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Dear Friend,

Gujarat and Gujarati Hindus are at the crossroad. The Chief Minister of the state has persistently argued that there is a conspiracy to malign Gujarat through misleading propaganda and false allegations; that the pride and self-respect – (The Asmita) – of 5 crore Gujaratis is under attack; that the so-called paper tigers (English news media) and anti-national fundamentalists are hell bent upon showing Gujarat in poor light to the world.

We argue instead that it is the BJP's record, policy and philosophy of managing the crisis in the state is under scrutiny. The challenge is to the BJP's and the Pariwar's integrity and their pride in unleashing terror on lacs of innocent, peaceful Muslims for the barbaric act committed by some Muslims at Godhra. The BJP is mocking at the constitutional principles of the rule of law and secularism. This is challenged.

That the BJP establishment has dared to fuse "the pride" of the BJP with that of Gujarat and 5 crore Gujaratis is deeply disturbing development in the post-Independent India. This daring act has a lot to do with the Gujarati Hindus' acquiescence in the ruler's deeds at worst and in their deep ambivalence at best.

Gujarati Hindus' silence – for whatever reason – is encouraging the Hindutva forces in and outside Gujarat to unfurl their dangerous strategy of intolerance, of undermining the constitutional frame of liberty and to divide the country along the lines of its choosing.

This is a recipe for anarchy and chaos. This will destroy peace, prosperity and order, the last thing Gujaratis want.

There is highly credible evidence that violent "Islamic Fundamentalism" has taken roots in the Muslim countries. This obviously worries the Hindus but it is important to realise that the overwhelming majority of ordinary Muslims in these countries are as hopelessly caught in the poisonous web of hatred and falsehood, weaved by the fundamentalist forces as are the vast majority of ordinary Hindus here.

It is equally an embarrassing and massive failure of secularist forces that neglected the political and social bulwark of institutions (traditions, rules, conventions and laws). Gujaratis must learn to break out of this web and not allow the destruction of Gujarat they have always known and loved – a tolerant, peaceful and fun loving Gujarat.

This is our ultimate plea: We Are All Responsible Now for What Happens in Future.

Yours
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We Are All Responsible Now for What Happens in Future

An eighteen year old young woman Mai Makhutar was gang raped in feudal rural Punjab of Pakistan because her brother Shakoor dared to romance a girl from a higher caste – the Mastoi Baloch. Local Council – Panchayat – of 6 elderly Mastoi met to adjudicate and ruled that Shakoor's Sister Mai be handed over to Mastoi men to be gang raped for next hour in a nearby barn house. Revolting? Horrifying? We in India would be tempted to pity Pakistan and patronizingly regret its degenerated ways – mob justice, and gross human right violations. We better pause. Our beloved progressive, Gujarat is gripped by mob justice and human right violations worse than in rural Pakistan.

Ever since Godhra carnage occurred on the fateful day of February 27 2002, Gujarat is in the eye of the storm. We have seen several communal riots in the last 30 years of public life. But this is unique. Admittedly, the disturbances of last turbulent 3 decades have earned Gujarat an unsavory label of "the most communal state". We simply disagreed, because in the villages and towns of Gujarat, we always saw Muslims and Hindus living and trading peacefully together. A large number of Hindus and Muslims lived in harmony in tightly packed, overcrowded *Bastis* for decades. In large shopping streets of Ahmedabad, Vadodara, Bharuch, Surat, it is a common place to see Hindu shops adjacent to Muslim shops, doing thriving business. We always laughed off the label because of the social reality. Little did we realise that we would be caught unaware.

Then Godhra happened. Within 48 hours of Godhra massacre of Hindu Karsevaks by the Muslims, the tidal wave of Hindu violence engulfed the cities of Ahmedabad and

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Vadodara and towns and villages of Panchmahal, Sabarkantha and Mehsana districts. Innocent Muslim men, women and children were killed en mass in most gruesome way while the police looked on passively. When the police control stations in Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar were flooded with desperate cries for help from Muslims, senior ministers sitting there watched the unfolding events dispassionately. Ahmedabad city was left to marauding mobs for 72 hours. The police simply disappeared from the streets. Even a small boy knew that it was free for all for the next 3 days. Muslim properties across Ahmedabad city including those on the most prestigious shopping street of C. G. Road were systematically ransacked and burnt. Eyewitness accounts reported that young upper middle class women in their gleaming cars descended on C. G. Road, casually entered the broken Muslims shops and leisurely selected and tried expensive foot wears, and tastefully selected saris, salwar – kameez, walked away with hands-full of merchandize and drove away peacefully. There was no tension, terror, pelting of stones, police sirens, firing – nothing. Ahmedabad city was surrendered to Hindu arsonists and looters to do whatever they wanted to Muslim properties. We are deliberately omitting the blood-curdling accounts of how Muslim women were raped and killed by the frenzied mobs, of the children hacked right before their mothers, and of the planned killings of frightened Muslims trying to run away from the blood thirsty Hindu mobs on the roads of the rural areas of Sabarkantha, Panchmahal and Mehsana, while the police stood in silence. Senior police officers in Ahmedabad blandly denied gang rapes saying “in such mayhems rapes are impossible!” Unbelievable but true, 3 months after the horrors, *Out Look* newsweekly published revelations of a senior minister made before Citizens Tribunal that the Chief Minister Modi on 27th February had summoned a meeting of top bureacrats and police

officers of the state. He issued instructions to keep police away during the next 24 hour's VHP Bandh. "There would be justice for Godhra" he said and the police should not come in the way of "the Hindu back lash." A senior police officer protested, but was silenced. What happened in the next 48 hours is now a history. The account has not been challenged, nor any action taken against the magazine.

Lest it be thought that these are reproductions from English media, we hasten to add that we have traveled places and obtained individual eyewitness accounts of Muslims killings and lootings from the camps and Bastis in the districts of Sabarkantha, Panchmahai, Vadodara and Bharuch. One of us (Rajesh) was a witness to the week long build-up of violent atmosphere leading to looting and burning of 152 houses and shops of Muslims and Bohras of Kawant. The District Collector and Police Officer received countless calls from desperate Rajesh and others, but remained unmoved. The rape of Kawant was predetermined in Gandhinagar, the district officers merely complied.

Kawant and Panwad – 8 kms from Kawant – were looted and burnt a full week after pogroms in Ahmedabad, Baroda and the adjoining districts had run its course. Modi claimed and Delhi endorsed it – that peace was restored in Gujarat in 72 hours after Godhra! Kawant and Panwad, the bustling, trading towns of the tribal area had never witnessed communal disturbances since independence. In fact, the large tribal belt of East Gujarat, stretching from Banaskantha in the North through Sabarkantha, Panchmahal, Baroda, Bharuch in the south was barely scratched by communal disharmony in the past. This was not a spontaneous fury of angry Hindus as claimed by the Hindutva forces. It had all the hallmarks of pre-planning and co-ordination. Fundamentalists carried out the outrage long after the pogroms of Ahmedabad, Mehsana, Panchmahal and other places.

The state connived and held law and order in abeyance. Vast areas of Gujarat convulsed with almost unilateral Hindu fundamentalist violence for the next four months. Never before Muslim was so frightened, insecure and isolated in Gujarat. Muslims in North and Central Gujarat were frightened to appear alone on the roads and the streets. We have never witnessed such state sponsored terror and violence in Gujarat.

True, Godhra massacre by the Muslims was a ghastly act, but how can a state abandon its constitutional obligation to maintain law and allow paralysis of economic activities for four months? The state, gone berserk, is disturbing enough, but the tacit-support of Gujarati Hindu Middle Class (GHM) – educated, technology savvy, exposed to the world - to this wholly avoidable human tragedy is appalling and frightening. In the drawing rooms of the GHM, derogatory comments galore: 'Muslims richly deserved this; they are a violent and fundamentalist community; their bodies are in India but heart in Pakistan, they should go to Pakistan; they overbreed; they harbour Pakistani terrorists and smuggle explosives, arms and narcotics; they had to be taught lessons and put in their place.'

Barring a few exceptions, to most GHM, it was just and proper to take revenge of Godhra killings in other parts of Gujarat. To them, the Muslim community was guilty as a whole and the mob justice right. The passion, the conviction and the sincerity of their views revealed a lot. The constitutional guarantee of the rule of law, equality of all before the law was a fiction – merely a piece of paper. It mattered little to them that Muslim High Court judges hid from murderous crowds and the police watched; at least in 2 cases police reluctantly escorted them to a safety of Muslims areas! Their brother judges in the High Court observed studied silence. (True, three retired Chief Justices spoke out). The High Court lawyers were abnormally complacent about absent law and order and

violation of human rights. Doctors, other professionals business community, industrialists (with exceptions) were complacent no less. Only the police, receiving flak from the national, international media and intellectuals was shaken. The police association formally resolved to uphold the law and order in future!

An unreal fear psychosis has gripped the GHM. Even if some felt vague unease about the innocent Muslims being victimised for the crime committed by other Muslims at Godhra, they kept silence. Large circulation Gujarati dailies published unfounded, inflammatory accounts of involvement of large sections of Indian Muslims with the terrorists; of smuggling of arms, explosives, narcotics and of the sanctuaries, provided to Pakistani agents in the Muslim homes. The rumour mill worked over time, echoing poisonous propaganda against Muslims by the Hindu fundamentalists. Many intellectuals in Gujarati press came forward to provide rationalisation for the fear psychosis being built up by rumours and innuendoes. To begin with intrinsic intolerance of Islam was assumed. Thence followed the historic injustices by the Muslim invaders centuries ago; duplicity and deceit of Muslim League and Jinnah; traumas of the partition; the rise and growth of Islamic fundamentalism in the last few decades across the crescent of Muslim countries from Morocco in the west to Philippines in the far east; the genesis of al-Qaeda terrorism of September 11 and the terrorist attacks in Kashmir from across the border. While some of the pieces like al-Qaeda terrorism in the U.S. and elsewhere feeding on the rising wave of fundamentalism in the Muslim countries are factually true, the first premise of the dubious logical chain – intrinsically intolerant Islam, is simply not true (Read Galib for a start!) It is a slur on the great religion, by the bigots and the myopic. Nor is the connection with Jinnah and Muslim league tenable. The connection of the

chain of reasoning to Gujarati Muslims and their putative behaviour is not only downright lie, it is devilish in intent and design. Sadly the GHM has swallowed without hesitation this scandalous reasoning and misinformation as true, and tacitly supported mob attacks on the Muslims.

It never occurred to them that the mob justice is a primitive justice and not justice of the civilised society. They easily forgot that when al-Qaeda terrorists struck in New York and Washington, killing about 4000 innocent civilians, terrified and angry Americans did not go on killing spree of innocent Asians, but showed exemplary discipline. President Bush's appeal not to take law in hand was almost totally heeded. Barring two killings (the killers were convicted) America remained peaceful, mourned her dead with great dignity, and revealed deep spirituality.

This is not a place to delve deep in to the history long past of Muslim invasions and their deeds / misdeeds, suffice it is to say that many were unsophisticated warlords, with little understanding of Islam. Nor is it a point that Jinnah, far from being Muslim fanatic, was the most prominent exponent of Hindu-Muslim unity in British India in his early *avatar*. He later became the father of pernicious doctrine of Muslim nation based on religion, though he was not religious fanatic. His single-minded pursuit of Pakistan was driven by pure political ambition, so much so that he cared little for the millions of Muslims he left behind. Denying all facts, Jinnah vilified Gandhi and the Congress as only Hindu. He bullied and insulted large number of nationalist Muslims like Azad and others as stooges of "Hindu Congress." He yearned to see the rise of Hindu fundamentalists as a counter foil to Muslim League. Nonetheless his tirades were not of a religious bigot. Gandhi and his great generals Nehru, Sardar, Azad foiled his dangerous game. The congress

remained truly nationalist, and the Hindu fundamentalists were sidelined. Gandhi's bid to avert partition failed. Two-nation theory of Jinnah triumphed. Pakistan was created. Two nations were born amidst the worst blood bath India has seen. Three million innocent Hindus and Muslims were slaughtered on both sides of the border. Gandhi and his colleagues stood by the Indian Muslims in their trying hours. Jinnah saw the bloody consequences of his doctrine. He was humane enough to atone and advised Indian Muslims publicly to trust Gandhi! Belatedly he acknowledged that Gandhi was a good man. Gandhi indeed was a true Hindu who brought out the best in Hindu Dharma in the great tradition of Ramkrishna – Vivekananda. He lived by the ideal of Lord Rama and of Gita preached by Lord Krishna. (Koran is as spiritual as Gita is – Azad and many before him and after him have showed this.) He and his trusted colleagues Nehru, Sardar, Azad, Prasad etc doused the wild passion of blind revenge. Finally in his last act of renunciation, Gandhi sacrificed his life for Hindu – Muslim unity. Hindu fanatic killed him but the fundamentalists were contained. Jinnah did not win.

Gandhi was no votary of constitutional liberties and parliament. He was however acutely aware of the insecurities felt by the minorities once British left the country. He energetically intervened to get congress committed to develop this country as a democratic, secular state where all citizens enjoy full and equal rights irrespective of the religion to which they belong. The Constitution enshrined the right of individual liberty, the equality before the law of all citizens irrespective of caste or creed – the rule of law. From this followed the parliamentary democracy based on free elections, independent judiciary and the great principle of secularism – under the savage attack at the moment.

Jinnah, waking to the enormity of his theory, wanted Pakistan to adopt a la India liberal constitution and secularism but the death intervened and the Muslim League abhorred "the dangerous idea." Pakistan never saw the great ideals taking roots. India did, thanks to Gandhi, Nehru and Sardar.

No doubt, India immersed in the tradition of authoritarian hierarchy of old, of castes and gender; of illiteracy and poverty, did not find it easy to live by the principles of the liberal constitution – mauled severely in the '70s. Yet India managed better than most sympathisers had anticipated in the early '50s – that it until February 2002. Admittedly, the idea of the state upholding the law and order took a severe beating in anti-Sikh Delhi riots of 1984. More than two thousand innocent Sikhs were murdered, while the state machinery watched on. Even this blot pales in comparison to post Godhra massacre in Gujarat.

The congress presiding over 1984 massacre suspended the law and order machinery and led the mobs in the killings of Sikhs, but had sense not to take pride in its misdeeds and wanted to forget it. Not so, the Hindutva forces in Gujarat and New Delhi. They are proud of what they did in Gujarat. They are warning the Muslims to behave and accept their place, meaning second class citizenship. They are in a hurry to cash in on the looming elections in Gujarat and hopefully later in other states. "Moderate" Vajapayee in his infamous speech in Goa – "wherever there is Muslim there is discord." – has put a seal of approval on Hindutva's deeds in Gujarat.

Jinnah's poisonous wish of Hindu fundamentalism taking a center stage in India may now well be realised because the GHM is too immersed in its make – believe world to see the dangerous turn. It refuses to imbibe core principle of the civilised society that

punishment for the crime committed by some at one place and time cannot be given to others at different place and time by mobs. The GHM refuses to learn from history that to take revenge of the past is counterproductive. This is elementary – but eludes it. Many intellectuals have argued that these ideas of “law and order, of secularism, of equality before the law” are culture specific, product of specific place and time, alien to our culture. They are the artifacts imposed on us by the Western hegemony, to further their own interests. This is a cultural invasion akin to globalisation! The GHM would concur and like to believe that these ideas are “abstractions” it can not understand!

This is a dangerous illusion, pretence and laziness. The GHM has avidly assimilated applied western science, law, education, technology, commerce, medicine and the rest.

They are no more abstract or concrete than are the basic constitutional tenets of the civilised society – the rule of law, secularism, and the individual liberty. They are as indispensable for future peace and prosperity as are science, education, technology and commerce. The GHM must grasp the horrendous implication that to connive with the fundamentalist state trampling over the civil rights of the Muslims today can pave the way for it to do the same to GHM tomorrow. These are not decorative ‘abstractions’. The concrete lessons of fascism enthroning itself through “democratic” election, destroying liberty have not sunk in yet. The GHM thinks it is safe and secure today and forever! It is in for unpleasant surprise – it is sowing the wind and will reap the whirlwind. Basically it is very simple: we are all responsible now for what happens in the future.

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Don't let commercialisation kill Ayurveda's soul

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KOCHI Nov. 3. Magsaysay-award winner and a world-renowned crusader for low-cost community-based healthcare, Zafrullah Chowdhury of Bangladesh, has come down heavily on the ongoing commercialisation of Ayurveda in India.

"Ayurveda should not go the allopathy way," Dr. Chowdhury, who was here to attend the World Ayurveda Congress, said in an interview with The Hindu on Sunday. "Ayurveda should not repeat the mistakes made by allopathy which is being heartlessly commercialised and exploited by the multinational drug companies"

Dr. Chowdhury, a thoracic surgeon trained in the U.K., is the projects coordinator of Gonoshasthaya Kendra (GK), which had set a model for developing countries in reaching low-cost healthcare to the underprivileged people.

The GK, which was set up in 1971 by a group of healthcare professionals engaged in the Bangladesh liberation war to treat wounded freedom fighters, now works for about a million rural people.

It campaigns for healthcare through community action, for low-cost healthcare and for popularising traditional systems of medicine. It is a strong opponent of exploitation by multinational drug companies.

The GK hosted the December 2000 'People's Health Assembly' held in Dhaka, which was attended by NGO activists and healthcare professional from about 100 countries.

Dr. Chowdhury said Ayurveda, which was a 'science with a soul', was being recklessly commercialised and, in the process, its soul and philosophy were being killed. "In Ayurveda, the philosophy is more important than the herbs and drugs used for treatment," he said.

The philosophy was based on a holistic view of life and environment. The ill person was viewed as a part

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of his or her surroundings and his or her relations with the Nature and other humans were crucial in the treatment.

If this philosophy was ignored, as in the case of allopathy, the ancient system of healing would be ruined. He noted that Ayurveda was not based on Hindu philosophy, but Indian philosophy which was a composite one.

He said that as a fallout of commercialisation, there was now a mushroom growth of Ayurvedic preparations which contained steroids, alcohol and other harmful components. He referred to the 1991 'Sura Tragedy' near Delhi, which killed some 700 persons who had taken an Ayurvedic preparation that contained a heavy dose of illicit alcohol.

He wanted the manufacture and sale of Ayurvedic drugs to be strictly regulated. The drugs and treatment should be made accessible to all and affordable to the poor. Because of rapid commercialisation, the prices of Ayurvedic drugs had shot up in the recent past.

He suggested that Ayurvedic doctors encourage a holistic view of healthcare. They should also enhance people's knowledge and spend more time on creating awareness of health.

'Handwash scheme'

Dr. Chowdhury said the World Bank-initiated 'Washing Hands Initiative' to be introduced in Kerala shortly was an 'insult to Keralites.' He said he was flabbergasted at the very idea of a scheme that would give lessons to Keralites on the need for washing hands using soap so that they could keep off diarrhoea.

He noted that in India the incidence of diarrhoea was the lowest in Kerala. It was a cruel ploy by the multinational soap companies to market their products and to snuff out competition from local soap companies. "It shows the arrogance and obstinacy of the World Bank and the multinational companies," he said.

(The World Bank's Water and Sanitation Programme is launching the Hand Washing Initiative in Kerala and Ghana, Africa, shortly. The programme, ostensibly aimed to reduce incidence of diarrhoea by popularising washing germs off the hands, is supported by World Health Organisation and London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

The funding comes from the multinational companies Procter and Gamble, Johnson and Johnson, Hindustan Lever and Godrej (all of which manufacture soap) as well as the USAID, the Environmental and Health Programme and a Dutch agency. McKinsey is the management consultant to the programme.

The Hand Washing scheme in Kerala is said to cost Rs. 48 crores.

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Cancer Patients Aid Association is a non-governmental organisation working towards the "Total Management of Cancer" in India and neighbouring countries-a principle that encompasses the entire spectrum of cancer related activities-

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CPAA rehabilitates patients and their relatives, producing a number of high quality items for every day use.

Providing Information:

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We are in the process of compiling a mailing group consisting of members from the medical fraternity to form a network across India. We aim to disseminate the knowledge and experience we have gathered from 32 years in the field to the benefit of cancer patients and healthy individuals all over India. Indeed many doctors have already expressed interest in this idea.

As a first step, two CPAA representatives visited Gandhidham and conducted counseling for participants in the cancer screening camp organised by the Rotary Club. We also gave lectures on how volunteers can raise awareness about cancer related issues in the general public.

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I look forward to the development of an exciting new initiative of benefit to doctors and patients alike!

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Interlinking Mirages

Startling news for some and somewhat dreamy for others is the resurrected plan of interlinking rivers of India. Cited by President Kalam and pushed by Chief Justice Kirpal on the verge of retirement, the sheer grandeur of the idea is meant to appeal to people facing drought and flood. Anyone who knows what river systems are, what inter-basin transfers bring forth, and the politics and economics of large river valley and inter-basin projects, will know that whatever water this plan holds is but a mirage.

One wonders not at glancing messages from the President on the eve of Independence day. As a scientist, though, has he seen the plan, impacts assessment, projected costs and benefits? Since it is APJ Kalam talking, Arundhati Roy's comparison of big dams to nuclear bombs comes to mind. Is this a scientist talking politics or a politician talking > science?

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> Whenever dams and water policy, Enron or some other project has come before the judiciary, it has taken the position that it is for the executive to decide on policy. Does the Supreme Court have a locus standi to order interlinking of rivers? Without debate preconditional to a decision, with no specifics available for concerned citizens, people's organisations, and independent experts to peruse, the gigantic idea appears bearing the seal of the apex court. Common people have been taught from childhood to accept its "verdict" as conscientious, constitutional, and "legal." Once considered a fait accompli, a democratic review or scientific assessment and decision become almost redundant.

We have seen the politics that come with any human intervention in rivers flowing since generations from one administrative unit to another. With all the water that has flown or not flown into Cauvery, one cannot take seriously a grandiose dream of linking all the rivers. But hearing it from the highest echelons of the State and judiciary, one cannot wait for some agency of the same state to bring out the plus and minus of it. A hasty beginning may not be prevented unless civil society, experts, and common people respond.

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River basin management in the context of gigantic water planning is discussed in national and international laws. Inter river transfer has come under criticism since the Irrigation Commission of British days, and plans such as Captain Dastur's "garland canal" rejected decades ago, even when big dams were in full swing. Interlinking rivers > was rejected in the nineties by the centre, on advice of experts and bureaucrats such as Dr. M.S. Reddy, and the recent Supreme Court Order termed an "error" by Dr. amaswamy Iyer (both ex-Secretaries, Water Resources Ministry).

Prior experience teaches that we must study basic aspects of each river basin, including catchment area, treatment, command area development, benchmark survey of the affected population, impacts of the reservoir and canal system on farmers, and fisheries, and public health. Environmental Impact Assessment will be inevitable. Compensatory and mitigatory plans must be rationally conceived. Where the canal network extends, will surveyors assess whether soil is irrigable through surface water flows without waterlogging and salinisation that has taken a million hectares of Indian Land? What would be the impacts on food security already in crisis, of a sudden change in cropping pattern?

Enough warnings have been given. The River Valley Guidelines (1983) discuss environmental and social impacts due to transfer of water and people beyond suitability. Unless these become part of the project planning, they are neither considered nor dealt with.

Struggles in the Narmada Valley and on other projects pushed due to political expediency without complete appraisal, have brought out the seriousness of large scale displacement as well as impacts on and injustice to the proposed beneficiaries. Basic questions demand investigation. Will such a linking of rivers actually prevent drought? Or merely transfer drought? What will be the extent of displacement, and provisions for rehabilitation? Canals also displace. In the Sardar Sarovar project, 1,50,000 landholders stand to lose land due to the canal network, of whom 23,500 will lose more than 25% of their land, and 2,000 will become landless. None is considered project-affected nor eligible for rehabilitation.

For intra-river basin transfers, the principle of subsidiarity requires that water be harnessed from where it first drops. The whole crisis of water management today is due to total neglect of water harvesting, either because it is considered peripheral or to be a non-replicable, non-profitable micro-level experiment.

Therefore we see the destruction of cultures, communities, and ecosystems, creating conflicts between states, as in Cauvery, and between state and people, as in Narmada. Conflicts are dealt with more politically than scientifically. If this happens in just one river basin, imagine the consequences across several river basins. Interstate disputes could take decades to resolve.

As our national highways have become conveyor belts for enormously polluting noxious emissions, the huge interlink threatens to become an open sewage garlanding India. The canals, designed for carrying irrigation waters rather than large peak flows, will not be sufficient to control or divert floods in the northern states but will transfer silt. Several large dams built to provide the head and storage required to supply the

canals will permanently submerge fertile lands, forests, village communities and towns, leaving millions of people displaced or dispossessed. Any attempt to obtain full information, question impacts and demand just compensation requires sacrifice by communities living on the natural resources.

Interlinking Himalayan and peninsular rivers is budgeted at Rs. 5.6 lakh crores, even before the completion of feasibility studies, expected by 2008, at a cost of 150 crores. Have alternatives been assessed? When pending water projects require Rs. 80,000 crores to be completed and made usable as per Parliamentary Committee report, is such > a plan viable, scientific, or democratic? There is no time, space, or process indicated for participation of communities whose riparian rights must be considered, and who face upstream impacts, which are now known, and lesser-known downstream impacts. Annual Irrigation budgets of state governments are about 1000 crores each. From where will the money for inter-linking rivers come even if states pool resources for the next several decades? At the cost of local irrigation projects of the true and tested kind that have kept India self-sufficient. In this esoteric experiment of Inter-linking rivers, India itself is the guinea pig.

Water is not like cement or concrete - it is life. Just distribution and full appreciation of its economic, financial, environmental and social dimensions must be part of the planning process. The 73rd amendment and the Tribal Self-rule Act direct that people's consent and consultation cannot be sidelined. Rivers support millions of people. A grandiose scheme such as interlinking would be likely to involve international lending agencies. Before anything starts, let people know what is in the mind of the president, the ministers and sanctioned by the outgoing chief justice within a few days.

It will be nothing short of criminal if water is not treated properly and the water crisis worsens. Already Shivenath river in Chattisgarh is privatised, and the contractor has snatched away people's right even to drinking water. People of the country deserve to know if this centralised plan will nationalise the water only to privatise, just as national public property is doled out - not sold - out at meagre prices, whether it is oil, gas, land or mineral resources, to private companies, foreign and domestic Multinational / Antinational Corporations.

In nature what is linked are not rivers but water itself, through the hydrological cycle. A balanced water cycle demands a & gt; holistic policy that promotes forest cover, prevents erosion, enhances ground water through micro-watershed structures, and provides for desiltation and maintenance of existing tanks, lakes and reservoirs. Agricultural practices and public distribution system should be in tune with the diversity of diets based on local conditions rather than on water intensive monocultures. A vigilant judiciary should punish corrupt administrations for non-implementation of environmental regulations, right to life, livelihood, and minimum wages in an age where there is enough food to fill the godowns of India while poor citizens, especially women and children, sleep hungry and malnourished.

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
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Summary

By Sunray Harvesters

"The crying of animals is nothing more than just the creaking of machines"

René Descartes

NOTE

This summary of the above impressive document on Biotechnology By **Nathan B. Batalion**, **Published by Americans for Safe Food. Oneonta, N.Y.** has been prepared by **Sunray Harvesters** in the public interest. We increasingly enter an age where the whole of nature and the natural world is being irrevocably altered at the behest of a miniscule, but powerful lobby, who claim to know what is best for us all. Their insidious actions under the label of good science and technology are ill-conceived and ethically abhorrent, because they are imposing a "non-living model onto nature". All of life and the ecology is infused and enlivened by a master factor '*compassionate give-and-take*'. But the alternative view of this lobby, so powerfully and prophetically expressed by Descartes, is inhumane, mechanistic and technocratic. Greed and power fuel this process. We are often told that bio-technology after all, isn't that different from hybridisation. The truth of course is that there is a quantum and unnatural distance between the two. Hybridisation allows "conscious life to make primary genetic decisions", it does not erode or warp the "integrity of the life-force" within every cell - Not so with biotechnology. If a rose can become part pig and we can't smell the difference and worse, no longer know the difference, and the face of a goat is atop the body of a sheep and more besides, then we have the doomsday prophecy of an Apocalypse being visited on us now, quite literally. This technology is called biolistics - "a gunshot-like violence that pierces the nuclear membrane of cells". In other words, a forced entry akin to rape. But it goes beyond even this, because this forced entry essentially "*violates the consciousness that forms and guides living nature*". The horror of these words is palpable. Under whose guidance will this mechanical and non-living re-creation of nature be?

Narrow disciplines that ignore the full dimension of what it is to be human are far from scientific in the true sense of the word. We may not, therefore, except at great peril to our world, allow ourselves to be seduced and beguiled by claims, scientific or otherwise, that drive against our deepest instincts of decency and humanity. We need to consciously reclaim these twin qualities. As importantly, we need the *confidence* to restore them to their rightful position as guiding beacons of light to ethical behaviour. We will succeed or fail, largely depending on our refusal to tolerate mindsets that are devoid of a wholeness of perspective and spiritual depth, from the sphere of decision-making on the issues of life. We urgently need to put in place an international moratorium against the use of biotechnology and bioengineering, if only because the ignorance is blatant and huge. Nathan Batalion has compiled an impressive array of evidence, supported by people at the cutting edge of their respective disciplines, to warn us of the profound impacts of a deviant and horror-ridden technology. The chain of reactions is imposed on everyone without choice, with an irrevocable and unstoppable impact.

We eat for nourishment and vitality. Yet, "there are only a few remaining pockets of diverse seed stocks to ensure the long-term resilience of the world's staple foods. *All of them are in the Third World.* Food scientists indicate that if these indigenous territories are disturbed by biotech's advance, the long-term vitality of all of the world's food supply is endangered. Furthermore, we will be 'bio-colonised'. The combined control of genetic and agricultural resources is a powerful weapon for the invasion of cultures; for only when a people lose food self-sufficiency do they become wholly dependent and subservient. That is why 500,000 farmers in India staged a protest on October 2, 1993 against GATT trade regulations and now oppose GM seed products. Under the new regulations of **WTO, the World Bank, GATT, NAFTA**, the autonomy of local economies can be vastly overridden. Foreign concerns can buy up all the major seed, water, land and other primary agricultural resources -- converting them to exported cash rather than local survival crops. This is likely to further unravel the self-sufficiency of those cultures."

No studies have been done on the effects of GM foods on humans. The FDA blithely assumes that the foods are the "*same as the original*" and requires no studies! "There are EIGHT different agencies in the U.S. regulating biotechnology under TWELVE different sets of laws. NONE of the laws had biotechnology in mind when they were passed, as they are 40 to 50 years old" (Joseph Mercola). This is a remarkable state of somnolence.

We in India have a particular responsibility as authors and guardians of a profoundly different and alternative science and are witnesses to the life-enhancing effects of Ayurveda and Yoga. Therefore, we have the mind, the perspective, the wherewithal, if you like, to confront this creeping, deadly onslaught in all of its guises. It will take a full, even heroic effort and an uncommon co-operation that we are frankly strangers to. I can do no better than quote Nathan B: " We are confronted with what is undoubtedly the single most potent technology the world has ever known - more powerful even than atomic energy. Yet it is being released throughout our environment and deployed with superficial or no risk assessments - as if no one needs to worry an iota about its unparalleled powers to harm life as we know it - and for all future generations".

I for one, will have no part in this:

" A year after...a massive spraying...there was not a sound of the song of bird..... What was man doing to...our beautiful world...Who has made the decision that sets in motion...this ever-widening wave of death."

From Rachael Carson's "Silent Spring"

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"Genetic engineering, despite the precise sound of the name, is actually a very messy process."

Michael Hanson phd

Overview

Writes Jeremy Rifkin, in the Biotech Century,

"Our way of life is likely to be more fundamentally transformed in the next several decades than in the previous one thousand years...Tens of thousands of novel transgenic bacteria, viruses, plants and animals could be released into the Earth's ecosystems...Some of those releases, however, could wreak havoc with the planet's biospheres."

