

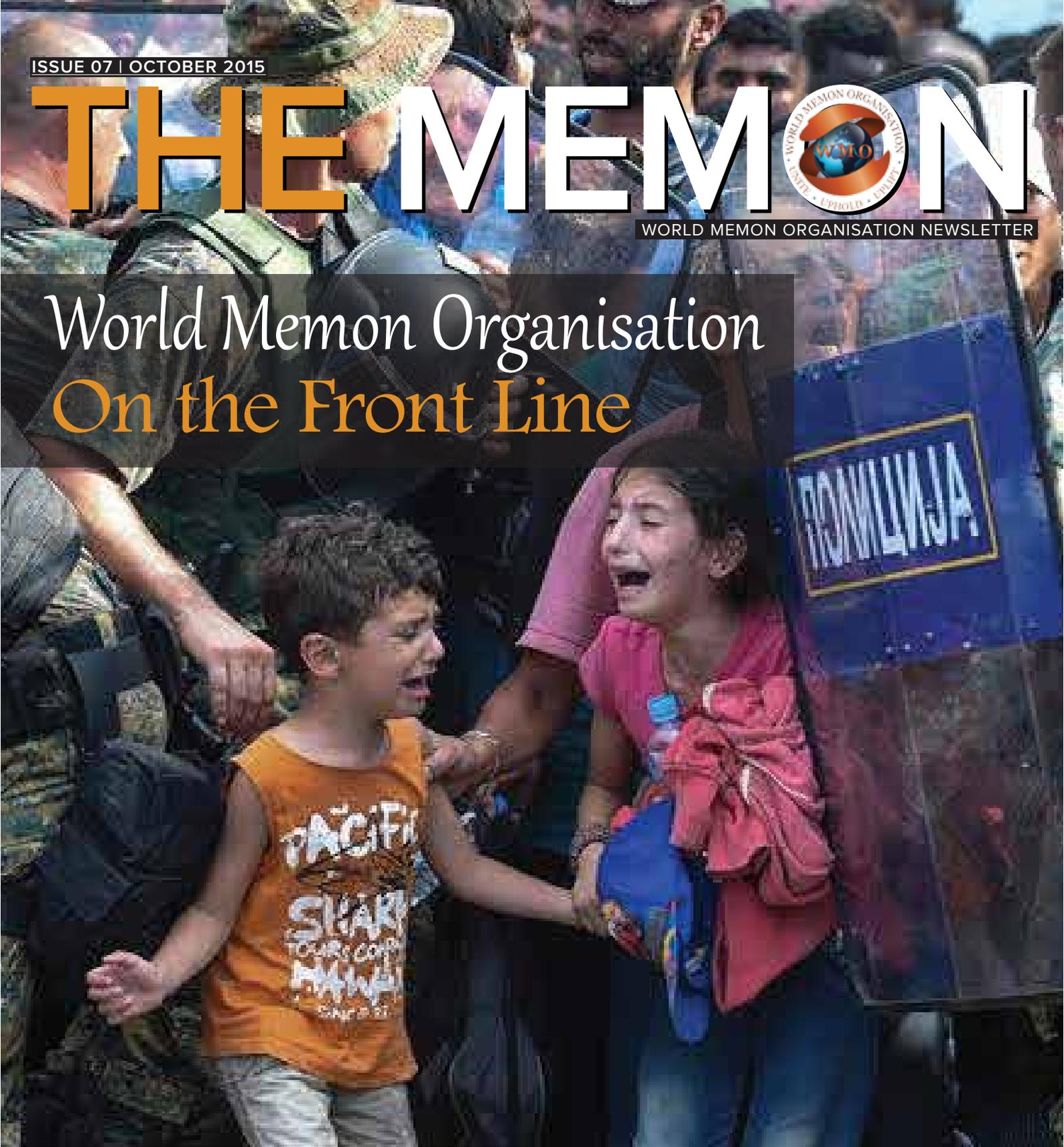
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# THE MEMON



WORLD MEMON ORGANISATION NEWSLETTER

## World Memon Organisation On the Front Line



**Memon Medical Institute Hospital**  
A Landmark of Memon Philanthropy

**Refugee Crisis in Europe**  
WMO -Serving Mankind

**Mr Khalid Jussab**  
Man on Ground Zero

# INTRODUCTION

The refugee crisis in Europe has tested the will and resolve of its people and governments, but most of all our fellow brethren who are fleeing death, destruction and starvation in search of safety and an opportunity to live.

