepare guidelines for use in field to create awareness about immunization

4. Participate in social mobilization and communication activities for immunization activities

5. Advise regional and country polio eradication programmes to improve immunization

The first meeting of this group will be held from 29-30 January 2014 in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

FIMA SEMI ANNUAL EXCO MEETING IN MAKKAH EL MUKARAMAH

The FIMA semi-annual EXCO meeting is scheduled to be held on 27-28 February 2014 in Makkah el Mukaramah. IMA of kingdom of

Saudi Arabia will be the host of this meeting. Important matters relating to FIMA working, report of EXCO, executive director,

treasurer and projects will be presented and discussed in detail.

DUAL CIRCUMCISION CAMP IN ZIMBABWE

Keeping up with its past tradition of organizing free circumcision camps for Muslim community in Zimbabwe.

With Allah's help and assistance IMA Zimbabwe managed to hold the last circumcision camp for the year 2013.

For the first time IMA managed to hold two camps at the same time in two major cities of Zimbabwe, i.e. Bulawayo and Beitbridge, (about 300 km apart).

IMA Zimbabwe team in Bulawayo led by Dr. Sururu and Dr. Hasan Ashmawy managed 250 cases in

Bulawayo.

At the same time another team under umbrella of IMA Zimbabwe operated cases in Beitbridge and performed some 235 cases.

A total number of 485 cases were circumcised in one day.

REMAINING MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT

We make a note with grave concern the ongoing transmission of wild poliovirus in parts of Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan, and remaining political, cultural, security and societal obstacles preventing all children in these areas to be vaccinated against polio; and in particular, the tragic and deadly attacks against frontline health workers in parts of Pakistan since December 2012; a recent outbreak has again shown itself in 2014 when five polio workers have been killed in the hands of extremists.

In any region or country, polio eradication efforts require the full engagement of political and religious leaders, civil society organizations, medical fraternity, all sectors of society and Government to gain access to and vaccinate every last child.

At this critical juncture we have to recognize the potentially devastating and deadly consequences of not eradicating polio, that may result in large polio outbreaks in polio-free countries of the region, and as many as 200,000 new polio cases annually within the next ten years worldwide.

FIMA is now a part of a strong global commitment to eradicate polio and the extraordinary investments made by national governments, international development agencies, multi-lateral organizations, non-governmental organizations and the private sector, in particular the generous financial commitments by the Islamic Development Bank, the Saudi Fund for Development, the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, the governments of the Republic of Turkey and Brunei-Darussalam.

It is the high time that all Islamic religious and community leaders shall provide a strong message of support for polio eradication activities and the need to ensure all children are fully immunized against polio and all other vaccine-preventable diseases; The mobilization of all levels of civil society to overcome any remaining cultural, societal, political or security obstacle currently preventing all children from being reached and immunized against polio, especially in areas of insecurity;

We have to ensure that all public and civil society leaders assures the safety and sanctity of frontline health workers, to enable frontline health workers to perform their heroic tasks in complete safety and security; and all Member States to help mobilize the necessary financial resources from governments, civil society, foundations, the private sector and multi-lateral institutions, to enable the full implementation of all polio eradication strategies.

FIMA acknowledge and appreciate the tireless efforts of the millions of health workers, staff of the Ministries of Health, and partners of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative and pledge to deliver a world free from polio for all our children. We will strive and play our supportive role in this war against this deadly disease till it is eradicated completely from the face of this earth.

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