In short these processes involve unparalleled risks. Voices from many sides echo this view. Over two hundred scientists have signed a statement outlining the dangers of GM foods and The Union of Concerned Scientists (a 1000 plus member organization with many Nobel Laureates) has expressed similar reservations. The prestigious medical journal, Lancet, issued a warning that GM foods should never have been allowed into the food chain. Britain's Medical Association (the equivalent of the AMA) with 100,000 physicians and Germany's with 325,000 issued similar statements. In a gathering of political representatives from over 130 nations, approximately 95% insisted on new precautionary approaches. The National Academy of Science released a report that GM products introduce new allergens, toxins, disruptive chemicals, soil-polluting ingredients, mutated species and unknown protein combinations into our bodies and into the whole environment. This may also raise existing allergens to new heights as well as reduce nutritional content. Even within the FDA, prominent scientists have repeatedly expressed profound fears and reservations. Their voices were muted not for cogent scientific reasons **but due to political pressures from the Bush administration to buttress the nascent biotech industry.**

To counterbalance this, industry-employed scientists have signed a statement in favour of genetically engineered foods. But are any of these scientists impartial? Writes the New York Times (about a similar crisis involving genetic engineering and medical applications),

"Academic scientists who lack industry ties have become as rare as giant pandas in the wild...lawmakers, bioethics experts and federal regulators are troubled that so many researchers have a financial stake [via stock options or patent participation] ... The fear is that the lure of profit could color scientific integrity, promoting researchers to withhold information about potentially dangerous side-effects."

Looked at from outside of commercial interests, the perils are multi-dimensional. They include the creation of new "transgenic" life forms - organisms that cross unnatural gene lines (such as tomato seed genes crossed with fish genes) - and that have unpredictable behavior or replicate themselves out of control in the wild. This can happen, without warning,

inside of our bodies creating an unpredictable chain reaction. A four-year study at the University of Jena in Germany conducted by Hans-Hinrich Kaatz revealed that bees ingesting pollen from transgenic rapeseed had bacteria in their gut with modified genes. This is called a "horizontal gene transfer." Commonly found bacteria and microorganisms in the human gut help maintain a healthy intestinal flora. These, however, can be mutated.

Mutations may be able to travel internally to other cells, tissue systems and organs throughout the human body.

Not to be underestimated, the potential domino effect of internal and external genetic pollution can make the substance of science-fiction horror movies become terrible realities in the future. The same is true for the bacteria that maintain the health of our soil - and are vitally necessary for all forms of farming - in fact for human sustenance and survival.

Without factoring in biotechnology, milder forms of controlling nature have gravitated toward restrictive 'monocropping'. In the past 50 years, this underlies the disappearance of approximately **95%** of all native grains, beans, nuts, fruits, and vegetable varieties in the United States. GM monoculture, however, can lead to yet greater harm. Monsanto, for example, set a goal of converting 100% of all US soy crops to Roundup Ready strains by the year 2000. If effected, this plan would have threatened the biodiversity and resilience of all future soy farming practices. Monsanto laid out similar strategies for corn, cotton, wheat and rice. This represents a deep misunderstanding of how seeds interact, adapt and change with the living world of nature.

Condensed Summary of Hazards

This book reviews and disputes the industry claims that GM foods are the **equivalent of ordinary foods** not requiring labelling. It offers an informative list of at least **50 hazards**, problems and dangers. The list includes easily referred to sections on health, environment, farming practices, economic/political/social implications, and issues of freedom of choice. There is a concluding review of inner concerns -- philosophical, spiritual and religious issues involving "deep ecology" -- or our overall way of relating to nature.

There is also a deeper philosophical discussion of how the "good science" of biotechnology can turn out to be thano-technology (thano means "death"). When pesticides were first introduced, they also were heralded as absolutely safe and a miracle cure for farmers. Only decades later did the technology reveal its lethal implications.

This summary is necessarily restrictive and therefore includes those impacts which are most likely to raise readers' consciousness, specifically issues of particular concern to India and motivate them to refer to the original document

Health

" Recombinant DNA technology faces our society with problems unprecedented not only in the history of science, but of life on Earth. It places in human hands the capacity to redesign living organisms, the products of three billion years of evolution.

Such intervention must not be confused with previous intrusions upon the natural order of living organisms: animal and plant breeding...All the earlier procedures worked within single or closely related species...**Our morality up to now has been to go ahead without restriction to learn all that we can about nature. Restructuring nature** was not part of the bargain...this direction may be not only unwise, but dangerous. Potentially, it could breed new animal and plant diseases, new sources of cancer, novel epidemics".

**Dr. George Wald: Nobel Laureate in Medicine, 1967
Higgins Professor of Biology, Harvard University**

Direct Cancer and Degenerative Disease Links

In 1994, FDA approved Monsanto's rBGH, a genetically produced growth hormone, for injection into dairy cows -- even though scientists warned the resulting increase of IGF-1, a potent chemical hormone, is linked to 400 to 500 percent higher risks of human breast, prostate, and colon cancer.

Canada, the European Union, Australia and New Zealand have banned rBGR. The UN's Codex Alimentarius, an international health standards setting body, refused to certify rBGH as safe. **Yet Monsanto continues to market this product in the US.** Several other GM approved products involve herbicides that are commonly known carcinogens - bromoxynil used on transgenic cotton and Monsanto's Roundup or glufosinate used on GM soybeans, corn, and canola.

The real impact of cancer cannot be revealed by a handful of stringent experiments that isolate just a few controlled factors or chemicals at a time. **Rather all of nature is a testing ground.** Scientists a few years ago were startled that a random combination of chemicals (mostly pesticides) caused 1000 times more cancer than the sum of the individual chemicals indicated in separate tests. Cancer now inflicts **one out of two men and one out of three women in their lifetime.**

Viral and Bacterial Illness

Viruses can mix with genes of other viruses and retroviruses such as HIV. This can give rise to more deadly viruses -- at rates higher than previously thought. One study showed that gene mixing occurred in viruses in just eight weeks (Kleiner, 1997).

Antibiotic Threat - Via Milk

Cows injected with rBGH have a much higher level of udder infections and require more antibiotics. This leaves unacceptable levels of antibiotic residues in the milk. Scientists have warned of public health hazards due to growing antibiotic resistance.

Increased Food Allergies

The loss of biodiversity in our food supply has grown in parallel with the increase in food allergies. This can be explained as follows: the human body is not a machine-like "something" that can be fed assembly line, **carbon copy foods**. We eat for nourishment and vitality. What is alive interacts or changes with its environment.

Unnatural sameness, required for patenting of genetic foods, are "dead" qualities. Frequently, foods we eat and crave are precisely those testing positive for food allergies. Cells in our body recognize this lack of vitality, producing antibodies and white cells in response.

This is analogous to our brain's cells recognizing and rejecting mechanically repeated thoughts, or thinking "like a broken record." Intuitively our body cells and the overall immune system seem to reject excess homogeneity.

Interior Toxins

"Pesticidal foods" have genes that produce a toxic pesticide inside the food's cells. This represents the **first time "cell-interior toxicity" is being sold for human consumption.** There is little knowledge of the potential long-term health impacts.

Unnatural Foods

Recently, Monsanto announced it had found "unexpected gene fragments in their Roundup Ready soybeans. It is well known that modified proteins exist in GE foods, new proteins never before eaten by humanity. In 1992, Dr. Louis J. Pribyl of the FDA's Microbiology Group warned (in an internal memo uncovered in a lawsuit filed) that there is "a profound

difference between the types of expected effects from traditional breeding and genetic engineering."

He also addressed industry claims of no "pleiotropic" (unintended and/or uncontrolled) effects. *This was the basis for the industry position that GM foods are "equivalent" to regular foods, thus requiring no testing or regulation.*

Environment

"Genetic Engineering is often justified as a human technology, one that feeds more people with better food. Nothing could be further from the truth. With very few exceptions, **the whole point of genetic engineering is to increase sales of chemicals and bio-engineered products to dependent farmers.**"

David Ehrenfeld: Professor of Biology, Rutgers University

Toxicity to Soil

The industry marketing pitch to the public is that bio-engineered seeds and plants will help the environment by reducing toxic herbicide/pesticide use. Isolated examples are given, but the overall reality is exactly opposite.

The majority of GM agricultural products are developed specifically for **toxin-resistance**, namely for higher doses of herbicides/ pesticides sold by the largest producer companies *Monsanto, Dupont Novartis, Dow, Bayer, Ciba-Geigy, Hoescht, AgroEvo, and Rhone-Poulenc.*

Also the majority of research for future products involves transgenic strains for **increased chemical resistance**. Scientists predict herbicide use will **triple** as a result of GM products.

Furthermore, the problem with evolving only genetically cloned and thus carbon-copy seeds and plants is that historically, extreme monoculture has led to a loss of adaptive survival means -- or where deadly plant infections have spread like wildfire, like the Irish potato blight of the 19th century. As a separate issue, according to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Monsanto's Roundup already threatens 74 endangered species in the United States. It attacks photosynthesis in plants non-specifically -- **their quintessential, life-giving way to process sunlight.**

Roundup is a human as well as environmental poison. According to a study at the University of California, glyphosphate (the active ingredient of Roundup) was the third leading cause of farm worker illnesses. At least 14 persons have died from ingesting Roundup. These cases involved mostly individuals intentionally taking this poison to commit suicide in Japan and Taiwan. From this we know that the killing dose is so small it can be put on a fingertip (0.4 cubic centimeters). Monsanto, however, proposes a universal distribution of this lethal substance in our food chain! **All of this is not shocking, given Monsanto's history as the company that first distributed PCBs and vouched for their safety.**

Soil Sterility and Pollution

In Oregon, scientists found GM bacterium (*klebsiella planticola*) meant to break down wood chips, corn stalks and lumber wastes to produce ethanol, with the post-process waste to be used as compost, **rendered the soil sterile**. It killed essential soil nutrients, robbing the soil of nitrogen, and killed nitrogen-capturing fungi.

Superweeds

It has been shown that genetically modified Bt endotoxin remains in the soil at least **18 months** (according to Marc Lappe and Britt Bailey) and can be **transported to wild plants creating superweeds**, resistant to butterfly, moth, and beetle pests, that can potentially disturb the balance of nature. **In effect genetic materials migrate to the weeds they are meant to control.**

Scientists suspect that Monsanto's wheat will hybridize with goat grass, creating an **invulnerable superweed.**).

Destruction of Forest Life

GM trees or "supertrees" are being developed that can be sprayed from the air to kill literally all of surrounding life, except the GM trees. There is an attempt underway to transform international forestry by introducing multiple species of such trees.

The trees themselves are often sterile and flowerless. This is in contrast to rainforests teeming with life, where a single tree can host thousands of unique species of insects, fungi, mammals and birds in an interconnected ecosphere. This kind of development has been called "death-engineering" rather than "life-" or "bio-engineering."

More ominously, pollen from such trees, because of their height, has travelled as much as **400 miles or 600 kilometers** -- roughly one-fifth of the distance across the U.S. Monsanto has developed plans with the New Zealand Forest Research Agency to create still more lethal tree plantations. These super deadly trees are **non-flowering, herbicide-resistant, and with leaves exuding toxic chemicals to kill caterpillars and other surrounding insects, destroying the wholesale ecology of forest life.**

Genetic Pollution and Disturbance of Nature's Boundaries

Genetic engineers argue that their creations are no different than crossbreeding. However, natural boundaries are violated by crossing animals with plants; strawberries with fish, grains, nuts, seeds; and legumes with bacteria, viruses, and fungi -- or human genes with swine.

Carrying GM pollen by wind, rain, birds, bees, insects, fungus, bacteria, the entire chain of life becomes involved. Once released, unlike chemical pollution, **there is no cleanup or recall possible.** ---wild honey was found to be contaminated. **This means that bees are likely to pollinate organic plants and trees with transgenic elements.** Even falling leaves can dramatically affect the genetic heritage of soil bacteria. The major difference between chemical pollution and genetic pollution is that the former eventually is dismantled or decays, while the latter can **reproduce itself forever in the wild.**

Animal Abuse

Pig number 6706 was supposed to be a "superpig." It was implanted with a gene to become a technological wonder. But it eventually became a "supercripple" full of arthritis, cross-eyed, and could barely stand up with its mutated body. Some of these mutations seem to come right out of Greek mythology, **such as a sheep-goat with faces and horns of a goat and the lower body of a sheep.** GM products, in general, **allow companies to own the rights to create, direct, and orchestrate the evolution of animals.**

Unpredictable Consequences of a Gunshot

Approach DNA fragments are blasted past a cell's membrane with a "gene gun" shooting in foreign genetic materials in a random, unpredictable way.

According to Dr. Richard Lacey, a medical microbiologist at the University of Leeds, **who predicted mad cow disease,** "wedging foreign genetic material in an essentially random manner...causes some degree of disruption...It is impossible to predict what specific problems could result."

Radical Change in Diet; in Economics and Ownership

Humanity has evolved for thousands of years by adapting gradually to its natural environment -- including nature's foods. **Within just three years** a fundamental

transformation of the **human diet** has occurred. This was made possible by massive consolidations among agri-business. The concentration is staggering. The monopolisation of food production is seeing the demise of the family-owned farm and the implications for farming practice and biodiversity are dire.

Ten companies now own about **40 percent** of all U.S. seed production and sales. The Biotech industry especially targeted **corn and soy**, the most commonly eaten and lucrative ingredients in processed foods. **Monsanto and Novartis**, through consolidations, became the **second and third** largest seed companies in the world. **Again within three years**, the majority of soybeans and one-third of all corn in the US are now grown with seeds **mandated** by the biotech firms. **Wheat and rice are next in line.**

In 2002, Monsanto plans to introduce a "Roundup" (the name of its leading herbicide) resistant wheat strain. The current result is that approximately **two-thirds** of all processed foods in the US already contain GM ingredients - and this is projected to rise to **90 percent** within four years according to industry claims. **In short, the human diet, from almost every front, is being radically changed with little or no knowledge of the long-term health or environmental impacts.**

National farming associations see the dwindling of price competition and fewer distribution outlets as disfavoring and threatening the small family farm. Average annual income per farm has plummeted throughout the last decade. Almost a quarter of all farm-operating families live below the poverty level, twice the national average, and most seek income from outside the farm to survive. A similar pattern is developing in Europe.

If food production is monopolized, the future of that supply becomes dependent on the decisions of a few companies and the viability of their seed stocks. Like the example of Peru, there are only a few remaining pockets of diverse seed stocks to insure the long-term resilience of the world's staple foods.

All of them are in the Third World. Food scientists indicate that if these indigenous territories are disturbed by biotech's advance, the long-term vitality of all of the world's food supply is endangered.

One of the most misleading hopes raised by GM technology firms is that they will solve the world's hunger. Some high technology agriculture does offer higher single crop yields. But **organic farming techniques**, with many different seeds interplanted between rows, generally offer **higher** per acre yields. This applies **best to the family farm, which feeds the majority of the Third World. It differs from the large-scale, monocrop commercial production of industrialized nations.**

The marketing of GM foods augments the centralizing and small-farm declining trend in the US, as well as on an international level. For example, two bioengineering firms have announced a GM vanilla plant where vanilla can be grown in vats at a lower cost, and which could eliminate the livelihood of the **world's 100,000 vanilla farmers -- most of whom are on the islands of Madagascar, Reunion and Comoros.**

Other firms are developing **bioengineered fructose**, besides chemical sugar substitutes, that threatens, according to a Dutch study, **1 million farmers in the Third World.**

Losing Natural Pesticides

Organic farmers have long used "**Bt**" (a naturally occurring pesticidal bacterium, *Bacillus thuringiensis*) **as an invaluable farming aide.** It is administered at only certain times, and then sparingly, in a diluted form. This harms only the target insects that bite the plant. Also in that diluted form, it quickly degrades in the soil.

*By contrast, **genetically engineered Rt** corn, potatoes and cotton, together making up roughly **one-third of US GM crops**, all **exude this natural pesticide**, pervasively impacting entire fields over the entire life span of crops. As an overall result, agricultural biologists predict this will lead to the destruction of one of **organic farming's most important tools. It will make it essentially useless.**

Lower Yields and More Pesticides Used With RR Seeds

Contrary to claims, a Rodale study shows that the **best of organic farming techniques** -- using **rich natural compost** -- can produce **higher drought resistance** as well as higher yielding plants than current technological attempts. ---- Roundup Ready soybeans actually used **two to five** times more pounds of herbicides per acre than conventional soybeans sprayed with other low-dose pesticides.

Terminator Technology and Traitor Technology

Plants are being genetically produced with no annual replenishing of perennial seeds so farmers will become **wholly dependent on the seed provider. Traitor technologies** control the stages or life cycles of plants (when a plant will leaf, flower, and bear fruit). This forces the farmer to use certain triggering chemicals if he is to yield a harvest -- again causing much deeper levels of economic dependence. These technologies are being developed and patented at a furious pace.



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"HEALTH FOR ALL IS NECESSARY AND IS POSSIBLE"-

HEALTH MOVEMENTS PLEDGE THEIR SOLIDARITY TO SOCIAL MOVEMENTS.

Porto Alegre (Brazil) ; 20th January 2003: Health movements from all over the world pledged their unflinching solidarity to the social movements, being galvanised through the World Social Forum (WSF).

During the inaugural day of the 2nd *International Forum for the Advocacy of People's Health as an Essential Human Need* (popularly known as the *Health Forum*), participants -varying from health workers, trade unionists, representatives from the Landless People's Movement, peace activists and journalists- reiterated their demand for Health for all NOW !

The 2nd Health Forum came down heavily on the neo-liberal policies promoted by the World Bank and International Monetary Fund (IMF) that has destroyed the public health system in many developing countries. A cross-section of the speakers, representing people-based health movements and other civil society initiatives gave a blow-by-blow account of the negative impacts of Globalisation, Liberalisation and Privatisation.

Health forum is an initiative to bring together organisations and movements engaged in creating a democratic, socially just, and sustainable world.

Presentations from Argentina, Brazil, India, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Venezuela and other countries had the same story to say- IMF and the World Bank policies are bad for health. " Reject the unfair rule of the World Bank and IMF. Stay away from them," echoed the speakers and participants.

The increase in the cost of health care even in developed countries like the USA came under scrutiny. "The spiralling cost of health care has put many people out of safety nets and this has lead to worrying trends. This is bad for health", the forum said.

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This forum is organized by a large number of social movements and Non Governmental organizations like the *Asociacion Latinoamericana de medicina social (ALAMES-* the Latin American Association of Social Medicine), People's Health Movement, International People's Health Council and the International Association of Health Policy.

This three-days forum that began in the Brazilian city of Porto Alegre today will deliberate about the negative impacts of the neo-liberal policies on health, trade and finance. The Health forum is expected to synergise and strengthen the ongoing struggle against globalisation and unjust policies advocated by the World Bank and IMF. Further, it is expected to provide a platform for exchange of ideas to develop alternatives and people-centric solutions.

The Health forum is being timed just before the 3rd WSF, expected to begin here on 23rd January 2003. WSF has become an annual event that has challenged the Brettonwoods institutions -- World Bank and the IMF.

This social gathering attains importance when serious questions are being raised about the sense of direction of the World Health Organization. A section of the civil society members argue that WHO, the top UN organization dealing with health has miserably failed to address the health needs of the poor. "The World Bank, IMF and other financial institutions are directing the WHO. This has already resulted in a crisis in health situation in most parts of the world. Efforts are required to reverse this trend" says a recent PHM communiqué.

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"TIME TO DO A REALITY CHECK and ADDRESS THE HEALTH NEEDS OF THE POOR" — PEOPLE'S HEALTH MOVEMENT
and **INTERNATIONAL PEOPLE'S HEALTH COUNCIL** to urge the candidates for the WHO DG's post during a live public debate.

Porto Alegre (Brazil), Bangalore (India) & Geneva ; 18th January 2003: "It is time to do a reality check and address the health needs of the poor" is the key message from the People's Health Movement (PHM) and the International People's Health Council (IPHC) to the candidates for the top UN health job in the world- the Director General of the World Health Organization.

Thousands of people from various walks of life -like health workers, health activists and policy makers- from all over the world are expected to participate in an unique public dialogue with candidates for the post of the Director General of the World Health Organization, first such event organised by leading civil society organizations. The candidates for this heavy weight UN post includes the Prime Minister of Mozambique, health minister of Mexico, head of a UN organization, top medical professionals and others.

"This is a unique opportunity for health ministers, civil society organizations and others with an interest in health to ask candidates to address publicly the critical issues in global health today", said Andrew Chetley, Director of Exchange - a networking and learning programme that promotes effective health communication.

PHM, IPHC and a broad coalition involving more than 300 civil society organizations have linked up to co-sponsor this event that will take place from 14.00 to 16.00 GMT on 19th January 2003. Interactive Health Network's World Health Channel is the organizer of this event with financial assistance coming from the UK-based Exchange programme and the Geneva-based NGO (non-governmental organization) Forum for Health.

The WHO Executive Board meets the week following this crucial debate. The Board will nominate a single candidate for approval by vote of all the WHO's 192 member states at its assembly in May 2003.

This public debate attains importance when serious questions are being raised about the sense of direction of the World Health Organization. A section of the civil society members argue that WHO, the top UN organization dealing with health has miserably failed to address the health needs of the poor. In a recent communication, PHM and IPHC reminded WHO that every 24 hours over 30,000

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children die world wide from preventable diseases.

"If WHO, UNICEF, other UN organizations and the governments could revive the concept and strategies of Alma Ata, most (if not all) of these deaths could be prevented and health for all could be made a reality' said Maria Hamlin Zuniga of PHM and IPHC. Alma Ata declaration of 1978 is a historic promise by the WHO that promised *health for all* by 2000.

PHM and IPHC delegates are assembled at Porto Alegre, Brazil for the second Health Forum to be held on 20th and 21st January 2003 timed just before the 3rd World Social Forum (22nd to 28th, January 2003). Participants are expected to deliberate the negative impact of globalisation and neo-liberal policies on health and the right of all people to health.

The videoconference will be broadcast on the Internet - log into www.ihn.info to either listen (low bandwidth) or view (high bandwidth) the event. A facility on the website will enable people to e-mail questions directly to the event in Geneva. The videoconference will also be broadcast globally via the WorldSpace satellite system - a unique technology that allows access to areas of the world with no Internet access or telecommunications infrastructure and will be rebroadcast throughout Brazil by Canal Saude.

The candidates will be asked a series of questions from audiences in Geneva and around the world. International links will include the Nelson Mandela School of Medicine and the Medical Research Council in South Africa, the World Bank Institute and the George Washington University in the USA, Canal Saude (Health Channel) in Brazil, and health experts in Ethiopia, India, Japan and Sweden.

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PRESS RELEASE

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Porto Alegre (Brazil); 27th January 2003: The delegates assembled here for the World Social Forum and the 2nd Health Forum expressed serious concerns over the deteriorating situation in Palestine/ occupied territories. In a joint statement issued by the People's Health Movement (PHM), Union of Palestinian Medical Relief Committees (UPMRC) and the Arab Network for Development (AND) the delegates condemned the ongoing attack on civilians in Palestine. "The aggression by the Israeli forces have lead to deterioration in the health services in the region and caused immeasurable hardships to civilians".

The two organizations from the region who represent a cross section of the civil society and PHM, representing the health movement world wide, calls upon other delegates here and the people of the world to speak out against such aggression against civilians and to assist in initiatives to rebuild the shattered lives of victims in the region.

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In Palestine, health services and the basic infrastructure have been destroyed and will take years to rebuild. The delegates from Asia, Africa, Americas and Europe who are here strongly condemn the state-sponsored massacres of civilians in the occupied territories of Palestine. Medical doctors, health workers and others from Palestine also gave a blow-by-blow account of the hardship that the civilians are going through because of occupation and the ongoing violence.

The organizations also condemn the violence perpetuated against civilians, particularly children and women. It should be considered as a crime against humanity. The health community has been

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targeted systematically for attack and their humanitarian work obstructed. This constitutes a grave violation of fundamental humanitarian principles and conventions," they said.

The People's Charter for Health (the largest consensus document on health in the world) makes specific remarks about the negative impacts of war, violence, conflict and military aggression. The Charter has the document is commonly known (as) calls upon the people of the world to place peace and health before military and commercial interests. The chapter and the health movement condemn any act of war, violence and military aggression on civilians. "The Charter calls on the people of the world to demand the end of occupation, as it has become one of the most destructive tools to human dignity"

Marie Hamlin Lunges, People's Health Movement

Dr. Hassan Hamdan, Chief of Palestinian Medical Relief Committee

Ziad Abidi Al Samad, Arab Network for Development

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ה'תשנ"ח (1997) - חוק המעורבות של הציבור במערכת המשפט, המכונה "חוק המעורבות". החוק קובע את הכללים למינוי שופטים וקצינים במערכת המשפט, ודורש מעורבות של הציבור במערכת המשפט. החוק נחקק כדי להבטיח שקיפות ופיקוח ציבורי על המינויים, ובמיוחד על מינוי שופטי בית דין אזורי.

The following statistics are not based on the total number of Palestinians killed. Due to the long invasion in April 2002 and the current prolonged curfews, we (UPMRC) are lacking information and data on the approximately 75 people who were killed in this period. The following statistics are therefore only provisional.

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Dear All,

It is informed by Mr.Devinder Sharma that the American Government through USAID and Care are proposing to send 10,000 tons of Genetically modified food to India to feed the poor free of charge. Decision is to be taken by Central Government on Wednesday, 26th February.

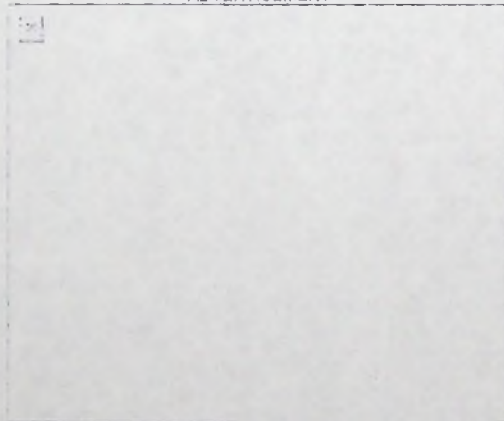
I strongly urge that we immediately pass a resolution opposing, on behalf of the "Right to Food Campaign", this import of Genetically modified food.

Best regards,

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- Condemning starvation deaths as totally unacceptable.
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- Accepting and Adopting General Comment 12: The Right to Adequate Food made under Article 11 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, which India has ratified and which emphasises that state parties have a principal obligation to immediately assure that everyone enjoys access to minimum essential food to ensure freedom from hunger and to progressively realize the right to adequate food.
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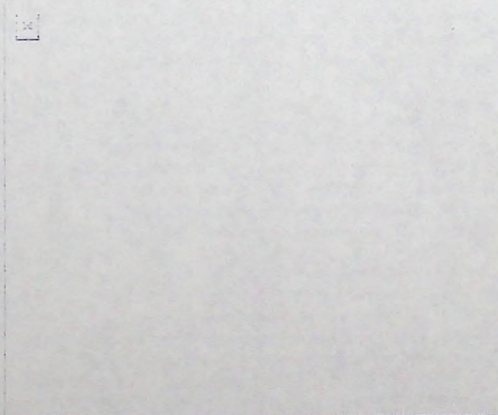
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Asunto: Colin Powell, the UN and Iraq

Dear EmailNation Subscriber,

In his report to the UN yesterday, Colin Powell, for his purposes, made good use of the material he had. He demonstrated that Saddam was defying the United Nations. He described dubious patterns of behavior. But he shared no hard data confirming Iraq has evil goods in dangerous supplies or that an al Qaeda-Iraq link actually exists. Such a presentation should have been the start of a debate over what to do, rather than the initiation of an endgame that seems predetermined.

For more, read David Corn's Capital Games

<http://www.thenation.com/capitalgames/index.mhtml?bid=3&pid=371>

Furthermore, as Phyllis Bennis notes in a Nation web report, even if everything Powell said was true, there is simply not enough evidence to justify war. There is no evidence of Iraq posing an imminent threat, no evidence of containment not working. Powell is asking us to go to war on extremely dubious grounds.

For more, read Powell's UN Presentation by Phyllis Bennis

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The bottom-line, as Nation editor Katrina vanden Heuvel asserted in an "Opposing View" editorial in today's edition of USA Today, is that pre-emptive war against Iraq--or any nation--lacks legitimacy, morality and sense.

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HOST THE PEOPLE'S HEALTH ASSEMBLY- 2 IN JULY 2004....(press release jan
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Dear friends

Please forward it to your media contacts, worldwide. You may use the attachment to print and fax.

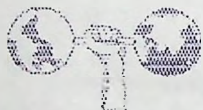
Regards

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**PORTO ALEGRE (BRAZIL) TO HOST THE PEOPLE'S
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HEALTH MOVEMENTS TO AMPLIFY THEIR FIGHT FOR HEALTH FOR ALL NOW !

Porto Alegre (Brazil); 26th January 2003: Porto Alegre, the Brazilian city that has become a venue for pro-justice movements for the past few years through the World Social Forums, is all set to host another global event - the People's Health Assembly-2 (PHA-2). This was announced here by a cross section of the representatives of the health movement like the People's Health Movement (PHM), International People's Health Council (IPHIC) and Asociacion Latinoamericana de Medicina Social (ALAMES).

PHA-2, scheduled for July 2004, is expected to generate massive mobilisation world wide and will bring hundreds of grass root / village health workers, health activists, medical professionals, leading voluntary agencies, media and other civil society members together to Porto Alegre. The event will strengthen the health movement worldwide, especially in Latin America and amplify the struggle for Health for all Now!

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In a crucial decision taken during the ongoing World Social Forum and the Health Forum (that was held in this city earlier this week), the health activists reiterated their commitment to fight for a just world- a world that they feel should reduce the existing gap between the rich and the poor, the sick and healthy, peace and conflicts. "Health for all Now is our key demand. This means that we need to fight for this at various levels. We will be using various strategies for this" said a spokesperson. Organizations and networks working on health are putting efforts through a series of campaigns and other activities to call the global attention to make health for all now a reality.

The decision to hold this global event (PHA-2) in this city in July 2004 comes at a crucial moment when the health situation in the world is worsening. The first People's Health Assembly (PHA) was held in a village atmosphere in Savar, a place located 30 kilometers away from Dhaka, the capital of Bangladesh. The first PHA, held in December 2000, was a historic moment for the health movement and galvanized thousands of people in over 100 countries. Over 1500 representatives from nearly 100 countries assembled in Bangladesh for the PHA.

The deliberations during the Health Forum and the World Social Forum came down heavily on the World Trade Organization (WTO), World Bank (WB) and International Monetary Fund (IMF). Presentations pointed out how these trade and financial organizations have managed to shape the policies of the World Health Organization (WHO) and other UN bodies that once used to put health as the central theme.

"The WTO, WB and the IMF have managed to put profit before people in institutions like the WHO" said a PHM spokesperson. "This is bad for the health of the people, especially the poor. This trend must be stopped and reversed and we are committed to fight for this," he added. "in the next 24 hours, over 30,000 children will die from preventable diseases on our planet earth, lives that the WHO promised to save through their Alma Ata declaration (1978) that promised Health for all by the year 2000" says a recent communiqué from the PHM.

The three days long Health Forum (2nd *International Forum for the Advocacy of People's Health as an Essential Human Need*) also came out with "**Final declaration of the 2nd International Forum on the defense of the health of the people**" - a collective statement that calls for collective strategies and proposals. "It is necessary to build proposals and a process that will ensure a spirit of sharing and collective action at all levels- grass roots, municipal, national level and at international levels. Efforts in the coming months will culminate in Porto Alegre in July 2004 for the second People's Health Assembly / First World Forum on Health" says the declaration.

The PHA-1 was a turning point in the history of the health movements word wide. For example, the

People's Health Movement (PHM) was launched during the PHA. The goal of the PHM is to

re-establish health and equitable development as top priorities in local, national and international

Main Identity

From: Community Health Cell <sochara@vsnl.com>
To: <hariprem@eth.net>
Sent: Saturday, March 22, 2003 3:03 PM
Subject: ASF Reports from CHC

Dear Prem,

Greetings from People's Health Movement Secretariat at CHC, Bangalore!

Just returned after a hectic PHM – US tour with Zafarullah – thru several cities and universities. Did you get enough for the newsletter? If not call over the weekend and I can work on it early next week.

Best wishes from both of us,

Ravi & Thelma Narayan

PHM / CHC

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From: Community Health Cell <sochara@vsnl.com>
To: <hariprem@eth.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 06, 2003 CHC3 PM
Attach: ASF sidelights.jpg; Tobacco workshpreport-Asf-2003.doc; PHM-ASF_Alma Ata workshop report.doc; statement of concern-chc.doc; PHM forward.doc; ASF reflections.doc; chc's ASF feedback-final.doc; tobacco statement_ASF.jpg
Subject: ASF Reports from CHC

Dear Prem,

Greetings from Community Health Cell / PHM!

This is in continuation of our email to you of yesterday. Contacted Ravi and he suggested forwarding to you the following reports related to ASF meet:

1. ASF Sidelights
2. Statement issued by the participants of the "Workshop on Action Towards a Tobacco Free World"
3. Action Towards a Tobacco Free World - report by Dr. Anant Bhan
4. Alma Ata Anniversary (78 - 2003)
5. Feedback of the participants at the workshop "Taking the peoples health movement forward".
6. Asian Social Forum - a reflection by Dr. Anant Bhan
7. Collective statement of concern and demands.
8. Feedback of Community Health Cell on the Asian Social

There are transmitted herewith for your use. Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Thelma and Ravi inform that the meetings in the USA are going extremely well though very hectic.

