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May peace and Allah's mercy and blessings be upon you

Subject / Security observation over the security threats of foreign presence inside health institutions

Firstly, we extend upon you best regards and ask the almighty to grant you an abundance of health, wellness, and eternal reward

The Ministry of Health is considered one of the most important and biggest service providing government ministries in the Gaza Strip. It provides services in partnership with civil society health facilities of charitable associations that are under technical supervision by the Ministry of Health. These facilities hold plenty of important information that can be utilized in security matters, and this is why it is important for hostile intelligence mechanisms to infiltrate the Ministry of Health. They regard the Ministry of Health as a treasure chest for intelligence, especially at times of war. The health system is regarded as one of the most heavily funded international projects by foreign associations, which are greatly devoted to having a human presence in it.

❖ **Summary**

- Monitoring activity has shown that several foreign associations active in the Gaza Strip, such as [International Committee of the] Red Cross [ICRC] are distributing questionnaires in order to gather information that has security facets.
- Some of these associations have acquired sensitive locations in order to carry out their assignments there, such as Doctors Without Borders (MSF) France and the Red Cross. These locations have [non-medical] operations taking place in them, especially inside health centers.
- Several associations have rented apartments as bases of operations, without informing this to government parties, as Doctors Without Borders Belgium. Médecins du Monde (MDM) - France have also acquired lists of Return [Marches] wounded.
- Several members of these delegations have collected information on [Hamas] leadership personnel in the Gaza Strip, for example, a member of the Egyptian medical delegation asked questions about brother Abu Al-Abed [i.e. Ismail] Haniyeh - whether he resides in his house or not.

❖ **Security analysis**

- Testimonies and confessions of detainees have shown a great interest of Zionist, Ramallah and foreign intelligence [forces] in the Ministry of Health's facilities, the nature of the operations inside of them and the possibility that there is resistance activity in them. Foreign presence in these facilities is considered important and these [foreign intelligence] mechanisms cannot be negligent about this presence and using it for intelligence.

- Several foreign associations have agreed to grant medical services on the condition that they have a place designated for themselves in government health facilities. Some of them have chosen specific locations that include or are adjacent to locations that have a security nature to them, which raises questions surrounding this conduct and its goal.
- The medical services provided by foreign associations and medical delegations are very important for the Ministry of Health, because the ministry does not possess the ability to provide such quality services, and because of their high cost. This requires Gaza residents to accept this [foreign] presence and the security threats that come with it.
- All associations that grant these services are non-governmental associations, which makes using them [for security purposes] easier, since there would be no embarrassment for these countries if they were to be exposed, and the work can be continued using different [NGO] names, if those were to be prohibited by [Hamass government] security mechanisms.
- Much of the granted services have security facets to them since they center on injuries suffered from the occupation's hostility and burns, focusing on resistance members or activists. This makes this group an intelligence treasure chest for these [hostile intelligence] mechanisms. It is apparent from the questionnaires that [the NGOs distribute to] fill out and the daily wounded transport operations.
- The fact that the occupation authorizes a humanitarian association to grant medical equipment to a government hospital [in Gaza] raises questions about the nature of this aid, and one cannot detach this from the Zionist security facet [of the matter].
- The current understanding and monitoring by the Ministry of Health does not meet security threats and is limited to health oversight over granted services alone. This is caused by the lack of security culture (i.e. awareness) of Ministry of Health senior personnel.
- There is a difficulty to detect a security infiltration of these associations [by hostile intelligence parties], since there is a lack of information on delegations' members and personnel.
- The fact that security activities in the Gaza Strip being carried out by these associations was not exposed does not clearly vindicate them from carrying out security activities. This, even if their mission is to collect information or provide logistical support, as happened in the incident that a special force entered, when Israeli security mechanisms entered sums [of money] and equipment through a German medical association, by the foreigner John Santos.

❖ Recommendations:

🚧 Regarding resistance leadership:

- Do not engage with medical delegations in the case of resistance leaders [in the premises], and take caution with regard to regular members [of Hamass].

🚧 Regarding government leadership:

- Do not let these associations have their own locations to work inside health facilities.
- When a location is allocated for these associations, it shall be outside the main building of the clinic or hospital, and far away from [Hamass] movement locations, and [only] following security authorization.
- Medical [Hamass] members from the Gaza Strip must join incoming delegations, whether the delegations work in hospitals or their own locations.
- Prepare the security awareness of patients and the people [i.e. Hamass medical members] who blend into delegations.

🚧 Regarding the Division of Foreign Activity:

- There needs to be security monitoring over health delegations that are inside the Gaza Strip, and

security members [of Hamas] must be present with them while they move about.

- Delegations must be forced to submit full CVs of their members, and an inspection of them will be carried out using the internet.

❖ information annex

✓ Associations that grant services in the health field are divided to two:

- Associations that bring delegations to grant health services in Ministry of Health facilities and under the supervision of the ministry.
- Associations that have their own centers to grant health services.

