Statement of the Lebanese Pediatric Societies in Beirut and North

About the death in duty of the pediatrician Mohammad Wassim Maaz

During the air raid on 'Jerusalem' Hospital in Aleppo on Wednesday, the martyr. Dr Mohammad Wassim Maaz was killed. Many children are also killed during this conflict.

Dr Maaz was the only senior efficient pediatrician still remaining in the city. He worked in Children's Hospital during the day. Afterwards, he went to 'Jerusalem' Hospital for a night shift at the Emergency Department. He was known for being gentle and kind with all his colleagues and patients.

Dr Maaz was supposed to visit his family in Turkey, who had not seen for four months. He decided to remain in Aleppo, considered as a most dangerous city, because of the dedication he has for his job.

In Lebanon also, many children and pediatricians lost their lives during duty in times of conflicts.

Today, together as Lebanese and Arab pediatricians, we remember Dr Maaz humanity and pay tribute to his ultimate courage; we offer our deepest condolences to his family and to pediatricians all over the world.

We hold this opportunity to encourage health workers in armed conflicts; we also pay our deep respect all those pediatricians who sacrifice their personal safety and try their best to fulfill their sacred oath in saving Children's lives all around the world, especially in the Arab world.

We also call for the international community to implement the UN Conventions, Optional Protocols and regulations during armed conflicts, in order to protect the humanitarian tasks and protect children, pediatricians and doctors, as well as rescue and healthcare workers all around world, mainly in places and regions where such policies are most needed.

Long life to children. Long life to pediatricians

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