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With regards

Yours sincerely

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 Ravi
 PHM Secretariat

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Sent 6/3/03

ASF Sidelights

The theme of Asian Social Forum, Nizami College grounds

PHM Secretariat

From: PHM Secretariat <phmsec@touchtelindia.net>
To: UNNIKRIISHNAN PV (Dr) <unnikru@yahoo.com>; <satyasagar@yahoo.com>
Cc: Andy Rutherford-One World Action-U.K. <andy@oneworldaction.org>; Maria Hamlin Zuniga-CISAS/IPHC-Nicaragua <iphc@cisas.org.ni>; Mira Shiva <mirashiva@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2003 9:48 AM
Subject: Re: pha- media team's involvement for the WHA

Dear Satya and Unni,

Greetings from People's Health Movement Secretariat (Global) at CHC, Bangalore!

Apologies for the delay in writing to you from the PHM Secretariat about your much needed participation in PHM Geneva events. Communication - III has been forwarded to both of you. Pleaes fill up the registration form and send back as soon as possible. Additional formal invitations from Bangalore and Geneva follow. Till then this is to confirm:

- i. We need your presence as the PHM Media Group from 15th to 22nd May 2003
- ii. I have requested PHM Geneva group to find low cost accommodation as close to WCC / Palais as possible to facilitate media contact and accessibility.
- iii. The PHM Secretariat and partners will cover your travel and local costs. As was done last year. Some air travel estimates would be helpful.
- iv. We have included a section on contributions to press briefing by participants in the form, to enhance contribution to your efforts.
- v. Apologies for the delay but I had confirmed with Unni telephonically before he left and he was due to meet you soon after. I didn't realize that his visit to Bangkok got delayed.
- vi. Looking forward to the excellent media support and process as always. Please do write for any further clarifications. You can send out a joint circular on media preparatory work to include in communication IV being posted out on May 1st 2003.
- vii. There are some progresses on the film funding but we shall discuss this in Geneva. Since the whole time schedule may have to be changed.

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Best wishes,

Ravi Narayan
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From: UNNIKRISHNAN PV (Dr) <unnikru@yahoo.com>
To: Twendo Enterprises <twendo@zamtel.zm>
Cc: Mwajuma S. Masaiganah <eastafrika@phmovement.org>; <phmsec@touchtelindia.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2003 10:49 PM
Subject: Re: PEOPLE'S HEALTH MOVEMENT COMMUNICATIONS WORKING GROUP.

Dear ZEKO .S.STEPHEN

Greetings from PHM !

Thanks for writing to us and showing interest to join the communication team.

PHM is a decentralised network, so is its communications team. The communications team in fact is a small team of volunteers who step in as and when required .

I am marking a copy of this mail to Ms. Mwajuma S. Masaiganah, Africa facilitator of PHM and leading spirit behind the movement. I am sure Mwajuma will write to you to plan how your interest can be channalised to synergise PHM activities, especially communication work.

Thanks once again for writing.

Regards and in solidarity

Unni

PS: Mwajuma, Please read teh original mail, pasted below.

ZEKO .S.STEPHEN

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----- Original Message -----

From: Twendo Enterprises

To: communications@phmovement.org

Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2003 4:06 AM

Subject: PEOPLE'S HEALTH MOVEMENT COMMUNICATIONS WORKING GROUP.

I wish to join a communications working group.

You can contact me on telephone No. 260-02-821446 Mansa,Zambia.

Yours

ZEKO .S.STEPHEN

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From: PHM Secretariat <phmsec@touchtelindia.net>
To: <satyasagar@yahoo.com>
Cc: UNNIKRIISHNAN P.V. (Dr.) <unnikru@vsnl.com>; Andy Rutherford-One World Action-U.K.
<andy@oneworldaction.org>
Sent: Friday, April 25, 2003 6:09 PM
Subject: PHM Geneva 2003

Dear Satya

Greetings from People's Health Movement Secretariat (Global) at CHC, Bangalore!

It was a great relief to know that inspite of my delayed invitation – you will be able to make it at least 19th to 22nd, which is the WHA sector of the 7 day PHM Geneva initiative. Thanks. I shall be in The Hague on 14th May for a meeting with Health Adviser of the Dutch Government, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and a dialogue with PHM Netherlands friends. The latter will be hosted by Cordaid or one of the Hague NGOs. If you are reaching Amsterdam a day earlier – we could meet. Also keep in touch about your programme.

I await the first media related Salvo by both of you for the PHM Geneva media process. This will be included in communication IV that will be posted to all participants, steering group and exchange on 1st May.

Best wishes,

Ravi Narayan

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Coordinator, People's Health Movement Secretariat(global)
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From: UNNIKRIISHNAN PV (Dr) <unnikru@yahoo.com>
 To: Satya Sivaraman <satyasagar@yahoo.com>
 Cc: <phmsec@touchtelindia.net>
 Sent: Friday, April 25, 2003 4:44 AM
 Subject: Re: PHM Geneva 2003 / WHA

Dear Satya (copy to ravi)

Thanks for your message. I have just discussed this with Dr. Ravi Narayan.

The actual WHA begins on 19th and continues till 21st/ 22nd. So our main action (on the media front) will be on these three days.

So, even if you can reach Geneva on 18th evening/ 19th, it will be OK. Please come.

Moreover, this may be the only occasion we will get to discuss the plight/ future of the documentary film. I hope you will be carrying your camera.

Ravi has written to the organising team in Geneva to give both of us (and Ravi) accommodation in a central place. This will help to ease the trouble we took last time !).

You will be receiving a formal invitation that will help you to process the Swiss visa.

You may have to make arrangements to get your Amsterdam-Geneva-Amsterdam tickets done, once you receive the invitation. Please fill the form that was sent by ravi and mail it to him and all the e-ids in Geneva as he has suggested.

Regards

Unni

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From: Satya Sivaraman <satyasagar@yahoo.com>
 To: UNNIKRIISHNAN PV (Dr) <unnikru@yahoo.com>
 Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2003 9:28 PM
 Subject: Re: PHM Geneva 2003 / WHA

> Dear Unni,

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> I just found out the dates of the PHM meeting in
 > Geneva and there is a clash with my schedule in
 > Amsterdam !! I am attending a meeting there between 15
 > to 19 May and can come to Geneva only late on 19th May
 > or 20th morning. Please advice urgently if that will
 > be OK ?

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> regards

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For the PHM Geneva
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 sleeping group reexchange
 on 18 May
 Best Ravi

cc Unni
 Andy

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To: <PHM_Steering_Group_02-03@yahooogroups.com>
Cc: Satya Sivaraman <satyasagar@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 28, 2003 11:19 PM
Subject: [PHM_Steering_Group_02-03] SARS- PHM response : suggesting a media release

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Please do not send us any press clippings. Please limit your paper to a maximum of 1200 words.

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In Solidarity

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From: PHM Secretariat <phmse@touchtelindia.net>
To: <PHM_Steering_Group_02-03@yahooogroups.com>; Claudio Schuftan <aviva@netnam.vn>
Cc: UNNIKRIISHNAN PV (Dr) <unnikru@yahoo.com>; Satya Sivaraman <satyasagar@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 28, 2003 4:13 PM
Subject: Regarding SARS

Dear Friends,

Greetings from the PHM Secretariat(Global) at CHC, Bangalore!!!

In the context of the SARS epidemic and scare should PHM release a press release injecting "relevance" rather than "scare" and "hysteria" into the whole process. If so, any suggestions/volunteers to put their note together for the media team. We are meeting in Geneva soon as a group from all over the world and it may be relevant to do so.

Best wishes.

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 To: PHM Secretariat <phmsec@touchtelindia.net>
 Cc: <unnikru@yahoo.com>
 Sent: Monday, April 28, 2003 9:40 AM
 Attach: WHA 2003- PHM - participation form -Satya's details.doc
 Subject: Re: PHM Geneva 2003

Dear Ravi,

Please find attached my WHA participation form with this message. If I can get a letter of invitation this week it will be useful to organise my Swiss visa in time.

On another note, do you think PHM should issue a press release about this SARS scare going on? Do let me and Unni know and we will organise something.

regards

Satya

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SSP - Please send
 him an invitation
 for travel and
 local logistics

— Also send this
 to PHM Geneva
 6 member group

To PHM Steering Group / Claudio Schuffner

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cc Unni
 Satya.

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PARTICIPATION / REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name (as in Passport): SATYANARAYAN SIVARAMAN
2. Nationality : Indian
3. Passport number and date to which it is valid
 - a. PASSPORT NUMBER: Z- 1475522
 - b. VALID TILL: 5 January 2009
4. Name of the institution to which you are affiliated : People's health Movement media team.
5. Residential address : Currently located at: 129/16, Soi Potharam, T.Chang Puak, A.Muang, Chiang Mai 50300, Thailand
6. Fax number and email address
 - a. Fax: 66-53-213195
 - b. E-mail: satyasagar@yahoo.com
7. PHM Involvement (Mention in brief local, state, country, regional and international involvement:
 - Media co-ordination
 - Production of media related material

II TRAVEL DETAILS:

1. Date and Mode of Arrival: On 19th May by air.
2. Date and Mode of departure: On 22nd May (by air)

3. Accommodation requirements

☐ Yes : Please try to locate the media team (myself and P.V.Unnikrishnan) in a central place, to ensure media facilitation. We schedule meetings with journalists often during late evening hours.

III WHA Registration as delegate? Needed

IV Interpretation needed at PHM meeting in WCC?
No

V PARTICIPATION INVENTORY
Please tick the relevant item

| | |
|--|------------------------------|
| Do you wish to report on State/country/region circle / issue circle? | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Present slides/CDs /cassettes (mention names / themes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Put up posters | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Distribute pamphlets/leaflets/booklets | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Sell books | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Contribute to Press/media briefing | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes |

VI Any other comments and suggestions:

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PARTICIPATION / REGISTRATION FORM

Date: April 28nd, 2003
Place: Bangkok, Thailand

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From: Satya Sivaraman <satyasagar@yahoo.com>
To: UNNIKRIISHNAN PV (Dr) <unnikru@yahoo.com>
Cc: <phmsecc@touchtelindia.net>
Sent: Monday, April 28, 2003 12:01 PM
Subject: Re: URGENT- Your name on PHM letterhead

Dear Unni,

Please go ahead and put my name on the media list. No problem (if there is a problem I will come and hide in your house in Calicut !!!)

Looking forward to seeing you here soon.

regards

Satya

PHM- media

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From: Community Health Cell <sochara@vsnl.com>
 To: Phm Office <phmsec@touchtelindia.net>
 Sent: Tuesday, April 29, 2003 12:06 PM
 Subject: Fw: For Ravi: SARS- PHM response : media release

----- Original Message -----

From: "claudio" <aviva@netnam.vn>
 To: "Ravi" <sochara@vsnl.com>
 Sent: Monday, April 28, 2003 6:57 PM
 Subject: For Ravi: SARS- PHM response : media release

> To: "UNNIKRISHNAN PV (Dr)" <unnikru@yahoo.com>
 > Cc: "PHMsecretariat" <secretariat@phmimovement.org> BOUNCED!! ANY IDEA WHY?

SSR / 29/04/1
 Replied to him telling
 that there is an
 extra 'm' in the
 email address.
 29/04/1

>> Dear Unni.

>> The whole thing is news to me. Had not heard/seen any of this before.....

>> sorry, I just opened Ravi's email after I wrote this.

>> Although I live here, am not qualified to write such a piece.

>> If nobody volunteers, I think it is still good for PHM to come out with a

>> statement highlighting at least that:

>> -SARS continues to remain a headline, in part, for the wrong reasons.

>> -The slow slip into oblivion of public health systems in 3rd w countries makes them ill-prepared to withstand such mass out breaks. The public health systems have been crippled because of neo-liberal policies. This is

>> NOT being highlighted by the media, maybe by design or by ignorance.

>> -Governments are left to deal with the epidemic with a diminished capability

>> the result of years of despondence following the pressures of IFIs to cut

>> spending on social services. (the funds allocation for public health has

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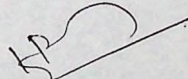
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Subject: Re: Fw: PHA-Exchange> The SARS farce?

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Thanks so much for the appreciation. The entire SARS
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Satya

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Sent: Sunday, May 18, 2003 12:51 AM
Subject: "War on health is killing the dream of Health for all": WHO being criticised for their failure in Iraq : (PRESS RELEASE from the PHM- Geneva, May 16th, 2003) (PHM-C)

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PRESS RELEASE

War on health is killing the dream of "Health for all"

Geneva, May 16th, 2003: 25 years since the historic promise by the WHO and the international community to ensure "health for all", the idea is a distant dream. Wars, along with conflicts and the military establishment, have become one of the key hindrances in making the dream of *health for all* a reality.

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People's Health Movement (PHM) is holding a parallel process to the upcoming World Health Assembly that is expected to begin at Geneva, next week. PHM came down heavily on the failure of the WHO to protect the health rights and meet the health needs of the war affected in Iraq.

People's Health Movement is a people-oriented global initiative that evolved out of the *People's Health Assembly* (PHA), a historic summit that was held in December 2000 in Bangladesh. Over 1453 participants from 92 countries met for the PHA that was the culmination of 18 months of preparatory action around the globe.

Testimonies of grass roots health workers and medical professionals working in humanitarian agencies give a chilling account of the disastrous impacts of the wars and conflicts on the lives of civilians in general and their health in particular. Research concludes that wars have reversed the limited developments that were achieved in the field of health.

"The humanity is not able to cope with the devastating impacts of the depleted uranium weapons that were used on Iraq and Kuwait. Generations will pay a heavy price for reasons they were not responsible for" said Dr. Rosalie Bertell, a well-known international expert on radiation and militarisation. "Unfortunately Iraq, Kosovo and Afghanistan are not cases in isolation," she said.

"Firstly, wars and conflicts destroy the health systems. Secondly, health is not a central theme while post-war rebuilding and post-conflict reconstruction work happens. Humanitarian agencies and health movements need to work together to ensure synergy," testified Dr. Unnikrishnan PV of PHM and *International People's Health Council* who was in Iraq recently. Wars along with its fallouts have killed over 750,000 children in Iraq between 1991 and 1997 and destroyed the health infrastructure.

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The recent war in Iraq has amplified the suffering of Iraqi children and people.

...lack of sensitivity and absence of resources have made the plight of millions of refugees, internally displaced people and civilians a continuing nightmare. Their health is one of the worst affected and there has been a sharp decline in the quality of assistance and their health status.

"What illegal occupation has done in the Palestinian territory is to kill the dream of health for all. Occupation today ensures hell for all" said Dr. Ghassan Hamdan, a spokesperson for the Union of Palestinian Medical Commissions (UPMRC). UPMRC has been a lifeline for the millions of Palestinians caught in the unending crossfire. There has been an increased incidence of deaths and deliveries happening at checkpoints because Israeli forces denied access to hospitals.

"Spending on public health has been falling. Even the available limited resources are cleverly and increasingly diverted to a new privatisation process deceptively called as private-public partnership. The trend of US forces to occupy more and more countries will further amplify the military expenditure at the cost of health and other social sectors. This is an assault on the poor and this trend must be reversed," said Dr. Zafrullah Chowdhury of *Gonoshthaya Kendra*, Bangladesh. It is estimated that the global annual military expenditure is more than US \$ 780 billion per year. The UN agencies estimate that US \$ 11 billion will help to fetch safe drinking water and basic sanitation for the people of the developing world.

"PHM as a people-based mass movement has been putting efforts to address the issue of war and conflicts. Efforts will be put to amplify the efforts at the grass roots level as well as in international forums," said Dr. Ravi Narayan, co-coordinator for the PHM secretariat.

"PHM is picking energy in Switzerland," said Ms. Garance Upham, the president of the newly formed PHM-Geneva International (PHM-GI), the local body of the PHM. PHM-GI, because of its strategic positioning at Geneva, the seat for WHO and several UN organisations, is expected to play a major role in PHM's advocacy and lobbying efforts.

While demanding the WHO to be more pro-active, assertive and sensitive to the health needs of war-hit people, PHM calls for synergy between antiwar movements, peace groups and humanitarian agencies.

"Today, the attack is on Earth and Nature- the foundations of life and humanity. This has already resulted in irreversible damages that will last for generations to come. This assault must be stopped" added Dr. Rosalie Bertell.

At a time when disturbing reports continue to pour in from Iraq about the deteriorating health of the civilians and internally displaced people, PHM places five key demands on the international community:

1. Stop the wars. Respect International Humanitarian Laws.
2. Stop the occupation of Iraq, Palestine and other places. Let the local people decide their future. "We urge the US, UK and Israel to show the courage to withdraw from occupied countries and territories and thus lead a genuine, lasting and just peace process".
3. Give health a central role in the rebuilding efforts. Governments and humanitarian agencies that dominate the initial rebuilding process need to be more imaginative and sensitive to

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short term medical needs as well as long term health needs.

4. Put an immediate end to all research programmes that are being carried out to develop weapons of mass destruction (WMD). Possession as well as use of WMD is one of the greatest threats to public health. Irrespective of the economic status, no country can legitimise the development and preservation of WMD.

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People's Charter for Health, the guiding spirit of the PHM is the largest consensus document on health. "Wars, violence, conflict and natural disasters devastate communities and destroy human dignity. They have a severe impact on the physical and mental health of their members, especially women and children. Increased arms procurement and an aggressive and corrupt international arms trade undermine social, political and economic stability and the allocation of resources to the social sector," says the People's Charter for Health.

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Dear Uani,

We spoke to Manoj and this was sent to his new fax number just before Manoj left for Africa. Many people have offered to help with press briefs and press conferences in their registration forms. Prasanna will send you a list so that you can write 1-2 page notes. Keep in touch. My alternative ID is cheravi_naravan@yahoo.co.in when I am travelling. I shall be c/o Andrew Chetley from 9th -13th and c/o Manoj from 14th. The tel. no. of International Methodist Centre, Euston in London where the PHM Evaluation meeting is taking place is 00 44 207 3800001.

With best wishes,

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- 2) Swiss Embassy in Bangkok: Fax Number: > 66-2-2554481

Satya is travelling again, and we would really appreciate it great if you could fax it ASAP, preferably today.

Apologies for the short deadline. Hope you understand.

Please do the needful.

Regards

Unni

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PRESS RELEASE

"Tobacco today, Arms Trade tomorrow" PHM demands WHO target the world's largest killer industry

Geneva, May 20th, 2003: The People's Health Movement welcomes the impending adoption of the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control by governments from around the world at the World Health Assembly, 2003.

It further congratulates the World Health Organization for its role in ensuring the adoption of the FCTC through its long public campaign on the issue and its steadfast rejection of influence and lobbying against the Convention by powerful lobbies of the tobacco multinationals. The Tobacco Free Initiative has shown how sincere political commitment to the cause of public health can overcome market-driven health hazards.

The PHM however urges the WHO not to succumb to new pressures from corporate lobbies or even those from certain influential member states and accept any trade-offs to ensure the adoption of the FCTC.

Further, the PHM cautions the WHO that immediate and vigorous steps need to be taken to monitor the implementation of the treaty, especially at the grassroots. "The PHM, which includes consumer groups and public health activists pioneering the cause of FCTC, extends its support for monitoring its implementation worldwide," said a PHM spokesperson.

The WHO's efforts have set an important precedent for carrying out similar campaigns by the international body against other corporate lobbies that, in their reckless pursuit of profits before people, have been responsible for the avoidable death, injury and ailment of millions of innocent people.

Therefore, as a logical follow up, the PHM urges the WHO to fight for a ban on advertising,

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promotion and marketing of all products manufactured by the global armaments industries as the first step towards ultimately abolishing the industry itself. The arms industry has become the world's largest killer industry and worst enemy of public health.

The armaments industry has been in one way or the other been responsible for the deaths of 123 million people in over 150 wars that have been fought since the end of the Second World War. Of these 90% have occurred in developing countries. In the 1990s 90 % of casualties has been innocent civilians, mainly women and children. The use of weapons of long-term destruction such as ammunition using depleted uranium in the ongoing invasion of Iraq and Afghanistan are examples of the callousness of this killer industry and the governments captive to the interests of arms lobbies.

Corporations responsible for or involved in producing weapons, both big and small, intended to kill, maim and injure people need to be banned from advertising, promoting or marketing their products. They should be further prevented from using profits from the arms trade in other sectors of the economy.

Military expenditure in 2001 was around US \$839 billion - a world average of \$137 per capita. It is estimated that the developing countries need just about US \$ 11 billion to provide clean water and sanitation for their people, the absence of which kills about 30,000 children alone every day. The money spent on military expenditure should instead be diverted for improving public health systems around the world, particularly in developing countries.

In the light of the WHO's various experiences of coming under undue pressure from corporate lobbies during its campaign for tobacco control the PHM also strongly urges the body to reconsider its growing proximity to business associations and groups as part of so called 'public-private partnership' initiatives. The PHM believes that the WHO must remain a completely neutral body representing the interests of the world's people and must not become captive solely to the interests of the rich and powerful.

The PHM represents a coalition of grassroots public health activist groups, NGOs and health professionals in almost 100 countries around the world. The movement was born at the historic People's Health Assembly in Dhaka, Bangladesh in 2000 with the aim of promoting the cause of Health For All.

"Increased arms procurement and an aggressive and corrupt international arms trade undermine social, political and economic stability and the allocation of resources to the social sector," says the *People's Charter for Health*, the guiding spirit of the PHM. The *People's Charter for Health* is the largest consensus document on health in the world.

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World Health Assembly adopts historic Tobacco Control Pact**Framework Convention on Tobacco Control now ready for signature**

GENEVA -- The 192 members of the World Health Organization today unanimously adopted the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) aimed at curbing tobacco-related deaths and disease. This is the first international treaty negotiated under the auspices of the World Health Organization (WHO).

The Convention requires countries to impose restrictions on tobacco advertising, sponsorship and promotion, establish new labelling and clean indoor air controls and strengthen legislation to clamp down on tobacco smuggling.

Today, we are acting to save billions of lives and protect peoples health for generations to come. This is a historic moment in global public health, demonstrating the international will to tackle a threat to health head on, said Dr Gro Harlem Brundtland, Director-General of the WHO to the 56th World Health Assembly.

Now we must see this Convention come into force as soon as possible, and countries must use it as the basis of their national tobacco-control legislation, she said. Four years in the making, the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control has been a priority in the WHO's global work to stem the tobacco epidemic. Tobacco now kills some five million people each year. This death toll could double to reach 10 million by 2020 if countries do not implement the measures of the FCTC. While smoking rates are declining in some industrialised countries, they are increasing, especially among the young, in many developing countries. These will account for over seventy percent of that projected death toll.

We must do our utmost to ensure that young people everywhere have the best opportunities for a healthy life. By signing, ratifying and acting on this Tobacco Convention, we can live up to this responsibility, said Dr Brundtland. To bring the FCTC into force, forty countries are needed to ratify or otherwise accept it.

Every country present in this room will testify to the challenges we faced as we worked on this final document. We now have to ensure the agreement we have reached will do what is intended to do save lives and prevent disease, said ambassador Luis Felipe Seixas de Corrêa, the Brazilian diplomat who chaired the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body of the FCTC. The 6th round of negotiations, which arrived at the final text, finished on 1 March 2003.

The FCTC will be open for signature at WHO headquarters from 16 to 22 June 2003 and thereafter at

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the UN headquarters (New York) from 30 June 2003 to 29 June 2004.

All background on the FCTC .

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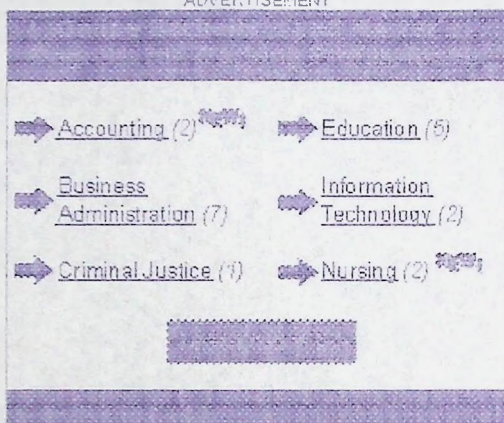
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The PHM calls upon the World Health Organisation, as also other health and humanitarian agencies, to respond immediately to such attacks on medical and health workers in the West Bank and Gaza to prevent future incidents of this kind.

During the latest attack on the clinic in Nablus, which caters to some of the poorest residents of the city, Israeli soldiers damaged equipment and medicines worth over US\$10,000 and damaged the interior of the clinic completely. The soldiers blew open the door of the clinic and entered shooting randomly.

The soldiers also invaded the apartment above the clinic. This apartment is home to the Al Dari family- the youngest is 10 years old, the eldest, a 62 year old woman. The soldiers interrogated the family, including children, and then forced them to evacuate the building.

Three members of the family- Maher (50), Ayman (42) and Nimr (40) werer arrested and kept handcuffed in a military van. They were threatened by the soldiers who warned that if the clinic continued to operate, the soldiers would return and completely demolish the building.

Since October 2002, the Israeli army has invaded the Medical Relief Emergency clinic, which serves the Al Yasmina neighbourhood, which has a population of approximately 7000 people. This clinic is the only emergency medical relief centre inside the old city.

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Un 40% de adolescentes entre 15 y 18 años fuman en región

Ginebra, 22 may (EFE).- Uno de cada diez niños en Sudamérica ha aprendido a fumar antes de los diez años y el 40 por ciento de los adolescentes entre 15 y 18 años son fumadores habituales, según estudios citados hoy, jueves, por el Movimiento para la Salud de los Pueblos.

Representantes de este movimiento internacional participan en la 56 Asamblea Mundial de la Salud, que se celebra en Ginebra.

Arturo Quizhpe, coordinador del Consejo de Salud de los Pueblos de Sudamérica, que forma parte del movimiento internacional, dijo que diversas investigaciones confirman la "ampliación del tabaquismo" y "la creciente agresividad de la publicidad del tabaco dirigida principalmente a mujeres y jóvenes".

Afirmó que en los países sudamericanos, el consumo de tabaco "se está convirtiendo en una verdadera pandemia", lo que representa "una grave amenaza para sus sistemas de salud pública".

Sobre el Convenio internacional contra el Tabaquismo, adoptado este miércoles por la Asamblea Mundial de la Salud, Quizhpe dijo que no basta con que los países latinoamericanos suscriban este instrumento jurídico, sino que "deben ratificarlo e implementarlo lo antes posible".

Quizhpe, ex decano de la facultad de Ciencias Médicas de la Universidad de Cuenca (Ecuador), sostuvo que los gobiernos de la región deben prohibir la publicidad del tabaco, así como el patrocinio de actividades deportivas por parte de firmas tabacaleras.

Por otro lado, el activista comentó que existe inquietud por el silencio sistemático de la Organización Mundial de Salud (OMS) ante los "desastrosos efectos" de las políticas de ajuste estructural -impuestas por el Fondo Monetario Internacional y el Banco Mundial- en los servicios públicos de salud.

Consideró que la OMS tiene la obligación de analizar el impacto de estas políticas macroeconómicas "que han provocado la muerte de niños por desnutrición".

Comentó, por ejemplo que a la crisis social que se vive en Argentina antecedieron situaciones similares en países como Ecuador, Paraguay, Bolivia y Colombia, "donde la aplicación estricta del modelo neoliberal implicó la reducción del gasto social".

Sostuvo que Brasil es el único país que ha logrado soportar las presiones de los organismos financieros internacionales.

El representante, quien asiste a la asamblea anual de la OMS en Ginebra, sostuvo que en la mayor parte de países latinoamericanos los servicios de salud han sido liberalizados, permitiendo que la inversión privada reemplace a la inversión de los Estados.

"Esto ha significado la destrucción de los sistemas de salud gratuitos, pues ahora los enfermos deben pagar para ser atendidos", concluyó. EFE
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Dear Ravi, Mwajuma, Pam, Maria, Carmelita and Brazgar

Please read a draft press release, the last one as a round of the PHM presence during WHA. PLEASE DO NOT circulate this at this stage.

Please read and clear. It will be better to attach the names of all the people who are receiving this draft. It will give a sense of representation.

Note: Dr. Bazgar (1) Is it ok if we put your name, the reason being we are making a remark about Iran? (2) Is it OK to retain the reference about Iran? (3) If we put your name, shall we just put PHM Iran?

Please send your response latest by Monday (26th) 6 pm GMT. I will pass this on to Carmelita and hope she can circulate few print (hard) copies.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Regards

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PRESS RELEASE (DRAFT)

Geneva, 26th May 2003.

Regional meetings planned around the world

PHM prepares for Second People's Health Assembly

The People's Health Movement will hold a series of regional meetings in the run up to the second People's Health Assembly to be held in Porto Alegre, Brazil in July 2004.

The first of such meetings is tentatively scheduled to be organised in Teheran, Iran in September 2003 where plans are underway to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the historic Alma Ata declaration on 'Health for All'. The PHM will also hold a two day meeting immediately prior to the World Social Forum, 2004 to be held in Mumbai, India.

South Asia and South East Asia

in collaboration with the ~~Iran~~ Government of Iran who have been a strong promoter of the Primary Health Care philosophy, a key signatory of the Alma Ata Declaration and have evolved a successful government health strategy based on the Health for All Goal. The meeting in Iran will bring together primarily PHM delegates from Middle East and Africa

16 evolution as a coalition of coalition

The regional consultations are consolidate the PHM's organisational capabilities and also put public health on the agenda of other global movements for justice such as those working against corporate globalisation and for peace

the course of the next year the PHM hopes to strengthen its membership and activities in Asia and Latin America while initiating new networks of health activists and groups in Africa, and the middle East and Europe, North America and the Australia-Pacific regions as well

which was forming the largest delegation of over 25 delegates from 32 countries

At the recently concluded World Health Assembly of the World Health Organisation in Geneva, Switzerland the PHM organised a campaign to re-orient the international body towards the goal of providing Health for All. A resolution calling for the revival of the Alma Ata declaration's emphasis on primary health care, presented before government delegates attending the WHA, was passed successfully. (Carmelina is this correct ????)

helped to strengthen the primary health care revolution in the world

and also active advocacy with a large number of delegates

PHM representatives also had a fruitful meeting with Mr Jong-Wook Lee, the new Director General of the WHO who assured them that the world body would push governments to prioritise the health needs of the poorest sections of their populations in the coming years. It is to be a listening organisation and welcome the voices of civil society and those working

The PHM now plans to continue its campaign for providing Health for All at the national and regional levels to force governments to start new primary health care programmes and to closely monitor existing projects,

and to promote peoples participation in health care and

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with the poor and marginalised all over the world. PHM welcomed Dr Lee's announcement for plans to decentralise WHO; focus on country level impact; and become more relevant to people who were living in poverty, and ~~unhealthy~~ is unhealthy environment by reviving the Alma Ata spirit of Primary Health care.

The PHM admired Dr Lee of New Keen desire to strengthen WHO by being critical allies at community and country level.

PHM joined hands with other NGOs to support initiatives and statements on a variety of issues including Tobacco control; WHO relations with civil society; and in the ~~field~~ properly rights and forged new links with a variety of networks and campaigns

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Dear Unni,

Greetings from People's Health Movement Secretariat (Global) at CHC, Bangalore!

Hoping to hear from you soon and follow up on

- i. ✓ Your travel reimbursement from
- ii. ✓ Some bills etc, which Maria was planning to send through you.
- iii. ✓ What happened to the last News release on PHA -- II slated for 27th / 26th May
- iv. ✓ Alma Ata Anniversary film - new schedule of dates.
- v. (V) Copies of news paper cuttings and other communications arising out of the press releases
- vi. (vi) Your feedback on PHM and WHA.

You and Sathya did a very impressive job as usual under the usual PHM constraints and I would like to thank you both from the secretariat and personally.

Andrew has written some though provoking comments and ideas on the communication challenges. We need to address them soon.

Best wishes,

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PHM prepares for Second People's Health Assembly *in July 2004*

The People's Health Movement will hold a series of regional meetings in the run up to the second People's Health Assembly to be held in Porto Alegre, Brazil in July 2004.