+ Associations that bring foreign delegations:

- Save the Children
- Palestine Children's Relief Fund
- Medical Aid [for Palestinians]
- Al-Khebra Center for Consultant and Development
- Save the Children (sic)
- Palestinian Medical Relief Society
- Gaza Community Mental Health Programme (GCMHP)

+ Associations that have their own locations to grant health services:

- Doctors Without Borders associations (multiple nationalities)
- Médecins du Monde (multiple nationalities)
- The Red Cross
- Al-Ahli Hospital

❖ Hostile security efforts targeting Ministry of Health facilities in the Gaza Strip:

- Zionist intelligence requested one of [its] informants working at the Ministry of Health to gather intelligence on wounded names and physicians names in Al-Shifa medical complex, and detail who of them is active and the parties present in Al-Shifa Hospital during the war in the Gaza Strip.
- (((PA) Ramallah intelligence instructed one of its [humint] sources to forge a medical referral for an employee at the Norwegian Aid Committee (NORWAC) in order to meet him in Ramallah.))
- The Red Cross prepared a questionnaire consisting of 25 pages to be filled out in the Ministry [of Health's] hospitals. It included questions about the presence of tunnels, weapons or explosives inside hospitals.
- Doctors Without Borders France chose the only room in Abu Yousef El-Najar Hospital that has a (safe) communication landline that belongs to the positive's (a known term for Hamas' Izz ad-Din al-Qassam Brigades) activity, in order for Doctors Without Borders to work in it separately.
- The medical delegation of Doctors Without Borders Belgium, which is located in AWDA hospital, rented an apartment in the Abu Sa'da building, which is an area of [security] interest. This, without informing its whereabouts, and [Doctors Without Borders] does not allow anyone who is not a foreigner to enter it (the apartment).
- The director of Médecins du Monde France illegally acquired lists of Return Marches wounded by way of Doctor Abdul Latif Al-Haj, the director of the Division of International Cooperation at the Ministry of Health. This, following the Ministry of Health's refusal to give the lists to Doctors Without Borders France.
- The Red Cross chose a wing in Al-Shifa Medical Complex that is adjacent to the [Hamas] movement's offices.
- Médecins du Monde France (MDM) collected information regarding structural and infrastructure specifics of the Nasser Governmental Hospital and the emergency departments, such as the type of

cement and the thickness of the hospital's protective wall. The party of approval [of the delegation's activity] in the Ministry of Health was Doctor Ashraf Abu Mhadi.

- The Egyptian medical delegation, from Wadi El Neel Hospital, which is under the Egyptian General Intelligence, acquired a list of names of injured people from the positive (a known term for Hamas' Izz ad-Din al-Qassam Brigades). It inquired about the Return Marches in Gaza, funding for the marchers, and the mechanism of how they (the marchers) depart for the border. Furthermore, it inquired about hospitals' capability to carry out their duties in situations of escalation.
- While he was at Al-Shifa Medical Complex, Yahya Mansour (the adjacent intelligence officer) inquired about the place of residence of Doctor [Hamas leader] Ismail Haniyeh and whether he actually lives in the [relevant] house or not.

❖ **Prominent information regarding Gaza Strip hospitals:**

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1	Al-Shifa Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Israeli human rights association granted [hospital] beds as medical equipment to Al-Shifa Hospital. - A Physicians for Human Rights Israel (PHR-I) delegation conducted several surgeries in Al-Shifa Hospital. - Doctors Without Borders has installed a biological laboratory in coordination with the Ministry of Health with new equipment in order to understand the reasons behind infection in wounds and injuries. - Medical Aid [for Palestinians] UK performed orthopedic surgery for Return Marches wounded. - Norwegian Aid association (Committee, NORWAC) performed several operations. Ones important to mention - an orthopedic surgery and operations in the agency's (i.e. UNRWA) department. - The Red Cross is monitoring the activity in the hospital through an office it has inside the hospital. - The foreigner Paul Holtrop, an American citizen, continues to monitor cases of new-born babies inside the complex. - There is a [Medical Aid for Palestinians] MAP-UK foreign medical team specializing in the field of fractures inside Al-Shifa Medical Complex. - There is a Doctors Without Borders medical team specializing in the field of burns inside Al-Shifa Medical Complex. - There is a Doctors Without Borders France team specializing in the field of mental health inside the European Hospital.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There are headquarters for a Norwegian medical team in Al-Shifa medical complex's pain clinic.
2	Indonesia Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Médecins du Monde operates in the Indonesia Hospital with no supervision from any governmental party. - The Indonesian foreigner Mohammed Hussein Muslim Masoud uploaded a selfie video clip to YouTube and to his Facebook page. By coincidence, the agent Ashraf Abu Leila appeared with him in the video when he was going about in Nuseirat market. It should be noted that the aforementioned Indonesian stayed in the Indonesia Hospital for 4 years and that he is married to the citizen Janan Fawzi Hussein Al-Raqab from Rafah district.

