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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Brothers & Sisters in Islam,
Assalamu Alaikum

Recent months have witnessed a new wave of atrocities committed by the Myanmar government and army against Rohingya Muslims who have long been living under oppression and deprivation. Hundreds of thousands from Rohingya community have fled, embarking on dangerous journeys to take refuge in Bangladesh. Thousands of them have lost their lives either by attacks or on the road. Muslims and conscientious

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IMANA's 50th Anniversary on a Mediterranean Cruise

Sailing New Waters

Islamic Medical Association of North America (IMANA) held its 50th Annual Convention and Scientific Meeting on July 23th - 30th, 2017 on a Mediterranean Cruise. 375 guests joined us for a seven-night round-trip journey to Spain, Italy, and France with family and friends celebrating IMANA's 50th Anniversary.

From the breathtaking views of the sea while sailing the cruise ship, to the fun filled tours in Spain, Italy & France, and the engaging Continuing Medical Education (CME) sessions, our 50th Anniversary was truly a convention to remember for all IMANA guests.

Families enjoyed delicious Halal cuisines and engaged in a plethora of

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FIMA FOR ROHINGYA RELIEF

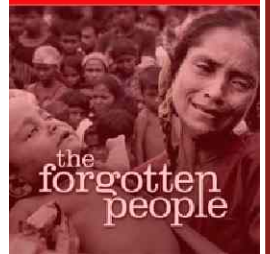
FIMA & IMARET reconnaissance team in cooperation with NDF @ Cox Bazar have reaffirmed the immediate needs of the Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh.

We will collaborate with the Bangladesh authorities and the Malaysian Ministry of Health to provide humanitarian medical relief.

In the interim, FIMA & IMARET in collaboration

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**SAVE THE
ROHINGYA
MUSLIMS**



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activities on the Freedom of the Seas Royal Caribbean cruise ship for the duration of the convention. Among the activities were spiritually engaging lectures and prayers led by Dr. Abdul Hakim Mohamed and Azhar Azeez. The IMANA Ladies Night allowed women to share inspiring and unforgettable sisterly dialogue. The kids were kept entertained by Broadway shows and fun activities like water surfing, rock wall climbing, mini-golf, and more.

The CME committee organized an advanced learning environment for physicians in a rapidly evolving healthcare environment, which was attended by 125 IMANA members. The theme of the scientific meeting was "Medicine in Turbulent Times,"

and offered a total of 8 hours of AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™. A diverse faculty covered the CME theme with various engaging topics. Opioids, Low Carbohydrate Diets, Robotic Surgery, Fat Reduction Methods, Anxiety Disorder Treatments, Stroke Prevention, and Chiropractic Care were only some of the topics explored.

IMANA held its Annual Banquet on the evening of Saturday, July 29th. Dr. Nabile Safdar was our delighted emcee for the evening. He provided welcoming remarks to our guests and kept the audience lively. Dr. Asif Malik shared his closing remarks as president affirming how IMANA's 50th anniversary is an important milestone at the gratitude of all the

members who have made this turning point possible. He welcomed the new executive committee and expressed that as champions of the American Muslim community they will focus on serving humanity both domestically and abroad.

IMANA is deeply grateful to Dr. Malik for his 2-year long commitment as IMANA President, and we welcome Dr. Imran Qureshi as the incoming President, Dr. Safdar as Vice President, Dr. Mariam Husain as Treasurer, and Dr. Saquib Lakhani as Secretary.

IMANA awarded individuals for their tremendous contributions. Dr. Ayaz Samadani, IMANA's Past President and CME



Dr. Khalique Zahir, Dr. Imran Qureshi, Rasheed Ahmad, Dr. Asif Malik at the Gala dinner



Dr. Nabile Safdar at the Gala Dinner



Dr. A.H. Baber (past President IMANA) & his wife Dr. Mumtaz Jabeen Baber.



Great moments with families and friends



The newly sworn in President of IMANA, Dr. Imran Qureshi.



IMANA fraternity with families, a memorable event.

Chairman, was the recipient of IMANA's *Elkadi Award*. We recognize his diligent support towards our recent CME Accreditation. The *IMANA Medical Relief (IMR) Humanitarian Award* honoree was Dr. Khalique Zahir, for his dedicated passion to serve humanity through IMR. Sandra Barnhart, President of University at Sea, was also awarded for going above and beyond to help plan memorable IMANA cruise conventions including the 2013 Alaska cruise.

