

An opportunity to help the Christian community in Gaza

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Al Ahli Hospital, Gaza City

“We are exhausted, but we must begin to resume normal operations. We must continue the services that the people of Gaza expect. We cannot rest yet.”

With these incredibly unselfish words, Suhaila Tarazi, the director of Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza, describes her work in the first days of the Gaza ceasefire.



Hospital Director, Suhaila Tarazi

Suhaila states that the cessation of military operations is a tremendous relief after the recent “nightmare” but that the hospital’s work remains very busy. Since the ceasefire began, the hospital has actually seen an increase in the number of patients because many who were afraid or unable to come to the hospital before are now coming to receive care.

Al Ahli hospital is part of the wider work of the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem. Bishop Suheil Dawani praises the Al Ahli Director and hospital staff for their heroism under exceptional circumstances.



“You have demonstrated through healing servanthood and tireless teamwork and ministry, not only the depth of your personal faith, but a faithfulness that has lit a living torch inspiring many across this world with your exemplary devotion and disciplined sense of duty.”

Beginning tomorrow, staff members who have worked non-stop for three weeks, will have their first days off to be with their families.

Al Ahli has been greatly encouraged by doctors from several countries coming to help. Five Egyptians are currently offering their services. When they leave, they will be replaced by doctors from Jordan and Turkey. These doctors, mostly surgeons, have been of invaluable assistance. There is a current urgent need for nurses.

With the ceasefire in place, medicines, food and other supplies are starting to arrive. The Diocese is appealing to friends around the world to help.