3	AWDA Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Doctors Without Borders Belgium is renting two floors (fourth and basement) of the hospital, as well as an operations room. These two floors are within the mandate of the association alone. - Doctors Without Borders Belgium alters the visiting delegation monthly. Moreover, the association appointed three physicians from AWDA hospital to the association after they took unpaid leave. These are Rami Morad Abu Jaser, Mohammed Ali Al-Shatli and Mahmoud Yaser Al-Sharafi. - Doctors Without Borders Belgium performed several surgeries inside the hospital. - Doctors Without Borders Belgium renovated a floor in AWDA Hospital in the north [of Gaza] in order to reside in it.
4	Dar Essalam Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Doctors Without Borders has worked to expand the extent of its activity by renting an additional floor in order to reside in it, inside Dar Essalam Hospital. - Doctors Without Borders is working to provide the possibility for patients, who have gone through operations carried out by the association's teams, to reside in the hospital. The supervision will be carried out by foreign employees, such as the head of accommodation, head of nursing, and so forth. It will take a wing inside the hospital that will be under its full supervision.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Doctors Without Borders France is renting the sixth floor in Dar Essalam Hospital, and it has recently added the seventh floor in order to continuously reside in it.
5	Shuhada al-Aqsa Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In Shuhada al-Aqsa Hospital, Médecins du Monde France (MDM) gathered intelligence on the names of Return Marches injured, the nature of the injuries, their numbers and the spread of the wounded by area. - Médecins du Monde France (MDM) is carrying out examinations and evaluations of the readiness of hospitals to receive Return Marches wounded. The party of approval from the Ministry of Health is Doctor Abdul Latif Al-Haj. - Medical Aid [for Palestinians] UK has performed orthopedic surgeries for Return Marches wounded inside the hospital. - Doctors Without Borders Spain carried out several orthopedic surgeries in Shuhada al-Aqsa Hospital. - In [Shuhada] al-Aqsa Hospital, Doctors Without Borders France and Spain operate in the mental health and emergency fields. There is no location allocated for them in the hospital.

6	Gaza European Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Médecins du Monde France (MDM) gathered intelligence on the names of Return Marches injured, the nature of the injuries, their numbers and the spread of the wounded by area. It has also carried out examinations of the extent of the readiness of hospitals to receive Return Marches wounded. The party of approval from the Ministry of Health was Doctor Abdul Latif Al-Haj. - A Physicians for Human Rights - Israel (PHR-I) delegation performed several surgeries in the European Hospital.
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7	Nasser Governmental Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Médecins du Monde France (MDM) carried out examinations of the readiness of emergency departments in Gaza Strip hospitals, and got a sample of cases - 2000 medical reports that include names - from Nasser Governmental Hospital. - Médecins du Monde France (MDM) collected information regarding structural and infrastructure specifics of the Nasser Governmental Hospital and the emergency departments, such as the type of cement and thickness of the protective wall of the hospital. The party of approval from the Ministry of Health was Doctor Ashraf Abu Mhadi. - Doctors Without Borders France MDM (sic) renovated the old internal [medicine] building in Nasser Hospital in order to continuously stay in it. In addition, it brought physicians with various specialties. - Medical Aid [for Palestinians] UK carried out orthopedic surgeries for Return Marches wounded inside the hospital. - The Red Cross supervises the severe fractures wing adjacent to the orthopedic wing in the new building. - Doctors Without Borders France made an effort to take a wing from the hospital in agreement with the Ministry of Health. The wing will be (have), at a minimum, 20 beds for surgeries for Return Marches injured. This, in order to treat gunshot injuries in the limbs, and the wing will be under the supervision and monitoring of the association, and it is responsible for all the details inside this wing.
8	Al-Ahli Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Doctors Without Borders France performed several orthopedic surgeries in Al-Ahli Hospital.
9	Abu Yousef El-Najar Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The medical delegation of Doctors Without Borders France that works in Abu Yousef El-Najar Hospital in the city of Rafah chose the only room in the hospital that has a (safe) communication landline which belongs to the positive's (a known term for Hamas' Izz ad-Din al-Qassam Brigades) activity, in order for it to work in the room separately. - Doctors Without Borders Spain submitted a request to the Ministry of Health to reside in Abu Yousef El-Najar Hospital in a mental health wing.

10	Ranteesi Hospital	- A Costa Rican delegation, including Recardo Molinal and Gloriana Jamenez, supervised the planning of the children cancer department facilities in Ranteesi Hospital.
11	Alyaman As Saeed Hospital	- Doctors Without Borders Belgium submitted a request to receive the ground floor of Alyaman As Saeed Hospital in order to establish outpatient clinics.
12	External Clinics	- A Doctors Without Borders France team is present in the following outpatient clinics - Khalida Al-Agha clinic in Khan Younis, the clinic of the new camp in Nuseirat, in Gaza city next to the Egyptian embassy, Bayt al-Maqdis clinic next to Ard Al Rebat mosque in the northern district.