Our paramount speakers of the night encouraged our guests on the importance of giving to IMANA. Azhar Azeez, ISNA President, spoke of the long lasting relationship between IMANA & ISNA. Dr. Abdul Hakim Mohamed, IMR Director of Development, shared his

experience with IMR in Sudan, Haiti, and Jordan as a testimony of IMANA's impact.

A special moment occurred when Dr. Imran Qureshi took his position as IMANA 45th president with the organization's first IMANA President in attendance, Dr. Syed Mubin Akhtar. Dr. Qureshi revealed the new stage of development IMANA was entering and thanked Dr. Akhtar for being a voice for the Muslim community in 1967. He highlighted IMANA's dedication to serving courageously and

introduced IMANA's new mission statement: *"IMANA will strive toward a world in which the wellness and healthcare of all people are served by the North American Muslim community."*

Dr. Qureshi highlighted the importance of IMANA members as the heart of driving, sustaining, and moving IMANA's mission forward. He welcomes members innovative ideas; all suggestions can be forwarded by email at Imran.qureshi@imana.org.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our upcoming [Gala on Saturday, October 14th, 2017](#) in Washington, DC to continue the celebration of our 50th-year milestone. We thank all our members for making this year a memorable one for IMANA.



*Ex President FIMA and IMANA
Dr Parvaiz Malik and Dr Adeeba Malik*



*The two past presidents, Dr Khalique Zahir
and Dr Ismail Mehr*



*The two veterans and founders,
first IMANA president
Dr Mubin Akhtar and Dr Ayyaz Samdani*



*Dr and Mrs Asif Malik
retiring during a break*



Scientific session in progress.



Scientific session in progress.



*Florence attracted the IMANA delegates
from dusk till dawn.....*



Dr Ghous Malik, chatting with old buddies

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with AMU (Arab Medical Union) and Dr Omar's (IMA Egypt) WHITE HEARTS have already distributed food & water (SOUP KITCHEN) & have built shelters, prioritizing the child orphans and the women refugees.

We will be providing tertiary

services at a Field Hospital in Cox Bazar from the last quarter October for a period of 3 months at least.

FIMA Relief Chairman, Dr. Ismail (IMANA) will soon provide the roster for our FIMA doctors to volunteer their services and the

logistics whilst at the Field Hospital in Cox Bazar over this period.

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Situation Report: Rohingya Crisis

Cox's Bazar | 1 Oct 2017

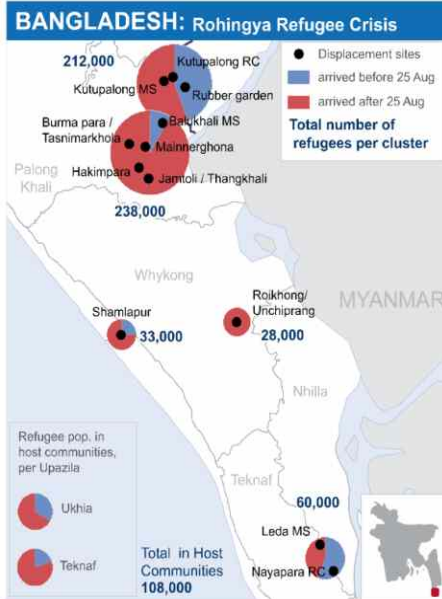
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INTER SECTOR
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This report is produced by ISCG in collaboration with humanitarian partners. It covers 21 - 27 September 2017. The next report will be issued on 8 October.