The World Memon Organisation (WMO) is contributing one hundred thousand dollars (USD 100,000) towards the critical cause of the Refugee Crisis in Europe. We expect others to join us and generously donate towards the same.

WMO has always answered the call of the unfortunate victims of a human tragedy or a natural calamity in any part of the World. The organisation has been on the forefront and contributed in every possible way to alleviate the pain and misery of those who seek refuge under these tragic circumstances.

We pray for the wellbeing of our Muslim brothers and sisters. May the Almighty make it easy for them and guide them all to safety and a better life.



Serving Mankind

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# All Aboard the Hope Express

"With bullets whizzing over our heads and my ancestral home reduced to a pile of rubble, I fled my country, the war, the devastation. Clutched our children's arms tightly as my heavily pregnant wife and I clung onto each other for dear life. My father did not survive the hardships of this arduous journey, we buried him along the way. My wife gave birth to a beautiful baby girl by the roadside in Macedonia. I thank Allah for my little bundle of joy and Allah be praised we have reached our destination."

His ravaged, heavily bandaged but still bleeding feet bear testament to the thousand mile journey from his hometown in strife torn Syria to Tovarnik. Tovarnik is a small village in Croatia located on the border with Serbia. It serves as the entry point to Europe for thousands of refugees, provides aid and a safe transit in their perilous migration.

Our journey too began a long way from Tovarnik. My colleagues and I travelled from Leicester, UK with two truck trailers filled with blankets, shoes, warm clothing, sanitary products, winter hats, gloves, thick socks comprising a total of 26 pallets. These were offloaded and distributed at the Red Cross camp in Opatovac on the Serbian border. Refugees arriving at this camp are screened, registered and packed off to the Tovarnik train terminal.



As the train pulls into the station, their faces light up. This is their first mode of transportation. Finally their feet can rest. Around 6000 refugees are transported from Croatia to Hungary every day.

We stand with our food packets, bottles of water and cartons of juice on the platform, preparing to distribute to the eager passengers boarding the train, mostly young men, women and children. It's a 5 hour journey to Hungary and we are doing our bit to cater to their hunger and thirst. Each food pack consists of a high protein energy bar, few slices of bread, a can of sardines, banana and an apple. We distribute 6000 food packs a day at a daily cost of £ 2000.

The tiny tots rush to us, fill their arms with as many bottles of water and little juice cartons they can carry. My heart bleeds when I see their fragile state, fatigued from months of travel without proper food or rest but they have a smile on their face as they board the train on a hope and prayer.

My name is **Khalid Jussab**

I represent the **World Memon Organisation**

We **Serve** Mankind



# WMO on Ground Zero

Mr. Khalid Jussab, active member of WMO, Europe Chapter has personally travelled to the refugee camps in Calais and Croatia to do relief work and distribute aid to the victims of this mass exodus. In the coming weeks, Mr. Jussab will embark on another humanitarian endeavour to the Balkans.

"Our plan is to feed as many people as possible along the migration route and provide blankets, warm clothing, shoes to make their rigorous journey a little more comfortable. We have partnered with the Red Cross and other UK charities, pooling our resources together to ensure that we cover the route as widely as, is possible.

This is a test from Allah for all of us. This is the time to step up to the plate, show what Memons are renowned for all over the world. Time for us to Unite, Uphold and Uplift our Muslim brothers and sisters from Syria and all over the world. Let us be the example for all muslims to follow."

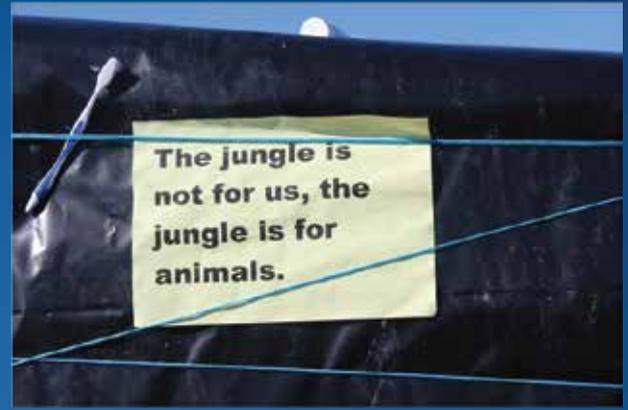
## The important lessons I learnt at the Calais Refugee Camp in France.

