

To Our Fellow Health Care Workers,

We write to you from Mount Sinai Hospital, in New York City, in solidarity and support for you, for your work, and for and the unimaginable challenges you face on a daily basis. It is with great sadness that we watch the continued targeting of hospitals, clinics, and health care workers in Syria, and we find these War Crimes to be inexcusable. We know that what little we read from the news coverage does not even begin to cover the depths of what is happening on the ground in Syria. To those of you who knew him or knew of him, we were so very sorry to hear of the death of Dr. Hassan Al-Araj, Head of the Medical Directorate and Hospital Director of Al-Mghara Hospital. We know that his death, and the deaths of other health workers in Syria is felt not only by family and friends, but by the Syrians who depend on the few of you left for medical care. The consequences of such loss reverberate in unquantifiable ways. There is no excuse for the attacks you continue to endure.

With this letter, we have sent Drug Dose Books, Dermabond adhesive, Arrow spring-wire guides, and Blood Pressure cuffs; we hope that what little we could do for you helps. We know it is not nearly enough.

More than anything, we want to tell you that we admire the strength of character and bravery you show on a daily basis by putting your lives at risk to save others. We know you must be tired, drained, and exhausted by what you see and do every day. We stand in awe of you and all that you accomplish with so few resources and severely lacking international support. We wish you peace and the safety to continue your lifesaving work. We hope that the little bit that we can do to support you helps you in some way. We are thinking of you here, across the Atlantic Ocean.

With love to you and to all of Syria. You are in our thoughts. We stand with you now and always.

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