

Medical News Corner

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A Casualty of War

Ali Ismail Abbas is 12-year-old Iraqi boy who was a victim of Iraq war. He lost both his arms and his body was seriously burned when attacked by missile raids. He was initially treated in Baghdad till his condition became stable. The Limbless Association Charity (UK) raised a fund of US \$250000/- for supporting Ali's medical expenses. He has recently been flown to a Kuwaiti specialized burn center, Al Babtain, for further medical care.

Humanitarian Aid for Iraqi Victims of War

Bahrain's Supreme Council for Women leads a humanitarian campaign to aid the Iraqi victims of war, especially, women and children. The council plans to provide these people with basic relief goods and supplies, these would include medical equipment and medicine; food and water supplies and sterilizers.

The GCC Genetic Congress Postponed

The first GCC Genetic Conference to be held in Bahrain was postponed to early October 2003, due to the current Iraqi war crisis. The conference will revolve around the importance of hereditary blood diseases in the Kingdom, genetic mapping, screening services and genetic treatment.

Sensors to Regulate the Medical System

The Ministry of Health has issued new circulars to regulate and control the misuse of medical facilities and services. The main aims are close supervision over doctor's prescriptions, laboratory procedures and X-ray examinations. The system identifies physicians who issue these prescriptions and their respective patients and their underlying diseases.

Marathon Runner Supports Cancer Patient

Bahraini runner, Adel Ghuloom Mohammed has decided to participate in Flora London Marathon on April 13 in UK. His sole intention is to raise around \$1500/- to support his partner runner, Hussein Salman, who is suffering from chronic lymphatic disease. Mr. Mohammed is a senior radiation oncology physicist at Salmaniya Medical Complex. He is also a member of the Cross Country and Road Runner Committee.

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Health Concerns for Adolescent Programs

The Ministry of Health is very much concerned for the younger generations of boys and girls. It has laid plans based on the World Health Organization in order to improve the school health program. These plans explore the strengths and weaknesses of the current system in Bahrain serving this age group. Objectives of the new program is to enhance the physical and mental health standards and to propagate preventive measures in promoting general state of well-being.

A New Unit for the Elderly in Muharraq Maternity Hospital

The new 'Mariam Sater' Unit for Elderly in Muharraq Maternity Hospital was opened. The newly established wing followed the donation of BD130000/- by the late Mrs. Sater's family. The ministry offered another BD40000/- to furnish the unit with 21 beds and other medical equipment. The Minister of Health discussed future plans for providing two more units and facilities for physiotherapy and vocational therapy.

The BDS Annual Walkathon

The Bahrain Diabetes Society (BDS) has organized the annual walkathon at the new A`ali walkway on the 7th of April, 2003. The walkathon coincided with the World Health Day.

Committee for Developing Health Sciences College

The Minister of Health, Dr Khalil Hassan, issued an order for the formation of a joint coordination committee comprising three ministries to develop the College of Health Sciences (health, education and labour). The committee will study steps to convert the college into a specialized university college in health sciences.

Arab Health Ministers Support Iraq

The Minister of Health, Dr Khalil Hassan, headed Bahrain's Delegation to the 27th regular summit of Arab Council for Health Ministries in the period between 29th to the 31st of March, in Syria. The meeting highlighted the importance of supporting the victims of war in Iraq in the form of delegating medical teams, medications, and medical supplies.

Probe Panel Set

Patients at Salmaniya Medical Complex will have their complaints investigated by a panel of qualified personnel, the Health Ministry announced on the 30th, March, 2003. All patients who arrive for treatment at the SMC will be advised of this new practice. This panel aims to support and protect patients as part of improving the quality of health service in the ministry.

Aid Group Sending Relief Goods to Iraq

The Bahrain Red Crescent Society (BRCS) is planning to send relief goods and services to the victims of Iraqi war. An extensive list of Iraqi requirement was given to (BRCS) by the International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC) for carrying out relief operations.

SMC, RHS Unify Emergency Services

The Ministry of Health has donated three ambulances to the Royal Medical Services (RHS) department at BDF.

Death Certificates Workshop for Doctors

A workshop on the correct procedure for writing and issuing official death certificates was conducted by the Ministry of Health for doctors, on the 19th of March, 2003. The workshop aims to increase awareness among doctors on how to fill out death certificates. One hundred doctors from Salmaniya Medical Complex, BDF Hospital, Health centers, Civil Defence and Fire Service attended the workshop.

A New Molecular Medicine and Genetic Center

The President of Arabian Gulf University announced on the 5th of April, 2003, the establishment of a team for Molecular Medicine and Genetic Center.

The working team comprises Dr Moaiz Bakheet (the Head of the Center), Dr Waseem Al Alamawi, Dr Mariam Ghuloom, Dr Shaikha Al Arrayed, Dr Fuad Abdulla, Dr Emtithal Al Jishi, and two technicians, Mrs Safa Taha and Mrs Sara Othman.

The center will be temporary located in the third floor at the College of Medicine and Medical sciences in Salmaniya.

The 19th Election of Bahrain Medical Society

The 19th election meeting of Bahrain Medical Society was held on the 9th of April, 2003. One hundred and eighty-eight members in the Society attended the meeting to discuss the annual and financial reports for the previous cycle.

Eight doctors won the election for the new Administrative Council, Dr Abdul Aziz Mohammed (the President), Dr Adel Ghuloom (Vice President), Dr Abdulla Al Ajami (General Secretary), Dr Salman Ghareeb (Treasurer), Dr Ebrahim Mustarshed (Administrative Member), Dr Nabeel Tammam (Administrative Member), and Dr Ghada Ameen (Administrative Member).

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The following appointments and promotions have been released by Dr Khalifa Bu Rashid, the Chief of Staff, after being approved by the Minister.

Appointments:

1. DR. P. Kumar Gupta (India)
Consultant Neuro Surgeon
Neuro Science Department
2. Dr. K. Govind Babu (India)
Chief Resident
Oncology Center
3. Dr. Mary Sukumar (India)
Sr. Resident
Anaesthesia & ICU Departments
4. Dr. D. Mahesh Chander (India)
Chief Resident
Radiology Department
5. Dr. V. N. Vara Prasad (India)
Chief Resident
Radiology Department

Promotions:

1. Dr. Abbas Ali A. Aal
Consultant, Paediatric Department
Promoted to grade 9.
2. Dr. Amin Al Saati
Consultant, ENT Surgeon
Promoted to grade 9.
3. Dr. Eman Mohd Amin Farial
Consultant, Pathology Department
Promoted to grade 8.
4. Dr. Fadhel Abbas Hussain
Promoted from Chief Resident to
Consultant
Pathology Department
5. Dr. Sana Yousif Hasan
Promoted to Consultant
Family Physician