



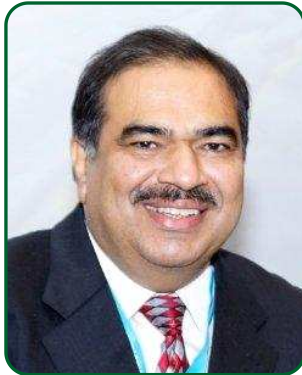
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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



HIV-AIDS is an ever growing and sensitive global health challenge. A seminar on prevention of HIV-AIDS was held in conjunction with 32nd FIMA council meeting held in Makassar, Indonesia last month in collaboration with FIMA HIV-AIDS resource centre based in Uganda and UNAIDS. The participants were told that UNAIDS and other concerned NGOs point to significant successes of the UNAIDS strategy of Fast-tracking the Response to end the AIDS Epidemic by 2030.

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## IMA MALAYSIA HOLDS ITS 17th ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE

IMA Malaysia holds its 17th annual scientific conference in commemoration of 25th IMAM silver jubilee from 30th September 2015-2nd October 2015. Theme of the scientific meeting was "Emergency response and disaster preparedness in Penang Malaysia. Speakers from Malaysia and abroad delivered thought provoking and enlightening talks on the issue and thematic lectures in the light of Quran and Sunnah. Main feature of the convention besides the scientific and business meetings was a side program with Dr. Mads Gilbert, the world renowned Norwegian physician and activist, who had served in Gaza four times was attended as the guest of honour.

He urged Malaysia who is now a political power being a member of the United Nations security council and ASEAN chairman to help end the Israeli occupation of Palestine and to capitalise to put concrete pressure



*Dato' Dr Musa received the very first Ar-Razi Lifetime Achievement Award at IMAM's Annual Scientific Meeting for his outstanding contribution in the field of medicine & volunteerism. The award was handed by our DG of health at the charity dinner.*

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on Israel to immediately lift its siege on Gaza. In another meeting followed by press conference.

Dr Gilbert described the siege of Gaza as “a man-made disaster” that affected 1.8 million people, of which 60% were children and youngsters who still suffer from malnutrition, lack of education and infrastructure after their houses were bombed.

“He later related his experience serving as a medical doctor in Gaza in a two-hour talk to a packed community hall here. Their highness, the ambassadors of Norway and Palestine, and pop singer Mizz Nina were also in attendance.

Another feature of the IMAM meeting was award of first Ar\_Razi Lifetime Achievement Award to Dato' Dr Musa M.

Nordin at the eve of IMAM's Annual Scientific Meeting for his outstanding contribution in the field of medicine & volunteerism. The award was handed by Director General of health Dr. Hisham at the charity dinner.

The keynote Al Zahrawi Memorial Lecture titled 'Overcoming Challenges & Preparing for the Future' at the 17th Islamic Medical Association of Malaysia (IMAM) Annual Scientific Conference was delivered by the DG, Health Dr. Hisham Abdullah, who urged the need to understand and find solutions to the growing social and economic challenges caused by disasters arising from natural hazards & climate change. According to him, the climate scientists claimed that an excessive rainfall is "the new

normal", where we will frequently experience unpredictable widespread weather extremes.

While disaster prevention should be the greater focus of our efforts; response & preparedness is likewise important to prevent further casualties & reduce losses. Contingency plans are crucial in times of disasters. Communities must draw & test regularly their response plan way ahead of any disaster event and improve constantly on early warning systems & emergency management capacities.

The apprised the house that Malaysian ministry of health was actively engaged in capacity enhancement and it also incorporated to accommodate multi-sectorial and multi-national partners over the next few years.



The cyclist gloves sold for RM 10001 & the money goes to Palestinian medical relief



Dr Mads Gilbert addressing the audience at the charity dinner.



Cyclist Azizul Awang is not only working hard on behalf of Malaysia but also contributed to Gaza's Islamic community. His famous gloves which he wore during the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Scotland in 2014 had an imprint of "SAVE GAZA". The gloves were gifted to Islamic Medical Association of Malaysia. The gloves were auctioned in Penang and it's worth RM10,001. The buyer, Datuk Salim Parlan who is also a councilor of Malaysian Athletic Union.





*The President of Islamic Medical Association Malaysia, Prof Datuk Dr Abdul Rahim presented a token of appreciation to Dr Mads Gilbert after his inspiring talk at the charity dinner entitled 'Gaza: The Untold Story'*



*THE IMAM leadership with guests of honor.*



*A view of Banquet dinner. Dr. Abdul Rahim seated Dr. Mads Gilbert*



*Dr Musa Nordin decorated with a IMARET kit.*



*The office bearers and organizers of 17th IMAM National conference*

## WORKSHOP ON AID'S PREVENTION HELD IN CAMBODIA

A very productive workshop on "Youth protection of Sexually Transmitted Diseases and AIDs" organized by Rahma International in cooperation with Islamic Medical Association of Cambodia (IMAC) and Federation of International Islamic Medical Association (FIMA) on September 5th 2015.