The first of such meetings is tentatively scheduled to be organised in Teheran, Iran in September 2003 where plans are underway to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the historic Alma Ata declaration on 'Health for All', in collaboration with the Government of Iran, who have been a strong promoter of the Primary Health Care philosophy, a key signatory of the Alma Ata Declaration and have evolved a successful government health strategy based on the Health for All Goal. The meeting in Iran will bring together ~~primarily~~ PHM delegates from Middle East and Africa. The PHM will also hold a two day meeting ~~immediately prior~~ ^{linked} to the World Social Forum, 2004 to be held in Mumbai, India, which will bring together PHM delegates primarily from South Asia and South East Asia.

The regional consultations are to consolidate the PHM's evolution as a coalition of ^scoalitions and also put public health on the agenda of other global movements for justice such as those working against corporate globalisation and for peace.

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In the course of the next year the PHM hopes to strengthen its membership and activities in Asia and Latin America while initiating ^{networks} ~~new~~ networks of health activists and groups in Africa and the Middle East and Europe, North America and the Australia - Pacific regions as well.

At the recently concluded World Health Assembly of the World Health Organisation in Geneva, Switzerland the PHM, which was among the largest delegation (of over 75 delegates from 32 countries) organised a campaign to re-orient the international body towards the goal of providing Health for All. A statement calling for the revival of the Alma Ata declaration's emphasis ^{ing} on primary health care ^{was} presented before government delegates attending the WHA and also active advocacy with a large number of delegates helped to strengthen the Primary Health Care resolution in the WHA.

PHM representatives also had a fruitful meeting with Mr Jong-Wook Lee, the new Director General of the WHO who assured them that the world body would try to be a listening organization and welcome the voices of Civil Society and those working with

the poor and marginalized all over the world. PHM welcomed Dr. Lee's announcement for plans to decentralise WHO; focus on country level impact; and become more relevant to people who were living in poverty and in unhealthy environment by reviving the Alma Ata spirit of Primary Health Care. The PHM assured Dr. Lee of their keen desire to strengthen WHO by being critical allies at community and country level.

PHM joined hands with other NGOs to support initiatives and statements on a variety of issues including Tobacco control; WHO relations with Civil Society; and intellectual property rights and forged new links with a variety of networks and campaigns. *at the World Health Assembly*

The PHM now plans to continue its campaign for providing Health for All at the national and regional levels; to force governments to start new primary health care programmes; *especially global initiatives with and* ~~and~~ to closely monitor existing projects ~~to~~ *to* promote people's participation in health care and the evolution of health policies.

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Sent: Saturday, May 31, 2003 11:46 AM
Attach: G 8 -phm press release unni's draft.doc
Subject: G 8 - PHM press release- please read and clear. Your names appear as the signatories.
(response required latest by 11 am (GMT) on Monday.

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Ravi, I am back. I will call you tomorrow.

Regards

Unni

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London, Colombo, Evian (France)
1st June, 2003.

Press Release:

Peaceful Protests at G8 Summit PHM calls for a New World Economic Order

As yet another meeting of G8 heads of states starts on June 1, 2003 the People's Health Movement calls upon people around the world to peacefully protest against the policies of neo-liberal globalization imposed on them by the G8 rich countries.

"Over 90,000 children will die from preventable diseases during just the three days when G8 will be held. Poverty, non-access to health care and lack of basic sanitation are the key reasons for these deaths. The G 8 leaders should be doing a serious soul searching," said a PHM spokesperson.

Globalization and unfair multilateral trade agreements have enabled the G8 to keep the wealth in the developed countries leaving 1.3 billion people in developing countries to live on less than one dollar a day. Across the world about 56 percent of the population lives below two dollars a day. Meanwhile about 20 percent of the world's population living in OECD countries today control approximately 80 percent of the resources and wealth of the world.

The PHM considers it ironical that the G8, which is the cause of global poverty, has taken upon itself the task of eradicating poverty. If Africa, East Asia, South Asia and Latin America were to increase their share of world export by one percent, the resulting income could lift 128 million people out of poverty. But the low and unstable commodity prices that consign millions into poverty are never an issue at the summit meetings of G8.

"Neo liberal economic policies have been the biggest block in ensuring Health for All. Their impacts have resulted in genocidal proportions, leading to the mass slow murder of million of poor people" said a PHM spokesperson.

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Ill conceived economic policies pushed by the World Bank and IMF onto developing countries have been responsible for the debt crisis in the Third World. Each day developing countries pay rich nations US\$717 million in debt service. Every baby born in the developing world carries an external debt of US\$482 at birth. The leaders of G8 have never seriously addressed the devastation caused by such external debt on the world's poorer countries.

The objectives of the peaceful protests planned at the G8 summit meetings are to:

1. Hold a mirror to G8 leaders to let them and the world know the enormous injustice inflicted on poor developing countries in the name of globalization and free trade.
2. Campaign for a New World Economic Order which will guarantee distributive justice so that economic growth will ensure social and human development

and there will be equity in access to and control of resources leading to equitable distribution of wealth.

3. Let the people of the world know that the existing institutions are inadequate to meet the aspirations of the world.

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Dr. K Balasubramaniam
Health Action International, Sri Lanka

Dr. Pam Zinkin
PHM Europe, UK.

Dr. Ravi Narayan
Co-ordinator, PHM Secretariat, *India*.

PHM secretariat

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Cc: <woodwarddavid@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 01, 2003 4:30 AM
Subject: Re: G 8 - PHM press release- please read and clear. Your names appear as the signatories. (response required latest by 11 am (GMT) on Monday.

Dear Unni:

I think the press release is good. But I am not the Europe official co-ordinator any more. I am the email secretary. David Woodward is the focal point. It is true that I seem to be doing most of the co-ordinating but it could upset people. If you need my name you can use International Peoples Health Council, Europe.

There is a spelling error in the word co-ordinator after Ravi's name.

I would prefer not to have the following quote "Neo liberal economic policies have been the biggest block in ensuring Health for All. Their impacts have resulted in genocidal proportions, leading to the mass slow murder of million of poor people" said a PHM spokesperson.

as I find it a bit too dramatic but OK if Bala or Ravi said it.

Did David Woodward see this?

You are doing a great job.

Pam

At 11:16 PM 5/30/03 -0700, UNNIKRISHNAN PV (Dr) wrote:

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Sent: Monday, June 02, 2003 11:50 AM
Subject: Re: Follow Up!

Dear Ravi

Greetings from Coimbatore !

Waiting for the approval for the G 8 press release.

I will be back in Bangalore on Tuesday morning. I hope to meet you. I will call and if it is ok with you, I would like to meet you on Tuesday (10 am to 11 am).

I will bring all the docs (revised film schedule+ Maria's papers+ My statements+ Media clips etc).

Regards

Unni

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Please msg Unni
and inform him the
things on Tuesday is ok.

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----- Original Message -----

From: PHM Secretariat
To: UNNIKRISHNAN PV (Dr)
Sent: Friday, May 30, 2003 1:52 AM
Subject: Follow Up!

Dear Unni,

Greetings from People's Health Movement Secretariat (Global) at CHC, Bangalore!

Hoping to hear from you soon and follow up on.

- i. Your travel reimbursement from
- ii. Some bills etc, which Maria was planning to send through you.
- iii. What happened to the last News release on PHA - II slated for 27th / 28th May.
- iv. Alma Ata Anniversary film - new schedule of dates.

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- v. Copies of news paper cuttings and other communications arising out of the press releases.
- vi. Your feedback on PHM and WHA.

You and Sathya did a very impressive job as usual under the visual PHM constraints and I would like to thank you both from the secretariat and personally.

Andrew has written some though provoking comments and ideas on the communication challenges. We need to address them soon.

Best wishes.

Dr. Ravi Narayan
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Cc: Zafarullah Chowdhury <gk@citechno.net>; <shariprem@eth.net>; <gksavar@citechno.net>; bala <bala@halao.org>
Sent: Friday, June 06, 2003 12:58 PM
Subject: Follow up

Dear Prem,

Greetings from People's Health Movement Secretariat (Global) at CHC, Bangalore!

Some follow up:

- i. I have written to Dolen.
- ii. Mira has agreed to follow up with Sushma Swaraj. So do nudge her on this soon.
- iii. Will send you all the material I can collect before you leave for GK.
- iv. The JSA - NWG meeting will be a Bangalore on 26th / 27th July, discussing JSA campaigns, WSF Health Forum, PHM secretariat matters and other related issues. Can you and Hari join us as a special request from CHC? Details follow. CHC has been requested to host / organize it.
- v. I am hoping Zafarullah and Qasem can join us as well and it would be really great if Bala could be persuaded to come. We could follow up on:
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 - b. Funding group issues and log frame for 2003-2006.
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 - e. PHM courses at GK-Savar
 - f. News Brief.
- vi. Andrew has sent a note on communication which is being sent to many of you to help us build a communication strategy for PHM.

A good opportunity for a South Asian dialogue and strengthening solidarity.

Best wishes,

Ravi Narayan

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Main Identity

From: "hariprem" <hariprem@ein.net>
 To: "PHM Secretariat" <sochara@vsnl.com>
 Sent: Wednesday, June 04, 2003 1:58 PM
 Subject: Re: [pha-ncc] COMMUNICATION VII from PHM Secretariat after WHA

My dear Ravi,

Delen de la Paz has the most extensive notes on all the events she attended. This will be very useful to us, especially while doing the next Newsbrief. Please ask her to xerox her note book in its entirety and send it by fax to you.

Warm regards,

Prem

to Ravi

to S/b.

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Zafarullah
 cc Qasem
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 Cc: PHMsecretariat <secretariat@phmovement.org>; Maria Hamlin Zuniga <ipho@cisas.org.ni>
 Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2003 9:00 AM
 Attach: Press release- June 9 2003 -launch of the million signature campaign- Italian site.doc
 Subject: Launch of Italian site

Dear Sunil (Copy to Maria and Ravi : for their information only)

The Italian site is ready. (The contact address will be corrected by 10 GMT on 9th. Acknowledgements for AIFO also will be there by 10 am GMT tomorrow). In short everything is set for your launch on 11th.

As promised, attached please find a draft press release. It is drafted keeping the tone and content of our earlier press releases (used during the launch of English and Spanish sites) and the contents that will go in to the press release for the German site (that will be launched in June 3rd week).

Points to note:

1) The press release must be issued on the joint letter heads of PHM, IPHC and AIFO. I trust it is fine with AIFO. (Please remember that it is an initiative by IPHC for PHM. The (minimum) costs required for this is taken care by IPHC. It is not just the cost factor but the facilitation is by IPHC and it is an IPHC contribution for PHM. I am explaining it here, because there are specific reasons. I hope you understand.)

If it is not possible to use AIFO letter head, please go ahead and use the joint letter heads of IPHC and PHM. (We prefer you attaching the AIFO name to this). To make things easier, please print the word file exactly like as it is. I have put all the three logos.

2) You, Maria and Ravi will be the signatories.

4) I have alerted few Italian journalists, they may call you. One of them may get the signatures of two Italian Nobel Prize winners.

5) If you do not hear from Maria or Ravi by 10 am GMT on June 9th please go ahead and use it. I give you the clearance on their behalf.

6) Please ensure that you insert a name where I have given space and suggestion. Please return the final version to me by tomorrow night (at least 8 hours before the launch). I will release it to the journalists worldwide.

Also, please send me the Italian translation of the press release whenever it is ready.

7) Please check with Thelma whether the quote is ok. If she suggests to remove please remove it. There are too many Asian names in it. (I wish I could help, but doesn't!)

8) Strategically it may be better to ask an Italian to formally launch it. Like the health worker/ whoever we are quoting. (Please see the blank space in my press release). Thelma could be present and be a guest.

9) Please check spellings and your tel numbers.

You can always reach me (24 hours and feel free) at +91 98450 91319. I am here till June 15th and I leave for Afghanistan after that for a mission.

Good luck Sunil! It was a pleasure working together.

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Dr. Unnikrishnan PV, India

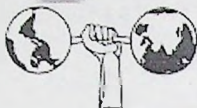
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PRESS RELEASE

"HEALTH FOR ALL NOW"-

www.LaCampagnaPerUnMilioneDiFirme.org

**Health activists amplify their march on the Internet-
Italians call for HEALTH FOR ALL NOW !**

Bologna, Italy: 11th June, 2003: A quarter century later since the international community promised Health For All, a campaign on the Internet demands health for All Now !

www.LaCampagnaPerUnMilioneDiFirme.org, the Italian version of "The Million Signature Campaign- A March on the Internet demanding Health for all NOW!" was launched from Bologna in Italy today.

Ms. Livia Turco, the ex-Italian Minister for social welfare is one of the first signatories. Others who endorsed their solidarity include ordinary Italians, students, journalists, health workers, trade unionists and medical professionals.

This Internet-based campaign reminds that every 24 hours, over 30,000 children die from preventable diseases. These are precious lives that the World Health Organisation (WHO), the UNICEF and the international community promised to save 25 years.

In 1978, the Alma Ata declaration, a joint initiative of the WHO and UNICEF promised Health for All by 2000. 25 years since the Alma Ata declaration, health for all is not a reality.

"Today, while the world is writing a collective obituary of the future generation, we know why they are dying; we know who are responsible for these deaths. We know how these deaths can be stopped... Join **'The Million Signature Campaign'- - a march demanding health for all NOW!**" says the home page of this web based campaign.

This campaign, initiated by the **People's Health Movement** (PHM) and the **International People's Health Council** (IPHC), is being endorsed by ordinary people from various walks of life and organisations, institutions, people's associations and others working for a just world. The English and Spanish versions were launched in January and the campaign is picking up momentum worldwide.

Azzociazione Italiana Amizi di Raoul Folleareau (AIFO) an Italian voluntary organization and an active member of the People's Health Movement is facilitating the Italian version of this campaign site.

"We hope that the Italian version of this global campaign will enthuse health workers and policy makers not only in Italy but in Europe to take urgent measures to revive the vision of Alma Ata" said Dr. Sunil Deepak, Medical Director of AIFO.

"Every morning we wake up to the stark reality that yesterday the world lost another 30,000 children. These deaths that pass over as official statistics are scars on the collective conscious of the humanity. It is time to remind the UN institutions and international community of their responsibility to make Health for All a reality NOW " said Dr. Unnikrishnan PV, of IPHC and PHM, the co-ordinator for this campaign.

"We plan to take this campaign to various constituencies and to different avenues in Italy" said Ms Dr. Giovanni Gazzoli, an Italian health worker/ doctor/ journalist/...
~~(Sunil, please identify oen and get this quote endorsed. If it is an AIFO staff, it is fine, but please do NOT mention the AIFO affiliation here.~~

"The crises in health today call for attention from various quarters. The struggle for *Health for All* needs to be fought at several fronts. Internet is just one avenue" said Dr. Thelma Narayan, a health activist from India who was in Bologna during the launch.

Despite promising signals in the initial days since Alma Ata, the dream of Health For All hit road blocks because of anti-health, anti-poor policies, reemerging and new diseases, new challenges and above all by efforts to put private profit over public health. "The situation calls for reviving the principles and strategies of Alma Ata" says this campaign web site.

PHM was launched in Dec 2000 through the **People's Health Assembly**, a historic summit in Bangladesh that had participation of nearly 1400 representatives from nearly 100 countries.

The signatories of this campaign also would be endorsing the **People's Charter for Health**, the largest consensus document on health.

Dr. Sunil Deepak, Director AIFO
Maria Hamlin Zuniga, Co-ordinator: IPHC
Dr. Ravi Narayan, Co-ordinator: PHM Secretariat

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 Sent: Thursday, June 12, 2003 12:18 PM
 Attach: Press Release_120603_corrected.doc
 Subject: Re: Indian troops heading for Iraq- PHM statement (Draft) - please respond by 12 noon GMT on Thursday

Dear Unni,

Please find attached the corrected Press release for your attention. But I have the following questions

1. How can we exhort the President through a press release?
2. Are we planning to put this up as a resolution?
3. Is it not for PHM India to take up before we jump in as PHM global?

Best wishes

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 Cc: phmsec@touchtelindia.net
 Sent: Thursday, June 12, 2003 9:47 PM
 Subject: Fw: Indian troops heading for Iraq- PHM statement (Draft) - please respond by 12 noon GMT on Thursday

Dear Amit and Mohan (Mira, Ekbal and Ravi may have already seen this).

Please see below a mail and attachment that may lead to a PHM statement (at the global level). It may be issued on Thursday afternoon.

- 1) Your comments and suggestions are most welcome. But please respond before IST 1 pm tomorrow (Thursday)

The initial reactions from some of steering group members are to "go ahead" with updates/ suggestions like

- 1) Nicaragua and some other countries are also under similar pressure/ negotiation. So make the press release more global and use the Indian example for news angle/ value

- 2) JOA HIND COORDINATOR issuing a press statement (perhaps after India signing and that may have members from former Indian Army persons or nuke scientists)

On People's Health Movement letterhead

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PRESS RELEASE

STOP THE TROOPS:

DU weapons can be deadly for troops from any country, planning to head for Iraq. While US and UK may be willing to subject their troops to this hazard, others need not be coerced to do so.

People's Health Movement cautions the Indian government about the long-term and irreversible disastrous affects of Depleted Uranium weapons the troops may be exposed to if they are deployed in Iraq. PHM calls on the President, Prime Minister and Defence Minister of India to stop the deployment of Indian troops in Iraq.

Bangalore, 12th June 2003: People's Health Movement (PHM) expresses serious concerns over the news reports that American govt. is coercing the Indian government to send the troops to the war affected areas of Iraq.

Firstly, PHM registers its strong opposition to sending Indian or any other troops to Iraq on political grounds that any such move will be considered as a support for the occupying forces and will legitimise the ongoing illegal occupation in other parts of the world.

PHM also feels that the proposal by the US asking Indian or any other country troops for Iraq will work against the interest of their citizens, especially its troops and their families. The proposal is objected on health and humanitarian grounds.

"The troops will be subjected to the long term impacts of Depleted Uranium (DU) weapons that was used during the recent war on Iraq. DU weapons wreck havoc. Their impacts are devastating on life systems. With a half life period of 110,000 years, DU weapons spell disaster on civilian victims as well as combatants and others who stay in the affected areas," said a PHM spokes person.

Scientific studies have concluded that DU weapons lead to an epidemic of Leukemia amongst Iraqi civilians, especially children. Research studies amongst US soldiers have also confirmed the disastrous effects of DU weapons. Allied veterans of the 1990 'Gulf War' are still being affected by 'Gulf war syndrome', and their campaigns to gain recognition and compensation continue. Veterans of the Gulf War (in US and UK) are fighting health problems which are not well understood by medical professionals but which are suspected to be linked as the fallout of DU weapons.

Earlier news reports from Iraq (during the recent war) have confirmed the use of DU by US forces. Scientists, doctors and humanitarian workers associated with the PHM have studied the negative and irreversible impacts of DU weapons on human lives- both for the

civilians victims as well as the combatants. "DU is dangerous. It will kill slowly" said a PHIM spokesperson.

People's Health Movement, a global coalition of grass root health workers, medical experts, humanitarian workers, social scientists and scientists, demands the Indian President to take steps to stop this move that is being initiated by a section of the political leadership in India. President as the supreme commander of the armed forces may use his position to stop this.

PHIM also feels that it is important to provide complete and unbiased information to the Indian public and soldiers about the negative and long-term impacts of DU weapons that often causes a continuing nightmare in the lives of those who are subjected to its fallout.

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Cc: <chmsec@touchtelindia.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 12, 2003 9:47 PM
Attach: PHM statement on Indian troops likely to be deployed in Iraq.doc
Subject: Fw: Indian troops heading for Iraq- PHM statement (Draft) : please respond by 12 noon GMT on Thursday

Dear Amit and Mohan (Mira, Ekbal and Ravi may have already seen this).

Please see below a mail and attachment that may lead to a PHM statement (at the global level). It may be issued on Thursday afternoon.

1) Your comments and suggestions are most welcome. But please respond before IST 1 pm tomorrow (Thursday).

The initial reactions from some of steering group members are to "go ahead" with updates/ suggestions like:

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2) USA may consider issuing a press statement (perhaps more India specific and that may have quotes from former Indian Army persons or nuke scientists.)

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Looking forward to hearing from you

in solidarity, Unni (Please read the mail pasted below and then the attachment).

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To: PHM Steering Group 02-03@yahooogroups.com
Cc: Rosalie Bertell ; mikerowson@medact.org ; Satya Sivaraman
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In solidarity

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Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2003 7:49 PM
Subject: Re: [PHM_Steering_Group_02-03] Indian troops heading for Iraq- PHM statement (Draft) : please respond by 12 noon GMT on Thursday

Dear Unni

The analysis is right. I think that it will be very important start using this press release. We will send to the spanish speaking newspapers.

Go ahead, in solidarity.

Arturo

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Cc: Rosalie Bertell <rosalie_bertell@verizon.net>, <mikerowson@medact.org>, Satya Sivaraman <satyasagar@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2003 11:33 AM
Subject: RE: [PHM_Steering_Group_02-03] Indian troops heading for Iraq- PHM statement (Draft) : please respond by 12 noon GMT on Thursday

Dear Mike,

I think this is an important initiative. Such a news release could also be used in other countries. For example, Nicaragua has offered to send out persons specialized in removing landmines. Actually we gave the president info on DU, but that has not changed the intention.

● say you should get some quotes directly from some people like Rosalie or Medact.

Go with this.

Regards,
 Maria

-----Mensaje original-----

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Enviado el: jueves, 12 de junio de 2003 4:19

Para: PHM_Steering_Group_02-03@yahoo.com

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To: <PHM_Steering_Group_02-03@yahooogroups.com>
Cc: <ghassanha@hally.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2003 9:42 PM
Subject: [PHM_Steering_Group_02-03] Fw: medical and fact-finding mission Palestine - (RESPONSE REQUIRED before 4 pm GMT on June 12th 2003 (Thursday))

Dear Friends,

Please see below a message (and couple of exchanges) from the Medical Aid for the Third World about a mission they are organising to Palestine. Their main host is Dr. Mustafa Barghouti. They are seeking endorsement from PHM.

I strongly suggest that PHM's solidarity for this mission will be a solidarity gesture. I have offered help (on behalf of IPHC) media support. Would like to extend it on behalf of PHM as well, once PHM confirms. Could the steering group/secretariat confirm PHM endorsement.

The message was forwarded to the PHM working circle on wars, conflicts and humanitarian action. The initial responses are to support the mission.

I am willing to consolidate the responses coming from the Steering Group and the Working Circle (many of you are not part of it and the members of the WC do NOT have access to the Steering group Yahoo group) and write to the Medical Aid for the Third World on behalf of the Working Circle and PHM secretariat.

Please respond as soon as possible. Three positive response and no negative response received by 4 pm GMT on June 12th 2003 (Thursday) will be taken as a confirmation.

Looking forward to hearing from you

In solidarity

Unni

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From: Bert De Beider
To: UNNIKRISHNAN PV (Dr)
Cc: Wim De Ceukelaire ; pamzinkin ; Maria Hamlin Zuniga ; ghassanha@hally.net ; Guido vanham ; blanckesofie@hotmail.com ; colette.moulaert@bruteie.be ; Tariq Shadid ; Greta Duisenberg
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2003 10:28 AM
Subject: medical and fact-finding mission Palestine

Hi Unni!

Thank you very much for this great news! Unfortunately, I think the date of the mission is quite fixed by now, June 25 to 27. Mike Rowson of Medact also showed interest, he would try to have one of their Board members join. Yes, indeed, I followed the PHM work in Geneva through your email messages, including the statement on the situation in Palestine. I knew, of course, that the UPMRC is an active member of the PHM.

Is there any way to get quick confirmation whether we may put the names of PHM and IPHC as endorsers of this mission? I hope we will be able to come out with an English-language mission statement with objectives and the like (Tariq?), although I suppose you can grasp quite well what it will all be about.

Thanks for the attention you accorded to the Belgian medical mission to Iraq and to the court case against US General Tommy Franks. I'm looking forward to see the communication related to this follow up.

Hope to hear from you soon!

Warm regards,

Bert

----- Original Message -----

From: UNNIKRIISHNAN PV (Dr)

To: bert.debelder@wanadoo.be

Cc: Wim De Ceukejaire; pamzinkin; Maria Hamlin Zuniga; ghassanha@hally.net

Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2003 3:46 AM

Subject: Re: [PHA-Europe] medical and fact-finding mission Palestine

Dear Dr. Bert De Belder

Greetings from India, where I find this week!

Firstly, congratulations for taking up this mission. It is important. I am sure that IPHC and PHM also may endorse this initiative. Dr. Ghassan Hamdan (UPMRC, Nebulus) who was with us in Geneva highlighted how his (UPMRC) emergency hospital was destroyed on May 21st/22nd in Israeli shelling. We used press briefings and the meeting with WHO's new DG to press this point. (Pasted please see, at the end of this mail, the PHM press release issued on May 22nd at Geneva.)

I would definitely put efforts to amplify the media coverage of your mission to more constituencies. Please keep me posted.

I hope you received the communication related to the outcome of the PHM meeting and session on Wars, Conflicts and humanitarian Action at Geneva. One of the main follow-up related to PHM's and IPHC's anti-war work will be to support your case in the Belgian court. A detailed communication will be sent to you and PHM-exchange this week.

MISSION to Palestine: I will be more than happy to join and be of assistance. Unfortunately, I am on a mission to Afghanistan from June 23rd to 28th. However, I will check with my organisation and come back to you by tomorrow. Meanwhile, if there is any change in date, please let me know.

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Sent: Thursday, June 05, 2003 9:42 AM

Subject: [PHA-Europe] medical and fact-finding mission Palestine

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Greetings from Community Health Cell!

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us your 2002 World Civil Society Forum report (CD ROM).

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Best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

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 Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2003 4:12 PM
 Subject: Wcsf report / FMSC rapport / FMSC informe

*****Message en Français, in English y en Español al final*****

FRANÇAIS**

Cher(ère) participant(e), panelliste, collaborateur(trice) et volontaire,

Le rapport du Forum Mondial de la Société Civile 2002 est finalisé. Sur support CD-ROM et rapport écrit vous aurez accès à l'ensemble des informations: les recommandations adoptées, discours des personnalités, présentations originales de panélistes, résumés des sessions, rapports des groupes de travail, rappel des objectifs et des résultats, etc. Enfin, une série de vidéos et de photos vous feront (re)découvrir différents volets du Forum.

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En vous remerciant par avance, recevez, Monsieur, Madame, nos salutations les meilleures.
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ENGLISH**

Dear participant, panellist, partner and volunteer,

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Thanking you in advance, we look forward to hearing from you.
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Anticipándole las gracias, reciba, Señor, Señora, nuestros cordiales saludos.
Secretaría del Foro

To PHM

Subject: From Alex, ADD India

Date: Tue, 07 Jan 2003 16:47:55 +0530

From: ADD India <addindia@vsnl.net>

To: CHCB <sochara@vsnl.com>

January 7, 2003

Dear Dr. Ravi,

Greetings from ADD India

Thank you very much for giving your time to share information related to disability and globalisation. In fact we took the case study from the "Voices of the Unheard" for part of our play. The facts and narrations were useful to visualize and to be more authentic. The other case studies we used were the incident at Kasargode and the experience of people in Puthur near Kodaikanal. The play came out reasonably well. More than the message, I was very happy that disabled persons from rural community performed in front of a large gathering.

The brainstorming session with Chandar was very useful to be specific on the message. Please convey my thanks to him and also to Rajendran who gave me some documents.

With thanks and regards,
Alex

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PHM Secretariat

From: PHM Secretariat <phmse@touchteindia.net>
To: Unnikrishnan <unnikru@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2008 2:44 PM
Subject: Urgent!!!

Dear Unni,

Greetings from PHM Secretariat (Global)!

Please get in touch as soon as you can, since we need to discuss a range of urgent initiatives and make some quick decisions.

- 1. NOC / NWG meetings, 25th-28th July
- 2. Visit to Iran as member of PHM International Committee (four days between 29th July till 1st August)
- 3. PHM film follow up
- 4. Film team visit to South America - October 2008

You may have seen some communication on all of these lately. If you have been accessing your mail.

We need to follow up as soon as we meet. When do you return to Bangalore?

Have you heard anything from Andrew recently? No reply from him for any of our mails for nearly two months!

Best wishes,

Ravi Narayan
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From: <prem_john@vsnl.net>
To: <phmsecc@touchteelindia.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 26, 2003 3:33 PM

Dear Ravi,

As I told you earlier, Zafrullah would like me to go to Savar as early as possible and help with the archives. Also, Qasem and I will need to work on the Newsbrief of PHM. I will go, perhaps some time in mid-July - July 17 - 23 look a possibility. Is it alright with you? Is there money? of course it will cost not very much since I can purchase apex tickets to Calcutta and back.

I am going to be out of the country 29 June - 11 July.

Warm regards,

Prem

PS. I have been invited to the NWG meeting 26-27 July. I have never really been part of it but I think you mentioned we will have Steering Group/ Support group meet then. When and where?

PPS. The Cambodian delegation in Geneva had one chap who had been trained in Deenabandu. I think we should build upon it. We should revive ACHIAN contacts for PHM before it is too late. If you can find some money for it, we can do this.

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From: <sunil.deepak@alfo.it>
 To: <phmsec@touchtelindia.net>
 Cc: <pamzinkin@gn.apc.org>
 Sent: Thursday, June 26, 2003 9:02 PM
 Subject: PHM Newsbrief 9

Dear friends,

During the World Health Assembly in May 2003 in Geneva a new issue of PHM newsletter (No. 9?) was distributed. I would like to receive a copy of it by email and shall be grateful if it can be sent.

Usually, all newsletters are on the PHM website but strangely this new issue is not yet been added to the site.

Thanks in advance for your quick action and with best wishes,

Sunil

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Action taken
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to send us by email
- Also to send directly to Sunil
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From: UNNIKISHNAN PV (Dr) <unnikru@vsnl.com>
To: <tnarayan@vsnl.com>
Cc: <phmsec@touchtelindia.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2003 6:50 AM
Attach: wcd who submission.pdf
Subject: Fw: for Ravi- health impact assessment tools- WCD WHO

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From: UNNIKISHNAN PV (Dr)
To: tnarayan@vsnl.com
Cc: phmsec@touchtelindia.net
Sent: Monday, June 16, 2003 5:53 PM
Subject: for Ravi- health impact assessment tools- WCD WHO

Dear ravi

Attached please find what we came up with for WCD. This was out of a consultative project jointly initiated by WCD and WHO.

I hope this helps

Regards

Unni
Dr. Unnikrishnan PV, India, E-mail: unnikru@yahoo.com / Ph (M): +91 (0) 98450 91319

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To: Unnikrishnan <unnikru@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, August 08, 2003 3:24 PM
Subject: Re: [PHM_Steering_Group_02-03] Pesticides in Cola- PHM media coverage - "Regulate soft drink firms' operations, urge activists"

Dear Unni,

Greetings from PHM Secretariat (Global)!

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Sent: Friday, August 08, 2003 9:31 AM
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Regulate soft drink firms' operations, urge activists

George Iype | August 06, 2003 | 17:44 IST

The findings of the study done by the Centre for Science and Environment that popular soft drinks like Coca-Cola and Pepsi contain traces of toxic pesticides and insecticides have prompted health experts and activists to ask the government to urgently regulate the soft drinks manufacturers' operations in India.

The CSE study released on Tuesday said that the soft drinks produced in the country contain deadly health hazards such as lindane, DDT, malathion and chlorpyrifos.

"The market share of the soft drinks manufacturers is going up tremendously with new marketing jargons, but the health of the people of India is going down because they are drinking poisonous substances in the name of soft drinks," pointed out Dr P V Unnikrishnan, spokesperson for the Bangalore-based **People's Health Movement**, one of Asia's largest voluntary groups in health sector.

He told *rediff.com* that there is no need to doubt the authenticity of the CSE findings.

"CSE has got one of the best, state-of-the-art laboratories in this part of the world. The findings are therefore convincing and there should be strict, immediate action against cola manufacturers in the country," Dr Unnikrishnan said.

He said one of the proofs that the soft drinks sector has become a 'poisonous and dangerous' industry in the country is the Coke plant at Plachimada in Kerala's Palakkad district.

A recent BBC study said that the sludge from the Coke plant supplied to local farmers as fertilizer contains cadmium and lead, which can accumulate in the kidneys, with, repeated exposure possibly causing kidney failure and result in various other diseases.

On Wednesday, the Kerala Pollution Control Board also announced that the sludge showed presence of cadmium in much higher concentration than the permissible level.

According to Dr Unnikrishnan, if we correlate the findings from the BBC, the CSE and the Kerala Pollution Control Board, it becomes clear that "the soft drinks plants in India do not have any quality control measurements."

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- iii)
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Quality of products including soft drinks sold by the American and European multinational companies in India are below standard.

"Similar products -- whether it is Coke, Pepsi, or any other soft drink, or medicine or pharmaceutical product -- that the MNCs sell in America and India are different," he said.

