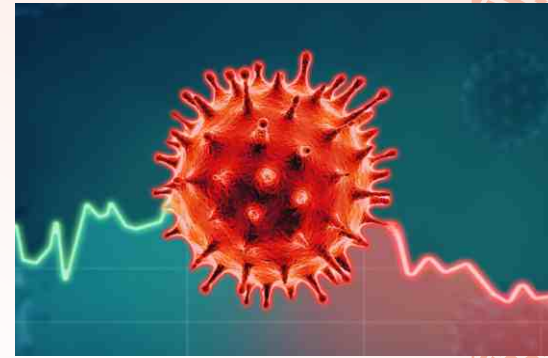
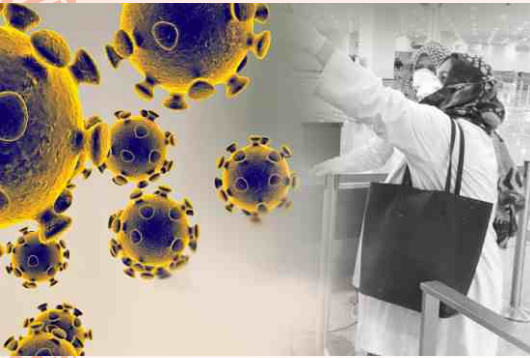




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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Beloved Members of the FIMA Family, Dear Sisters and Brothers,
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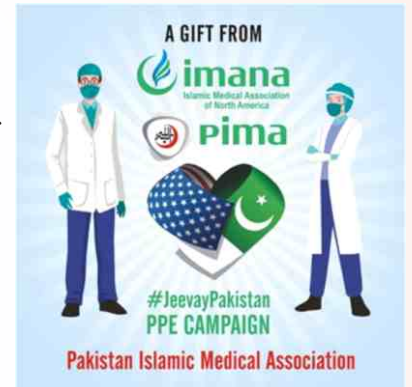
After an interval of a few months, the FIMA newsletter is back.

We are still facing the most challenging time of our age, the "COVID 19 pandemic era." It has taken a huge toll of around one million human lives and affected millions all over the world and brought the global economy to a deadly crash and misery, which is felt at all levels.

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FIMA PLAYS A VITAL ROLE IN CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC GLOBALLY

Corona virus pandemic has eclipsed the world indefinitely with darkness spreading all over and has affected the human race unprecedentedly. As 90% of the world population remained under a lockdown to battle a daunting coronavirus outbreak since last 6 months, the number of new cases and death toll is still climbing high rapidly.



Although there is a plateau or a fall in the number of active cases, the number of new cases daily still hovers around 300,000 cases surfacing every day. The total number of Corona Virus cases so far hits the highest to around 33 million and death toll exceeding a million precious human lives, which seems unbelievable in this era of Modern medicine and rapid development of human resources.



Delegation of PIMA presenting KN95 masks to Prof Khalid Masood Gondal, vice chancellor of King Edward Medical University, Lahore

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A grinding economic slowdown, a direct result of the global COVID-19 outbreak, has particularly hit nearly 50% of the world's over 800 million population, which lives below poverty line.

FIMA in collaboration with its member IMAs and partner organizations has tried to offer maximum professional help in its own sphere of working.

A large number of Zoom meetings of EXCO and FIMA council were held to discuss the ways and means to help fight the menace of the pandemic. SOPs were developed to address challenging issues like praying in mosques, Eid assemblies, Slaughtering of animals during Eid ul Adha, burial related issues and many more.

The IMAs with manpower and resources came forward with provision of protective personal equipment, KN 95 masks, sanitizers and volunteers to assist in managing the dire needs of emergency situations which arose.

Hayat Foundation, Turkey, IMA Malaysia and IMARET, PIMA and Al-Khidmat Foundation, Pakistan(associate member), IMA South Africa, GoG-South Africa, IMA of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, British IMA, IMANI and IMA of Indonesia, IMA Afghanistan, White Hearts, Egypt and




Doctors in Pakistan are being forced to work without PPE.



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MUSLIMS & COVID-19 WHAT ARE THE FACTS?