The organizers thanked the participants who sacrificed their time and especially Dr. Abdulhamid Al-Qudah who spent his valuable time to make the event a great success. The workshop was held at Modern 5 Center. A large number of students and community leaders representing the youth organizations attended.



## MEDICAL HOME SERVICES



Medical home services in Gaza received two ambulances from VP Malaysia.



Doctors worldwide Turkey is running a project of home medical service, where old and patients with special needs are provided medical and healthcare facility.



The ambulances are fully equipped and are functional since last 2 months.

# BRITISH ISLAMIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (BIMA) BECOMES A FULL FIMA MEMBER

The British Islamic Medical Association (BIMA) was raised to the status of a full FIMA member in the 32nd FIMA council meeting held in Makassar, Indonesia. BIMA was represented by Dr.

Amer Hamed, its central Ex Co member. It has consolidated its working during the last two years and has now emerged as one of the representative bodies of Muslim physicians in UK and Eire. Its

activities includes Dawah training, CME, students activities, sister's circle, publications, scientific meetings and annual convention.



*BIMA youth leaving for Umrah Camp.*



*The medical students after performing Umrah in the holy Mosque in Makkah*



*The medical students after performing Umrah outside the holy Mosque in Makkah*



*During leisure hour waiting for the dinner.*



*BIMA medical students with friends from various countries.*



*A group photo of the participants of 10th FIMA Umrah Camp.*

"O you who believe! Fasting has been prescribed for you as it was prescribed for those before you so that you may attain Taqwa (piety) (albaqra:183)"

British Islamic Medical Association  
presents

## Tafsir of the Quran

UNIQUE WAY OF UNDERSTANDING QURAN-THEMATIC STUDY  
WITH EXPLANATION OF DIFFERENT SURAHS STARTING WITH SURAH AL-BAQARA

Starting Friday 5<sup>TH</sup> July Everyday (including weekends) till 20<sup>th</sup> Ramadan  
Timings: 10:00-12:30 am  
Invitations will be sent on request by email  
(Organised by BIMA sisters activities committee)

ONLINE WEBINAR FOR SISTERS

*BIMA sisters wing arranged Tafsir of Quran classes during Ramadan.*

"O you who believe! Fasting is prescribed to you as it was prescribed to those before you, that you may learn piety and righteousness" (Qur'an, al-Baqarah, 2:183)

## RAMADAN WEBINAR SERIES

EVERY SUNDAY DURING RAMADAN (11AM TO 12:30 PM)  
STARTING SUNDAY 29th JUNE 2014

Program Sunday 29th June 2014 includes:

- Fasting obligation and rewards ( Dr Umtulkhair, GP, Manchester)
- Health benefits of fasting ( Dr Sythra Razaq, GP, Birmingham)

Please join us by registering at the link below:

Registration URL: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/221569221569>

FOR SISTERS ORGANIZED BY SISTERS COMMITTEE, BIMA

*BIMA sisters wing Webinar seminar on "Fasting - Obligation and rewards."*



*The sisters in BIMA are actively engaged in CME and faith based learning.*



*BIMA sisters wing arranged a seminar on "Inspire and be Inspired" to celebrate Muslim women in Medicine.*



*A view of seminar*

## TRANSFORMING OUR WORLD

FIMA deeply concerned over the UN document on “Transforming our world by 2030: a new agenda for global action”

The 32nd FIMA Council was held on August 13-14th in Makassar, Indonesia representing Islamic medical organizations from 40 countries all over the world. After elaborate, careful and meaningful discussion the council and executive committee reviewed the proposed draft of the outcome document for the UN General Assembly Special Session, to be held on September 25-27, 2015, titled: TRANSFORMING OUR WORLD BY 2030: A NEW AGENDA FOR GLOBAL ACTION.

The draft of the New UN Agenda contains extremely controversial issues, which contradict some of the basic principles of the UN charter that clearly states: “Nothing contained in the present Charter shall authorize the United Nations to intervene in matters which are essentially within the domestic jurisdiction of any state”.

The draft of the New Agenda calls for enforcing serious issues, such as sexual and reproductive freedom (regardless of age), which open avenues for adultery, promiscuity, homosexuality, sex work, illegal abortion, emergency contraception, and gender-family structure destructive ideas.

More significantly, this proposed draft, imposes on all states, regardless of their values, religions and legislation, to adopt and implement this new agenda by 2030.