Agrees Deepan Kumar, a medical activist with Care for Health, an NGO working across the southern India villages: "Many international studies have revealed that the consumption of soft drinks is riddled with health hazards."

He says the most commonly associated health risks are obesity, diabetes and other blood sugar disorders, tooth decay, osteoporosis and bone fractures, nutritional deficiencies, heart disease, food addictions and eating disorders, neurotransmitter dysfunction from chemical sweeteners, and neurological and adrenal disorders from excessive caffeine.

"A common problem found in many teenagers in India today is general gastrointestinal distress. It may be because of the residues of pesticides in the soft drinks," Kumar told rediff.com.

He said excessive drinking of soft drinks results in increased stomach acid levels requiring acid inhibitors and moderate to severe gastric inflammation with possible stomach lining erosion.

"I do not know why people drink soft drinks so madly, because the pesticides contained in them can even result in cancer, damage to the nervous and reproductive systems, birth defects and severe disruption of the immune system," he added.

Unnikrishnan says there are double standards when it comes to quality of products by multinationals sold in India. "For instance, to purify water for making the soft drinks, it goes through a series of cleaning processes. Serious quality control even for purifying water and water derivatives do not exist in India," he said.

He said there is utter confusion about the kinds of ingredients used in Coke and Pepsi. "When the waste and the sludge from such factories contains hazardous chemicals, it is no wonder that their end products also have similar poisonous contents," Dr Unnikrishnan argued.

He said the CSE findings are an 'eye opener.'

"Soft drinks production without any government control is a direct assault on the health of the nation. It is the ugly face of globalisation that the Third World countries like India is facing," he added.

The Editor
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Dear Sir,

I read your feature 'Quicksilver Killer', the week 10th August 2003 (page 16-18) with great interest. It was a balanced report and supported the case for an independent epidemiological survey as suggested by the Indian People's Tribunal. As a public health and health policy research group, we in the Community Health Cell, Bangalore, hosted a presentation by Dr. T. Rajagopal, HLL's Corporate Medical Advisor. The team that listened to him and reviewed the data that was presented included occupational health consultants, physiologist – endocrinologist, toxicologist, epidemiologist, statistician and analytic chemist and we were unable to give HLL a 'clean chit', since the sample was opportunistic and the analysis somewhat flawed – details of which have been shared with them. It was unfortunate that HLL did not present this data inadequate though it was at the India People's Tribunal – which was a serious breach of corporate social responsibility as well.

I think a time has come when doctors within industry or in the profession outside cannot continue to 'victim blame' patients or workers for 'poor hygiene' and 'personal habits' when the real reasons for occupation related diseases are lack of adequate occupational health and safety protection and, even more than, that lack of adequate workers health education on the occupational hazard. I think the media has an important role to focus on this growing discrepancy.

Ravi Narayan

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 Sent: Sunday, August 17, 2003 10:08 PM
 Subject: Re: [PHM_Steering_Group_02-03] Death Penalty Prescribed for Makers of Fake Medicine (India)- PHM media coverage in Inter Press Service, international wire agency,

My dear Unni,

Far too long have we believed fairy tales. We know of course, of what Myrdal calls as the 'soft state' nature of the Indian state. Yes, we can pass a hundred laws in the Parliament by barely literate land lord types but where, oh where, is the political will to implement these death sentences? The nexus between the ruling classes and those who exploit the system is too well known for repetition.

Not a single conviction will take place on this front. If it does, no one, except the ^{small} fry, will suffer in prison.

Forgive me, therefore, if I stifle a yawn and take this with a big bag of ^{salt} stat!

Prem

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Death Penalty Prescribed for Makers of Fake Medicine

Inter Press Service

By Ranjit Devra

NEW DELHI, Aug 14 (IPS) --The death penalty again hangs over the denizens of Bhagirath Palace, a sprawling mediaeval structure in the old quarter of the Indian capital, once infamous for political intrigue

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 Cc: Satya Sivaraman <satyasagar@yahoo.com>
 Sent: Monday, August 11, 2003 4:32 PM
 Subject: Re: cola controversy- clarifications on the press statement

Dear Unni,

Greetings from PHM Secretariat (Global)

I hope you did not misunderstand my last suggestion about how you should feel free to describe yourself vis a vis PHM. I appreciate the editorial distortions - I was not finding fault only giving you greater leeway.

Incidentally I got the estimate from Saihya in Thai Baht. Can you send me in US dollars and will there be any other costs apart from travel- visa etc? Will Arturo cover all your local expenses? We have to be realistic so that you are not out of pocket. Let's discuss on the phone at the earliest.

Best wishes.

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I hope you understand.

Regards

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- Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation (DHF)
- Gonoshasthaya Kendra, (GK)
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- Third World Network (TWN)
- Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights

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The Editor
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August 8, 2003

Dear Sir,

Your booklet sponsored by Apollo Hospitals on Preventive Medicine - 'How to protect yourself against diseases' was a great disappointment to all of us in the medical profession, who are committed to health promotion, preventive medicine and making people aware of Health as a Right and a responsibility. Health, as you have pointed out rightly, is not 'absence of disease' (WHO definition) and hence not absence of warning signals. Health is all about positive living - accessing balanced food, clean drinking water, hygienic environment, healthy life styles including refraining from smoking and getting adequate rest and physical activity apart from recreation and as an informed citizen supporting social and political choices that help develop a health care system that would focus on making available to all, irrespective of ability to pay for these determinants. This year in the Anniversary year of Alma Ata Declaration on Primary Health Care and Health for All, the title of your booklet was significant. But the booklet by focusing on 'Wellness' as getting regular checkups and keeping up the corporatization and medicalization of health by contributing to 'routine' check ups and 'unnecessary use of medical technology and clinical investigation' has distorted the whole challenge of preventive medicine. The Cochrane foundations evidence based medicine has raised serious doubts about routinization of screening procedure. As a Professor of Preventive Medicine and presently the coordinator of the Global Secretariat of the People's Health Movement, I am not against check ups when they are necessary, nor against mass screening as part of campaigns against communicable diseases but presenting Preventive Medicine as looking out for warning signals rather than promoting healthy life styles is missing the forest for the trees. It is distorting the Health for All campaign by focusing on Health for those who can pay!!

Yours disappointed,

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The People's Health Assembly - An Alternative Culture of Dialogue

- The venue was well chosen. GK is one of the most revolutionary and inspiring community based health programmes in the world. The physical and social ambience was fabulous! No five –star hotel for this huge forum: instead, a spacious auditorium was built behind the tranquil lakes and fields where the GK workers grow good for the community programme. Building the auditorium was no easy task. Due to heavy rain and tardy funding, two days before the event the vast structure still had no roof. But miraculously, it was completed at daybreak the morning the Assembly began – thanks for the valiant efforts day and night of 1000 workers.
- But how did the GK team manage to feed 1500 people in this rural setting? Rather than bussing folks to restaurants or trucking in costly catered cuisine, they built a covey of small bomboo sheds and invited women from neighboring villages to come prepare traditional food. The chance to perch out-of-doors on handcrafted bomboo stools, eating chapattis and dhal while trying to communicate with the gracious village women, was one of the high points of Assembly. It somehow symbolized what we were collectively seeking to achieve: an innovative yet ancient way of transcending the commercial, hierarchical barriers that separate people from one another and their dreams. It brought us down to earth through the common understanding of each and everyone's most fundamental right, above all else – to have enough to eat.
- It was during these communal meals, with six or eight of us activist and progressive from different parts of the world clustered around a table comparing our insights, that some of the most meaningful and potentially transformative interactions of the PHA took place. After attending countless international conferences and forums over many years, this was a marvelous opportunity to chew the fat with so many old friends and fellow warriors for social justice.

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 Subject: [PHM_Steering_Group_02-03] Death Penalty Prescribed for Makers of Fake Medicine (India)- PHM media coverage in Inter Press Service, international wire agency

HEALTH-INDIA

Death Penalty Prescribed for Makers of Fake Medicine**Inter Press Service**

by Ranjit Devraj

NEW DELHI, Aug 14 (IPS) - The death penalty again hangs over the denizens of Bhagirath Palace, a sprawling mediaeval structure in the old quarter of the Indian capital, once infamous for political intrigue and now home to the buccaneers who run a sizeable chunk of the world's industry for spurious pharmaceutical drugs.

Every day in the warrens that make up Bhagirath Palace and the surrounding markets of Chandni Chowk (Moonlight Square), deals worth millions of dollars are struck for consignments of such drugs as ranitidine, used for ulcers, and paracetamol at a fraction of what chemists would sell them across the country.

But tired of complaints from patients who have suffered the ill effects of consuming chalk instead of medicines, the Indian government announced this week plans to usher in laws that include the death penalty for people caught dealing in fake drugs.

"The death penalty is certainly not too great for people who are interested only in profiteering, the result of which is mass murder," Union Health Minister Sushma Swaraj told IPS.

Swaraj's hands were strengthened by the report of a special committee drawn from several ministries and chaired by the director general of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), R A Mashelkar, which called for stringent action.

"The penalty for sale and manufacture of spurious drugs that cause grievous hurt or death should be enhanced from life imprisonment to death," the Mashelkar Committee recommended in its report.

If the committee's recommendations are followed in the promised legislation, offences related to spurious drugs would be made non-bailable -- and no bail would be granted inside of three months.

Ravi Kant, a senior official in the drugs control department, thinks that the new laws might just provide the right deterrent. "Over the last 20 years we have not been able to make single case stick."

One of the best known cases is that of P K Mehngi, owner of the Duefil Laboratories that runs out of Bhagirath Palace but has manufacturing units in Jaipur city, capital of western Rajasthan state.

Mehngi was first arrested in 1979 on charges of manufacturing fake drugs. But he not only managed to get out on bail, but also resumed business while the case has remained pending in the courts. The new legislation could be bad news for Mehngi.

Kant said one of the many difficulties with prosecuting the robber barons of the industry lay in the near impossibility of proving that the death of a patient was caused by the use of a fake drug -- especially if it is made out of harmless chalk.

There were other problems too, such as the inadequacy of India's existing Drugs and Cosmetics Act of 1940. It does not use the word 'counterfeit', which is commonly used to describe spurious drugs across the world.

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According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), counterfeit medicine is that which is deliberately or fraudulently mislabeled with respect to identity and/or source.

Counterfeiting can apply to both branded and generic products and counterfeit products may include products with the correct ingredients, with insufficient active ingredients or fake packaging.

The committee noted the existence of counterfeit drugs that are exact copies of known brands and which have, so far, been regarded as a problem of the pharmaceutical industry rather than consumers who benefit from their cheap prices.

Not surprisingly, the main drivers behind the Mashelkar Committee and the proposed legislation are 11 major players grouped together as the Indian Pharmaceutical Alliance (IPA).

In a presentation made to the committee last month, Harinder Sikka, a senior executive from the 250 million U.S. dollar pharmaceutical major Nicholas Piramal, estimated the size of the spurious drug industry to be around a billion dollars. That would make it about a fifth of the genuine industry.

Sikka also said that more than half of the country's spurious drug trade was conducted out of the Bhagirath Palace, a fact unknown to most tourists and local visitors who visit the walled city to gawk at the massive Red Fort and Jama Masjid and savour treacly recipes in a maze of narrow bylanes.

Nicholas Piramal owns the 'Phensidyl' brand of cough syrup, made popular among students and young people by counterfeit versions such as 'Phensidyl Plus' that are laced with extra doses of the narcotic codeine.

Lalit Kumar, an executive from Wockhardt, another industry leader, says fake or substandard drugs from India are finding their way to countries as far afield as Vietnam and Nigeria.

India already cooperates with Nigeria in tracking down and curbing the trade in spurious drugs originating in this country.

According to P V Unnikrishnan, campaigner for the People's Health Assembly (PHA), what has really got the big names of the industry going is the fact that the purveyors of fake drugs were now getting sophisticated enough to enter the lucrative sector for lifestyle drugs.

"The point is that the fake drug industry has been growing steadily even if we have been campaigning against it. This could not have happened except for poor enforcement and the outright corruption of the Inspector of the Drug Control Authority (DCA)," Unnikrishnan said.

Unnikrishnan's opinion, the death penalty will not make any dent on the Indian drug market, which has some 90,000 brand names floating around.

"In the end, the major pharma companies are creating artificial demands with their lifestyle drugs and the competition (spurious drugs) is taking a bite out of this new market -- while nobody gives a hoot about affordable medicines for ordinary illnesses that afflict ordinary people," he said.
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Cc: Sanjana Film Director <sanjanab@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, August 18, 2003 8:34 PM
Subject: TV interview for fran baum.

Dear Prasanna and Ravi

Fran Baum's message explains in which format she needs the interview.

Please call Dipu (5870 2332) and co-ordinate with him to get the DV.

You may have to send it in the next couple of days (by courier) to ensure that she gets it on time.

I hope you will do the needful.

Regards

Unni

PS: Please pay the dv cassette costs + any other to Dipu.

+++++from fran baum

Our technical people advise we should have the tape in dv format.

Our courier address is as follows:

Professor Fran Baum
Department of Public Health
Flinders Medical Centre Flats G1
(do not deliver to FMC Stores)
Flinders Medical Centre
Bedford Park
South Australia 5042
Australia

We'll look forward to receiving the tape.
Best regards comradel
Fran

At 08:55 AM 5/08/2003 -0700, you wrote:

Hi Fran

Greetings from India! I trust you are fine.

We have recorded two short statements from Ravi and Prem. Please let us know in which format you need it. It is in digital tape now. Please check with your TV station/communication person whether you need a beta or dv tape.

also please let us know to which address we should send it by courier. The courier will take more time to reach you as every tape is expected to go through customs verification.

Regards

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From: PHM Secretariat <phmse@touchtelindia.net>
 To: <rajeevp@rediffmail.com>
 Cc: Unnikrishnan <unnikr@yaho.com>
 Sent: Tuesday, August 19, 2003 6:10 PM
 Subject: Fw: [PHM_Steering_Group_02-03] 25 years of Alma Ata- News Story for The New Indian Express. (those whose names appear under 'copy' may have to respond to this)

Dear Rajiv,

Greetings from People's Health Movement Secretariat (Global)

Other to Unni's mail of 19th August, I enclose the Alma Ata Anniversary pack, which has most of what Unni has sent and a little more to help with the story. In India, CHC has managed through the Karnataka Task Force for Health and Family Welfare and the consultative process for an Health Policy in Orissa - to ensure the first two integrated state health policies that include most of the Alma Ata / Health for All concerns. Thiruma, our Coordinator and the policy consultant to both these governments could send you these policies and also some background of the interactive process through which this became possible. They are in direct and stark contrast to the National Policy, which has legitimized privatization and moved in the wrong direction.

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We are all very glad in CHC that this has become possible against some odds, especially in our twentieth year of community health policy action and advocacy and a small contribution by us to the PHM process. Do get in touch with us if you need any other background information. The PHM global website is now quite updated. Do visit www.phmovement.org to find more material and contact. If you do visit Bangalore, let me know. It would be nice to meet. Haven't met you since Dhaka.

Best wishes,

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 To: Rajeev PI (Indian Express)
 Cc: CEHAT, ctddsf@vsnl.com, PHM_Steering_Group_02-03@yahooogroups.com
 Sent: Tuesday, August 19, 2003 10:47 PM
 Subject: [PHM_Steering_Group_02-03] 25 years of Alma Ata- News Story for The New Indian Express - (those whose names appear under 'copy' may have to respond to this)

To: Rajeev PI, Editor, Special Projects, New Indian Express, Chennai, India

Copy: 1) Ekbal 2) Prem 3) Mira 4) Ravi 5) Amit 6) Abhay 7) Zafrullah 8) Bala (to facilitate proactive response from you)
 & 9) PHM steering group (FYI)

Sub: 25 years of Alma Ata- Proposed Sunday supplement story in the New Indian Express.

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Note: Rajeev is perhaps the best investigative and health reporter we have. He has filed numerous stories on health. He was present at PHA 2000 and his despatches from Savar were well received by the Indian Express readers.

Dear Rajeev,

With reference to my telephonic conversations last week and couple of e-mail messages I sent, this mail is to facilitate your lead story for the Sunday Express on '25 years of Alma Ata' with special focus on India/ South India. It is the Silver Jubilee year, without many silver linings!!

PHM welcomes your idea to put out a lead story and will facilitate the same. Since it is likely to appear in the last week of August or first week of September, it will help to inspire stories in other newspapers and networks.

I hope you have been able to go through some of the materials I sent couple of days ago, 2 Press releases ('Wars are killing the dream of Health For All', 'Revive the spirit of Alma Ata') and the three papers (by David Sanders, David Werner and Banerji) may give an update and overview of our concerns. You may access the Alma Ata declaration (at www.TheMillionSignatureCampaign.org) and the People's Charter for Health (at www.phmovenet.org)

Firstly, let me introduce 8 key people who can help you with facts, figures, data and trend for the past 25 years on specific issues

- 1) Dr. Ekbal - ekbal@vsnl.com Thiruvanthapuram. Can help you with info on the much talked Kerala model, he is also the convenor for
- 2) Dr. Prem Chandra John hariprem@eth.net is based in Chennai. Since you are in Chennai, please try to connect with Prem. He can brief you on South and South east Asia. Prem can also brief you on small initiatives that has emerged as alternative models of health care.
- 3) Dr. Mira Shiva Mira Shiva - mirashiva@yahoo.com on drug issues
- 4) Dr. Amit San Gupta, Delhi Science Forum, Delhi - ctdds@vsnl.com on WTO and trade issues. Amit can also give you the critique of the recent Health policy and can explain how the policy has been diluted from the old one.
- 5) Dr. Abhay Shukla, CEHAT, Mumbai - cehatpun@vsnl.com on the upcoming Alma Ata anniversary 'celebration' in India, initiated by Jan Swasthya Abhiyan, the Indian chapter of the People's Health Movement. Abhay may be able to explain the mobilisation process in India, the key challenges in India and PHM India's suggestions to make Health for All a reality. Can give you materials on food-hunger, health and Indian realities.
- 6) Dr. Ravi Narayan, Bangalore - phmsec@touchindia.net is the co-ordinator for the PHM secretariat

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that has recently moved from Dhaka. PHM initiatives worldwide can be send by Raw:

7) Dr. Zafarullah Choudhury zkc@citechco.net can give you info on how the initiatives in India (for a rational drug policy) inspired GK and Bangladesh to come out with a rational drug policy. This happened in the last 25 years.

8) Dr. K. Balasubramaniam kbs@halep.org Colombo can brief you about the efforts of various consumer and pressure groups to resist the onslaught of 'marketing' of health and pharmaceuticals.

Secondly, let me mention three key points that comes to my mind that may help to structure a story are:

- 1) The idea of Health for All by 2000 AD- was it a possibility or an utopia ?
- 2) The dream didn't become a reality- reasons:
 - a) Wars and conflicts continue to take a heavy toll- Iraq and Afghanistan are the latest additions
 - b) Emergence of new diseases- HIV/AIDS, SARS and so on
 - c) World Bank and IMF emerged as the lead players in deciding health policies and thus pushing profits over people
 - d) Health for All in a globalise world (even otherwise) is about better policies and governance- we donot have a mechanism to ensure this
- 3) health for All- the way forward

I hope this helps and please let me know how we can be of assistance.

Looking forward to a 'Hard Hitting Story'

In solidarity

Unni

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Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2003 9:36 PM
Subject: Sep 5th and 6th- media coverage. ATTN: Abhay Fw: reply

Dear Achay and friends

I am on the job. Attached please see below one of the responses I got from a journalist (a consumer columnist who writes regularly for Deccan Herald. She is also currently the Oxfam fellow journalist writing on globalisation issues.) Any new material on the impact of globalisation on health may be send to her. Please mark a copy to me, there are other journalists who may be interested in it.

I hope you have received a copy of the invitation I send to journalists after receiving your mail, (I am marking a copy below just in case you missed it).

I need the names, designations and two line introduction (professional background) of 4 key persons in Mumbai who are willing to take calls from journalists. I will also need the mobile number of atleast two people. BBC radio may carry a testimony. If you have any draft testimonies, please pass it on to me straight away.

I may be in Mumbai on Saturday (for other work) and have already scheduled one-to-one initial briefing with few journalists on the JSA event. Shall update you on Sunday/Monday. Please respond.

In solidarity

Unnikrishnan

----- Original Message -----

From: Sakuntala Narasimhan
To: UNNIKRI SHANAN PV (Dr)
Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2003 12:06 AM
Subject: reply

Thanks for the info about the event at Mumbai in September. I will not be able to attend but will be very much interested in knowing about the outcome, any resolutions passed etc and will be happy to help with media coverage in whatever way possible. Regards,
Sakuntala narasimhan

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From: UNNIKRI SHANAN PV (Dr)
To: unnikru@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, August 19, 2003 3:50 PM
Subject: People to testify during a 'public hearing' (consultation) at Bombay + Dr. Justice A.S. Anand (NHRC) to speak on health as human rights

On Sep 5th and 6th at Mumbai:

(a) People who have been denied healthcare (from different parts of India) to 'testify' and

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Greetings from the People's Health Movement / Jan Swasthya Abhiyan !

Sep 2003 will mark 25 years of Alma Ata declaration (of 1978) that promised *Health For All by 2000 AD*. Alma Ata declaration was facilitated by the World Health Organisation, UNICEF and the international community

25 years since the Alma Ata, Health for All is not a reality. Every 24 hours 30,000 children die worldwide from preventable diseases- lives that can be saved, but not much is being done to save these lives.

People's Health Movement (a coalition of grass roots health workers, activists, medical professionals and others, spread in nearly 100 countries) is facilitating a global campaign to revive Alma Ata

Jan Swasthya Abhiyan, the Indian chapter of the People's Health Movement, takes pleasure in inviting you for the upcoming two days event at Mumbai on Sep 5th and 6th.

Dates: 5th and 6th September.

Venue : The Retreat House, 6, Kane Road, (next to Mount Mary's Basilica, Bandra (West), Mumbai - 400 050 Phones: 26416553 / 26422095 / 26455296

Programme: (1) National workshop on 'Right to Health Care'
(2) National Public Consultation on 'Right to Health Care'

Testimonies by ordinary people (of deaths, suffering and devastation in hospitals, health centres, sterilisation camps etc) will be a key highlight of this two days event.

We hope you will be able to give coverage for this programme through your reportage. We hope the voices of the ordinary people, that will be articulated through the testimonies by people who have suffered in hospitals, sterilisation camps etc, may find a place in your despatches.

For any media queries, please call me at +91 (0) 98450 91319 or unnikru@yahoo.com. (I work as a volunteer with the People's Health Movement).

For more details : Jan Swasthya Abhiyan National secretariat, Pune: 020- 545 1413 / 020-545 2325
cehatpun@vsni.com

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Looking forward to having you with us for these events and thanking you in advance

For the organising committee

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Cc: Satya Sivaraman <satyasagar@yahoo.com>, <marjan.stoffers@wemos.nl>, <PHM_Steering_Group_02-03@yahooogroups.com>
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2003 6:14 PM
Attach: The Alma Ata Anniversary Pack.doc
Subject: Fw: [PHM_Steering_Group_02-03] Alma Ata- publication is getting ready for print- I need your response by Friday (Aug 22nd) midnight -GMT

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- iii. WHO has just invited PHM today to the Global Meeting on Future Strategic Directions for Primary Health Care in Madrid, Spain, 27th - 29th October 2003. I shall explore they will left copies for distribution at their meeting.
- iv. A dollar per copy seems too little for everyone; perhaps we should have two rates - a rupee rate and a dollar rate - and also check whether BFC will share some of the earnings with PHM.
- v. I shall send you a list of people / meetings, who may be interested in the pack next week.

Best wishes

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Cc: Satya Sivaraman, marjan.stoffers@wemos.nl
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2003 5:38 AM
Subject: [PHM_Steering_Group_02-03] Alma Ata- publication is getting ready for print- I need your response by Friday (Aug 22nd) midnight -GMT

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I have explored the possibilities of Books For Change printing 1000 copies of a publication that can be used to generate informed debate on Alma Ata. We may title it as

"Revisiting Alma Ata-
 Calling for people's action"

My discussions with them have lead to the following possibilities:

1) If PHM is interested, Books For Change (BFC) will publish this under BFC's label. BFC will finance the publication and PHM need NOT put any money into this. The editor of BFC and I will take the joint responsibility to make this happen.

2) Select contents from the Alma Ata pack (that Ravi send us last week) will be included. (3 papers, charter, Alma Ata declaration are definitely in).

3) BFC is interested to include all the papers that appeared in "The struggle for health- problems and solutions- reflections from the South"- a MEDACT- WEMOS- IPHC publication. Maria please whether are any copy right issues. They will acknowledge PHM, IPHC, WEMOS and MEDACT properly for their contribution and letting them reprint it.

4) BFC will be able to price this publication (maximum 40 pages/ a 4 size) for the actual printing charges- It should be less than one dollar per copy. They may sell some copies and will canvas for some bulk copy purchase through their regular clients like NGOs etc. If any of the organisations representing the PHM steering group is interested in 200 and above copies please let me know. They will carry the logo of the organisations who will place an order of 200 and above on the back cover page. (If any of you have unspent money under "visibility" budget for this year, consider writing a cheque/ making a commitment! The publication will have visibility through press, PHM India meeting at Mumbai, Iran, Ecuador, Philippines, Canada, WSF etc.

5) BFC also will give us about 300 free copies. We badly need this for the media people/ journalists. The soft copy (PDF) of this publication can also be uploaded to the PHM website.

6) If we give them the go-ahead signal by Saturday morning, this publication can come out by Sep 3rd, to be available for the PHM India? JSA Alma Ata meeting scheduled for Sep 5th and 6th at Bombay. I have another meeting with the editor at 8 am on Saturday before I leave Bangalore. Please respond ASAP, we need to finalise this by Friday midnight.

7) We may be able to push the Million Signature Campaign page as the back cover page.

What I need to know from you by Friday (22nd August) midnight GMT:

1) I understand that GK is responsible for publications- Dr. Qasem, please advise about this publication.

2) Point no: 3: Maria/ Mikel Pam/ Marjan- please clarify copy right/ reprint issues

also check whether BFC will share some of the PHM

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3) Point 4: Any one interested in placing orders for 200 copies or more?

4) If there are any more papers/ briefing papers prepared for Alma Ata, please mail it to me latest by Friday (22nd August) midnight GMT.

5) Satya and I will TRY to put together a 1200 word journalistic overview, mainly based on the two press releases that is there in the pack.

Looking forward to hearing from you

Regards and in solidarity

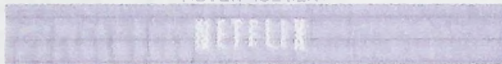
Unni
PS: I had discussions with Ravi on Monday on the need bring the Alma Ata material as a pack to facilitate media coverage. However, the BFC was not in the picture then.

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To: <unnkru@yahoo.com>
Cc: <phmsac@touchtelindia.net>
Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2008 8:07 AM
Subject: PHM media team needs your help- (1) to compile facts, figures, statistics and data (2) media facilitation work

Hi Dr. Unnikrishnan:

My name is Arin Basu and I am writing to you from Kolkata, West Bengal. I work as a consultant Epidemiologist Biostatistician with the UC Berkeley based Fogarty International's research program on Arsenic. I am interested to contribute my part as a data analyst and Epidemiologist to prepare reports etc.

Please advise on the next steps.

Arin

<http://www.fastmail.fm> - And now for something completely different.

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From: Fran Baum <fran.baum@finders.edu.au>
 To: <PHM_Steering_Group_02-03@yahoo.com>
 Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2003 9:45 AM
 Subject: Re: [PHM_Steering_Group_02-03] Alma Ata- publication is getting ready for print- I need your response by Friday (Aug 22nd) midnight -GMT

We will place an order for 200 copies if it is not too late

At 05:06 PM 21/08/2003 -0700, you wrote:

Dear friends

Today morning, I was having a meeting with the editor/publisher of 'Books For Change' (BFC), an ActionAid publishing house. I was meeting the edit team for other work reasons. BFC publishes alternate materials. Some of the recent publications include Water Manifesto etc. They printed the posters, "Boycott" Stickers and other materials during the Iraq war.

I have explored the possibilities of Books For Change printing 1000 copies of a publication that can be used to generate informed debate on Alma Ata. We may title it as

"Revisiting Alma Ata-
 Calling for people's action"

My discussions with them have lead to the following possibilities:

- 1) If PHM is interested, Books For Change (BFC) will publish this under BFC's label. BFC will finance the publication and PHM need NOT put any money into this. The editor of BFC and I will take the joint responsibility to make this happen.
- 2) Select contents from the Alma Ata pack (that Ravi send us last week) will be included. (3 papers- charter, Alma Ata declaration are definitely in).
- 3) BFC is interested to include all the papers that appeared in "The struggle for health- problems and solutions- reflections from the South"- a MEDACT- WEMOS- IPHC publication. Maria please whether are any copy right issues. They will acknowledge PHM, IPHC, WEMOS and MEDACT properly for their contribution and letting them reprint it.
- 4) BFC will be able to price this publication (maximum 40 pages/ a 4 size) for the actual printing charges- it should be less than one dollar per copy. They may sell some copies and will canvas for some bulk copy purchase through their regular clients like NGOs etc. If any of the organisations representing the PHM steering group is interested in 200 and above copies please let me know. They will carry the load of the organisations who will

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From: PHM Secretariat <phmse@taohtalindia.net>
 To: Unnikrishnan <unnikru@yahoo.com>
 Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2003 4:11 PM
 Subject: Fw: PHA-Exchange> PHM media team needs your help

Dear Unni,

Greetings from PHM Secretariat (Global)!

In response to your mail - which is a good one, keep Prasanna as Communication Officer in evolving the list as the contact in the secretariat. I shall affirm, endorse or support as required.

Best wishes,

Dr. Narayan
 Coordinator, People's Health Movement Secretariat(global)
 CHC, Bangalore
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From: Claudio
 To: pha-exchange@kabissa.org
 Sent: Sunday, August 24, 2003 2:58 PM
 Subject: PHA-Exchange> PHM media team needs your help

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From: UNNIKISHNAN, P (Dr) (mailto:unnikru@yahoo.com)
 Subject: PHM media team needs your help- (1) to compile facts, figures, statistics and data (2) media facilitation work

Dear friends in PHM

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1) To make PHM press releases more updated and 'hard hitting', media team is putting together few facts sheets that will have updated and useful (read "chilling") facts and figures. In press releases, facts and figures will speak louder than words and slogans!

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For example, we hope someone from Philippines will give us a one-line response that will state:

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 2002/ 2003 (xxxxxx????). Source:

If possible, please give us the contrast with any other data. For example,

During the same period, the military expenditure in Philippines : 1978 (xxxxxxxxxx). Source:

PHM Secretariat

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 To: <pha-exchange@kaolissa.org>
 Sent: Sunday, August 24, 2003 2:59 PM
 Subject: PHA-Exchange> PHM media team needs your help

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Please note that the facts and figures you provide will be used for PHM press releases, so please ensure the authenticity and accuracy. We will NOT be able to use any data if you don't source it. We will create a link on the PHM website (click 'vital statistic') and upload the same when we have atleast 50 such useful data. (Please limit your response in one or two lines. Please do NOT send us long papers)

Volunteers are most welcome. We hope researchers/statisticians/ others will join us.

2) We are developing a list of people who could help to disseminate PHM media messages in their respective countries/ region/ locality. If you would like to be part of this team, please send:

- your name and contact details, including phone, fax etc.
- the country/ places you would be able to focus. Kindly indicate whether you could take responsibility to translate press releases to your local language?

We hope you will hit the 'reply' button straightaway and respond!

Activities related to '25 years of Alma Ata' sounds very promising. Messages from all of over indicate that there are several events that will be organised locally, nationally and

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Internationally, PHM media team suggests that we use these events to profile PHM in the media. PHM media team (of volunteers) will provide all possible off-site support. We will also put efforts to get international media coverages for these events.

Looking forward to your co-operation and solidarity. Please mark a copy of your reply to phmsear@touchtelindia.net

for PHM media team

Unni

unnikru@yahoo.com

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From: UNNKRISHNAN PV <unnkru@yahoo.com>
 To: <tom70k@yahoo.com> <phmsecc@stoucteindia.net>
 Cc: <ratayan@vsnl.com>
 Sent: Friday, August 29, 2003 4:55 PM
 Subject: MOST URGENT!!!!!! This needs Ravi's response, preferably today. PHM Film RAVI please respond urgently

To: Tom Fawthrop, Journalist, Cambodia (in UK for the next three days)

Copy to (1) Ravi Narayan, Co-ordinator, PHM secretariat Bangalore, India (2) Saiya Sivaraman

Dear Tom

Greetings from Kabul!