Highlights

- 507,000 new arrivals are reported as of 30 September, including 453,300 new arrivals identified in IOM Needs and Population Monitoring assessments in four upazilas of Cox's Bazar district; 35,000 in refugee camps reported by UNHCR and 18,700 reported by field staff in Naikhongchhari (Bandarban district).
- Over the last two days, movement across the border in Cox's Bazar has reportedly decreased again. 37% of refugees arrived by walking and 34% by boat (IOM NPM, 09/2017). People who have arrived since 25 August continue to move to the new Kutupalong Expansion site, where they are constructing new shelters.
- The RRRC is leading on the Kutupalong Expansion project along with the Site Management Taskforce, which includes UNHCR, IOM and other key implementing agencies. 20 'blocks' have been identified by RRRC.
- Agencies continue to focus on delivering aid wherever people have settled.
- Road access continues to be a constraint for humanitarian assistance delivery, with road repairs underway. As of today 630 meters of road construction has been completed in Balukhali.
- Delays (of 5-6 days) in customs and tax exemption certificates have been reported by partners. Coordination is ongoing with MoDMR on setting up a One-Stop-Shop in order to streamline the process (Logistics cluster, 09/2017).
- Currently there are 35 partner organizations (UN agencies, I/NGOs) are working in Cox's Bazar district. More agencies have plans for responses and are waiting for FD7 approval from NGOAB. The ISC team is liaising with the NGO Bureau Affairs to expedite up approval process. 27 agencies had taken part in the Response Plan, which will be published tomorrow.



Refugee settlements in Cox's Bazar

Around 313,000 Rohingya have fled to Bangladesh since August 25, 2017, bringing the total number of Rohingya in the country to 785,000.



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Bangladesh medics struggle to cope with Rohingya influx

Exhausted, bereft and in urgent need of medical treatment, thousands of Rohingya are slowly getting the help they need.

By Saif Khalid & Showkat Shafi



Seeing an average of 50/hour of acute injury cases involving Rohingyas

UNHCR Meeting



SOMALIA YOUNG DOCTORS ASSOCIATION (SOYDA) CONDUCTS OUTREACH AND TRAINING PROGRAMS FOCUSING MOTHER AND CHILD HEALTHCARE IN REMOTE AREAS

Somalia Young Doctors Association (SOYDA) is steadfast in its implementation of health, WASH and nutrition program in Banadir and Lower Shabelle region. SOYDA is currently running a total of 11 health and nutrition fixed and Mobile sites, 8 Mobile outreach Integrated WASH, HEALTH, NUTRITION emergency response teams.

Through the leadership of the Federal Ministry of health and UNICEF, SOYDA was able to facilitate in conducting EPI micro planning training to 119 participants from different remote areas.

With support of SHF, SOYDA was able to facilitate IMAM training to 39 participant across all its program, this was aimed in improving the skills and

knowledge of technical program staff hence successfully deliver the services to the vulnerable population in the target areas.

Through the continuous capacity development and on job training of the technical and project staff the project was able to provided capacity development and training opportunity to project staff through which it has conducted integrated



management of childhood illness, measles and cholera treatment prevention training to 40 participants across SOYDA ongoing programs hence provided an opportunity for the capacity enhancement to all the target project staff in Banadir and Lower Shabelle region with support of SHF Somalia. Through the facility and outreach program sites SOYDA was able to reach a total of 2769 children under five boys and girls for vitamin A supplementation, however, the program was able to reach more than monthly target hence

indicating better progress for the program indicators achievement

219 safe deliveries were conducted in SOYDA health and Nutrition facilities. This improvement was also attributed closer coordination between the program outreach team as well as community traditional birth attendants in the project areas. In this reporting period a total of 1876 pregnant and lactating mothers have attended antenatal care (ANC 1st visit) in this reporting period and has since completed all the 4 comprehensive

ANC visit. The program has recorded success in all reaching the vulnerable mothers with improved maternal health care services in both facilities and outreach sites program.

Limited sanitation facilities in the target IDPs and host communities in the target district hence poor hygiene and sanitation promotion services needs to be improved and requires the focus of funding agencies and the Government authorities.



AL-MARHUM DR ALI EL-HAWAMDEH (1932 - 2017)

Born in Karak , Jordan in 1932, Dr Hawamdeh graduated from Cairo Medical College, Egypt in 1957. He practised medicine in the Ministry of Health, Jordan, before operating his private clinic. On August 15, 1984, the Board of Directors of the Islamic Hospital in Jordan selected him as the Director General of the Hospital. He performed his duties as General Director until 2002 when he retired at the age of 70.

Under his tenure of 18 years, the Islamic Hospital grew steadily in all dimensions, and became the largest hospital in the private sector, and the first to be accredited for specialty residency training in Jordan.

In 1988, he received a special invitation from the president of the Islamic International Council for Da'awa & Relief (IICDR) to become a member of the first General Assembly of the Council. He was the FIMA representative on IICDR for 10 years.