FIMA, therefore declares the following responses towards this proposed new UN Agenda:

1. FIMA endorses the statement, issued on July 14, 2015, by the Scholars' Entities and Islamic Organizations on the Zero draft of the outcome document for the UN General Assembly Special Session, to be held on September 25-27, 2015, titled: Transforming our world by 2030: A new agenda for global action.
2. FIMA rejects any agendas that contradict the moral, ethical and religious foundation of various states.
3. FIMA rejects any new agendas that contradict the basic, recognized principles of the United Nations Charter that calls for respect of the will and jurisdiction of any state.
4. FIMA urges all organizations and official authorities in Muslim countries and communities (religious and civil) to voice their opposition to the proposed Agenda, by all possible means, prior to its proposed implementation date of September 25-27, 2015.

**Issued on August 15, 2015,  
Makassar, Indonesia**

## BANGSAMORO MEDICAL SOCIETY, PHILIPPINES JOINS FIMA AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER

Bangsamoro medical society, Philippines was inducted as an associate member of Federation of Islamic Medical associations in 32nd FIMA council meeting held in Makassar, Indonesia. Dr Sherjan Kalim General Secretary

represented Bangsamoro medical society. It promotes medical activities including voluntary health services provided by its member physicians, distribution of relief goods and medicines in times of natural and man-made

calamities, outreach programs, education and research discussion, and to disseminate medical information through cooperation and coordination with other organizations.



*Dental Hygiene camp, the trainer is teaching school children importance of dental health.*



*Scaling and cleansing was also carried out during the camp.*



*Dental Missions - Tooth brushing and Fluoride Application for children in communities and schools*



*Circumcision camp is also conducted periodically.*



*Dr Sherjan performing a circumcision during a camp.*



*Medical relief camp, following devastation of Typhoon .*



*Relief items and goods were distributed in the relief camp. (Typhoon wash)*



*A medic examining the patients.*



*Well stocked Dispensary where delivery of free medicine was made.*



*Psychosocial Support for Children victims of disasters (Typhoon Washi, and Bopha) and Armed-Conflict evacuation camps*



*Periodic blood donation camps are conducted to help the patients requiring emergency and bleeding disorders.*



*Muslim Blood Donation Program, a volunteer donating blood at the camp.*

# FIMA SAVE VISION-POB TRUST HOLDS FREE EYE CAMP IN SHEIKHUPURA, PAKISTAN

**Sundus Saif**  
Final Year

POB trust holds an annual free eye camp in collaboration with Al Habib trust hospital, a charitable institution located in the vicinity of Lahore. This year, the three day camp dating from 14th to 16th April, entertained a total of 1940 patients, comprising of 1850 OPD's and 288 surgeries. The cataract surgeries were performed using the technique of Phacoemulsification and IOL implantation. Patients came from all over the country including far off places like Karachi as they are treated free of cost in this hospital, outfitted with latest equipments and state of the art operation theatres. The costs covered in the treatment include that of laboratory tests, surgery as well as medicines.

The camp not only provided free treatment for the patients but also hosted a total no of 220 students on its last day. A small ceremony was conducted at the beginning of the

camp and it included Dr Intzar Hussain Butt, Dr M. Yaqin, Dr Shamshad Ali, Dr Shahid Mehmood Dayal, Dr Zafar Iqbal and Dr Numair. We were also blessed with the company of Mr Pervaiz Malik( MNA), Mr Tariq Sufi MD Sufi Group of industry and Mr Tanveer Sufi. The medical students from SIMS and KMSMC were introduced to charitable work and inspired to serve their people. The students were also provided with a platform of experiencing firsthand interaction with patients. There was an air of generosity and benevolence in the hospital. After giving post-op instructions to the patients the students also gave them gifts, as a gesture of good will and were showered with countless prayers and blessings in return. Free food was also distributed amongst the patients.

It was preceded by a visit to the Sufi Factories where the students learned about the art of making cooking oil. They were given a detailed tour regarding its

processing and packaging. After the Zohar prayers, a lavish lunch was served to all the guests and students. Before departing for their respective colleges, Sufi group of industries distributed goodie bags amongst the students. By the grace of Allah Almighty and after three days of dedicated efforts of the doctors, a large no of destitute were sent back home with their ailments treated and vision restored. They had nothing but prayers to give in return. Such camps force us to think that in this world of darkness and despair, humanitarians still exist and that we all have a part to play in this society to make others' lives easier by contributing in any way possible either by skill or in the form of charity.

