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Dear Friends,

With the escalation of tension in the area and after receiving messages of concern for our safety, I would like to inform you of the current situation here in Israel.

Firstly, I would like to let you know that we are safe. There has been an increase of sirens (warning for rocket attacks) all over the country including the center, where our office is based. As our offices are situated on the 11<sup>th</sup> floor, our workers do not have time to make it to the bomb shelter, and so they wait out the siren in the stairwells, which are the next safest place to be. Thankfully, the Iron Dome has intercepted many of the rockets before they reach us. So life goes on and we are trying to work as normal, insofar as possible.

Our colleagues in the south of the country are not as lucky, and are suffering an increasing amount of rocket attacks. As you will have heard, summer camps and kindergartens are closed and people are living with the constant sound of sirens and threat of attacks. Our doctors in the South are working under very difficult conditions. Of course now that the IDF has begun a ground invasion, many of our doctors have also been called up, and all of Israel worries for the safety of our soldiers.

We understand that the situation is difficult also for the Gazan citizens and our thoughts are with them at this time.

With regards to the medical situation, our Arab and Jewish doctors continue to work together to treat both Israeli and Palestinian patients. The IMA is working to ensure that there are a sufficient number of doctors in hospitals in the South of the country. A field hospital was set up at the Erez crossing under the government authorities and the recommendation of the Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories, Maj. Gen. Yoav Mordechai, and approved by the Chief of Staff Benny Gantz.



The hospital will receive the sick and wounded Palestinians in coordination with the Coordination and Liaison Administration at Erez Crossing and we hope that Hamas will allow the free passage of these patients to the hospital.

I would like to reach out to you and offer you any support you might need at this difficult time. We are aware of the attacks on Israel and the Jewish people throughout the world in response to the current conflict, and if you feel that you need assistance in responding or with regards to general PR, we would be happy to assist you.

Thank you again for your concern and warm wishes

Best Regards

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