Unfortunately, there are people attributing the current spike in COVID-19 cases on BAME communities in general and Muslim communities in particular. **Here are some of the facts:**

- FACT**  We were the first to voluntarily close our places of worship - more than 1 week before the Government ordered it.
- FACT**  We proactively suspended many events during lockdown - daily prayers and Friday congregations, Ramadan, Eid Al-Fitr, and even cancelled our Hajj delegation.
- FACT**  BIMA along with the MCB had advised face coverings in mosques before officials mandated them. Many are still observing 2m distancing.
- FACT**  Many members of the Muslim community are key workers / on front line working in healthcare so are more exposed to COVID-19

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MUSLIMS & COVID-19 ASSUMPTIONS ARE DANGEROUS




Making unsubstantiated assumptions about how COVID-19 is spread is not just wrong, it's irresponsible. **Here are examples:**

- ASSUMPTION**  There is a genetic susceptibility to COVID-19 in BAME populations. → There is no evidence of this.
- ASSUMPTION**  Cases of BAME individuals breaking COVID-19 guidance can be generalised to the entire community → You can't.
- ASSUMPTION**  BAME and Muslim communities are breaking social distancing by visiting each others homes → No evidence of this.
- FACT**  Discrepancies are due to many factors especially socio-economic. Making assumptions or oversimplifying is inaccurate & dangerous. It also gives a false sense of reassurance to other communities.

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MUSLIMS & COVID-19 WHAT EXPLAINS THE SPIKES?

Some are saying that BAME or Muslim communities (which make up at least 1 in 3 BAME) have increased rates of COVID-19 because they are "not taking it seriously." **Here are some facts:**

- FACT**  20% healthcare staff are BAME/ Muslim
33% of all medical staff are BAME/ Muslim
These are on frontline and most exposed.
- FACT**  53% of all taxi drivers and 53% of London bus drivers are BAME/ Muslim. Along with delivery drivers they are more vulnerable.
- FACT**  30% of Bangladeshi & 15% of Pakistani households are overcrowded. Also more risk in Multigenerational households.
- FACT**  Discrepancies in testing make figures difficult to interpret. There are reports that Blackburn testing 4x more than rest of UK.
- NO EVIDENCE**  While there are some who do not adhere to guidance, there is no evidence that BAME / Muslim communities in general are not taking the pandemic seriously.

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many others. IMA of North America and IMR were the biggest providers, who helped locally and globally in provision of services and PPE to the affected in many places including 50000 KN 95 masks in USA & another 50000 in more than 100 hospitals in Pakistan during the days of its acute shortage.

It is also heartening and worth mentioning to know the extended volume of charity and help provided by Al-Khidmat Foundation, which surpasses the rest. The foundation, which also runs a countrywide chain of charity hospitals, including a modern facility in the southern desert area of interior Sindh, designated isolation wards to handle the coronavirus cases. The charity exceeded millions of dollars and a team of around 8000 volunteers served as frontline

workers in provision of food items, PPE and medical relief.


The project of helping communities in fighting the rising number of COVID-19 cases is still

on and FIMA President, Dr. Ihsan Karaman has requested all the IMA member branches to be more proactive and share their experience and expertise with others.



JANAZA DURING COVID ADVICE TO MUSLIM COMMUNITIES

There has been confusion amongst the Muslim community re: maximum numbers allowed in Janaza prayer, to view the body and during funeral prayers. We have summarised the guidance below with help from health & safety experts and Muslim Council of Britain.



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| JANAZA CAPACITY | If Janaza prayer is held straight after a congregational prayer in a mosque that is COVID secure (i.e. with proper risk assessment) then limit is whatever capacity the mosque can handle NOT 30 people. |
| VIEWING/BURIAL CAPACITY | Viewing the body, during burial and any Janaza held outside of congregational times or COVID secure mosque, maximum 30 people allowed. Ghul should have the minimum number possible. |
| CONDOLENCES | Hugging, shaking hands or visiting to give condolences is discouraged to prevent risk of infection spreading. Please avoid going to homes to give condolences. |

This is general advice based on public health and government guidance, it needs to be implemented according to local context with local scholars & medical input.

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26th July 2020

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 (17/3 - 30/4/2020)

FUNDS RAISED
 (as of at 5.00pm on 30th April 2020)
RM 2,825,498.00

FUNDS DISBURSED

| | |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| MEDICAL SUPPLIES | RM 2,267,248.00 |
| NON-MEDICAL SUPPLIES | RM 209,182.00 |
| LOGISTIC | RM 10,303.00 |



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Telemedicine before and after COVID 19

Guest - Dr Zakiuddin Ahmed
A Visionary Strategist, Healthcare Entrepreneur & a Physician Advocate

Moderator - Dr M Salman Rashid
Consultant Acute & Internal Medicine MBBS, MRCP, MRCP (UK)

Topics to be covered:

- Telemedicine advancement in Pakistan and South Asia Pacific
- Telemedicine projects before and during covid
- Virtual clinics experience and its implications
- Future of Telemedicine post covid

Saturday 8th August 2020
6:30 - 7:30 pm PST
2:30 - 3:30 pm UK

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Dr Ahmad Munawwar, IMARET's founding member and Chief Coordinator was awarded the 'Community Commitment Award' from his Almatemer University of Calgary.

