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## Day 21 Humanitarian Crisis in Gaza - Summary of major medical relief efforts

- Gaza has been under merciless unabated bombardment via aerial, sea and land attacks since 27 December 2008.
- Currently, there are more than 1,000 deaths, 5,000 injured and 50,000 displaced from their homes.
- Social structures namely homes, schools, mosques, hospitals, communication lines, fuel supplies have not been spared.
- The constant blockade of all borders have prevented essential supplies from crossing into Gaza resulting in a grave humanitarian crisis
- Hospitals are totally dysfunctional as a result of the following disruptions:
  - No electricity: operating on generators but no fuel available
  - No medical support (equipment, drugs, consumables)
  - Staff overwhelmed, medical services targeted with many deaths reported
  - Severe injuries often fatal due to inadequate care increasing the death toll

### 1. COMMUNICATIONS:

- Dr Azhar Aziz, Qatar (presently in Gaza)
- Dr M Ikram, IMA Malaysia & MERCY Malaysia (presently in Gaza)
- Dr Malik Mahmoud, Partners International Medical Aid (in Gaza)
- Dr Jemilah Mahmood, MERCY Malaysia (recently returned from 1st successful mission to Gaza)
- Dr Khaled Hanafy, AMU Egypt (Arab Medical Union)
- Dr Muneer Bursh and Dr Madhat Abbas, Ministry of Health, Gaza
- Dr Ashraf Jedaar, FIMA (South Africa); Dr Aly Misha'Al, FIMA (Jordan), Dr Musa Mohd. Nordin, FIMA (Malaysia)

### 2. FIRST RESPONSE:

- Doctors World Wide (IMA Turkey) - 2 trucks (43 tons) procured in Cairo, transported to Rafah border (USD 300,000) when border crossing first opened.
- MERCY Malaysia - \$100,000 medical equipment, consumables and drugs (5 trucks, 50 tons) delivered to MOH Gaza upon border opening. Another \$100,000 consignment procured in Cairo for delivery.
- MER-C Indonesia – sent a medical team along with medical supplies since the start of conflict
- When borders opened to medical professionals, 21 doctors entered and 40 the following day.
- AMU delivered 200 units of blood, 1,000 units the following day

### 3. COLLECTIONS:

- Jamaah Islah Malaysia (JIM) - USD 42,400
- IMA South Africa - USD 60,000
- IMA Pakistan - USD 17,500
- IMA North America - pending

4. **PENDING:**

- Sudan relief agencies & IMA Sudan - 1 jumbo jet to Arish ( 40 tons, ambulances to be purchased in Egypt, team of surgeons and anaesthesiologists)
- Gift of the Givers & IMA South Africa - 1 jumbo jet of medical goods (74 tons) to Jordan (but we have advised against this due to border closure) + 20 doctors, nurses & paramedics
- DWW Turkey & relief agencies - 13 ambulances & surgical relief team due next week for Gaza. Total so far deployed USD 500,000.
- IMA North America - surgical team on standby

5. **IMA PALESTINE:**

- Operations shut down by the Palestinian Authority in West Bank

6. **IMA EGYPT:**

- IMA Egypt has a wide network of private hospitals and with AMU, are helping with purchases of medicines, equipments and consumables since they are familiar with the warehousing & other logistics

Our hearts and prayers are with the innocent men, women and children massacred or maimed by this vicious invasion of Gaza. All monies collected will be deposited directly with the Ministry of Health in Gaza for the procurement of the much needed medical supplies in Cairo.

***“so much to do but very little time”***

Jazakumullahu Khair.

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