Despite their predicament, the refugees have set up mosques in the camp and continue their regular daily prayers which we unfortunately forget despite our comforts.

The aid distributed in the camp is from non Muslim organisations as well. In spite of walking for days without food or water, we had at least two people bringing us energy drinks, enquiring if these were halal to consume. We have an abundance of food yet we consume without checking most of the time.

Even under these greivous circumstances they were always grateful to Allah. When we were going round the camp to ascertain needs they would say 'Alhamdulillah we have everything and don't require anything'. When was the last time you thanked the Lord for the blessings in your life?

We headed back with a strong reaffirmation of our faith in the Almighty, as more devout, practicing Muslims, with a pledge to do even greater good for the less fortunate and a firm resolve to always be thankful for the smallest bounties that Allah SWT has blessed us with



"You are born alone  
You die alone  
But you can't live alone"

# A FLAGSHIP PROJECT OF MEMON HEALTH & EDUCATION FOUNDATION (MHEF)

## INTRODUCTION

Memon Medical Institute Hospital (MMIH) - is a 332 bed, tertiary care hospital project with state-of-the-art infrastructure. The institution adheres to the highest international standards and is specially designed, as well as managed in accordance to the JCI (Joint Commission International Accreditation). It is strictly, a not for profit set up. A hundred percent donor funded project that aims to serve people regardless of their caste, creed, color, religion or ability to pay.

## LIFELINE OF KARACHI

In medical emergencies, time factor is the most critical component. Due to the large inflow of patients in the hospitals of densely populated Karachi, most are unable to get appropriate healthcare in times of need. In these desperate moments, MMIH with its excellent in-patient, out-patient facilities, Emergency Department, ICU, Ventilators and a thoroughly professional approach to medical and health care services, comes as a blessing to the afflicted of Karachi.

## A MEMON ENDEAVOUR

With a firm belief that "The Best Healthcare is the Generic Right of Everyone", a like minded group of humanitarians from the MEMON community joined hands for the wellbeing of the common man in Pakistan. These distinguished individuals assembled together resources, expertise and took out precious time from their busy schedules to get intimately involved in building this mammoth hospital under the umbrella of Memon Health & Education Foundation - MHEF.

## BUILDING A DREAM

The idea of MMIH was conceived in 2004, engaging leading architects from around the world and the crucial involvement of the International Hospitals Group, UK in the planning and designing of the facility. Various Committees of experts comprising of engineers, senior doctors and leaders in the field of information and technology supervised the project at different stages of development. Right from the engineers to the labourers, the top management members to the support staff, everyone has worked tirelessly to make the MMIH dream a reality.



## MEMON MEDICAL INSTITUTE HOSPITAL (MMIH)



## PIONEERS IN HEALTH CARE

MMIH is a healthcare landmark and gained its reputation as one of the fastest growing hospitals in the country. It offers state of the art In-patient, Out-patient facilities, Emergency Department, Pharmacy, Laboratory, Radiology, Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), Vaccination service, Daycare services, Private, Semi Private rooms & General Ward, Operation Theatres, Baby Nursery, Intensive Care Unit (ICU), Special Care Unit (SCU), Endoscopy services, Dialysis service, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), Lithotripsy, Pulmonary Function Test Unit (PFT), Physiotherapy, Paediatric Ward, Paediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU), Cardiac Catheterization, Lab Collection Point & Clinic Centers.