In 1989, he was elected as a Member of Parliament in Jordan, for 4 years. He conducted this major political task in addition to his responsibilities as Director General of the Islamic Hospital. Dr. Hawamdeh donated all his salaries from Parliament to the Islamic Hospital.

Dr. Hawamdeh was elected as FIMA Secretary and Treasurer during the 4th FIMA Council meeting on January 3 5, 1987 in



Amman, Jordan. Dr. Hawamdeh enhanced the vision and mission of FIMA and directed the capabilities of the Islamic Hospital (IH) for the global FIMA cause.

The secretarial and communication facilities of IH were put at the service of FIMA. He and the IH extended hospitality to delegations from various IMAs, individuals and groups, towards nurturing brotherhood, understanding and collaboration between Muslim medical practitioners and expanding the membership of FIMA.

With the support of the Board of Directors, Dr Hawamdeh directed the financial support of many of FIMA's activities during its early formative years. The Islamic Hospital in Jordan doubled its annual dues to further support FIMA activities.

Under his dynamic leadership, the

IH in Jordan became the epicenter of FIMA activism. Delegations from all over the world, representing IMAs, relief organizations and other Islamic medical, charitable and social groups, were received and hosted by the IH.

Muslim medical students from all over the world, especially those selected by their respective IMAs, came to the IH for their elective training. They were received, housed, trained, and orientated with the Islamic ethos by qualified IH medical and health professionals.

Medical doctors and trainees in various medical fields came to the Islamic Hospital, for their specialty and sub-specialty training and to enhance their knowledge, skills and experiences.

Many Islamic hospitals from various countries sent delegations to the IH to benefit from its experiences in specific areas of hospital administration, operations, management and accreditation which are Shari'ah compliant.

Under his leadership, the IH actively participated in various relief campaigns conducted by FIMA in countries afflicted by disasters.

Dr Hawamdeh served diligently as both FIMA Secretary and Treasurer for 10 years until 1997. He continued his executive position as FIMA treasurer for 18 years until



June 2005 at the FIMA Council meeting in Sana'a, Yemen.

In 2002, at the age of 70, Dr Hawamdeh retired as Director General of the IH, but continued his services as the FIMA treasurer until 3 years later.

Dr Hawamdeh hosted and honored virtually all the FIMA delegations in his home and showered them with his undivided and generous hospitality. He personally received them on arrival, accompanied them on their sight-seeing trips, fed them well and bid them farewell on their return. All this with his warm loving heart, always smiling and joking, which made us all felt at ease and loved him ever so much.

He was like a loving grandfather to the many medical students and trainees, a father and mentor to many of us physicians and specialists and a genuine friend to his peers, the likes of Dr Aly Mishal, Dr Adnan Jaljuli, Dr Mohamed Khan, Dr Ghulam, Dr Jurnal, Dr Syed Mubin et al.

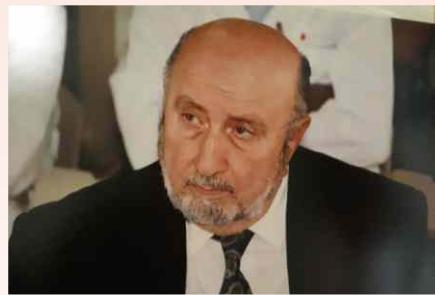
For his outstanding and unparalleled contributions to the advancement of the ideals of FIMA, he was awarded the FIMA Lifetime Achievement Award in 2007, at the FIMA and Hayat Foundation Gala

Dinner during the 24th FIMA Council Meeting in Istanbul, Turkey. With the background information provided by Syakh Dr Aly Mishal, I as the president of FIMA then, had the honor of reading his remarkable citation during this most prestigious celebration.

O Allah! We beseech You to bestow Your bountiful and infinite blessings on our father, Dr Ali El-Hawamdeh, for all his spirited, persistent and untiring services to Your Deen.

O Allah! Specifically, bless our father, Dr Ali El Hawamdeh for his dynamic, energetic and excellent leadership of FIMA, in her formative years and its evolution now into an organization which is respected and revered globally in the realm of healthcare services, education, research and mainstreaming the Islamic perspectives of medical ethics.

O Allah! Bless our father Dr Ali El-Hawamdeh, for teaching and training us the art of generosity by mobilizing all the resources at his disposal for the betterment of FIMA and now FIMA is one of the leaders of medical and humanitarian relief for the mercy and healing of mankind.