Wonderful to hear from you.

Your proposal to film in Cuba and thus contribute to the PHM documentary on "25 years of Alma Ata" is most welcome. The documentary is high on the agenda for the PHM, but is not happening because of lack of funds.

In this context (while PHM is not able to make any financial contributions to your efforts), PHM will be happy to facilitate other options. Your offer is very promising. (I am not able to forward your mail to Ravi. Please do that).

However, keeping the short deadline you have given (Ravi, please note that TOM leaves UK in the next 3 days for Cuba), through this mail, I am requesting Ravi Narayan to make the appropriate letter of introduction for you. I am in Afghanistan and am NOT carrying a copy of PHM letter head.

I am marking a copy of this message to Ravi's residence as the PHM sec mail usually donot get opened (and responded) on Saturdays and Sundays.

Ravi, please paste (edit if required) the following text on a PHM letterhead and mail a copy to TOM ASAP (tom70k@yahoo.com)

Regards

Umri, Kabul, Friday

TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

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This is to certify that Mr. TOM Fawthrop, journalist
is known to People's Health Movement for his coverage
on health issues

PHM appreciates the effort Tom Fawthrop put to attend
and cover People's Health Assembly at Dhaka in
December 2000. His despatches and reportage on this
historic event was received well for its objectivity
and information.

We appreciate the efforts that Tom Fawthrop is putting
to record (shoot) the initiatives and development in
Cuba that has helped to address the themes that WHO
(and UNICEF) spun out through their historic Alma Ata
declaration (1978) that promised health for all. PHM
believes that the footage will help to make the
documentary that PHM is currently producing on the
same theme.

We hereby request all possible support for Tom
Fawthrop.

Truly

Dr. Ravi Narayan
Co-ordinator People's Health Movement Secretariat

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From: PHM Secretariat <phmsecc@touchtelindia.net>
To: Unnikrishnan <unnikrue@yahoo.com>, Sanya Swaraman <satyasagan@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 04, 2003 12:41 PM
Subject: Re: MOST URGENT - This needs Ravis' response, preferably today PHM Film- RAVI
please respond urgently

Dear Unni + Sanya,

Greetings from PHM Secretariat (Global)!

I would like to commit the \$005 that Tom is asking, but Unni's earlier letter introducing him did not mention the support. Also since the film is still an idea in principle, committing support to some one just on the basis of email letter without details of what he is going to shoot, what these costs will be for etc, is very difficult. We may have to miss the opportunity unless either of you can work out a few more details. I am still exploring (follow up of) the Latin American visit estimate sent earlier. One cannot raise all of it, but quite a bit of it perhaps and the local PHM contacts will share the costs at least by providing other support.

In this case, we have no details and a quick discussion is problematic. Any advice on the matter?

Best wishes

Ravi Narayan

P.S: Also as a rule one of you will have to take the responsibility of coordinating the project, since we cannot deal with many people directly on the same project. I hope you understand my public money. So there has to be one procedure. So do respond urgently.

Dr. Ravi Narayan
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----- Original Message -----

From: TOM lawthrop <tom70k@yahoo.com>
To: PHM Secretariat <phmsecc@touchtelindia.net>
Cc: <satyasagan@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2003 8:44 PM
Subject: Re: MOST URGENT: This needs Ravis' response, preferably today. PHM Film- RAVI please respond urgently

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To: PHM Secretariat <phmsecc@touchtelindia.net>
Cc: <satyagesh@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2003 5:34 PM
Subject: Re: MOST URGENT... This needs Ravi's response preferably today PHM Film- RAV
Please respond urgently

Hi Prasanna,

I am hoping to do filming in Cuba for your doco and hoping that PHM can at least give some part of my expenses - I don't ask for any too.

My expenses will be a minimum of \$1200. If you can contribute at least one third or so - lets say round figure of \$300 I think I can get support to cover the rest.

My understanding for Saiya was you were raising some funding for this project.

plea contact your committee and raise this matter. I cannot guarantee to go ahead without any support at all.

Await your response

Regards
Tom Lawthrop

--- PHM Secretariat <phmsecc@touchtelindia.net> wrote:
> Dear Tom and Umi,

- > Enclosed please find the certificate/letter on PHM letterhead to Tom.
- > Unfortunately this does not contain the signature of Ravi as this is an electronic version. Also since till the time I am typing this mail I did not get any other mail from Tom (which probably had his fax and other details)
- > I am attaching this as a document. The signed copy could be faxed to him later.

> Hope this much helps

In this case we have no details and a quick decision is problematic. Any advice on the matter Best wishes
Ravi

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Dear Umi/Saiya
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From: hariprem <hariprem@eth.net>
To: Qasem Chowdhury <gksavar@citechco.net>
Cc: PHM Office <phmsec@touchtelindia.net>
Sent: Saturday, September 13, 2003 12:14 PM

My dear QAssem, How are things with the Dental studnets? Did you fix the problem?

We need to design a new masthead for the PHM Newsbrief and also a new colour scheme. I suggest shades of green.

In the next fifteen days we should bring out the Newsbrief.

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From: Satya Sivaraman <satyasagar@yahoo.com>
To: PHM Secretariat <phmsec@touchtelindia.net>
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2003 6:54 AM
Subject: Re: Fw: MOST URGENT:.....This needs Ravis' response , preferably today. .PHM Flim-RAVi please respond urgently

Dear Ravi,

I will contact Tom and convey our consensus that he should try to raise funds for the filming on his own, for which purpose a letter of support has already been sent by PHM.

Thanks for the clarifications.

regards

Satya

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From: Satya Sivaraman <satyasagar@yahoo.com>
To: PHM Secretariat <phmsec@touchtelindia.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 09, 2003 12:31 AM
Subject: Re: Fw: MOST URGENT:.....This needs Ravis' response , preferably today. .PHM Film-RAVi please respond urgently

Dear Ravi,

My sincere apologies for not being able to respond to all the correspondence on Tom Fawthrop's request for some funds for filming in Cuba. I have been extremely busy with work in Bangkok and have just become free a couple of days ago !

I can well appreciate your dilemma and my suggestions are as follows:

a) My discussion with Tom when I met him in Bangkok was limited to his getting a letter from PHM to raise funds from UK trade unions for the filming in Cuba. I made it very clear to him that PHM will not have the funds to pay him for any filming. So I suggest that we ask Tom to find his own funding and contribute the footage from Cuba for our film if possible.

b) If there is a possibility that US\$500 can be made available at some stage to pay for the footage costs then PHM can suggest to him that he find his own funds to shoot the footage and we will buy it from him later for US\$500. However if there is an uncertainty about raising these funds then PHM should not make this offer.

To be very frank as far as the film is concerned if we get the footage from Cuba it is well and good. If we cannot get it that is no great loss since the film will deal with a lot of issues from all over the world anyway.

Once again my apologies for the delay in writing to you and the confusion caused by the entire episode with Tom.

regards

Satya

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Dear Satya

It may be better not to offer \$500 at this stage. So just write to Tom and tell him your suggestion. The letter requested has been sent. Please remember that since we are dealing on the film with both of you it's not proper to communicate directly with him on this except through you. This will avoid confusion even for the future of an meeting Univ

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this week 13 discuss the trip to Ecuador

Best wishes

Ravi

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PHM Secretariat

From: PHM Secretariat <phmsec@touchtelindia.net>
To: <karunshenoy@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 16, 2003 11:30 AM
Subject: Re: Medicines

Dear Karun,

Greetings from PHM Secretariat (Global)!

Hope you managed to contact some of the PHM Resource persons I mentioned on the phone: Prakash Rao (prakashcrao@yahoo.com); Mira Shiva (mirashiva@yahoo.com); Amit Sengupta (ctddsf@vsnl.com); and Anant Phadke (cehatpun@vsnl.com).

Our librarian, Mr. Mahadevaswamy, at CHC has kept aside some of the materials you have requested. They are not easy to email, since we only have hard copies. Please ask your Malayalam Manorama local office to collect it from CHC. Our telephone numbers are 5531518 and 51280009. Sorry for the difficulty with the 5th booklet. We are looking into it. A hard copy can be collected from the CHC / PHM office as well.

In case your friend comes in the morning (10am – 1pm), you can also meet Dr. C.M. Francis, Consultant, CHC – who was on the Karnataka Government Health Task Force and an expert on the Drugs / Policy issues.

Best wishes,

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From: Karun Shenoy <karunshenoy@yahoo.com>
 To: <sochara@vsnl.com>
 Cc: <inarayan@vsnl.com>
 Sent: Sunday, September 14, 2003 12:17 PM
 Subject: medicines

Dear Doctor,

The details which I'm looking for are:

- 1) The list of banned drugs in India
- 2) The list of banned drugs in US
- 3) The list of essential drugs brought out by WHO
- 4) The number of brands of medicines available in Indian market. (Is it well above 50,000?) 60000 +
- 5) The details of companies which produce spurious medicine or that of substandard quality.

It would be of much help to me if you can find the details as soon as possible.

The booklet on confronting the commercialisation of healthcare is unavailable on net. The pic of the book is there. But nothing happens when we click on it. I'll ring you tomorrow morning.

Regards
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Best wishes
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From: PHM Secretariat <phmsec@touchtelindia.net>
To: Unnikrishnan <unnikru@yahoo.com>; Satya Sivaraman <satyasagar@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 16, 2003 11:14 AM
Attach: Letter from PHM Secretariat.doc
Subject: Fw: Letter from PHM Secretariat

Dear Unni and Sathya,

Greetings from PHM Secretariat (Global)!

I have just sent you both a formal letter of confirmation about the Ecuador initiative. Please acknowledge. The suggestion about Rome was earlier made in the light of the possibility of the Steering group meeting getting linked to AIFO Biannual. This had moved to Iran 20th – 23rd October and has now been postponed. The Iran conference is 29th – 30th November and 1st December and the Steering group on 12th / 13th January linked to International Health Forum in Mumbai. So neither of you needs to be there now, since Sunil will manage the local AIFO related media work. We have to work out which of you (or both) will be available for the Iran Alma Ata Anniversary meeting. You could also be resource persons on the same topics as mentioned for the Latin American initiative. Please confirm.

Incidentally, I am taking a little risk with the advance of 3000\$ for the Ecuador visit, since Andy informs me that the funds of PHM – OWA s low, but I think the film and the event and the need for solidarity is of prime importance.

Also please utilize this visit to nudge the local committee / PHM group on PHA – II support and process. I hope Armando will be there and links for potential media work for PHA – II can also be established.

All the best to both of you for your solidarity visit.

Shall miss the support Unni has given as a Bangalore based, high voltage PHM resource person, but this may now improve Bangalore – Bangkok communications and linkage.

Best wishes,

● Ravi Narayan
Coordinator, People's Health Movement Secretariat(global)
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From: PHM Secretariat
To: Unnikrishnan ; Satya Sivaraman
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2003 6:13 PM
Subject: Letter from PHM Secretariat

Dr. Ravi Narayan
Coordinator, People's Health Movement Secretariat(global)
CHC-Bangalore
#367 "Srinivasa Nilaya"

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From: UNNIKRIISHNAN PV <unnikru@yahoo.com>
 To: <phmsec@touchtelindia.net>; <aquizhpe@yahoo.com>
 Cc: <satyasagar@yahoo.com>; <unnikru@yahoo.com>
 Sent: Sunday, September 14, 2003 1:16 PM
 Subject: URGENT : Ecuador- This needs immediate Response and Action from Ravi and Arturo

To: Ravi Narayan, PHM Secretariat
 Copy: Arturo, Ecuador
 From Satya and Unni
 Date: 14th Sep 2003
 Sub: Suggested visit to Ecuador (and Rome)

Dear Ravi (copy to Arturo)

Greetings from Bangkok !

I met Satya today morning and discussed in detail about the Ecuador mission. This is joint reply from both of us.

WHAT ARE OUR ROLES IN ECUADOR:

1) Primarily, we will be filming for the proposed documentary "Reviving a dream". The original proposal suggested to use Latin

America as an example of resistance. We will use three locations:

- (a) The Che Festival (Oct 13th-17th)
- (b) Field visit (17th to 20th)
- (c) Some sections of the Primary health care congress (20th to 25th)

2) We will be facilitating the media work- mainly to draft press relases and dissemination in the International media of the Che

festival and Priamry health Care congress.

3) Our invovement (facilitated by the secretariat) will also be counted as a gesture of solidarity from the secretariat for teh Latin

American region.

4) We both have been invited to speak during the Che Festival. We will be making presentations / papers on

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other situations like Palestine.

(b) Communicating health in a globalised world- challenges for people based movements- Satya will be covering the

experiences of dealing with issues like globalisation and corporatisation of the media and communication systems, digital

divide and MNC media corporations etc.

5) We will definitely be using this visit to further two more causes:

(1) Amplifying the scope and work of the PHM media team/ communication circle in the LA region (At present

we have only a very few contacts).

(2) Amplifying and expanding the PHM circle on "Wars, disasters, conflicts and health and humanitarian Action

in such situations" (Which I am facilitating with Dr. Rosalie Bertell).

In addition to the above activities, the following also will be undertaken.

Based on the discussions I had with you, you have expressed the need for both of us (Satya and I) to be in Rome (from Oct 23rd

evening till 26th) to support the AIFO press conference (on 24th) and Award ceremony (on 25th and 26th). So we will be making the

booking accordingly. (Rerouting the ticket may attract some minimal costs. We will let you know in the couple of days.)

What needs to be done:

1) Ravi, please confirm and authorise the visit with your final word and green signal. (This is required at this stage because, I need to inform ActionAid that I will be breaking an assignment in China mid way, if I am going to Ecuador. Today is already Sep 14th and I need to tell them in the next two days. Currently, I am in Bangkok). Similarly, Satya also needs to inform his office, UN ESCAP.

2) Arturo, we need to process the visa. Please fax invitations to me and Satya to the following number in Thailand. It is the

ActionAid number, I will pick up both the faxes. This is required to process the visa from Kula Lampur, the nearest Ecuador Embassy in

the region (Both India and Thailand doesn't have Ecuador Embassies or consulates).

This will attract more time, say a few days, so kindly fax the invitation ASAP. E-mail invitations are not adequate. Please fax them to

: +66 2 651 9070

- a) Dr. Unnikrishnan PV, Fellow: Humanitarian Action, ActionAid Asia Region Office, Bangkok
- b) Satyanarayan Sivaraman, UN ESCAP, Bangkok.

3) Ravi, Kindly make arrangements to transfer the money (Travel costs) to Satya.

Name : Satyanarayan Sivaraman,

Bank name: Honkong and Shanghai Banking corporation

Account Number: 001-200-492-080

Type: US dollars

Swift code:HSBC THBK

Address: HSBC Bldg, 4th Floor, 968, Rama IV Road, Silom, Bangrak, Bangkok- 10500, Thailand, Ph: (0) 2614 4438/ 43

4) From discussions with Ravi, I understand that Arturo is taking care of our needs (stay, food, local travel etc) within Ecuador.

Arturo, please confirm this.

Looking forward to hearing from you

In solidarity

Satya and Unni

PS: Please click reply and acknowledge this mail.
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CHC, Bangalore, India

To Unnikrishnan and Satya Sivaraman

September 15, 2003

Dear Unni and Sathya,

Greetings from PHM Secretariat (Global)!

Thanks for your letter. This is to note that the PHM Secretariat is very glad that you both as PHM Resource persons and media / film team will attend the Che Festival, The Primary Health Care Congress and the field visit organized by our PHM Latin American colleagues from 13th to 25th October 2003 at Ecuador, in global solidarity with their efforts. We have noted that you will:

- i. Film for the proposed documentary 'Reviving the Dream of Alma Ata.
- ii. Facilitate media work and press releases for dissemination in the International media for these Latin American events.
- iii. Make presentations on - (a) War and Conflicts killing the dream of Health for All using frontline experience from Iraq, Afghanistan and Palestine (b) Communicating health as a globalized world - challenges for people based movements - sharing experiences of issues like Globalization and Corporatization of media and communication systems, digital divides and MNC media corporations.

We hope you both will also:

- i. Amplify the scope and work of the PHM media team / communication circle in the Latin American region.
- ii. Amplify and expand the PHM circle on war, disasters and conflict - health and humanitarian action.

PHM will cover your travel expenses, visa and insurance, while the local hosts have offered the support your local expenses. Dr. Andy Rutherford has been informed and an advance for travel will be forwarded to you shortly.

Please continue your efforts to find some sponsors and donors to join PHM secretariat in ^{our} solidarity efforts. We look forward to your reports from the region during your visit. The PHM website, Exchange and News briefs will be happy to disseminate your efforts and your dispatches.

With best wishes from the secretariat team

Ravi Narayan

Coordinator, PHM Secretariat (Global)

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REIMBURSEMENT/CLAIM FORM

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| Event/Purpose : | Ecuador Visit – 13 th to 25 th October 2003 |
| Name of Claimant/s: | 1. Satyanarayan Sivaraman
2. Unnikrishnan PV |
| Organisation: | 1. UN ESCAP, Bangkok
2. Action Aid, Bangkok |
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| Telephone: | |
| Fax: | 66-53-213195 |
| Email: | satyasagar@yahoo.com |
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| Address: | HSBC Bldg, 4 th Floor, 968, Rama IV Road, Silom, Bangrak, Bangkok – 10500, Thailand.
Tel: 66-0-2614 4438 / 43 |
| Account Name: | |
| Account Number: | 001-200-492-080 |
| Amount of Claim: | Advance of 3000 US \$ |
| Justification/details: | Figures including currency
In words: Three Thousand dollars - US
Travel, visa and insurance support for trip for Che festival – 13 th to 17 th October; Field visit for film – 17 th to 20 th and Primary Health Care Congress – 20 th to 25 th October. |
| Approved by: | Ravi Narayan |
| Date: | 16 th September 2003 |
| Signature of claimant | |
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PHM Secretariat

From: PHM Secretariat <phmsec@touchtelindia.net>
To: Unnikrishnan <unnikru@yahoo.com>; Satya Sivaraman <satyasagar@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 17, 2003 5:15 PM
Subject: Advance Fund

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From: Andy Rutherford
To: PHM Secretariat
Sent: Tuesday, September 16, 2003 7:53 PM
Subject: Re: Re:replies

Dear Ravi

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Best wishes

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Dear Satya/Unni 17/9/03

Further to my formal (on letterhead) and informal communication (email) sent to you both about the Ecuador trip, I have also just received confirmation about the transfer of \$2000 to Satya's account as per your request as advance for travel, visas etc. Please keep the costs as low as possible since we are in a 'real crunch' in PHM funds. Also acknowledge both Andy and us

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From: UNNIKRISHNAN PV (Dr) <unnikru@yahoo.com>
To: PATIBANDLA RAM <sanjeevi_72@yahoo.com>
Cc: PHM Secretariat <phmsec@touchtelindia.net>
Sent: Monday, September 22, 2003 3:43 PM
Subject: PHM media- thanks

Dear Dr. Rao

PHM appreciates your support. We hope to come back to you soon !

Regards

Unni

----- Original Message -----

From: "PATIBANDLA RAM" <sanjeevi_72@yahoo.com>
To: "UNNIKRISHNAN PV (Dr)" <unnikru@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 18, 2003 2:01 AM
Subject: Re: [pha-ncc] PHM media team needs your help- (1) to compile facts, figures, statistics and data (2) media facilitation work

> i am ready for the job.my
> address:Dr.P.RamMohanRao,KHALEELWADI, NIZAMABAD. A.P.
> INDIA-503003.email-rmpatibandla@yahoo.co.uk-
> phone08462-232049.cellphone 98480-71049.I Can work in
> telenganadisticts of A.P. Can translate into local
> telugu language.Thankyou
> --- "UNNIKRISHNAN PV (Dr)" <unnikru@yahoo.com> wrote:
>> Dear friends in PHM
>>
>> This mail is to seek your support for two things:
>>
>> 1) To make PHM press releases more updated and 'hard
>> hitting', media team is putting together few facts
>> sheets that will have updated and useful (read
>> "chilling") facts and figures. In press releases,
>> facts and figures will speak louder than words and
>> slogans !
>>
>> We would like each one of you to send us atleast one
>> fact/ figure (before or in 1978 and 2002/ 2003) that
>> is relevant to the work you are doing. It may be
>> about your country or international. Please give us
>> the source .
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>> For example, we hope someone from Philippines will
>> give us a one-line response that will state :

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>> 1)Per Capita health expenditure in Philippines: 1978

>> 2002/ 2003 (xxxxxxx???): Source

>> If possible, please give us the contrast with any
>> other data. For example,

>> During the same period, the military expenditure in
>> Philippines : 1978 (xxxxxxxxxxxxx): Source: UNDP

>> 2002/ 2003 (xxxxxxx???):
>> Source

>> Please note that the facts and figures you provide
>> will be used for PHM press releases, so please
>> ensure the authenticity and accuracy. We will NOT be
>> able to use any data if you donot source it. We will
>> create a link on the PHM website (click "vital
>> statistix") and upload the same when we have
>> atleast 50 such useful data. (Please limit your
>> response in one or two lines. Please do NOT send us
>> long papers).

>> Volunteers are most welcome. We hope
>> researchers/statisticians/ others will join us.

>> 2) We are developing a list of people who could help
>> to disseminate PHM media messages in their
>> respective countries/ region/ locality. If you would
>> like to be part of this team, please send
>> (a) your name and contact details, including
>> phone, fax etc.
>> (b) the country/ places you would be able to
>> focus. Kindly indicate whether you could take
>> responsibility to translate press
>> releases to your local language ?

>> We hope you will hit the 'reply' button straightaway
>> and respond !

>> Activities related to '25 years of Alma Ata' sounds
>> very promising. Messages from all of over indicate
>> that there are several events that will be organised
>> locally, nationally and internationally. PHM media
>> team suggests that we use these events to profile
>> PHM in the media. PHM media team (of volunteers)
>> will provide all possible off-site support. We will

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>> also put efforts to get international media coverage
>> for these events.

>> Looking forward to your co-operation and solidarity.
>> Please mark a copy of your reply to :
>> p hmsec@touchtelindia.net
>> for PHM media team

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>> Unni
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>> Dr. Unnikrishnan PV, India : E-mail:
>> unnikru@yahoo.com / Ph (M): +91 (0) 98450 91319
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To: UNNIKRIISHNAN PV (Dr) <unnikru@yahoo.com>; Satya Sivaraman <satyasagar@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 23, 2003 1:44 PM
Attach: Alma ATa Anniversary Pack - Page 2.doc
Subject: Re: Advance Fund

Dear Unni and Sathya,

Greetings from PHM Secretariat (Global)!

Thanks for your mail of 21st September. I shall probably now be in Iran from 1st October to 5th October. So meet Prasanna when you visit Bangalore and keep him informed. Hope the Visa matter is sorted out. I have just sent the Iran meeting funding proposal (PHM share of 40 resource persons and participants to CIDA via Andy. You and Sathya are included in the lists. So if the funds come, you may have to mark Teheran in your calendar, 29th / 30th November and 1st December. Keep in touch about Ecuador and the Books for Change publications.

Enclosed the re-written page in the Alma Ata dossier.

Best wishes,

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Sent: Sunday, September 21, 2003 10:34 AM
Subject: Re: Advance Fund

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China: The actual programme is from Oct 11th till 16th. ActionAid is slightly upset that I am leaving after the first three days. In the present situation, I may call off the visit to China. In this case, I may go again in November/ December. I will update you on this after I met with the team here on Tuesday.

Regards

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Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2003 10:40 AM
Subject: Re: MOST URGENT !!! Attn : Prasanna

Dear Unni,

Greetings from PHM Secretariat (Global)!

Prasanna will attend to 1 and 2. I have just taken action on 3.

The Iran trip was hectic, but useful. You must have seen the communications. Except for the 'final' change of dates to 5th - 7th December everything else went according to schedule. The conference is in their National Institute of Radio and TV - the best communication facility in Teheran, allowing for all sorts of additional possibilities including the announcement of the 'Teheran Declaration' on 8th December (PHA - Anniversary) to all over the world. Hope the dates are not inconvenient for you and Sathya. Please get in touch with Barzgar (m_barzgar@hotmail.com) to find out more details about the center and its facilities. He is banking on you both for the Media strategy. The MOH - Iran have their own ideas as well, but I feel some PHM - MOH Iran cross-fertilization of ideas need to take place.

The Nobel Peace Prize for Shirin Ebadi, Iranian Human Rights Lawyer, who has worked on women and children issues, among other things could be a good point of action.

What's the latest on the Alma Ata Pack? Can we introduce 4-6 pages on Iran in page 24 - 35 (the blank space)?

Best wishes,

Ravi Narayan

PHM-Medici

P.S. How did the Ecuador meeting go?

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Cc: tnarayan@vsnl.com : Community Health Cell

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To: <phmsec@touchtelindia.net>
Cc: <tnarayan@vsnl.com>; Community Health Cell <sochara@vsnl.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2003 8:40 AM
Subject: MOST URGENT :: Attn : Prasanna

Dear Prasanna

Greetings from Ecuador!

I am sure you must be busy, but let me take up three issues that needs your urgent attention.

With reference to our last discussions at the PHM secretariat on the million signature campaign, I would like to update you on three points.

1) I have not received the Kannada translated page yet. Could you update me on the current situation? Who is working on this?

2) Could you please (or request some one in CHC) to forward the mail I have requested (This is a mail send by me, with a copy to PHM secretariat, at that time in CHC that attached a page and instructions to people in different parts of the world about how to set up the language versions of the site. Two versions re getting ready- Arabic and Philippino language in the next few days.

moreover, we need to send the same mail to Dr. Barzgar. PLEASE CONSIDER SPENDING FIVE MINUTES FOR ME AND please forward the same ASAP.

3) Please refer to my last mail regarding the letter that needs to be send end to CHAI. This suggestion from me is based on what we have agreed with CHAI during the last telephonic conversation. CHAI people are waiting for this. This letter must go on PHM letter head and signed by Ravi.

Please consider spending ten minutes and send this letter ASAP.

Looking forward to hearing from you

Regards

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2. Unnikrishnan PV |
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2. Action Aid, Bangkok |
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| Account Number: | 001-200-492-080 |
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| Approved by: | Ravi Narayan |
| Date: | 16 th September 2003 |
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Cc: Max Martin <maxmartin@vsnl.net>
Sent: Sunday, October 19, 2003 8:53 AM
Subject: HIV / AIDS materials from Iran

Dear Max

Greetings from Ecuador !

Dr. Ravi Narayan is back in Bangalore from Tehran. Please contact him at PHM office to collect the materials on HIV/ AIDS in Iran.

Regards

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From: Ravi - PHM Secretariat(Global) <ravi@chinovement.org>
To: <unnikru@yahoo.com> <satyasagar@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 06, 2003 12:47 PM
Subject: Re: [PHM_Steering_Group_02-03] Try this out ! When you have free five minutes ! This is not a SPAM !!

Dear Satya, Sinoj and Unni,

Greetings from PHM Secretariat (Global)!

I think the Snakes and Ladders are very creative interpretation of the Charter and Declaration and an excellent promotional tool. I like the World Trouble Organization (WTO). Why not Worlds Bully (for World Bank)?

I look forward to the Alma Ata Anniversary pack with all the additions 'creative' and intellectual. Thanks for your efforts. I have passed it on to Lalit and Nitesh for comments as well.

Best wishes,

Ravi Narayan

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From: UNNIKRIISHNAN P.V. (Dr)
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Sent: Monday, November 03, 2003 5:50 PM
Subject: [PHM_Steering_Group_02-03] Try this out ! When you have free five minutes ! This is not a SPAM !!

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TRY this out when you have five minutes !!! We hope you enjoy this !!!!

Regards

Satya, Sinoj & Unni

PS: This is appearing as the inside back cover of the Alma Ata publication. The final version of the publication has over 80 pages and available from Nov 5th onwards.

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To: UNNIKRIISHNAN P.V. (Dr) <unnikru@yahoo.com>
Cc: Claudio Schuftan <aviva@netnam.vn>
Sent: Saturday, November 22, 2003 5:14 PM
Subject: Re: Alma Ata publication- The back ground, process and an update

Dear Unni,

Greetings from PHM Secretariat (Global)!

Thanks for the update on the Alma Ata Anniversary publication. I appreciate the methodical way the whole process and output has been outlined. I wish more PHM members would give short reports like this for record, News brief, Exchange and website. Keep it up.

Best wishes,

Ravi Narayan

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From: UNNIKRIISHNAN P.V. (Dr)
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Sent: Friday, November 21, 2003 10:10 AM
Subject: Alma Ata publication- The back ground, process and an update

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Thanks to Community health Cell, WGNRR and ACHAN who placed orders for 200 copies. The publication carries their logos on the back cover.

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In October first week: 100 advance copies of the incomplete book was taken as a dummy to Ecuador (for the CHE AND ESPAJEJO FORUM) and it was distributed there. The original idea was to get it formally launched by Che's daughter if she was coming there. She was not there. Thanks to Arturo's facilitation, some of the leading lights of the health and popular movements in Latin America, mainly Ecuador, talked about the campaign and the book during the wonderful programme in Ecuador in October. Some of the suggestions that came from Ecuador was incorporated.

In November first week: The complete book, with all the new 8 papers, reprints (from the IPHC/ WEMOS/ MEDACT) publication and some relevant press statements from PHM and others (specifically related to Alma Ata campaign) are the contents. The back cover is the Million Signature campaign and the inside back cover is the "Snakes and ladders"; inside front cover is PHM songs and Copy left credits.

Thanks to Delen's facilitation, the book was formally launched by Satur Ocampo, President of Bayan

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Muna (People First), Philippines who as a key note speaker during the International Conference on health care amidst War and Globalization, in Manila, in November beginning. the conference was organized jointly by many progressive groups, including PHM Philippines., IPHC, MATW and others.

A senior health worker and a medical student, representing the student union received the first copies from Mr. Ocampo. The 100 copies that was taken there was an instant hit, some were sold , some were given as free copies.

The copies are available from BFC @ US \$ 1 per copy + postage and it may be priced as US \$ 2 outside India (+ postage)

Note: The web address of the WGNRR was wrong on the back cover. It is being corrected, except for the 100 copies that is already in circulation. Thanks to Prasanna's facilitation, the final correct version of the book is in the PHM home page.

I hope this information helps and are for records.

Regards

Unni

Ravi Narayan

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Sent: Sunday, November 09, 2003 11:46 AM
Attach: PHM press release- Manila Nov 9- on Palestinian solidarity - calling the fall of the wall.doc
Subject: [PHM_Steering_Group_02-03] URGENT PRESS RELEASE: Solidarity for Palestine- Calling the
Fall of the 'Wall'. unnikru@yahoo.com For instant Release WORLDWIDE.

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**Asian Pacific Resource and Research Centre
for Women**

Manila (Philippines), 9th November, 2003 (13:00 hrs local time)

Filipinos extend their solidarity

to bring down the "illegal Israeli wall" in Palestine.

Medical professionals and students, health workers, development activists and international delegates from Asia, Africa, Europe and Americas assembled here, extended their solidarity to the people of Palestine. In a symbolic act of solidarity, the participants at the *International Conference on Health Challenges amidst Globalisation and War*, 'demolished' a 'wall' that mimics the 'Separation Wall' that is being currently built in

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Numerous Palestinian groups, especially the medical and health groups, have given a call to observe today (November 9th) as the **International day of Solidarity with Palestinians against the Separation Wall**.

Marking the day in history exactly 14 years ago (on November 9, 1989) that brought down the Berlin Wall, the Palestinian groups have been galvanising the support of people across the world. 'The new Separation wall in Palestine has caused immeasurable sufferings on the lives, health and economy of the Palestinian people. This wall must come down' said a spokesperson for the Union of Palestinian Medical Relief Committees, a constituent of the People's Health Movement (PHM). The Israeli forces continue the construction of the 'Separation Wall' despite large level protest from international community, including the will of the United Nations.

'Access is crucial in situations like Palestine which has seen a deterioration in health services due to check points and blockades. The new wall is amplifying their sufferings' said Maria Harlin Zuniga from Nicaragua, global co-ordinator of the International People's Health Council, a constituent of the PHM.

'Lessons from Palestine and other places under military occupation should be an eye-opener for the people of Philippines' said Dr. Ledi Jara, Executive Director of Council for Health and Development, a national non-governmental Community Based Health organisation in Philippines.

Earlier, while setting the context for the symbolic act, Dr. Bert de Beider of *Medical Aid for the Third World* and Dr. Unnikrishnan of the *People's Health Movement* gave testimonies on the situation in Iraq, Palestine and Afghanistan. Their chilling testimonies gave a blow-by-blow account of the impact of military occupation, war and militarisation on ordinary people and adverse impacts on health. Later Ms. Silke Moens of the *Medical Aid for the Third World* and Maria Harlin Zuniga testified on Congo and Latin America.