## WE APPRECIATE YOUR GENEROSITY

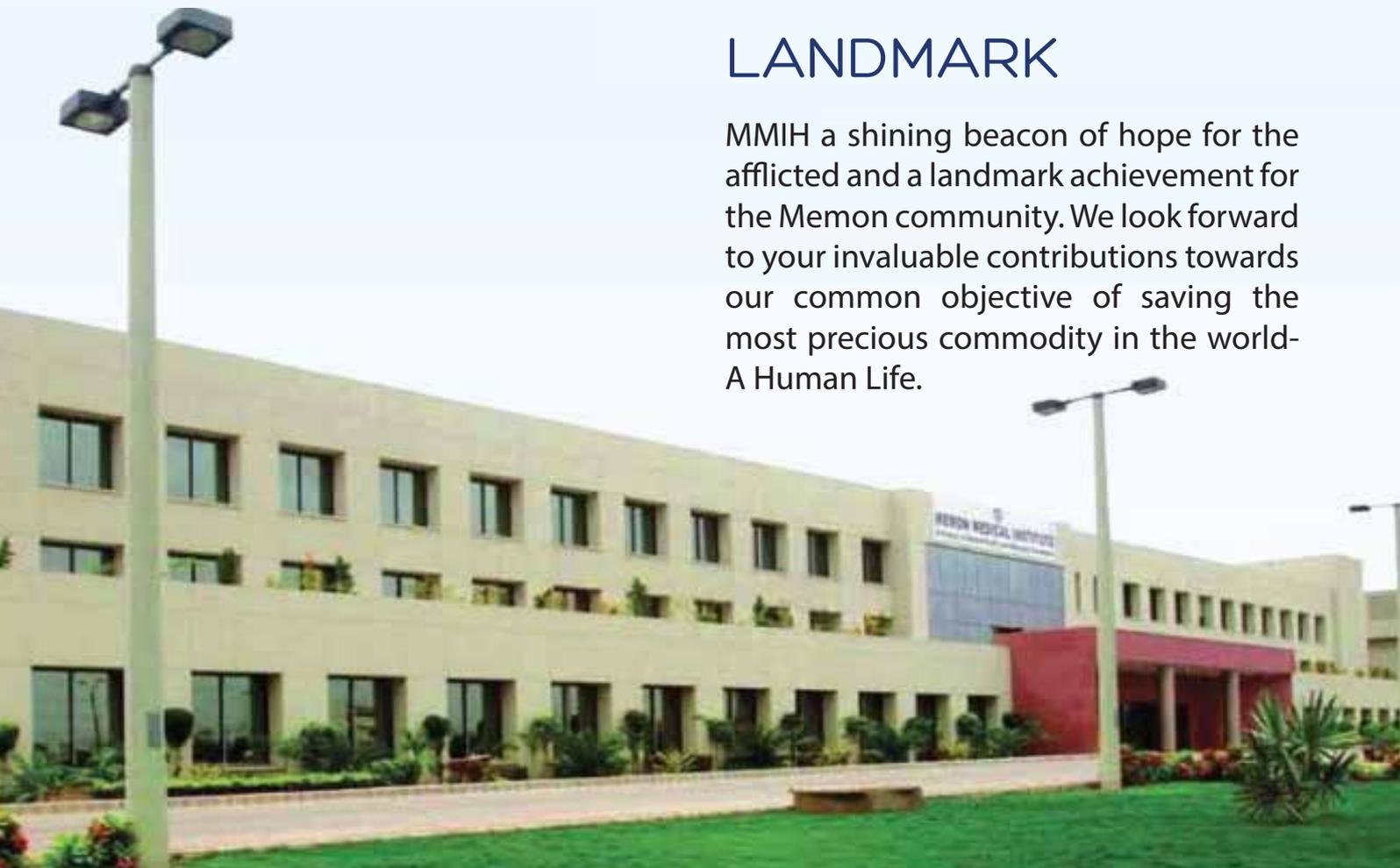
MMIH has a very strong and independent Patient Welfare Department which is responsible for the management of Zakat and donation funds. The Zakat funds are increasing with every passing year, testament of the growing faith amongst our valued donors. We have a very fair and transparent system which gives an opportunity to the donors to help the afflicted wherein we provide them the best healthcare, under the supervision of a team of compassionate and dedicated medical professionals, using the latest technology and equipments.

## FUTURE PLANS

MMIH has envisioned a comprehensive expansion plan which includes the launch of a Nursing School, Medical College and Research Institute as part of our corporate commitment.