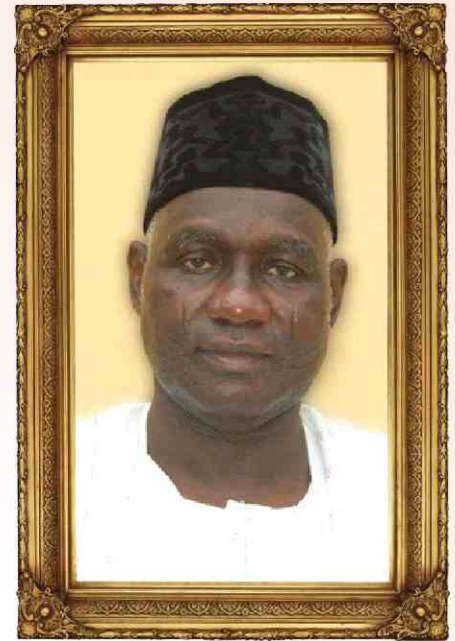
DR. SULE IBRAHIM BABAMININ PASSES AWAY

Dr. Sule Ibrahim Babaminin, mni, former Commissioner of Health in Niger state, Nigeria, returned to his creator on Monday 13th July, 2020, as a result of complications from Asthmatic attack. As a known Asthmatic patient for nearly 40 years, the attack that finally led to his death was not the only one as, he has had previous attacks worse than this in the past and he survived them.

I have been associated with Dr. Sule Ibrahim Babaminin since ages and through thick and thin, through success, failure and challenges we faced together. His biography is an inspiration from his birth on the 14th March, 1954 in the ancient town of Bida, Niger State, Nigeria, to a humble Islamic family of, Alhaji Sulaiman Abdulkadir, (who has the Nupe traditional title of, "Wakilin Yaki Da Jahilchi" meaning, "Ambassador of war against illiteracy in Nupe land, and Hajiya Khadija Sulaiman, also known as (Nna Kakaadi) all of them of Nupe Language extraction. He got married to Hajiya Fatima and was blessed with promising children and grandchildren. As for his educational upbringing, Late Dr. Sule after his graduation from the Qur'anic school, became one of the few children of his age that were lucky enough to be sent by his father to have western education because, to acquire western

education then, was not a priority in most of the families in Nupe land. Nevertheless, between, 1959 - 1960, he was in Umaru Majigi Nursery School, Bida, Niger State Nigeria. He was in South Primary School, Bida, Niger State, Nigeria, between 1961 and 1967, he was at the famous Government College, Bida between, 1968 and 1972 after which he went to the School of Basic Studies, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria between 1973 and 1974. He commenced his degree program in the Faculty of Medicine, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria between 1974 and 1979 and he was at the West African Post Graduate Medical College between 1984 and 1995 where he was successfully awarded the fellowship of the West African College of Surgeons.

For all of us in IMAN, we are all witnesses to his activism in the evolution and growth of Islamic Medical Association of Nigeria (IMAN), his palpable impact in the trajectory as chairman, IMAN Niger, national president and regional Director of the International body among others. It all started in 2001 when we attended the national conference in Abuja and on our return we collectively agreed on the urgent need for the formation of the Niger State Chapter. We then approached Dr I B. Sule to provide



leadership and he accepted and became the interim chairman and subsequently the substantive chairman and served meritoriously for 15 years. He was later elected in 2007 as national president until 2014. His era at both state and national levels witnessed tremendous impact and indeed phenomenon growth with branches in more than 24 states and robust structure in Niger state impacting on the entire nooks and crannies of the state. Dr IB Sule became a household name in IMAN with international recognitions, sponsorship and our participation at various international conferences. He was elected twice as member of EXCO of FIMA and Heads the Save Dignity (VVF-Vesico-vaginal



Fistula repair program) Project as well as regional director in charge of African Affairs. Activities of IMAN in Niger State under Dr Sule was phenomenon as the state witnessed multitude of Dawah and humanitarian activities, Free Health Camps otherwise called Medical Caravan, establishment of more than 26 standard mosques in health facilities across the state. He also established a structure of non-interest financing for which members enjoyed interest free loans, SKUKK bonds and purchased commodities at rock bottom prices, acquisition of land in a strategic location in Minna to establish IMAN Academic, Multi Specialists Hospital and Secretariat among others. The list of what this servant of Allah has done to IMAN and his creator is endless. In fact during same period the Dawah Coordinating Council of Nigeria found him worthy and elected him the first Vice President and was saddled with the issues of health and Islam, a position he held until his transition. We are all touched by the departure of our mentor, our father our brother name it.