O Allah! Bless and forgive our father Dr Ali El-Hawamdeh, we beseech that You accept all his efforts as pure deeds to only seek Your Marhatillah (pleasure).

“To the righteous it will be said: "O peaceful and fully satisfied soul, return to your Lord. You are well-pleased (with your good end) and well-pleasing (in the sight of your Lord). Join My (righteous) servants and enter My Paradise." (Al Fajr 27-30)

Humbly submitted
Syakh Prof. Aly Mishal
&
Dr. Musa Mohd Nordin

CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING OF PAKISTAN ISLAMIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (PIMA)

Islamabad, 20 June 2017: The Central Executive Council meeting of Pakistan Islamic Medical Association (PIMA) was held at International Islamic Medical College, Rawalpindi on 20-21 May. Central President of PIMA Dr Abdul Malik presided over the meeting.

Project incharges and Provincial Presidents presented their activities report.



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BIMA MEETS DUTCH & MORROCAN HEALTH COUNTERPARTS

Last week in Netherlands, BIMA Gen Sec Dr Salman Waqar met with AMAN (Association of Moroccan Dutch Doctors) & NVDM (Dutch Muslim Pharmacist Association).

The meeting went on for 3.5 hours. Very nice brothers and sisters Masha'Allah!

Br Salman gave an introduction to FIMA and explored areas of common interest. They have accepted our invitation to visit London/Oxford in about 6 months to continue the conversation.

May Allah reward Prof Ihsan for introducing them to us.

Dr Hammad Lodhi
President BIMA



A SEMINAR AND PANEL DISCUSSION ON IMMUNIZATION FROM THE ISLAMIC PERSPECTIVE

A Seminar and Panel Discussion on Immunization from the Islamic Perspective, were held on Saturday, 9th September 2017 in Asy-Syifa mosque of RSCM Hospital in Jakarta. This event was a collaboration of IMANI (Islamic Medical Association and Network of Indonesia) and IKADI (Indonesia Du'at Association) with support from various authorities and Islamic Institution which includes the Ministry of Health, FIMA, MUKISI, FOKI, BSMI, FOZ and BAZNAS.

The event were successfully attended by 119 individuals, religious figure who represents Muslim community and journalists from Islamic media from all over Indonesia, designed to equip them with the correct information on immunization. This is an important effort to curb misinformation and misleading dissemination on immunization from the Islamic perspective. Each participants were given 2 books on immunization for further reading.

4 speakers representing the Ministry of Health, Pediatric

Association, Food and Drug Regulatory Body and the Indonesia Ulama Council, delivered an interactive and informative inputs. The panel discussion went hot when some participants started making negative remarks about immunization. Conclusions from the moderators were able to cool down the situation. The event were closed by a Press Conference to the media. Below are the excerpts of the press release:

IMANI and IKADI together with several Islamic dakwah institution herewith, urges:

1. All Muslim to support and participate in the national immunization program, in particular the Measles-Rubella immunization campaign, and to complete the immunization for all their family members.
2. In dealing with issues related to immunization; all Muslim, religious scholars and Muslim healthcare professional to adhere to the guidelines provided by the competent

authorities namely the Indonesian Ministry of Health, Indonesian Pediatric Association, Indonesian Internal Medicine Society, and Islamic Medical Association and Network of Indonesia

3. The public needs to be smart in accepting any information, particularly issues related to health and immunization. Please ensure that the information are obtained from competent and credible source.
4. Political, religious and community leaders, to support the national immunization program particularly the Measles - Rubella immunization campaign. All effort must be sought to overcome safety, cultural, religious, political resistance through peaceful measures and avoid prolonged disputes in order to provide the rights of immunization to every child in Indonesia.

COOPERATION PROTOCOL BETWEEN INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF GREEN CRESCENTS & FIMA

A protocol of cooperation was signed between IFGC and FIMA in the 34th Congress on Health in Africa organized by the Federation of Islamic Medical Associations (FIMA), Turkish Ministry of Health, Istanbul Medeniyet University and Hayat Foundation.

The 34th Congress on Health in Africa was organized by the Federation of Islamic Medical Associations (FIMA), Turkish Ministry of Health, Istanbul Medeniyet University and Hayat Foundation in Istanbul. 700 international participants, ministers, bureaucrats from over 60 countries participated in the Congress.

