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**"I HAVE NEVER SEEN SUCH DEDICATION IN ALL MY LIFE, I WAS OVERWHELMED BY THE TREATMENT AND UNDERSTOOD THAT EVERYONE CAN FEEL SAFE WITH MDA"**

These words were said by the Minister of Health, Rabbi Ya'akov Litzman during the dedication ceremony for an MDA station in Bnei Brak during the annual meeting of the Friends of MDA (IMDAC) held in Israel



Dedication ceremony for ambulances, MICUs, medicycles and blood mobiles donated by MDA friends societies. Photo: Miki Freidin

During the past few days (18-21st of October) approximately 60 leaders of the from the Friends of MDA organizations from around the world, from Australia, Hong Kong, the USA, Canada, Great Britain, South Africa, France, Belgium, Holland, Sweden, Italy, Israel and the Christian Friends of MDA met together at the annual IMDAC meetings held in Israel. During the days of the conference, the representatives of the took part in workshops and various meetings, participated in the dedication ceremony of the new MDA substation in Bnei Brak and at the dedication of a long list of rescue vehicles.

The annual conference opened on Sunday (18.10) with a special evening during which the members of the Friend Societies were shown the activities of MDA during the severe earthquake in Nepal and the operation to bring home the Israeli babies from the area of the disaster. The parents of the babies who were helped to return to Israel from Nepal by MDA also attended the event together with their children and certificates of recognition were distributed to the MDA teams who worked in Nepal for a considerable length of time.

The next day (Monday 19.10) the leaders of the Friend Societies took part in a ceremony during which the new MDA



Photos : MDA Spokesman

Children and parents that were brought back to Israel from Nepal at the opening cocktail. Photo: Miki Freidin



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substation in Bnei Brak was inaugurated, having been donated by the MDA UK Society. At the event itself, which was held in the presence of the Minister of Health, Rabbi Ya'akov Litzman, the Mayor of Bnei Brak, Rabbi Chanoch Zeibart, MDA Director General Eli Bin, and other senior staff of the organization, Minister Litzman praised the activities of MDA and said: "Everywhere that one goes, one sees MDA. Last week I was in Sha'arei Zedek Hospital at the time of a terrorist attack in Jerusalem, and I saw how they were preparing to receive the wounded who were on their way, and then an MDA ambulance arrived. Whilst the wounded victim was being taken from the ambulance to the trauma room, the MDA paramedic leaned over the wounded man and did not stop carrying out life saving procedures on him even though he knew that his chances of survival were very slight. I have never seen such dedication in my life, I was overwhelmed when seeing this treatment and understood that if MDA is present everyone can feel safe".

At the end of the dedication of the new MDA substation in Bnei Brak, the delegation of Friend Societies continued on a visit to the Rabin Heritage Centre in Tel Aviv, there they dedicated a long list of rescue vehicles which had been donated to MDA by various donors from all over the world, including 9 ambulances and Mobile Intensive Care Units, 2 vehicles for the Blood Services and 15 new medicycles, 2 of which were electric powered.

On the third day of the conference (Tuesday, 20.10) which took place in Tel Aviv, the participants heard a lecture about "Islam in the New Middle East" given by Avi Yissacharoff, journalist on the news website "Times of Israel" following which the participants held a list of discussions about the activities of MDA.

The last day of the conference (Wednesday 21.10) started with an enthralling lecture about Palestinian Society and the present wave of terror given by Avi Shalev, a representative of the office of the Coordination of activities in the territories and after this paramedics from the various MDA regions, Felix Lotan, Barak Samuel, Rafael Herbst and Loni Luxembourg told of their activities in the field in the most recent period. After this 4 new ambulances were dedicated having been donated by Friends of MDA in the United Kingdom.



Dedication ceremony for 4 ambulances donated by UK friends society



MDA DG Eli Bin awards the Minister of health a gift at the dedication ceremony



Minister of Health, MDA DG, UK FS' DG and chairman inaugurating the new station in Bney Brak



MDA DG and UK friends societies seniors unveil the plaque at the ceremony



Minister of Health Rabbi Ya'akov Litzman putting up the Mezuzah in the new Bney Brak station



The mayor of Bney Brak Rabbi Chanoch Zeibarth awards the UK friends Society seniors a gift

IMDAC chairman Mr. Nicholas Posnansky at the gala evening



The conference ended with the traditional gala event which was also held in Tel Aviv. The event was honored by the presence of representatives from all areas of MDA's activities from all over the country. During the event the participants were told of personal stories of MDA personnel.

During the gala evening, Adv. Mark Lebow, Chairman of the American Friends of MDA spoke, he thanked wholeheartedly the MDA teams for their hard work and stressed the obligation and the appreciation of the AFMDA for MDA.

Immediately after him, the Chairman of the IMDAC conference, Nicholas Posnansky spoke, and told how he came to MDA in the footsteps of his grandfather who was also a donor to MDA. Posnansky pointed out that he was very overwhelmed to be part of MDA and it doesn't make any difference how much anyone would try but they would not succeed in separating him from MDA which will always be a part of him.

At the end of his speech, there was an emotional ceremony in which certificates of appreciation were given out to the MDA teams who saved the lives of three women involved in an accident on a small tractor which had overturned in the Golan Heights. Thanks to the technology used to trace mobile phones which was developed by MDA, the team managed to trace the wounded victims and to give them life saving treatment. During the ceremony, Yael Wittenberg, an emergency medicine medic in the MDA National Dispatch Centre, came onto the stage together with the three young women who had been injured. Additionally the MDA paramedic Ronen Kadosh and the emergency medicine medics Yvonne Manor and Shaked Shlomi from the MDA Jordan Region, received certificates of appreciation for the rescue operation.