**Report 2 by a student of Services Institute of Medical Sciences Lahore:**  
**Samar Maqsood**  
3rd Year

A very informative trip was arranged by POB Trust and Sufi



*A group of doctors and medical students with Prof Intzar Butt, FIMA Save Vision chair.*



*A group of doctors and medical students with Prof Intzar Butt, FIMA Save Vision chair.*



*Mr Tariq Sufi, CEO of Sufi group of industries addressing the gathering.*



*Dr Muhammad Yaqeen, a veteran PIMA eye surgeon addressing the gathering.*



*The students receiving their souvenirs.*



*The medical students expressed their sentiments and pledged to be a part of such camps in future as well.*





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*The students were shown live operative procedures.*



*A large number of medical students/volunteers attended the camp.*



*Patients after surgery, satisfied and smiling.*



*Patients after surgery.*



*Patients after surgery.*



*Patients after surgery.*



*Eye surgeons busy in operating room, the latest phacoemulsification units were used.*



*A view of operating theatre at Habib welfare hospital*

Group of industries. Our journey started from in front of our college, where three buses in tip top condition were parked on time. We all got seated comfortably, the buses departed on 8:00 am and after passing through different areas of Lahore and crossing river Ravi, we arrived at POB Trust.

It took just forty minutes but the journey was memorable. The weather was pleasant, got fresh after seeing the awe inspiring and mesmerizing beauty of river Ravi.

Two tents were present outside the building. Loads of patients were seated there. We entered the building. A lot of patients were with bandages on their eyes. We went upstairs to a hall. Dr. Shamshad had accompanied us for the trip. Dr Intzar addressed the students. He motivated us and

guided us. He is an epitome of clinical expertise, humbleness and sheer dedication to one's job. He is a inspirational leader and torch bearer of knowledge for the students at a time. Cleanliness and hygiene were given prime importance. All the surgeons were working with full motivation and dedication. There were 4 OTs; all were very well equipped with latest tools and machines. After OTs, we took a round of OPD, where patients were being examined without any discrimination. Then we again gathered in the hall for receiving instructions regarding post-op care.

We distributed medicines among the patients, communicated with them. Each and every patient was so thankful because they could see again the beautiful World; they

could again cherish the colors of life. After distributing food among the patients, we were accompanied to a factory of Sufi Group of industries. The factory was very good; the process of packing, filling was very interesting. Then we had a sumptuous lunch and received goody bags before returning back.

This trip was the best trip I ever had. This short excursion trip motivated us, gave us firsthand knowledge. It also encouraged us to work hard and study with full zeal, zest and enthusiasm in order to address the problems of the patients.

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## REMAINING MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT

Unfortunately there is a significant increases in new HIV infections in many Muslim countries, including the Middle East, North Africa, Indonesia and Bangladesh, in which HIV/AIDS prevalence is traditionally much lower than other parts of the world. The notions from contemporary prevailing social and lifestyle changes in Muslim countries point to expectations of possible increased HIV transmission.

Truly speaking, in the Islamic paradigm, HIV/AIDS is not considered as just a virus-induced disease, but rather a manifestation of a serious breakdown of socio-moral and behavioral norms afflicting human societies in varying degrees. The scientific evidence, revealed at the FIMA HIV/AIDS Resource Center, hosted by the Islamic Medical Association of Uganda, showed that high levels of religiosity manifested by high levels of practice of the five pillars of Islam were significantly associated with lower HIV infection rates among Muslim youth. FIMA HIV-AIDS prevention project headed by Dr Abdul Hamid Qudeh has done a wonderful job in imparting training to the Muslim youth and community leaders to act as trainers to combat this ever increasing menace in the Muslim so cities. So far more than 15000 representative from youth and community organizations have been trained in more than 25 countries.

FIMA and many concerned workers caution against attitudes of false security from HIV and other STDs susceptibility, which may lead to complacency in adopting sound and sustainable policies and activities towards public awareness and prophylactic efforts.

FIMA and her IMA affiliates in many world regions have been concerned with the increasing trends of

HIV transmission and disease in Muslim communities. Over the past several years, FIMA launched diligent prophylactic activities based on raising public awareness, and widespread training of local dedicated community leaders, especially among the youth, in collaboration with governmental, civil, social, religious and educational entities.

FIMA training and public awareness activities utilized the latest scientific advances and epidemiologic knowledge, side by side with Islamic teachings and guidance that advocate values of self discipline, chastity, morality, decency, family centrality, and reject the expanding trends of promiscuity, homosexuality, commercial sex, drug abuse and other behaviors, that will always undermine global efforts to effectively combat the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

FIMA welcomes sound collaboration and partnerships with UNAIDS and other stakeholders including governments, multilateral organizations, non-governmental organizations, scientists and academia, women organizations, youth organizations, Muslim scholars as well as Imams and Sheikhs, to fast-track the response to end the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

FIMA will specifically contribute the Islamic approach to the UNAIDS strategy of Fast-tracking the Response to end the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

FIMA calls upon UNAIDS to include the constructive roles of Islamic values and paradigm in the long struggle aiming at an AIDS free world for the whole of humanity.

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IMANA Annual Dinner at New Jersey and reports from IMAs.