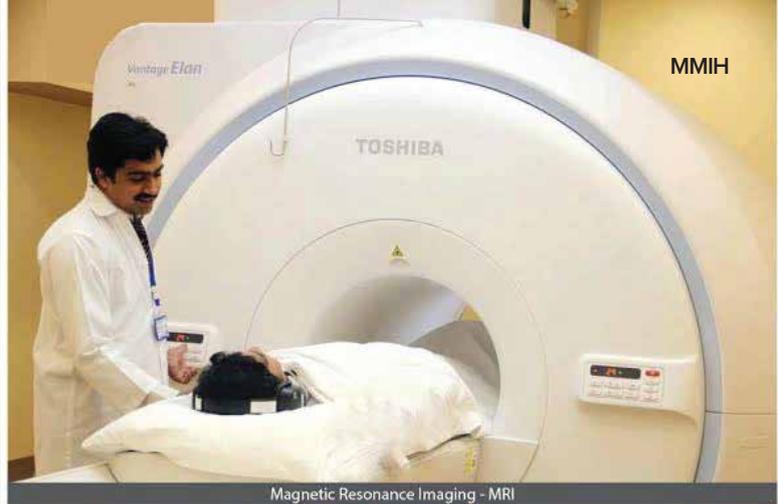
## LANDMARK

MMIH a shining beacon of hope for the afflicted and a landmark achievement for the Memon community. We look forward to your invaluable contributions towards our common objective of saving the most precious commodity in the world- A Human Life.





Operation Theater



Magnetic Resonance Imaging - MRI



Dialysis Unit



Laboratory



OT ( OPERATION THEATER )

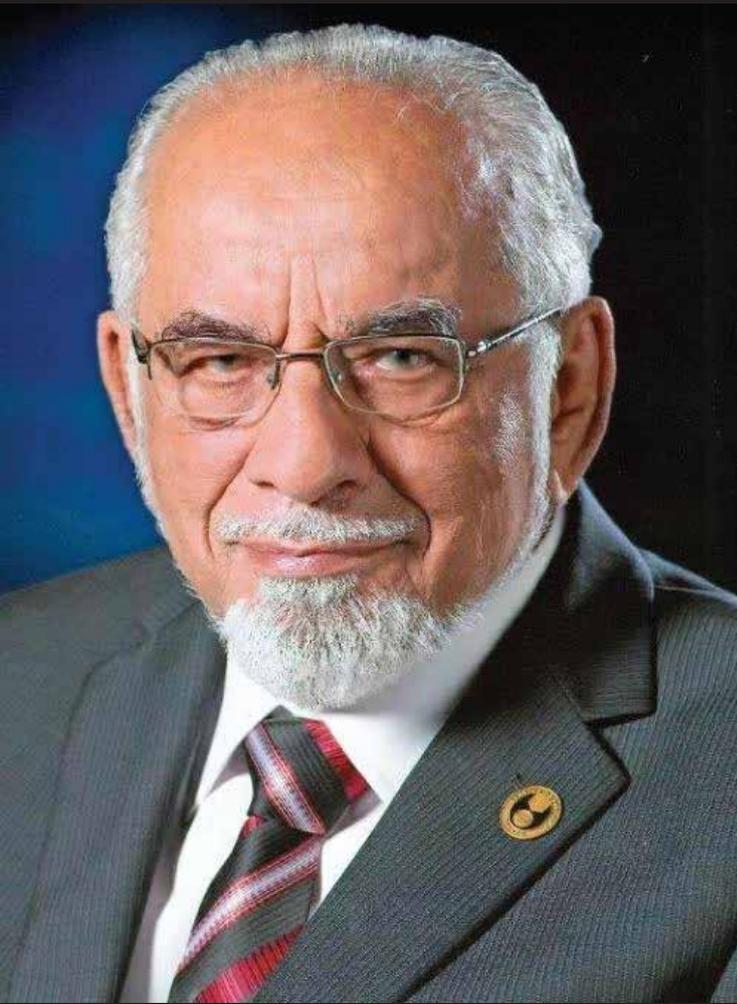


Intensive Care Unit (ICU)



Endoscopy Unit





## DIWAN-E-KHAAS

Mr. Peer Mohammad Diwan is the Founder Chairman (2002-2010) of the Memon Medical Institute Hospital. The establishment, effectively managed by its Board of Trustees, caters to the healthcare needs of society at large irrespective of cast, creed or religion. It is constructed on **11.5 acres of land** in Karachi by the Memon Health & Education Foundation. MHEF is a non-political body of philanthropists and professionals, exclusively of the Memon community.

As history goes, Mr Diwan and his close group of friends joined hands to buy the plot of land for MHEF and they entrusted him to become CHAIRMAN in 2002. His duties included heading various committees for Construction , Project Management and Medical Advisory. In his exhaustive research, Mr. Diwan participated in 5 Arab health and medical equipment exhibitions and visited 12 renowned hospitals in Bombay, Dubai, Dhaka, Malaysia , South Africa and UK.

At the turn of the century, he was one of the first to initiate the revolutionary Green technology in the Subcontinent. He used all of his **23 years** of Industrial expertise to commission a Centrally Air Conditioned unit of the highest international standards for the hospital. Power based on self generation, using its exhaust hot air to generate 300 tons Of Chilling Power.