'Health workers and medical professionals have a crucial role to play in situations like Palestine. It is not just about treating the war wounded. They need to be in the forefront to join hands with anti war efforts and prevent wars' said Dr. Delen de la Paz of *People's Health Movement, Philippines*.

The *People's Charter for Health*, the largest consensus document on health in the world calls for an immediate end to military occupation.

signed

Dr. Xavier Marie Bual, SPC, **Council for Health and Development, Philippines**

Ms. Jocelyn Andamo, **International League of Peoples' Struggles (Ad-hoc health commission)**.

Dr. Delen de la Paz, **People's Health Movement**.

Dr. Wim De Ceukelaire, **Medical Aid for the Third World**

Dr. Mira Shiva, **International People's Health Council**

***** for media enquiries during the conference, please contact.

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 Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2003 10:09 PM
 Subject: [pha-ncc] Fw: Asian AIDS Epidemic Is Worsening : TIME TO ACT- an ActionAid report says time is running out

Associated Press:

Report: Asian AIDS Epidemic Is Worsening

2 hours, 46 minutes
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By VIJAY JOSHI, Associated Press Writer

BANGKOK, Thailand - HIV (news - web sites) is spreading faster in Asia than in Africa, and the Asian AIDS (news - web sites) epidemic is worsening because of complacent governments, inadequate health care and widespread prejudice, a new report has warned.

"Time to Act," released Tuesday by ActionAid-Asia says HIV/AIDS has reached a critical point in the region and is threatening millions of lives in India, China and other populous nations.

ActionAid-Asia is part of the global development group ActionAid, which works in 40 countries.

"It is both a cause and consequence of poverty and human rights violations," the report said, adding that unprotected sex, drug abuse and unsafe medical practices are the triggers that are helping the epidemic to spread.

In Asia 7.2 million people are now living with the virus, five million of them in India and China. An estimated half million people died of AIDS and almost one million contracted HIV in the last year in Asia. Africa has 29 million infected people.

"Asia may not be Africa, but the early warning signals are scary and clear. Africa's experience shows HIV/AIDS can destroy development gains of several decades and social composition of peoples in a single stroke," the report said.

It warns that seemingly low prevalence rates in countries such as India and China are disguising huge actual numbers and the existence of hotspots of infection.

"At the same time grossly inadequate surveillance systems are compounding and encouraging complacency," it said.

But it is the seriousness of localized epidemics in several countries that make predictions for the spread of HIV really terrifying, according to the report.

For example, in many parts of China, which has an estimated 1 million people infected, the public health system is in chaos.

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The country's inadequate health infrastructure, a lack of trained doctors and social workers and poor supervision compounds the risk of developing drug resistant "super-infections," the report says.

In Afghanistan ([news](#) - [web sites](#)), government statistics state there are just 15 infections in a population of 22 million.

But the figures are "likely to vastly understate the problem in a country beset by conflict, massive movement of people, desperate poverty and a growing drug problem," said Philippa Sackett of ActionAid Afghanistan.

The report notes that up to 7,000 Nepali girls are trafficked into Indian brothels every year, and over 100,000 are currently employed as prostitutes in India's commercial capital, Bombay, a large number of them infected with HIV.

Whilst prevalence rates in Japan remain well below one percent, with just 12,595 infected, experts fear the actual number is five times higher.

Unprotected sex among young Japanese is a major cause of new infections fueled by lack of awareness, increasing sexual activity and declining condom use, the report said.

It says weak laws are failing to protect the rights of people living with HIV/AIDS, who are subject to discrimination and stigmatization.

"Whilst public health specialists recommend public education and prevention, lawmakers prefer testing, criminalization and deportation, driving the epidemic underground," it said.

The report urges governments to learn from initiatives that have yielded positive results elsewhere, and to work together to ensure that pharmaceutical companies reduce the price of essential medicines.

"Compassion and a humane response are necessary to deal with HIV/AIDS," said ActionAid-Asia's director, John Samuel.

"But compassion cannot be a substitute for government action. Health care is not a matter of charity but a right," he said.

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Cc: Andy Rutherford <arutherford@oneworldaction.org>; Arturo Quizhpe <aquizhpe@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, December 12, 2003 4:55 PM
Subject: Reimbursement

Dear Unni / Sathya,

Greetings from PHM Global Secretariat!

We need urgently a full account of your trip to Quito / Cuenca since we need to get them reimbursed to PHM account from an organization that has agreed to support – PHM coordination related travel. Please also mention all that Arturo and friends covered locally. So please treat this as urgent and send all the bills / vouchers to me as soon as possible for authorization and forwarding to Andy Rutherford of PHM-UK. The grant transferred to you before the visit was an advance. Urgent action will help improve our precarious finances for the IHF-WSF event.

Awaiting a prompt reply.

Best wishes.

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From: Andy Rutherford <arutherford@oneworldaction.org>
To: PHM - Secretariat <secretariat@phmovement.org>
Sent: Thursday, December 11, 2003 9:22 AM
Subject: Re: Transfer of 10,000\$

Dear Ravi

You are brilliant in many ways! Congratulations on all the FinN (Friends and Neighbours) possibilities that you are pushing on.

The request for the transfer of \$10,000 has gone to our finance department and they will process tomorrow as it is too late for today. I will process the reimbursement for Prem's travel to UK and your travel to London and Tehran, as well as Along with Unni & Sathya's bills on receipt.

Best wishes

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Was an advance.
Urgent action will help
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finances for the IHEWSF
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Awaiting a prompt reply

Best wishes

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Dear Unni/Sathya

We need urgently
a full account of your
trip to Quito/Cuenca
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Cc: Jeff Conant <jeff@hesperian.org>
Sent: Wednesday, December 24, 2003 9:12 PM
Subject: Re: Magazine article

Dear Ms. Sarita

Greetings from the People's Health Movement !

Apologies if there is already a message from Dr. Ravi Narayan. PHM is a decentralised movement and don't be surprised if you hear from many.

With reference to Sarah Shannon's mail, let me list out a few possible "story" ideas . For details on PHM, please visit www.phmovement.org . The section on PHA 2000 will give you the history and background.

1) In the next 24 hours, 30,000 children will worldwide from preventable diseases. WHO, UNICEF and the international community promised to save these lives through the historic Alma Ata declaration 25 years ago (The declaration promised "HEALTH FOR ALL BY 2000 AD".) Visit www.TheMillionSignatureCampaign.org to know more about PHM's Internet based campaign on this.

What happened to this dream/ commitment? You will meet several people , associated with the People's Health Movement in Mumbai. Please come for the International Health Forum scheduled for 14th and 15th of January at YMCA, Mumbai. Details are available at www.phmovement.org (Please write to prasanna@phmovement.org for logistics)

2) PHM registers strong objections to the way in which the health issue has been taken (read hijacked) by International Financial institutions (WB, IMF, et al). Again, you will meet people/ international experts who can justify why PHM opposes the WB/ IMF policies- well, with facts and figures.

3) New diseases and old responses- what does new diseases like SARS, HIV etc mean in the changed global context ? What is at stake for ordinary people ?

4) Wars, conflicts and military occupation is perhaps the biggest block in achieving health for all- you will hear testimonies from ordinary people from Vietnam (Survivors of agent orange), Afghanistan (DU weapons), Iraq (Sanctions, smart bombs, WMD) +Palestine+ the former environment minister of Ecuador speaking about the impacts of Chemical spraying in Pan Columbian region-

No: 4 may give enough dope for an environment angle.

5) You will also get an opportunity to listen to frontline health workers-

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What is life like and what does health work mean in today's context (I call them the 'guardian angels' who have guarded the life line for the poor in developing countries)

I am a volunteer with the PHM (PHM gets its life from volunteers from various walks of life- from grass roots health workers, activists, analysts, policy makers and others). In the PHM, I am involved in three key activities:

- 1) I work as the media facilitator
- 2) Co-ordinate www.TheMillionSignatureCampaign.org (the 'flagship' campaign of the PHM at this moment).
- 3) Along with Dr. Rosalie Bertell, I facilitate the PHM working circle on Wars, Conflicts, Militarization and disasters.

Otherwise I work on Humanitarian Issues with ActionAid's Asia regional office, Bangkok. From Dec 24th, till the end of WSF you can reach me at my India mobile: 098450 91319. Please feel free to call / e-mail.

Let me take this opportunity to invite you to the IHF and the PHM panels during WSF.

Last, but not the least, let me assure you that PHM activities and sources have always given enough 'dope' for journalists- people, issues, concerns and the small but remarkable innovative work done by some of the frontline health workers associated with PHM. That has been our experience with the media - both from developing countries as well as well known western media-wire and other.

Looking forward to seeing you in Mumbai.

Regards

For the People's Health Movement
Unni

Dr. Unnikrishnan PV

----- Original Message -----

From: "Sarah Shannon" <sarabs@hesperian.org>
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Cc: "Jeff Conant" <jeff@hesperian.org>
Sent: Thursday, December 18, 2003 4:03 PM
Subject: Magazine article

- > Addendum to prior note: Sarita is from CSE. Sarita wrote us earlier to
- > explain that "CSE as you know is basically a advocacy based organisation
- > and we are more keen on the policies and governance of issues. In

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From: "UNNIKRISHNAN P.V. (Dr)" <unnikr@yahoo.com>
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 Sent: Friday, January 09, 2004 03:48
 Attach: PHM press conference on 18th Jan invitation.doc
 Subject: This is for your information

Dear Row and Sarojini

The attachment is for your information. Someone (who is not attached to PHM) is taking care. The names are tentative.

Things looks like are in better control. This is just for your information.

Regards

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 demanding Health for All Now! *****

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- Consumers International-Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (CIRAP)
- Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation (DHF)
- Gonoshasthaya Kendra, (GK)
- Health Action International (HAI) - Asia-Pacific - HAIAP
- International People's Health Council (IPHC)
- Third World Network (TWN)
- Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights

Regions

- Central America, Mexico and Caribbean
- China
- East and Central Africa
- Europe
- India
- Middle East and North Africa
- North America
- Pacific, Australia and New Zealand
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January 8th, 2004

**PRESS CONFERENCE ON 13th January 2004
at Mumbai Press Club (3:00 to 4:00 pm)**

Dear Madam / Sir

People's Health Movement is organizing a press conference to brief the media about the International Health Forum that will be held in Mumbai in January second week.

Medical professionals, grassroots health workers and well known academicians from Africa, Latin America, Asia, Europe and Australia will speak to the press on **"the present day challenges in health care"**.

Date: 13th January 2004 (Tuesday)

Time: 3:00 to 4:00 pm

Venue: Press Club, Mumbai

We invite you to join us. Some of the speakers (tentative) who will address the press are:

Dr. Jihad Mashal, Neuro Surgeon from Palestine- on the health and social impacts of Military occupation on Palestinian people

Dr. Arturo Quizphe, Pediatrician, Ecuador – on the impact of globalization on health.

Mary Sandasi, Zimbabwe. Africa's challenges in ensuring *health for all*.

Sarojini, organizing committee member of the People's Health Movement - on the International Health Forum.

Hugo, Guatemala- Health Movement and Social Movements/ World Social Forum.

The International Health Forum is expected to galvanize over 700 participants from nearly 45 countries. People from various walks of life are expected to participate in this two-day event that will be held on 14th and 15th January, 2004 at YMCA, Mumbai.

On behalf of the People's Health Movement

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 Sent: 21 January 2004 04:38
 Subject: Re: Daily TIMES publication

Dear Saleem Bhai

Thanks a ton!

It was wonderful meeting you. Please stay in touch.

By the time you read this, I will be in Bangalore. I will be rethinking for the relief works in the earthquake affected areas of Iran in the next 3 or 4 days.

I am with PHM as a volunteer. Any issues apart from media and campaign work, please remain in touch with ich PHM secretariat.

My actual job is working as a medical doctor in emergency / humanitarian war conflicts and disaster situations. Currently I work with ActionAid's Asia-regional Office Bangkok. Please let me know if you come to Bangkok.

Please forward any other stories you file. We are thankful for profiling PHM and its cocorus.

Regards

Unni

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 Subject: Daily TIMES publication 1

> IHF calls for healthcare, not warfare

> http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=story_16-1-2004_pg4_13

> MUMBAI: Health activists and workers from 60 countries called on people to promote healthcare and not warfare on the concluding day of the Third International Health Forum for the Defence of People's Health on Thursday.

> Speakers urged people to join the regional and global peace movements.

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Subject: Fw: PHA-Exchange> Fw: Iran EQ- ActionAid media coverage- Khaleej Times(Dubai) - 26 February 2004

Dear Unni,

Greetings from PHM Secretariat (Global)!

Hope the goof up (earlier draft of Mumbai Declaration) did not delay the process too much. I saw the final version (2nd March from BFC and sent approval immediately. I was glad that Prasanna managed to telephonically link up with you as well.

Did you release the Declaration? Press statement linked to Women's Day? We had no news, but since you are usually so prompt, it probably is on its way. I have not released the Declaration to Steering Group - since I have been expecting it to be released by you along with the press statement.

Hope the MDG meeting went well. Saw the interview with you on Khaleej Times (To Bam and Back). As usual, punchy and relevant. Thanks for being such a committed and consistent advocate on Disaster and Conflict. I wish more issue circles convenors and PHM members would be as proactive as you. The secretariat is greatly supported.

All the best

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 Subject: PHA-Exchange> Fw: Iran EQ- ActionAid media coverage- Khaleej Times(Dubai) - 26 February 2004

Dear Claudio,

First of all I wish to thank you very much for reflekting the Tragedy of earthquake of Iran and sympathic letters of PHM's friends to me quite often in pha-exchange request. It was really a matter of relief and global solidarity and support.

Secondly I have recieved a media-coverage of ActionAid media activities about the Bam earthquake, which seems to me interesting. I should mention that the PHM Iran and it's allied agency "the Nursing Organization of Iran" had done their best for the success of initiative of Action Aid. I will be grateful if it is relevant to be circulated through pha-exchange request, please do so. Many thanks and kindest regards. Dr. M.A. Barzgar, PHM, Iran.

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 >Subject: Fw: Iran EQ- ActionAid media coverage- Khaleej Times (Dubai) - 26 February 2004
 >Date: Fri, 27 Feb 2004 22:47:13 +0530
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 >Dear Dr. Barzgar
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 >I hope you find this interesting.
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 >Regards
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 >Unni
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 >http://www.khaleejtimes.com/CityHome.asp?xfile=data/citytimes/2004/February/citytimes_February118.xml§ion=citytimes&col=
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 > TO BAM AND BACK
 > BY FARHA SAIT
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 > 26 February 2004

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 > Little is written about Bam these days. Or its grieving,
 >devastated
 >residents. And how they are coping in the aftermath of nature's harsh blow
 >that claimed 43,000 of their kith and kin.
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 > It is just two months since tragedy struck, yet few reports are
 >flowing out of there. Fewer making headlines. The last of the newsmen have
 >packed up and left for crisper headlines leaving thousands of injured and
 >psychologically disturbed to battle with their fate. Even international aid
 >workers are reportedly leaving the southeast Iranian city where over
 >thousands of buildings collapsed leaving 20,000 injured in the wee hours of
 >December 26, 2003.
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 > "However, the scene here is far from normal," Indian-born quake
 >specialist, Dr P.V. UnniKrishnan told City Times in an exclusive interview
 >just 48 hours after he left the disaster-struck city. Scheduled to return
 >to
 >Bam in a week's time, Dr Krishnan was enroute to India to visit his family.
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 > "Rescue operations are successfully completed and notable number
 >of
 >aid workers and media people are leaving Bam each day. However, the real
 >work of rehabilitating the victims has only just begun now," said the
 >specialist who landed in Iran just hours after tragedy struck, and has been
 >working there since as part of a three-man team deputed by British NGO,
 >Action Aid.
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 > As per Unicef reports, the quake has rendered over 60,000 people,
 >mainly children, homeless. These survivors are still in a fragile state of
 >mind and body and are in desperate need of aid, medical help and
 >counselling. They are devastated mentally and physically and the lack of
 >proper food, clothing and absence of family, has created an immensely
 >tragic
 >situation. The worst of its kind in recent times.
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 > "Instead of leaving them in such a situation, it is important that
 >aid organisations and various countries step up their support for the
 >victims of the Bam tragedy," said Dr Krishnan who is currently involved in
 >conducting community based training programmes and implementing long-term
 >rehab programme in association with the Iranian Nursing Association.
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 > "The first months of any disaster usually constitute the emergency
 >operations and in the case of Bam, the relief operations were excellent.
 >Within no time the Iranian government, the Ministry of Health and the
 >Iranian Red Crescent airlifted 15,000 survivors into safer pockets of the
 >country thereby immediately assuring their safety."
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 > "The operations that we saw in Bam perhaps far surpassed any other

>rescue operation anywhere in the world. The Iranian Nursing Association has
 >done a remarkable job. The manner in which the nurses worked tirelessly,
 >regardless of the deaths in their own families, is something that can never
 >really be explained. All I can say is that angels are not confined to the
 >heavens," said the doctor who had previously served his expertise in
 >Gujarat
 >and more recently in Turkey.

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 > Two kinds of people demand immediate attention in Bam, says Dr
 >Krishnan. Those with physical disabilities of some sort and those with
 >psychological problems. The most common physical problems noticed in
 >survivors includes disabilities of the hip bone, spine, vertebrae and
 >multiple fractures of the lower limb. However, while these can be treated
 >gradually, it is really the psychological scars that will remain for
 >decades
 >to come, he says.

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 > As per initial studies conducted by the World Health Organisation
 >(WHO), it has been proved that post trauma stress disorders increase and
 >suicides rates go up in the aftermath of such a disaster. The disability
 >load increases. Health and sanitary issues take a backseat and diseases
 >spread rapidly. Bam is no exception to this.

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 > "Entire families and neighbourhoods were wiped out in the tragedy
 >with no or just a sole survivor at times. The thing with Bam is that the
 >people here used to live in extended families of up to 120 members living
 >together in a cluster settlement. So whereas in other places families are
 >scattered across a certain area, in Bam, they were closely grouped together
 >resulting in being totally wiped out."

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 > "Children specially are badly affected by this and still shiver at
 >the recollection of the horror of seeing thousands of body parts scattered
 >all around them. Their relatives and friends went missing overnight. Many
 >not found for days. The memory of those moments makes them break out in a
 >sweat. They wake up in the middle of the night screaming and shouting. Many
 >of them do not even know how to react in such a situation and their state
 >is
 >very moving. In so many years of my practice, this is one experience that
 >will stay with me for a long time," says Dr Krishnan.

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 > "The children are the ones my heart really goes out to. Many of
 >them
 >have withdrawn into a shell and refuse to talk or eat. I can recollect the
 >faces and expressions of so many such young ones, looking for their parents
 >or realising they will never see them again. The entire situation in Bam
 >has
 >been a human tragedy of the worst kind."

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 > "There are serious issues of rehabilitation that lie before us now
 >and I strongly feel that the world should unite and focus its attention on

>these problems before it is too late."

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From: PHM Secretariat <secretariat@phmovement.org>
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Subject: Re: [PHM_Steering_Group_02-03] New Campaign- launch strategy (DRAFT Press release) for comments and endorsement and NOT for circulation

Dear Unni,

Greetings from PHM Secretariat (Global)!

Further to our telephonic conversation on 15th morning, there is some errors in the press release (enclosed below) and the idea of putting the PHM secretariat number is also endorsed. Perhaps you should put Prasanna, Communication Officer, so that he gets specifically called if there are any queries and he will know what to do or whom to refer to. He will be back on duty on 16th March after attending the JSA - Delhi rally. Do meet Dr. Barzgar in Iran and get the main points discussed with you - across to him.

CORRECTIONS:

1. Line 9: Page 1 - 'sent' not 'send'
2. Line 13: Page 2 - 'blood' not 'boold'
3. Line 16: Page 2 - 'immediately' not 'unemdiately'
4. Line 21: Page 2 - 'delivering' not 'delevering'

Last Para

Line 11: Page 3 - 'Will collate' not 'collates'

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'Following' not 'follwing'

By the time you return the WHA event (May 2004) will have clarity. Stay in touch.

All the best on your next Iran Mission.

Regards,

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 Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2004 1:15 PM
 Attach: press release for march 16th draft- not for circulation.doc
 Subject: New Campaign- launch strategy (DRAFT Press release) for comments and endorsement and NOT for circulation

THE MAIL AND attachment are NOT (repeat not) for circulation:

Dear Wim and friends

Greetings from Bangkok !

Attached please find the final DRAFT version of the press release announcing the launch of the Health Now !- NO to WAR NO to WTO" campaign- an outcome of the IHF, WSF and MR 2004. The copy of the draft is marked to representatives of all the organisations who appear in the press release (apart from being as PHM in general).

Comments: If any of you have comments, please send it to me latest by Sunday 12:00 noon GMT. (Please mark a copy to Wim). The headline has been 'tested'. It will be better if we stick to it- needs to be spicy ! I will incorporate the comments, and finalise it by Sunday 24:00 hrs GMT.

Dates: We should issue it on Tuesday, the 16th. Date it as 16th itself without any embargoes. This will give ideas for those who are writing advance stories. If we issue it on 20th it will not be helpful. Even if it is issued as embargoed as 20th, it will be strategically not that helpful. THERE will be so many PRESS RELEASES THAT WILL BE ISSUED AFTER 16TH !!

The strategy :

1) If we issue this press release on March 16th morning 10 am Philippines time, it will kick off the process and have a 'snow ball' effect.

2) Journalists will refer to this and they may come back to us again and again throughout the week.

3) When people hold press conferences on 19th or 20th, they can use the same press release. They can re-issue it on a joint letter head (of the **campaign alliance** and their organisation's letterhead) and date it as 19th/ 20th- the day they hold it.

Local groups can add a paragraph highlighting more of local activities/ country level activities.

4) In countries where PHM is not holding press conferences, they may issue just a media release or join hands with other groups.

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4. We need to add numbers of 'spokespersons' whom journalists can call in individual countries. (Copy of this mail is marked to PHM steering group, so that some of them can provide their contact numbers for media queries). Please have a look at www.health-now.org

PLEASE DO NOT CIRCULATE THE DRAFT- The FINAL VERSION WILL BE Send TO YOU ON 15TH MIDNIGHT.

I am still in Bangkok as my Iranian visa has not come through.

Looking forward to hearing from you

In solidarity

Unni - Ph (mob): +91 98450 91319

15/3/04

Dear Unni:

Further to our telephonic conversation on 15th morning, the press release is okay and the idea of putting the PHM secretariat number is also endorsed.

Perhaps you should put Resource-Communication officer so that he gets specifically called if there are any queries and he will know what to do or whom to refer to. He will be back on duty ^{on 16th March} after attending the TSA-Delhi rally.

Do meet Dr Borzger in Iran and get the main points discussed with you - across to him.

By the time you return the WHA event (May 2004) will have clarity. Stay in touch.

All the best on your next Iran mission

Regards

Ravi.

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no war, no wto, fight for people's health!



PRESS RELEASE : March 15th, 2004:

(total pages 3, including this)

Bangalore, Brussels, Baghdad, Managua, London, Manila and New York.

(Issued by the Campaign Alliance co-ordinating 'Health NOW- NO War, NO WTO, fight for people's Health' campaign).

'STOP THE BUSH- FIRE'- STOP WAR ! STOP WTO !

HEALTH NOW ! CAMPAIGN SUPPORTS GLOBAL ANTI-WAR MARCH.
"WAR AND WTO : TWO THORNS FROM THE SAME BUSH".

A new global campaign, that is being launched on March 18th, calls for throwing out the occupying forces in Iraq and Afghanistan and dismantling of the World Trade Organisation.

"Wars and WTO are the greatest threat to health and peace" said a spokesperson. "Under the guise of a 'war on terror', the United States is trying to enforce global hegemony at a terrifying cost to people's health" she said.

Wars, military interventions, occupation and militarization devastate public health and also waste precious resources--at the expense of health and other basic services.

The campaigners have sent out an appeal to people all over the world to join public demonstrations and other activities of protest and resistance scheduled for March 20th.

The alliance spearheading the campaign have leading groups, networks, people based movements and activist groups like the People's Health Movement, the International People's Health Council, International League of People's Struggle-Ad Hoc Health Commission; INTAL /Medical Aid for the Third World, Artsen voor Vrede (Belgium), the Council for Health and Development (the Philippines), the Hesperian Foundation (USA), the Health Work Committees (Palestine) and the Union of Palestinian Medical Relief Committees (Palestine).

Timed year after the invasion and military occupation began in Iraq, the campaigners

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point out that situation has deteriorated in Iraq and has reached an explosive situation. "Lives of thousands of innocent children and women are at risk" said a campaign communciation. Consider the facts:

- An estimated 55,000 people have already died in Iraq because of the unjust, illegal and illegitimate war that started one year ago.
- Infant Mortality in Iraq has reached 108 per 1000 deaths by March 2005. (In 1989 it was 40)
- The cost of this war is already more than 100 billion US dollars. (UN estimates that 11 billion US dollars are necessary to provide water and sanitation for the people in developing countries, annually).

"Occupying forces are responsible for this humanitarian crisis" said a spokesperson. "Iraq is just not an isolated case. Observations from Afghanistan, Palestine and other places under foreign Military occupation paint pictures of blood-shed" she added.

"25 years of war in Afghanistan (another country currently under US occupation) has devastated the health and lives of people. Out of every 1000 children born in Afghanistan, 155 die immediately" said a spokesperson for the *Campaign Alliance*. "This is a scar on humanity" she said.

The campaigners are also calling the military atrocities that have attained an epidemic proportion in Occupied Territories of Palestine where everyday sufferings of ordinary people are now further amplified by the 'Apartheid Wall'.

"Pregnant women delivering babies at military check points; destruction of hospitals and clinics; attack on civilians and medical personnels and funerals punctuate the every day life here" said a spokesperson from Palestine. "What we are witnessing is utter disrespect and disregard for human lives and blatant violation of International Humanitarian Laws. Over 120 Israeli military check points in West Bank and Gaza strip are suffocating over 3 million Palestinians" he said.

This campaign was first presented and promoted in Mumbai, at the International Forum for the Defense of People's Health, at the World Social Forum and at the Mumbai Resistance 2004, in January 2004. These summits called for action for peace and appealed to galvanise people all over the world.

The campaign has been gaining strength worldwide through solidarity and building alliances, primarily through a web site set up exclusively for this purpose:

www.health-now.org



"WTO is no more about trade, it is the World 'Terror' Organisation – along with wars, they are responsible for the deaths of millions of people worldwide, especially the poor" said a spokesperson. Consider the facts:

- Millions of poor and landless farmers have lost their livelihoods since the World Trade Organization has integrated agriculture in the global trading system.
- Six million people in poor countries urgently need antiretroviral treatment yet less than 5% have access to these drugs. Corporate globalization spreads ill health.
- The health gap between the rich and the poor is growing wider.

The campaign will be officially launched in several places like Baghdad, Brussels, Bangalore, Manila, New York, London and Occupied territories of Palestine.

The campaign, that will be launched in March 3rd week, has several activities. Setting up an 'Health & Occupation Watch' will be one of the outcomes. Health & Occupation Watch collates reports, data and field notes on the health impact of war and occupation in Afghanistan, Iraq, Palestine and elsewhere. Stories from the frontline of the struggle for health: www.occupationwatch.health-now.org

Signed by the representatives of the following mass movements, networks, organisations

People's Health Movement
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International League of People's Struggle-Ad Hoc Health Commission
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Subject: March 12- media

Dear Abhay and friends

Greetings from Bangkok !

It is very good to note that JSA preparations are in full swing. I regret to inform you that I will not be able to come. I am in transit and returning to Iran for the third mission (Bam earthquake response).

I have informed some of the friends in the media (especially wire agencies) about the JSA programme on march 12. You may consider the following.

- 1) Issuing a press release on March 11th (as a curtain raiser)- Focus on what is going to happen
- 2) Another press release on March 12th morning- so that the journalists who come for a few minutes and those who are not able to make it to the event will have something to use - Focus on what is happening
- 3) On March 13th morning- a final round up- What happens from then onwards?

If you have a draft and if you would like me to give a 'spin' please send it to me. I promise to return it in couple of hours.

In case you have already prepared a press release, please forward it to me so that I can flash it some useful contacts. There is lot of interest amongst wire agencies (in India and abroad) and we should use them.

I will be here (in Bangkok) for two more days and my next destination is Iran- unfortunately, my phone doesn't work there and have very limited access to the Internet. One reason why I was out of circulation for the past several weeks.

best wishes for the meet

In solidarity

Unni

----- Original Message -----

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----- Original Message -----

From: cehatpun

To: Chandra Pandav

Sent: Tuesday, March 09, 2004 6:13 PM

Subject: JSA pre-election event - meeting with representatives of political parties

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10/3/04

Phm. media
JSA Rally

Dear Friend,

Greetings!

You would be aware of the 'Right to Health Care' campaign launched by Jan Swasthya Abhiyan to establish Health care as a fundamental right. Till date, various programmes have been organised by JSA as part of this campaign. At this juncture, it is felt that we should take the advantage of the forthcoming elections to persuade the political parties to include this demand of JSA in their manifesto.

Thus, a public event, which would be 'Parties face the people' type of programme, has been organised by JSA on 12th of March in New Delhi. Representatives of various political parties have been contacted for this programme and some of the leading political parties have agreed to send their representatives. In the programme, the representatives would be apprised of the need to establish Health Rights, and to ensure a system that can provide Health care for all. They would be asked to include as a pledge in their manifestos, the issue of 'Making the Right to Health Care a Fundamental Right'.

In the afternoon session of this daylong programme, there would be a symbolic 'March for health' with a theme like 'Save Public Health – Ensure People's Right to Health Care!'

We would like to request you to grace this programme with your presence. Your experience and expertise would be a valuable contribution for this campaign.

Looking forward to a positive response,

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,
Dr. Abhay Shukla
Cehat
JSA National Secretariat

Date of the program: 12 March 2004

Time: Morning session- 9.30 to 1.30 – Dialogue with representatives of political parties

Afternoon session- 2.30 to 4.00 – rally

Venue of the Program: Vitthalbhai Patel House

Rafi Marg
New Delhi

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Subject: Re: URGENT- please respond by 5 pm on Wednesday:.....Indian troops for Iraq-

Dear Unni,

Greetings from PHM Secretariat (Global)!

I and Prasanna and others in our team endorse your idea about the press release, but we leave it to Ekhal, Amit and others to make the final decision since JSA should release it to make a local impact.

Best wishes

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URGENT- please respond by 5 pm on Wednesday- April 21st

Dear Friends

There are speculations that the Indian government may send troops to Iraq after the elections. US is pulling strings to do damage control after the wise exit-decision by the new Socialist Spanish PM.

I got couple of calls from the media. Attached please find a draft press release. JSA may consider issuing it ASAP, preferably on Wednesday. I am willing to consolidate the responses from all of you and issue it if you think this is the best way. All suggestions till 5 pm on Wednesday will be honoured. (I am leaving India on most probably on Thursday and will NOT be able to handle this after that).

Suggestions on other ways of taking this forward are most welcome.

Please use track changes mode if you edit on the attached word file.

I was just working on a press relapse that will be released in Australia on the coming Sunday. It demands the withdrawal of Australian troops from Iraq, sighting the Depleted Uranium weapons issue. It may click there as the opposition Labour leader has just said the he will bring troops back by Christmas.

Regards

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Phen - Anti war Campaign

Dear Unni

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Best wishes

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DO NOT (repeat do NOT) release- this is a draft.

Indian troops for Iraq ? IT IS MORE THAN POLITICS:

“HEALTH OF INDIAN SOLDIERS WILL BE IN GRAVE DANGER” HEALTH MOVEMENT WARNS.

‘Depleted Uranium Weapons are deadly’. ‘Do NOT send Indian troops to Iraq’ they demand.

New Delhi 21st April 2004: “Health of Indian Soldiers will be in grave danger” warns Jan Swasthya Abhiyan, the Indian counterpart of the People’s Health Movement. “Stop the troops” they demand.

The disastrous impact of Depleted Uranium weapons, used heavily in Iraq, is one of the key reasons for this demand. Media reports indicated speculations that the Indian government may consider sending troops after the elections.

“Depleted Uranium weapons lead to serious health consequences and often lead to irreversible damages. The US soldiers who participated in the first Gulf War are living nightmares of Gulf War syndrome. We don’t want our brothers and sisters to go through this” said Prof. B Ekbal, Convener of the People’s Health Movement.