In addition to FIMA, representatives of nearly 50 non-governmental organizations and academicians presented papers. IFGC which brought together 34 National Green Crescents and the Green Crescents to be established cooperated with FIMA. Through the protocol signed between IFGC President Prof. Dr. Ihsan Karaman and FIMA President Dr. Tanveer Zubairi, FIMA and IFGC will cooperate to provide training, content and expert support through co-ordinated work in the field of addictions between IFGC countries and FIMA. Within this framework, it is aimed to announce all kinds of meetings, seminars, training and broadcasting activities to be realized by the two institutions,



to cooperate in research and education activities and to effectively exchange information and experiences. The Congress also included a session dedicated to the Green Crescent's international cooperation and IFGC.

New President of FIMA: Prof. Dr. Karaman

At the 34th Congress on Health in Africa, FIMA presidency was given to Turkey.

Currently Vice President of FIMA and President of the IFGC Prof. Dr. Ihsan Karaman took over the presidency from Dr. Tanveer Zubairi.

IFGC targets 60 countries by the end of 2018

The Green Crescent endeavours to be organised at the international level in addition to its branches in Turkey. Within this scope, the Green Crescent

gained the status of a global non-governmental organization by supporting the establishment of National Green Crescents all over the world. With the National Green Crescents, which have been established in 34 countries up to now, the aim is to transfer century-old experience of struggle with addictions to other countries and to support the works on addiction. Having carried its international activities to the next level, the Turkish Green Crescent gathered the National Green Crescents under the roof of the International Federation of Green Crescents (IFGC) which announced its Declaration of Establishment in April 2016. In IFGC, Turkish Green Crescent is a National Green Crescent, like other National Green Crescents, and supervises other countries. The number of the National Green Crescent is currently 34, and the aim is to reach 60 countries by the end of 2018.

FIMA HIV-AIDS PREVENTION TRAINING PROGRAMME IN SRI LANKA



The Master Trainer Dr Abdel Hameed Qudah during the Training Session.



Dr Abdel Hameed Qudah with the participants of FIMA HIV-AIDS Prevention Training Programme.

REMAINING MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT

people from all over the world have reacted against such cruelty. On the other hand, humanitarian aid started to be delivered to our Rohingya brothers and sisters who are currently in refugee position. As FIMA, we have participated in humanitarian relief activities both in Myanmar and Bangladesh, either by supporting international organizations involved in humanitarian aid operations or through various IMAs and associate members of FIMA. And, inshaAllah we will be providing tertiary services at a Field Hospital in Cox Bazar / Bangladesh from the last quarter October for a period of 3 months at least. We will continue our support and we pray for all Muslims who have fallen victim to persecution in Arakan and across the globe.

In this issue, you will read in sadness about and remember with gratitude Dr. Ali al-Hawamdeh, the legendary leader of FIMA whom we have recently lost, in articles authored by Dr. Ali Mishal and Dr. Musa Nordin, who were his close companions.

The first issue of FIMA's online medical journal called "International Journal of Human and Health Sciences" will soon be with you as we promised in our last issue. We are about to finalize the preparations for our journal. To be published under the editorship of Prof. Dr. Abu Kholdun Al-Mahmood of Bangladesh, the journal will be the official publication of the Consortium of Islamic Medical Colleges (CIMCO) under the auspices of the FIMA. We are looking forward to all forms of

academic publications and particularly original research articles from you so that our journal can start its publication and be indexed shortly.

This summer, a protocol of cooperation was signed between International Federation of Green Crescents and FIMA in the 34th Congress on Health in Africa organized by the Federation of Islamic Medical Associations, Turkish Ministry of Health, Istanbul Medeniyet University and Hayat Foundation. In this issue, you will also be reading about the details of this cooperation.

The present issue also contains examples of activities carried out by various IMAs. From SOYDA to BIMA and from IMANI to PIMA, FIMA member countries are continuing their efforts all around the globe in charity, education, health and social fields. FIMA is continuing and increasing its efforts as the most comprehensive umbrella organization in the health sector of Islamic world. We still have so much to do!

Finally, we congratulate IMANA, which has celebrated its 50th anniversary with a Mediterranean Cruise this year, and wish them to continue their successful services.

May Allah's mercy and blessings be upon you.

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