He led by example with the philanthropy as well and collected **Rs 2 billion** towards this worthy cause.

A historic moment as Chairman of MMIH came with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with KPJ of Malaysia at the World Islamic Forum held at Islamabad on 7th November 2006. It was done in the presence of Prime Ministers of Malaysia and Pakistan, amongst many other prominent dignitaries from over seventy countries.

" MMIH is strictly, a not for profit set up. A hundred percent donor funded project. The invaluable contribution from our donors makes an enormous difference in the lives of people suffering from ailments and seeking our help. Our collective efforts, along with the World Memon Organisation have significantly contributed in transforming thousands of lives -- for the better."

# A Man for All Seasons

There is a famous saying in the World Memon Organisation. "If you want to get the job done, Solly Noor is your man."

As former Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Zakat collection was his top priority and he squeezed out funds from parched lemons.

Strictly, A Man of Action. He walked the talk and his substantial personal contribution was always the first to arrive. His word was his bond, and he demanded no less from others. He toiled laboriously for his underprivileged brothers and sisters. Traveling extensively across continents he pushed, coaxed, cajoled and charmed donors around the world for pledges toward the WMO.

However, once you shook on it, you had entered an iron clad agreement; it was unbreakable. Thereafter he pulled no punches, shot straight from the hip and always hit the nail on the head. Nobody dared argue with him, he invariably had the last word and the cat always got your tongue. All chapters came good on their commitments and the WMO Zakath targets were achieved year after year like clockwork.

Last year, Mr. Suliman Noor Mahomed was unanimously elected President of WMO. The 13th AGM at Colombo, Sri Lanka was the first to be held under the leadership of the newly appointed President.

From the outset, he mesmerised one and all with his exceptional oratory skills, made a strong pitch for collective teamwork, initiated a corporate structure and delivered on his promise of transforming WMO into a world class organization. He inspired confidence in the younger generations, motivated the ladies, took decisive action when it mattered and conducted the meetings like a well orchestrated symphony. It was quite evident that he was on top of his game and always in control.

An unprecedented million dollars donation was made by a single donor, new members flocked to the organisation and the AGM was a monumental success. The triumph is testament of Mr. Solly Noor's exemplary leadership skills. He revelled in his new role as President of WMO and even his fiercest detractors looked at him with newfound respect.

As we said, right at the start. "If you want to get the job done, Solly Noor is your man."



# REFLECTIONS *from* COLOMBO



Professor Rashid Gatrad OBE and Deputy Lieutenant to Her Majesty The Queen took out precious time from his busy schedule to attend the 13th WMO AGM in Colombo in August.

In between, taking the lead at functions to celebrate the longest reign by any Monarch in the history of England and receiving an Honorary Doctorate for his local, national and international humanitarian work. The three times over doctor - a medical doctor, a doctor of philosophy (PhD) and now a doctor of science (DSc) wrote about his memorable experience in Colombo.

It all happened one morning when I got up. I told my wife 'I was off to the WMO AGM in Colombo.' She said 'you must be crazy. You will not know anyone there.' I said 'at least I know Ashraf Sattar bhai there who had very kindly generously donated money to my charity, when he was here in the UK a few years ago.'

'Wow' is how I would sum up the 10 days. The hospitality was absolutely fantastic and the arrangements made by the Memon community there were out of this world. Nothing was too much for the hosts. Abdul Cader Saleem and Shahid Sangani organised a world class cricket tournament, this for me was the highlight. Next was the food I needed a bigger pair of trousers on my return! Such is the affinity, love and biradari amongst us.

I was able to put names to faces, such as Sattar Dada, Solly Noor, Yusuf Kamdar, both the Pirmahomedes, and of course Zubair amongst many others. What struck me was that there were people from around the world who could have owned the entire Taj chain and more, yet they were simple, had no airs and graces. The humility that they showed was there to behold, a lesson to us all - particularly the youth.

Talking about the next generation I had the pleasure of sitting on a table with a few in a session that the very inspirational Yunus Suleman led. These kids I thought to myself are really switched on. Although they were very knowledgeable, what struck me was the respect that they had for the elders. I am sure that the WMO of the future will be safe in their hands, with a little guidance.