After them came onto the stage to receive certificates of appreciation, the MDA team including the paramedic Aharon Adler, Rafael Herbst and Bezalel Ben Chamu from the MDA Jerusalem Region who had saved the life of Yehuda Glick who was critically wounded in the assassination attempt on his life. Yehuda Glick was also present at the ceremony and wholeheartedly thanked the team that had saved his life and referred to them as "angels".

A special film showing those present in the treatment given by MDA during terrorist attacks which had occurred all over Israel during the past few weeks ended the ceremony, and at the very end Gershon Trimpol from the USA who is taking over from Nicholas Posnansky as Chairman of IMDAC spoke a few words.



IMDAC 2015- Gala evening

Photo: MDA spokesman Miki Freidin



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## TERROR ATTACK

OCTOBER 18

One person was lightly injured as a result of stone-throwing in Jerusalem.

Soldier Omri Levy was killed in a shooting attack in Be'er Sheva Central Bus Station. Haftom Zarhum, an Eritrean citizen was shot by security forces after being mistakenly identified as a terrorist and died a few hours later. One person was moderately injured and four others were lightly injured in the attack.

## TERROR ATTACK

OCTOBER 19

One man was lightly injured as a result of stone-throwing in Jerusalem.

## TERROR ATTACK

OCTOBER 20

One man lightly injured in a stabbing attack in Tarkomiya checkpoint.

Avraham Chasno is run over to death in Kiryat Arba after stones were thrown at his car.

Two 20 year olds lightly injured in a stabbing attack at Gush Etzion junction.

20 year old Border Control policeman lightly injured as a result of a Molotov cocktail being thrown into Rachel's Tomb.

Soldier is lightly wounded in a stabbing attack in Hebron



# TERROR ATTACK

OCTOBER 21

Suspicion of a running over attack: One policeman lightly injured in Shilo

Female soldier critically injured in a stabbing attack in the Adam settlement. MDA Paramedic Shai Levy, who treated the injured, said: *"When we got there, we saw a 19 year old woman who had suffered a stab wound to her upper body, but was conscious. We gave her life-saving medical treatment and evacuated her to the hospital in a critical condition."*

5 soldiers injured in a running over attack in Gush Etzion. Two soldiers were moderately wounded and the status of the other three soldiers was identified as light.

A Jewish citizen was shot to death on Yirmiyahu street in Jerusalem after mistakenly being identified as a terrorist.

# TERROR ATTACK

OCTOBER 22

An 18 year old boy left the synagogue after praying in Bet Shemesh and was moderately wounded in a stabbing attack carried out by two terrorists

# TERROR ATTACK

OCTOBER 24

A 16 year old terrorist tried to carry out a stabbing attack in the Gilboa checking point. Posing as a peddler, he pulled out a knife and attacked the guards at the checkpoint, but was shot by guards before he could stab them.



Photo: MDA spokesman

# TERROR ATTACK

## MDA MEDICS AND PARAMEDICS AT THE DISPATCHING CENTERS SAVE LIVES AT THE WAVE OF ATTACKS

"In recent days we have experienced a series of events that led to very heavy load at the dispatching center," says Hila Hatuka, an emergency medical technician who was on duty at the MDA's national operations center during recent events "In recent days we feel panic among the public from the callers, especially on days when an attack pursues an attack, and we are trying to gather quickly the information we have received from various calls to give the teams in the field the complete picture as possible before reaching the scene. It is a situation where people find it difficult to distinguish between the attack and the other event on the backgrounds and we try to focus our questions so that we can understand what it really is. If we recognize that the reporting entity is in a position where he can help at the scene, we brief him in what ways in which you can help the injured area until the arrival of the troops, aid sometimes can make the difference between life and death. "



EMT Hila Hatuka



Photo: MDA spokesman Miki Freidin

# CORNER STONE CEREMONY FOR THE MDA STATION IN OR AKIVA



MDA DG Eli Bin with Or Akiva Mayor Yaakov Edri and Rabbi Eliyahu Ilooz , Rabbi of Or Akiva

MDA DG Eli Bin at the ceremony



On 28th October the corner stone for the MDA station in Or Akiva in honor of Klarita and Hugo Medvedocky from Argentina was laid.

The station in Or Akiva serves the large city and its surroundings and the major roads in the area, very quickly. The existing building is too small and narrow to contain all the activities of the station, in which there is also a Mobile Intensive Care Unit.

The new station will enable the considerable expansion of the MDA activities in the city, with a stress on the lively activities of the volunteers in the station.

In words of congratulations, the MDA Director General, Eli Bin, pointed out the donors, Klara and Hugo Medvedocky, leaders and founder members of the Organisation of Friends of MDA in Argentina, who have been active for many years on behalf of the citizens of the State of Israel, and who have chosen to give this wonderful gift to the inhabitants of the city. The MDA Director General wished the donors many years of good health and activity. He also thanked the Mayor, Yaakov Edri, and his team for their support in the project which is no going ahead in full force, and all this with the aim of ensuring for the inhabitants of the city and the surrounding areas the highest level of service, just as MDA makes sure to give. Eli Bin pointed out in his words that even during these very difficult days which we are experiencing; MDA continues to maintain high levels of readiness and preparedness for any event that is likely to occur. We shall do everything possible to give the swiftest, professional and humane treatment to any person whoever he may be.

Photo: MDA spokesman

