

# Striving for Humanity: American Muslim Doctors

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*The selfless services of American Muslim doctors  
and volunteers in the quake-ridden areas*

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ABBOTTABAD, Pakistan – A highly experienced and dedicated team of American Muslim doctors, paramedics and relief volunteers are taking care of patients at Ayub Medical Hospital Complex, Abbottabad. They have also sent tents, food and medicines to Azad Kashmir and Mansehra area.

The first team arrived fifteen days ago headed by Naeema Ghafur, M.D. from California. The team is treating critical cases such as burns, amputations and surgeries as well as general care.

Disregarding personal comfort and needs, the Americans have won over hearts of patients and have set an example before local staff. They distributed sweets and juices to the patients on Eid while the relief wing working under Syed Shafaat Shah Gilani and [The Honorable] M. Atiq Shahid Ameriki have personally delivered and sent tents, foods, medical supplies and other relief goods to various locations in Azad Kashmir and Mansehra Area. Simultaneously, in the US, small girls have been collecting relief funds by selling pillow covers and candies while their mothers sewed hundreds of bed sheets for hospitals, when they found out that many hospitals were short of linen. Ayub Complex was donated a lot of medicines, surgical gloves, bed sheets, and surgical instruments; all that is being done under the directions of the Vice Chancellor of the International Qur'anic Open University (IQOU), El-Sheikh Syed Mubarak Ali Gilani

Qadri, whom had earlier dispatched teams of Muslim Boy Scouts to ground zero after 9/11 and New Orleans, Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina.

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The third team of specialists and plastic surgeons has also arrived to treat burnt children, followed by a ten-member mountain rescue team belonging to the hiking and mountaineering club of the IQOU. This team arrived in the first week of December;

their goal was to reach and help people on high mountains, which are inaccessible due to mountain slides, which have also made helicopter landing impossible.

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## **O mankind! Seek forgiveness of One Almighty God.**

By changing, denying or ignoring Divine Law one cannot escape from the ill consequences of sins. When God created mankind and the world, He also made a Law, which so far nobody has been able to escape it, period.

The Old Testament contains the Ten Commandments forbidding people from committing polytheism, adultery, murder, etc. The same law with more clarity has been included in the Holy Qur'an for all mankind. After the horrible havoc played by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and recent earthquakes in Pakistan, why don't people open their eyes, ears, and hearts, or just take a look back in the entire history of mankind?

Earthquakes, hurricanes, tornadoes and floods were sent only to rebellious commu-

nities in the past. Each sin carries its corresponding punishment. When innocent people are murdered and the blood of these victims fall on the earth, the earth shivers with fear of Allah, then Allah sends His *Athaab* (Wrath). When open rebellion, adultery, homosexuality occurs, it brings on Allah's Wrath, in the form of riots, floods, and famine.

This is the immutable Law of Allah, which **no one can escape**. It is a matter of common sense that people must stop such crimes mentioned above and must seek forgiveness of The One God so that His wrath may cease and His pleasure is earned.

It will not be out of place to mention that most of the staff and students of the IQOU knew beforehand about these catastrophes but they did not know about the location of the earthquake. Please take heed! Take it as a warning or a reminder that if individual and collective forgiveness of God is not sought, particularly by the ruling class, something worse can happen, and *athaab* [Allah's Wrath] from above. This is why thousands of times people are being jolted (in after-shocks) hoping they might turn unto Him in complete humility seeking forgiveness.

Unfortunately, so far no one is prepared to accept as Divine Wrath and what to talk of Tawba? For the past twenty-five days, the Vice Chancellor along with his team from the International Qur'anic Open University have been and still are in the field helping people and seeking forgiveness of God. May Allah save the rest of Pakistan. Ameen.

*There exists Allah's Laws and Islamic Law (Shari'ah). The difference between the two is that the latter (Shari'ah) obliges one to acknowledge, respect, and live by the former. For more in-depth discourse detailed upon the immutable Laws of Allah, the dear reader is recommended to direct their attention to the discourses rendered by His Eminence, El-Sheikh Syed Mubarik Ali Shah Gilani. They are available via Zavia Books Publications at:*

<http://www.zaviabooks.com>



**Image 1: AMMRT Members determining diagnosis.**



**Image 2: AMMRT members put aside personal comforts for the sake of serving humanity, regardless of color, creed or religion.**