Do I have any suggestions? In my humble opinion the organisation is doing a fantastic job and from my perspective it has excellent leadership. However being a doctor I could not help but notice the absence of a medical sub-group/committee. This I believe could considerably strengthen WMO global operations. I am not volunteering for anything, but there were some very able and dynamic medics who would fit the bill, and what's more are better looking, including Ismailbhai who is much older than me!

At the end of the week when I really came to know people reasonably well it was sadly time to say our good byes. I saw very little of Colombo but brought back memories to last me a life time.

# Emerging Women Leaders

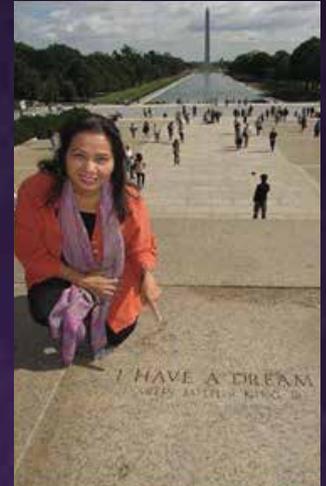
The US State department organizes leadership programs where nearly 5000 international participants visit the US each year. The Global Women mentoring program facilitates talented, emerging women leaders from all over the world who are between the ages of 25-43.



Ladies of the Memon community are excelling in various areas of expertise; from engineering to medicine and from fashion designing to accountancy and it is a matter of great prestige for the World Memon Organisation, that **Reeda Sheikhani** (WMO Pakistan Chapter) is currently a mentee in the on-going Women Leadership program in US. We believe that participation in these programs introduces the females to an elite network earlier in their careers that might have not been the case otherwise. Lessons learnt from experiences with successful leaders are lifelong. Success stories shared by leaders in this program motivates and inspires others to pursue their dreams.

This month long program begins with an orientation in Washington, D.C., where mentees meet with senior women leaders in government, business, academia, civil society and the media. Participants are also introduced to American federalism and how the nation's history and culture are reflected in the decentralized nature of decision-making. They often take part in lectures, round-table discussions, and professional site-visits and conferences, along the way networking with professional counterparts from both the public and private sectors. They also get a taste of American culture, frequently touring historical sites, parks, and museums.

There is no application process to enroll in these programs, International Visitors are selected by U.S. Foreign Service Officers at U.S. Embassies around the world. Former prime ministers Tony Blair, Gordon Brown, Margaret Thatcher and Edward Heath were all participants early in their careers.



International Visitor Leader Program believes that women with great potential are out there, somewhere, embarking on their relentless climb to the top and it is their responsibility to engage them in this mentorship program. As Michelle Obama says "As women, we must stand up for ourselves and we must stand up for each other".



For more information about the programs offered by US State department, please visit

<http://www.iie.org/Programs/IVLP/About>

## Earthquake Relief Funds

On the 26th of October, a devastating earthquake jolted Afghanistan and Pakistan resulting in a massive loss of life and property. The maximum casualties are in Pakistan, with the death toll rising and thousands who are injured or missing.

The World Memon Organisation is contributing one hundred thousand dollars (USD 100,000) towards relief work and aid for the unfortunate victims of this tragic calamity.

We expect others to join us and generously donate towards the wellbeing of our brothers and sisters in Pakistan. May Allah SWT protect our brethren and guide them all to safety.



## Middle East Youth Wing Memon Billiards Competition Season II

On return from Far East after an exciting two weeks of cricket and meeting memons from around the world, the Middle East Youth Wing organised the second edition of the Memon Billiards Competition at Golden Hall, Dubai.

Gracing the event Mr Zunaid Moti, Trustee Middle East Chapter spoke about the importance of the youth to come forward and help the community to grow further.



The winner of the first edition Faisal was a tournament favorite and the expectations were high off him to perform yet another clean sweep. However, with some luck and Anzar Iqbal who reached his first final in the main division gave Faisal a hard time and surprised us all by leading 2-0 in a best of 5 game. But as they say, form is temporary, class is permanent. Faisal put up a grand show in the next 3 games to follow that got the crowd glued to their seats.



Eventual result was expected at the very start but as the Youth Wing of Middle East is, the tournament ended on a very exciting note with Faisal the defending champion winning 3-2 to remain the rightful title holder.

### Final Results

#### Main Division

Faisal Memon - Winner  
Anzar Iqbal - Runner Up

#### Plate Division

Farukh Memon - Winner  
Talha Zaveri - Runner Up