Dr. Sule as a devoted Muslim, dedicated his entire life, education, and energy to the service of Almighty Allah and humanity. The love to serve Allah and humanity echoes throughout his entire life such that, few hours to his death, he demonstrated this with



Equally, in that condition, he directed that his team of Doctors in the Section to proceed immediately to commence the operation he intended to carry out on one of his patients that day! These and many others are demonstrations of his tremendous love and commitment to his medical profession and service to humanity. Dr. Sule, certainly died in active service to his creator and humanity and we pray that Allah (SWA) accepts his strivings and grant him eternal rest in Jannat ul

unbelievable grace! I stand to recall with nostalgia as his close ally, to confirm that the deceased, while on the sick bed, did not mind his precarious condition in the ICU, but still cared more about the health of others than his own and this explains why he summoned the courage to dish out instructions to those at his sick bed close to his last moments on earth. At that critical moment he admonished all of us to first of all, continue to hold on to the rope of Islam firmly.

Firdausi and to also grant those of us he left behind the fortitude to bear this painful and irreplaceable lose.

Pharm. Dr. Mohammad A. Audi Secretary General of the Islamic Medical Association of Nigeria (IMAN)

Secondly, in the early hours before his demise, when I visited him in the ICU, the first question he asked me was whether we were able to present the report he intended to give that day on the Nigerian Muslim's Position on Reproductive Health, Addiction and other health issues to the General Assembly of the Da'awa Coordinating Council of Nigeria? When I replied, yes, the joy on his face was very glaring and palpable.



IMA LEBANON SPEARHEADS THE MEDICAL AND HUMANITARIAN RELIEF EFFORTS AFTER A DEADLY EXPLOSION

Beirut was shocked by a devastating explosion of stored 2,750 tons of ammonium nitrate leaving 220 dead, more than 6000 injured and about 250,000 displaced from their severely damaged homes.

Health facilities struggled hard with the massive influx of

casualties, these were already struggling under severe economic challenges and the economic burden of covid-19.

IMA Lebanon acted on emergent basis and sent SOS appeal for procurement of the following forms of emergency relief: medicines and surgical supplies,

shelters for emergency medical care, food and drinking water, clothing, ambulance and paramedic help.

IMA Lebanon and its volunteers worked day in and day out on war basis to help provide the essentials.



<https://www.instagram.com/p/CFKiUFVh8-/?igshid=dxu4ffauchfm>

IMA North America relief urgently provided medical kits worth US \$ 785, 000 and a campaign was launched to support the rehabilitation efforts following the handling of initial crisis of treating casualties and injured patients.

Arab doctor's union donated a Bob Cat bulldozer to clear the rubble and removed debris and corpses. Another Bulldozer is being provided by Dr. Omar Al Ayat through White Hearts of Egypt. IMA of Malaysia also donated US \$ 5000. Alkhidmat and Turkish NGO donated a huge amount for provision of food items. IMA South Africa and GoG of South Africa donated US \$ 18,000 for relief activities.

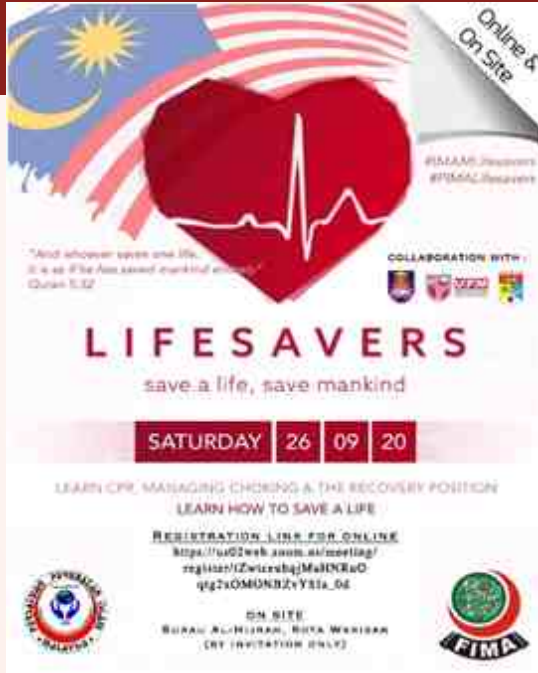
The Islamic Medical Association-Beirut has recently announced the campaign to compensate the injured eye ear nose and fingers for the explosion of Beirut Harbour for injuries. The contact for this project is: 00961-1-736748 Ext. 21 from 8:00 am till 2:00 pm.

