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NAAMA DENOUNCES VIOLENCE AGAINST CIVILIANS AND MEDICAL WORKERS IN ARAB COUNTRIES

NAAMA Issues Press Release in Support of Humane Treatment

On Friday, February 25, 2011, NAAMA issued the following announcement to the American, Arab American and healthcare media:

The National Arab American Medical Association (NAAMA) condemns without reservation the violence and use of force against civilians and medical workers that continues unabated in parts of the Arab World. NAAMA calls for the immediate cessation of violence and measures by the Libyan and Bahrani governments, particularly, to address the medical needs of the wounded.

Furthermore, we denounce the unprovoked attacks by authorities on medical missions, hospitals, physicians and other medical professionals while performing their duties.

NAAMA urges the governments of Libya and Bahrain, as the most recent sites of humanitarian crises, to respect international human rights laws for their citizens and to ensure the safety of medical supplies and health professionals as they dispense critically needed aid to the wounded and displaced.

Humanitarian assistance still in need in Egypt following the January revolution is now exacerbated by the thousands fleeing the violence in Libya. NAAMA is concerned about the increasing shortage of medical supplies in the face of mounting atrocities.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS: SECOND NOTICES WERE MAILED

Members who haven't renewed for 2011 have begun to receive a notice in the mail that it's time to renew. As you know, NAAMA is able to operate only through your dues. Please keep our organization strong by renewing today. You can also renew conveniently online by [clicking here](#). It's easy to do. We'll need your correct mailing address, phone numbers (please include your cell phone number!) and e-mail address so you won't miss any NAAMA news.

There are many reasons why your membership in NAAMA is important. But here's the most important: We wouldn't be NAAMA without you!

For more information, please contact the NAAMA office at 248-646-3661 or naama@naama.com.

CHAPTER NEWS

Featured this month:

NORTHWEST OHIO: On Friday, February 18, Northwest Ohio NAAMA members attended a workshop on "Asset Protection for Medical Professionals" by Julius Giarmarco, Partner -

NAAMA continues to monitor events in the region as they unfold and will evaluate the safety, efficacy and logistics of sending a medical mission or medical supplies to the Egyptian-Libyan border to treat the injured.

NEW MEMBER BENEFIT HELPS YOU...AND NAAMA!

NAAMA is participating in an exciting new fundraising program - a unique partnership that combines saving YOU money while simultaneously raising funds for NAAMA. NAAMA now has its own shopping portal featuring thousands of partner stores like Macy's, Walmart, Sears, Kohl's, Dell, The Home Depot, your favorite travel sites and many more. When you make a purchase on www.marketamerica.com/naama, you earn up to 35% cash back on qualified purchases and NAAMA receives royalties.

This month, NAAMA launched a [new member benefit](#) that will pay members and friends cash back on all their purchases -- for home or office -- AND provide revenue to NAAMA. NAAMA has become a member of the Market America Non-Profit Program that takes advantage of the savings and convenience of online shopping that is increasing exponentially everyday. People are turning more and more to the Internet to do their shopping. With the price of gas rising significantly, online shopping is the easiest and best way to save money, earn cash back and support your organization.

It's so easy to become a friend of NAAMA. Just [click right here](#) and sign on as a new preferred customer. Start shopping and saving for your office products, your family's clothes, household products, even groceries...and helping your organization!

You can take a portal tour, available online at www.naama.com. Or just [click here](#) to download the video clip on your own computer and "Learn how to SAVE AND EARN." The training is really helpful. The NAAMA National office staff is well-versed how the NAAMA Shopping portal works and we'd be glad to help you start saving and earning money as well as benefiting NAAMA.

For example, does your office purchase office supplies from Office Max or Staples or medical supplies from Medex Supply? When you shop at these same stores through the NAAMA portal, you pay the same price, maintain your rewards program and you also get cash back and NAAMA receives royalties...a win-win for everybody.

"We know that NAAMA members want their organization to flourish and wish they could contribute to that goal," said NAAMA President Mouhanad Hammami. "This type of program that gives money back to

Giarmarco, Mullins & Horton, PC, and Mike Amine, Managing Partner - New England Financial, a MetLife Company, at Byblos Restaurant in Toledo.

CENTRAL OHIO: Dr. Mahmoud Houmsse is extending an open invitation to all NAAMA members to attend the 1st Annual NAAMA Central Ohio Chapter Scientific Symposium in cooperation with Ohio State University on March 26, at The Blackwell in Columbus. [Here is the link for more information.](#)

SAN DIEGO: On March 10, the San Diego Chapter is holding a strategy session on "How to Get More Out of Your Business and Enrich Your Life" with life coach Anne Bachrach at The Club House at The Reserve at 4S Ranch, San Diego.

Congratulations!

Dr. Elie Azrak of the St. Louis Chapter and 2011 NAAMA CFO, was acknowledged in an article in the February 21, 2011, edition of iCons in Medicine Newsletter for his recent presentation on the incidence of heart disease in women. He explained that nearly twice as many women in the U.S. die from heart disease and stroke than from all forms of cancer. He described the symptoms of heart disease more specific to women.

Dr. Azrak is an iCons in Medicine member. In future editions, you'll learn more about iCons and how you can lend your expertise.

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a non-profit organization is catching on quickly around the country and NAAMA is the first of our type of professional organization to sign on. We're grateful to all our members who register and shop on the NAAMA portal."

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**JORDAN CONVENTION BROCHURE MAILED THIS WEEK
YOU CAN REGISTER ONLINE RIGHT NOW!**

NAAMA's 25th International Medical Convention will be held in Amman this summer, June 25 - June 30, at Le Meridien Hotel.

The convention committee has planned an outstanding scientific program, an exciting multi-city social program and a meaningful Auxiliary program.



[Click here](#) for all the details and to register.

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