#eye_will_smile_again #beirut_port_explosion
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The contact for IMA Lebanon to send donation is:
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DR. KHUBAIB SHAHID, PROFESSOR OF RADIOLOGY FROM LAHORE HAS BEEN ELECTED AS PRESIDENT PIMA

Dr. Khubaib Shahid, Professor of Radiology from Lahore has been elected as President PIMA through secret ballot. He remained General Secretary of PIMA previously. It is pertinent to mention that his oath was taken by his father Dr Shahid Maqbool, the founder president of PIMA. What a great honour, second generation in the central leadership of PIMA.



FIMA LIFESAVERS 2020 LAUNCH CAMPAIGN FOR TRAINING IN CPR IN MOSQUES 2020

IMAM, BIMA and FIMA would like to invite you to join us at FIMA Lifesaver 2020 online (via ZOOM)! This program will be taught by medical experts on basic life support including cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and choking for adults and children.

*** Event details are as follows: ***

Date: * 26 Sept 2020 (Saturday) * Time : * 9am - 1 pm*

Online link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88062948460>

*** ZOOM ID *: 880 6294 8460**

Come join us and you will receive * e-certificate * via your email!

FIMA VETERAN DR. YUSUF BAMJEE OF SOUTH AFRICA WHO CONTRACTED COVID-19 HAS DIED

Dr Yusuf Bamjee passed away last week, he acquired COVID 19 and remained hospitalized. He was a well-known maxillo-facial surgeon. He was one of the founders of the IMASA and FIMA veteran. He started Fordsburg Clinic and headed up the Infaq Foundation.

He was deeply involved in some Islamic research and humanitarian work. A condolence zoom meeting was held, it was addressed by Dr Rifat Bamjee, Qari Ziyaad Patel and Qari Nadeem Dawood. Dr. Ihsan Karaman sent his deep condolence on sad demise of Dr. Bamjee, he said that the services of Dr. Bamjee would always be remembered fondly for his community, IMASA and FIMA.





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REMAINING MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT

We lost the lives of a large number of medical professionals worldwide, including some of the notable leaders in our IMAs including Dr. Yusuf Bamjee, Prof Maqsood Ali, Dr. Abdul Qadir Somroo and many others. We learnt a number of lessons during this discourse, including witnessing the fragility of human life, its sanctity and witnessed shortage of resources and manpower at a number of occasions. It was a challenge for all of us to strive, thrive and let the others live at a heavy cost of our own endangered lives.

FIMA played its very pro-active and historic role during this crisis, by training and developing SOPs, helping the Governments and NGO by provision of volunteers and medical supplies, especially the much needed medical manpower and PPEs.

We also lost two of the FIMA legends, Dr. Yusuf Bamjee, Vice President of FIMA and Dr. Sule Ibrahim, member of EXCO and past president of IMA of Nigeria. Both of them were role models for their colleagues and juniors as true Muslim medical professional and icons. Dr. Sule has a long history of being attached to FIMA EXCO and was also the chair of FIMA Save Dignity program, he conducted a number of free camps for repair of VVF and related gynecological disorders.

IMA Lebanon remained at the forefront for provision of medical and humanitarian relief following the

deadly explosion of ammunition at the port warehouse in the heart of Beirut city, bringing a devastating damage to the human lives and property. The access for rescue of injured and those buried and stranded in rubble was a very crucial task and IMA Lebanon and other IMAs offered monetary help, medication, excavation equipment, machinery and humanitarian relief items.

The project of FIMA life-savers saw a huge success since it was started last year. This project has been spearheaded by British IMA and the idea has been translated to cover around a dozen countries by now. The detailed report will be shared in the next issue of newsletter.

The 36th FIMA council meeting is being held online this year, the physical meeting was supposed to be held in Islamabad under the auspices of Pakistan Islamic Medical Association, but it was cancelled due to Corona Outbreak and travelling limitations for the delegates from various IMAs.

I hope that we will face the present challenge with courage, resilience and steadfastness. We need mercy of Allah Subhanu wa Tallah for HIS forgiveness, clemency and leniency. Ameen

Wassalam

Prof. Dr. M. Ihsan Karaman
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