US led forces used Depleted Uranium weapons during the Gulf War in 1990s and later during the bombings throughout the 1990s. This led to very high incidence of cancer amongst many other killer diseases as many research studies point out.

Humanitarian workers associated with the People’s Health Movement have also profiled children with high incidence of Leukemia and other DU weapon impacts from their field visits to Iraq.

Authentic media reports during the war on Iraq last year confirmed the use of DU weapons during the invasion. One such report in The Christian Science Monitor on May 15, 2003 quoted a U.S. Central Command spokesman confirming their use.

Another report on Aug. 4, 2003 in the Seattle Post Intelligencer, says that Pentagon and UN estimates show that U.S. and British forces used between 1,100 and 2,200 tons of uranium shells during attacks on Iraq in March and April.

“It has been estimated that one millionth of a gram accumulating in a person’s body would be fatal” says Dr. Rosalie Bertell, an international expert on DU weapons and radiation science. Dr. Bertell is also a well known academician who led the International Medical Commission on Chernobyl and the International Medical Commission on Bhopal.

Subjected to Depleted Uranium weapons, civilians and soldiers go through a long and unending painful experience.

DU weapons have come under fire from leading military experts itself. Admiral Vishnu Bhagwat, Former Indian Naval Chief in a paper presented in February 2004 quotes leading experts on the subject: "The long term effects..... after the early neurological symptoms are cancer, and related radiation illnesses such as chronic fatigue syndrome, joint and muscle pain, neurological and/or nerve damage, mood disturbances, auto-immuno deficiencies, lung and kidney damage, vision problems, skin rupture, increase in miscarriages, maternal mortality and genetic birth defects/deformation...".

"We are not equipped to deal with the consequences of depleted uranium weapons on Indian Soldiers" said a PHM spokesperson.

Public interest groups in India have earlier opposed Indian government's proposal to send Indian soldiers to Iraq sighting the long term killer health consequences of DU weapons. The Indian government subsequently withdrew the proposal due to public pressure.

"War and ongoing occupation have amplified the miseries of ordinary Iraqis" notes a recent communiqué from the People's Health Movement. Infant Mortality in Iraq has reached 108 per 1000 live births by March 2005. In 1989 it was 40.

"India should learn lessons from the Spanish government on this. They are pulling out their troops" said a PHM spokesperson. People's Health Movement (borne out of the historic People's Health Assembly in Bangladesh in 2000) also welcomed the decision of the newly elected Spanish Prime Minister who have just authorized the withdrawal of Spanish troops from Iraq.

Spain's Socialist Party won a popular majority which political analysts attribute as a reflection of Spanish people's rejection of having a role in the ongoing occupation of Iraq.

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Jan Swasthya Abhiyan

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SUB: Indian troops for Iraq ? JSA statement

Dear Friends

Greetings !

With reference to the mail i sent yesterday, requesting you all to make a decision on the above subject, i wish to update you that have received just one communication- i.e.; from Ravi Narayan who stated that the decision should be by you all as it is an India specific subject.

Un fortunately, i am leaving fro Iran for a mission any moment from now onwards.

if there is interest, i hope one of you will take this forward.

Regards and in solidarity

Unni

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(Please distribute widely, sorry for cross posting)

PRESS RELEASE

US-led TROOPS IN IRAQ ARE TARGETING HOSPITALS, AMBULANCES AND CIVILIANS

“STOP the war crimes. Respect the Geneva conventions and end the occupation immediately,” says an international campaign alliance.

April 21st: Released simultaneously from Baghdad, Manila, Bangalore, Managua, Brussels, New York, San Francisco, Melbourne.

According to an international campaign group, there is strong evidence that the US-led occupation forces are guilty of war crimes in Iraq.

In a press statement issued today, *‘Health NOW! No war, No WTO- Fight for people’s health’* - an international campaign alliance – said that the US led occupation forces have “shown disrespect for civilians, health systems, health workers and medical infrastructure, resulting in the death of hundreds of civilians and extreme misery for thousands of people in Fallujah and many more in the rest of Iraq.”

The alliance spearheading the campaign includes leading medical professionals, development and peace groups and networks, people-based mass movements and activists from over 100 countries.

Based on first hand field testimonies from health workers and peace activists in Iraq and eye-witness accounts from Fallujah, the campaigners leveled their charges:

- 1) US- led troops have targeted unarmed civilians and used cluster bombs in populated areas of the city.
- 2) US-led troops have severely hampered relief work to the wounded.
- 3) US-led troops have blocked access to Fallujah’s hospital thus forcing doctors and health personnel to set up field hospitals in private homes.
- 4) US-led forces deliberately targeted ambulances that went about the city to collect the injured.

“These constitute war crimes as the US troops are required by the Geneva Conventions to discriminate combatants from non-combatants,” said Dr. Geert Van Moorter, a Belgian emergency doctor of intal/Medical Aid for the Third World who was in Iraq until early April. “These acts are repulsive and immoral as they cause unnecessary civilian casualties,” he added.

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The campaigners also pointed out that no less than the Iraqi health minister, during a less-reported press conference held on April 17th, confirmed that the US-led forces have intentionally shot at ambulances.

The campaigners have posted the details, facts and proof for these charges along with corroborated eyewitness accounts at the campaign website <http://www.health-now.org>.

"Indiscriminate killing of civilians and the refusal to provide people with security, basic services and decent medical infrastructure have characterized the 'freedom' that the occupying forces have brought to the country" said Eman Ahmed Khammas, Director of International Occupation Watch Center, one of the participating groups in the campaign, from Occupied Baghdad.

Nicaraguan health activist María Hamlin Zúniga said: "The latest atrocities in Iraq confirm our stand that the immediate withdrawal of the occupying forces is a prerequisite for any improvement in the country's health situation."

"We urge the peoples of the world to show their unwavering solidarity with the Iraqi people and to demand an immediate end to the US-led occupation," Philippine Dr. Delen de la Paz added.

The alliance spearheading the campaign includes leading groups, networks, people-based movements and activist groups like the People's Health Movement, the International People's Health Council, International League of People's Struggle-Study Commission on Health, Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights (WGNRR), Pesticide Action Network (PAN-AP), Intal /Medical Aid for the Third World (Belgium), the Council for Health and Development (the Philippines), the Hesperian Foundation (USA), the Union of Health Work Committees (Palestine), Union of Palestinian Medical Relief Committees (Palestine), International Action Center (USA) and International Occupation Watch Center (Iraq).

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Corruption and mendacity won't rescue Iraq's occupiers

The puppet regime's latest accusations are just a diversionary tactic

George Galloway, Saturday April 24, 2004, The Guardian

As the occupation forces sink deeper into the Iraq imbroglio and the deadline for the bogus "transfer of sovereignty" on June 30 draws nearer, those responsible are lashing out in all directions.

Speaking on the BBC this week, Sir Jeremy Greenstock, who has left Baghdad as the prime minister's special envoy, was dripping with patrician condescension. Asked about the wave of armed opposition, Greenstock sniffed that these were "foreign fighters" (as if he and his army were locals) and "Saddam remnants". He seemed oblivious to the fact that it was the long-repressed Shia who were pelting his army with stones and grenades throughout the southern sector. We shall leave, said Greenstock, "once they can look after themselves": a comment that could have come from any plenipotentiary of empire in history.

He has little reason to be complacent. The Sunni clerics acting as intermediaries between the US and the Iraqi resistance in Falluja have washed their hands of Paul Bremer. Days of negotiations went up in smoke last week as the marines resumed a massacre, already of My Lai dimensions in the Arab psyche. In Beirut last Friday, I stood outside three mosques - two Sunni, one Shia - where the only word discernible to me in the agitated sermons was Falluja.

General Kimmitt, the US commander, has demanded the removal from Falluja of al-Jazeera - without whom we would have had no filmed evidence of this war crime. Together with the closure of Moqtada al-Sadr's newspaper, the Americans have served notice that, along with the denial of elections, the suppression of the media is the price of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Meanwhile, George Bush lays into the Spanish for electing a government that he doesn't like and carries out its pre-election promises.

And now the Iraqi National Congress (INC), whose fabrications helped stampede us into war, is back on the attack. Pushing at an open door, it "demanded" that the Republican Congress investigate "billions of dollars of corruption" in the UN-administered oil-for-food programme.

I was not the only one on their list: one of the Pope's secretaries, the former French interior minister Charles Pasqua (the country's most astingent mainstream critic of the US), a string of top UN officials, Indonesia's president, Megawati Sukarnoputri, Vladimir Putin, Russia's Communist party and the ANC - a kind of "axis of evil" of opponents of sanctions and war - are all miraculously named in documents saved from the flames as swimming in oil at the expense of starving children.

Of course, it was this group that helped to reveal the suffering of Iraqi children when the INC and its patrons in London and Washington were denying the existence of the killing fields. Iraqi children died at the rate of one every six minutes for over a decade. The oil-for-food programme - conceded by the US and Britain under pressure in 1996 - provided just 30 cents a day per Iraqi. Those who bought and sold oil are easily traceable on the UN's database. No evidence has been provided that any of the claimed largesse reached any of those attacked. In my own case, I have never owned, bought or sold oil, or rights to oil. Nor has anyone on my behalf. But I have repeatedly been the target of false accusations and forged documents, as the Christian Science Monitor, among others, has had to concede, to its cost.

But the biggest "kickback" out of Iraq's oil sales did involve billions of dollars changing hands. Fully 30% of the total oil sales were handed to Kuwait - one of the richest countries in the world - and a parade of businessmen who claimed they had lost profits because of Iraq's invasion of Kuwait.

Now, in an echo of the Tikriti nepotism that characterised Saddam Hussein's rule, his nemesis Ahmed Chalabi, a convicted fraudster and the principal puppet in the US-appointed governing council, has chosen his nephew, a Yale-educated Wall Street corporate lawyer with no criminal law experience, to try the former regime prisoners.

No legal justice can come from rampant illegality. The governing council is not the government of Iraq - and neither is Bremer or his successor, John Negroponte, the former point man for the Nicaraguan Contras: those slayers of priests, nuns and literacy teachers in the Reagan era. They are all in Baghdad as a result of an illegal invasion and occupation.

And, of course, there will be no open trial. How could there be when Saddam would make every effort to put the west on trial, adducing its former alliance with him? If he is tried for Halabja, he will remind us that for months after the chemical attack on the Kurds, the US claimed it had been carried out by the Iranians; and that he received British ministers, and even weapons, long afterwards.

When I met Saddam for the second and final time six months before the war, I asked to see him privately after listening to an hour of denials that Iraq still possessed banned weapons. When the room cleared of all but him, me, Tariq Aziz and the then foreign minister Naji Sabri, I suggested he had not been honest. "Look," I said, "if Iraq is to avoid a devastating war, you have to let Hans Blix and his team return, co-operate and destroy all remaining weapons of mass destruction."

Looking me straight in the eye, he spoke quietly, translated by Aziz. "Mr George, the people of Iraq are greatly in your debt, we appreciate everything that you have done to try to help our people. Please believe me, I would not lie to you, we do not have any weapons of mass destruction".

My heart sank. How could that possibly be? Even I, the archest of sceptics when it came to western fables about Iraq, had fallen for the biggest hoax in modern history. For as it has turned out, the dictator was telling the truth and the self-appointed leaders of the free world were guilty of mendacity.

If there were a genuine accounting for the many crimes committed in Iraq, it would be a trial not seen since Nuremberg. It would involve those who sold Saddam the gas he used at Halabja; those who encouraged him to invade Iran when his revolution threatened to sweep away the corrupt kings and puppet presidents of Arabia propped up and profited from by the west; those, like Donald Kumfeld, who twice visited Saddam during that war to help him target the terrible weapons the west had sold him; and those whose hands are covered with the blood of all those buried in the biggest of all the mass graves in Iraq - slaughtered by sanctions.

We who saw and cried out about this slaughter were traduced as fabricators; and later, when it could no longer be denied, as "mouthpieces", "apologists" or even "paid agents" of Saddam. Far from having to apologise for anything that I, and others, did to campaign against sanctions and war, I am proud of it; I only wish we had succeeded.

None of Chalabi minor's trials will make any difference to the uprising that has now spread throughout Iraq, except to make it more ferocious. By the time the former dictator dangles on the end of a rope, the foreign occupiers of Iraq will be lashed tighter than a Texas steer on its way to the slaughterhouse. And by then Iraq may well be on its way to being ruled by turbaned, bearded men whose inspiration is either Ayatollah Khomeini or even Osama bin Laden. A dubious cause for celebration on the White House lawn.

George Galloway's book *I'm Not the Only One* is published next week by Penguin. He is the Respect MP for Glasgow Kelvin, and is standing in London in the European elections in June.

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Dear Tom,

Greetings from PHM Secretariat (Global)!

We would be glad to have your reports and your photos of the IHF - WSF to upload on the website. Prasanna, our communication officer, will be in touch to ensure the link up.

We had a very good week of advocacy at the 57th World Health Assembly in Geneva, 17th to 21st May. PHM released three press releases on Primary Health Care, HIV / AIDS and Palestine / Iraq. You can see them on the PHM website www.phmovement.org.

Best wishes

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Dear PHM,

As one of the journalists who attended IHF-WSF, it made several reports and took many photos that I am happy to make available to the movement.

One of my stories appeared in "Irrawaddy" it is online.

all best
 Tom

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Keep in touch

Best wishes

Ran Narayan

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Dear Satya and Unni

I think it is also good to make the connections. These folks have been doing this around the world for a long time now with video they got caught.

At the US Army's School of the Americas training center, (now known as the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation) ALL Latin American armies learned torture techniques that were put to good use by the dictators. That is why people are in jail in the US for wanting to close down that place. Just remember Chile and Pinochet, Somoza, El Salvador, Guatemala, Argentina, etc. And also Colombia today. Also the people running the show now were quite involved in the US Contrarevolutionary war against the Sandinista Revolution in Nicaragua. It is all connected of course.

I am willing to give some statements if you wish.

I sent out info about the young Nicaraguan who is accused of being a traitor to the US Army. That is useful as well.

Thanks, Maria

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ABC Online from AFP**Iraq war boosts global military spending. 10/06/2004. ABC News Online**

[This is the print version of story
<http://www.abc.net.au/news/newsitems/20040610/1.128447.htm>]

Worldwide military expenditure accelerated in 2003, with the war in Iraq accounting for the bulk of the increase, according to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI).

Global military spending, on the rise for five straight years, increased by 11 per cent in 2003 to total \$US956 billion dollars.

The increase followed a hike of 6.5 per cent a year earlier.

"This is a remarkable increase," SIPRI commented in its annual report.

It says prompted by the war on Iraq, the US's military spending saw a "massive increase".

"The changes in US military doctrine and strategy after the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, unleashed huge increases in US military spending in 2002 and 2003," SIPRI said.

It notes that excluding the additional US spending - directed mostly at Afghanistan, Iraq and "anti-terrorist" activities - worldwide military expenditure would have increased by just 4 per cent rather than 11.

The world's rich countries are also the biggest spenders on weapons.

High-income states accounted for three quarters of the world's military spending but just 16 per cent of its population.

To illustrate its point, SIPRI calculated that the combined military spending of these countries was slightly higher than the aggregate foreign debt of low-income countries and 10 times higher than their combined official development aid.

There was "a large gap" between what countries were prepared to pay for their security and what they were willing to allocate to alleviating poverty in the world.

Russia and the United States remained the world's biggest arms suppliers.

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Their main recipients were China and India in the case of Russia; and Taiwan, Egypt, Britain, Greece, Turkey and Japan in the case of the United States.

While continued big spending by Washington would ensure global military expenditure remained high for some time, both the economic burden and ethical considerations would prevent it reaching similar growth rates in the future.

SIPRI said the US doctrine of pre-emptive wars was being challenged on both ethical and legal grounds, as well as "because of the large costs and dubious successes associated with it."

The pace of military spending was likely to fall back over coming years, since it was "doubtful whether current levels will be economically and politically sustainable".

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Women Call For Action by Sakuntala Narasimhan
 Deccan Herald , India (May 28th 2004)

"Health sector reforms : Hazardous to women's health" says the front page title, on a "Call for Action" document released by a women's global network, to mark International Day of Action for Women's Health, observed annually on May 28.

How can 'reforms' be hazardous to the health of half the population? Read on, and the details put out by the network explains how -- in the name of globalisation policies based on neoliberal theories imposed by the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF), most developing countries have seen a worsening of women's healthcare facilities worldwide. Privatisation of healthcare has meant that medical services that used to be provided free by the government, now have to be paid for, which in turn means that those who cannot afford private treatment and medicines are worse off.

Women in particular, who are known worldwide to have less access to healthcare compared to men, see the quality of their lives sliding. Also, when services get privatised, women end up having to take on a greater burden of nursing care for the family's sick, infirm or handicapped members. In some African countries, maternal mortality rates have in fact risen, in the wake of "economic reforms". Even in the developed countries, women are protesting against increasing privatisation. (The Bush administration, for instance, is currently under furious fire from feminist groups, for "yanking out" and deleting data on women from websites meant to give information to the public. Medical facilities pertaining to women's reproductive rights are also being curtailed. The US has not even cared to ratify the international convention on elimination of discrimination against women, CEDAW)

Over half a million women die worldwide, annually, due to complications related to pregnancy or childbirth. Twentyfive years after the nations of the world accepted the Alma Ata declaration on "Health for All by 2000", access to basic healthcare is still a long way off. (Article V of the Alma Ata Declaration says "governments have a responsibility for the provision of adequate health and social measures") Ten years after the landmark international population conference at Cairo adopted a plan that recognised women's right to reproductive health, we still see reports of the kind that hit the headlines four months ago, revealing that 790 healthy women in Bengal state were "illegally administered the antibiotic erythromycin to test whether it would work as a contraceptive". Erythromycin is normally taken orally to treat respiratory tract infections, yet the women were administered the drug as a trans-cervical contraceptive.

The latest newsletter of the Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights (WGNRR) points out that the two doctors involved in the erythromycin-as-contraceptive trials were "repeat offenders" and had been involved in the illegal trials with the drug quinacrine used on women for chemical sterilisation. (Quinacrine was banned in India following a Supreme Court directive.)

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This year's Call for Action from WGNRR for May 28th comes in the middle of a three-year initiative that this coalition of women's groups from around the world has undertaken in collaboration with the International People's Health Movement (PHM) for demanding better access to healthcare for women.

The Call for Action lists initiatives that local communities and activists can take up, to promote equity in women's access to health services. "Demand that governments stop the promotion of unsafe contraceptives and sterilisation methods," the document suggests. "Urge the government, through your elected representatives and legislators, to increase the budgetary allocation for basic health services" is another suggestion. Primary health centres in thousands of Indian villages remain useless, with no medicines or doctors or even paramedical staff, while hundreds of crores of rupees get allocated for fancy super-speciality hospitals or IT parks that cater only to the elite, urban minority population. (In Hornbegowda Nagar slum in south Bangalore, for example, the residents' public toilet was demolished, and treatment for the poor at the nearby government hospital turned from a free to a payable service, while a spanking private hospital has quickly come up, just next door to the slum).

Other suggestions for concerned citizens include signing up for campaigns as supporters, demanding more gender-sensitive health policies, and building civil society alliances with youth groups, journalists, and parliamentarians, to press for the implementation of the promises made under the Alma Ata declaration on 'Health for All'.

In the time it took you to read this, six women would have died of pregnancy related causes, women whose lives could have been saved if women's health enjoyed better priority in the minds of the policy-makers. Forty four per cent of deliveries in India still take place without a trained midwife in attendance, 80 percent of pregnant women in India suffer from anemia (the highest percentage in the world) and malnutrition and botched abortions by quacks continue to kill thousands of female. As the People's Health Movement points out, social justice rather than commercial profits, should be the criterion, but globalisation emphasises the latter, at the cost of equity and fairness. Pharmaceutical companies, driven by profit motives, invest millions in investing costly cures for rare maladies rather than making affordable medication available for more pervasive, preventable diseases. Signatories to this year's Call for Action include women's groups from USA, India, UK, Netherlands, Uganda, the Philippines, and Cameroon, while activists from countries like Australia, Switzerland and Hungary have pitched in with reports on women's health issues that need attention in their respective regions.

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"TRY THE US AND ISRAELI ARMIES FOR WAR CRIMES" says the People's Health Movement.

"They are the biggest obstruction for peace and health".

Geneva, 20thth May 2004: Echoing the growing public opposition against the ongoing and illegal occupation and inhumane treatment of the prisoners of war in Iraq and the continuing attacks in Occupied Territories of Palestine, the People's Health Movement called on the International Community and the World Health Organisation to take necessary steps to "act".

"The occupying forces have turned Iraq into a concentration camp" said Unnikrishnan of the People's Health Movement. He was referring to the inhumane torture techniques that the occupying forces have been using on Iraqi prisoners of war. "The inhumane treatment and torture is not limited Abu Ghraib prison alone, the whole country has been turned into a prison. It is happening in the streets. This assault on humanity is a blatant violation of International Humanitarian Laws and Geneva conventions" he said.

US led occupying forces have been shooting at ambulances, occupying hospitals, and preventing people from medical care.

"This utter disregard for human lives and disrespect for international humanitarian laws is the most

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difficult block in achieving health and peace in Iraq and Palestine" said Andreas Wulf of the People's Health Movement.

Iraqi doctors have been giving a blow by blow account of the atrocities of the occupying forces that has been systematically targeting hospitals, ambulances and often civilians.

The Special Rapporteur on the right to health of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Paul Hunt, has called for an independent and impartial enquiry into the reports on attacks on hospitals and ambulances and harassment of the civilian people in Fallujah.

While the condemnation is growing worldwide on the inhumane and degrading treatment of the Prisoners and ordinary Iraqis in the hands of the US led occupying forces, the health system in Iraq is struggling to cope with the ever increasing work load. "International community made lots of commitments at Madrid. But this is yet to become a reality" said the Health Minister of Iraq during the World Health Assembly.

"Between the 28th of September 2000 and the 22nd of October 2003, 82 Palestinians died due to Israeli prevention of medical treatment (soldiers prevented them from travelling to health services, or health staff from reaching them) – 27 were children and 17 were newborns" Jihad Mashal of the Union of Palestinian Medical Relief Committees (UPMRC). "In the same period there were 52 cases of women giving birth at checkpoints" he added.

Jihad Mashal, who was expected in Geneva for the World Health Assembly, is not able to participate as the UPMRC clinic in the Al Yasemina neighbourhood (in the Old City of Nablus) was badly damaged in the helicopter shellings by the Israeli military recently. Recent weeks have seen a manifold increase in targeted attacks on hospitals, ambulances apart from the detention and stopping the free movement of medical personnel for health care work.

Consider the facts:

1. In the first two weeks of May 2004, demolition of residential buildings in Gaza has left 2,197 people homeless.

Destruction of property as a general security measure is prohibited under the International Humanitarian Law (Geneva convention Article 53, Fourth Geneva convention).

2. On 18th May (when the World Health Assembly was underway in Geneva), ongoing Israeli raids in Rafah resulted in the death of another 19 Palestinians, including two children (of 13 and 16 years). They were shot in the head.

Indiscriminate attacks and attacks on children and civilians are an assault on the collective conscience of the humanity.

3. According to UPMRC, between the 28th of September 2000 and the 5th May 2004, the Israeli occupation forces killed a total of 3020 Palestinians. Of this, 12.4% were children under the age of 15 years; and 60.1% were killed with live ammunition. 21.4% were injured in the head and neck. During the same period about 47,000 Palestinians were injured. Of this, about 2,500 will be permanently disabled, 500 of whom are children.

'Health-now! No to war no to WTO !' (www.health-now.org) – the flagship campaign of the People's Health Movement and its collaborating networks and agencies-have been highlighting the worsening plight of the civilians and health systems in Iraq and Palestine. The campaign is aimed to generate public opinion and put pressure on authorities to end the war, militarization and occupation as well as to ensure the respect of Geneva conventions by the occupying forces.

People's Health Movement called for trying the US and Israeli armed forces for the war crimes and the atrocities they are committing in Iraq and Occupied Territories of Palestine.

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ANNEX to fig. 1. (Flowchart)

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Essential steps and inputs required for inter-sectoral collaboration and community participation in vector-borne disease control programmes.

Introduction

The shift in emphasis from malaria control by specialized organisations to malaria control following the PHC approach with community involvement and integrated in the health services system has resulted in a welcome addition of new vector control tools and strategies suitable for "community participation", such as impregnated mosquito nets. However, (malaria) disease vector control requires specialists with a background in applied epidemiology, operational research and programme design and management special expertise.

The design of locally appropriate interventions should start with a situation analysis, including the collection of sufficiently detailed data on the epidemiology, vector biology and behaviour, and human risk behaviour. Without expert input it is likely that precious resources will be wasted.

An essential part of achieving community participation is the creation, where possible, of alliances (inter and intra-sectoral collaboration) between MOH malaria and vector control specialists and community based "partners in health", such as NGOs, churches, companies, plantations, schools, etc. The "partners" become local vector control implementing agencies, involved in local planning and management. The malaria specialist and the public health system provide technical and other essential support, including official endorsement. WHO's malaria and vector-borne disease programmes should provide long-term advisers and other technical support to develop and maintain specialist capacity within endemic countries.

Step 1. Awareness of problem

The health services or the media report the problem to the (*local*) Government. Several steps should already have been taken by the (district) public health services: confirmation of the problem and rapid response measures if necessary. Government (health) authorities need to be involved when special emergency measures are required or when a long-term programme needs to be established. Because the problem may be due to the failure of an already ongoing programme the (health) authorities may want to have an independent evaluation of the situation. It may be decided to establish temporarily a *taskforce* under the MOH which will be responsible for reviewing the situation, and recruiting and commissioning experts to conduct a situation analysis and prepare a report with recommendations for action to be taken. The health services should have their own experts in the (malaria) programme. However, ideally an *experts group* is formed from experts in universities, NGOs as well as from the control programme. The experts group may be supported technically and otherwise by a technical agency such as WHO.

Step 2. Situation analysis

The experts should cover different areas of expertise. Sufficiently detailed data need to be collected on the epidemiology, vector biology and behaviour, and human risk behaviour. Because routinely collected surveillance data are often inadequate additional surveys are probably required. Case investigations are needed to verify the probable place of transmission. Interviews and direct observations should produce data on the exact site and time of transmission and on the risk factors which play a role. The vector species, its biting and resting behaviour, and its breeding sites need to be identified. Available literature should be reviewed and contacts with other investigators established.

Step 3. Presentation and discussion of report and recommendations

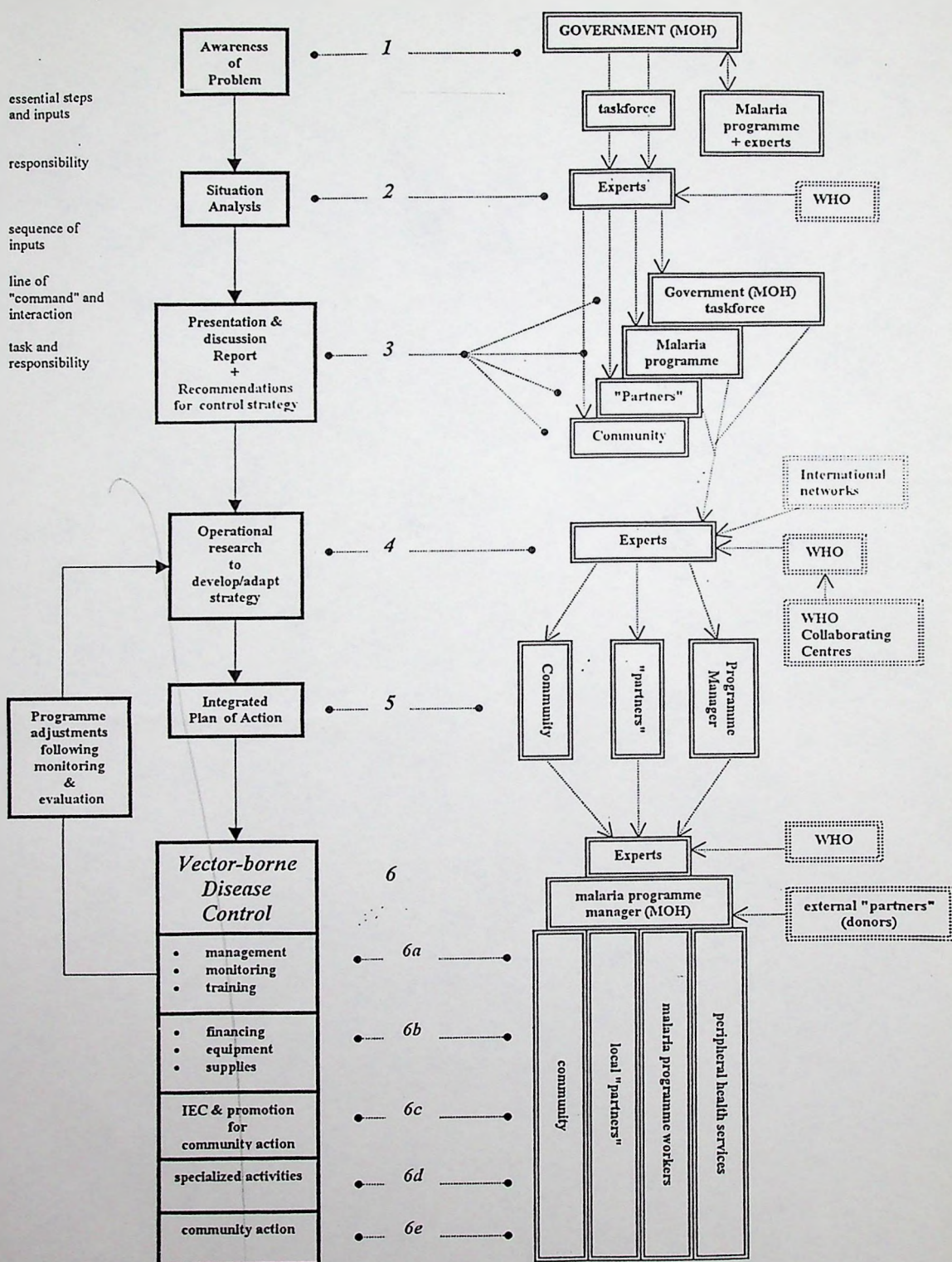
A draft report of all observations with literature review is prepared and a control strategy is proposed to address the problem in the most cost-effective and locally appropriate way possible.

The report is first discussed with the taskforce and government officials. A decision is taken about the course of action to follow. A final report with preliminary plan of action is then prepared for presentation to the health

Legend:

- essential steps and inputs
- responsibility
- sequence of inputs
- line of "command" and interaction
- task and responsibility

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services, the "partners" (local and external) and the community (for ethical reasons they should always be given feedback), including the media.

Step 4. Operational research to develop or adapt a control strategy

Operational research is needed in many situations to adapt existing strategies to the local situation, to develop improved control tools, or to evaluate the cost-efficacy of certain methods under local conditions. The end result should be a proposal for a control strategy which is cost-effective and makes optimal use of locally available resources. The MOH taskforce assigns local experts and assures the availability of the necessary resources. The experts may include experts who participated in the situation analysis but usually specific expertise is required for the trials. The experts may be assisted by external experts from WHO or elsewhere. In some cases WHO and aid organizations may provide long-term expertise from outside.

Step 5. Preparation of Integrated Plan of Action

The experts propose not only a strategy but also an institutional policy (who will be involved). Both should be endorsed by the MOH taskforce. In most cases the MOH disease control programme, the local "partners" and the community will have to be involved in the preparation of a detailed integrated plan of action that gives tasks and responsibilities to all parties involved. The POA should give overall objectives and specific objectives. A detailed activity programme with identification of resources and timeframe is prepared for each specific objective.

Step 6. Implementation of a vector-borne disease control programme

Implementation of the POA ideally requires a minimum of input from (scarce) experts and generally understaffed and under funded public programmes. A local, community-based "partner" or programme implementation agency (PIA) may provide many of the required inputs. Important is that the Government (MOH) is fully behind the programme and provides official endorsement. The experts may provide essential assistance in the micro planning, advice on selection of equipment and supplies, the contents of IEC and training material, interpretation of monitoring data, limited staff training, advice for programme adjustments. If well-planned, the need for expert input, although essential, can be kept to a minimum. The experts may be supported with the above activities by external, long-term, technical advisers. The (specialized) health services may assist with certain activities, such as microscopic diagnosis, susceptibility testing, vector species identification, training of spray men, etc. External donor assistance can through the government programme also be used to support integrated programmes, including NGO partners.

6a. management, monitoring and training

Ideally, a local "partner" organization (or PIA) takes care of local management issues. This should include routine monitoring and evaluation of the programme. Experts should assist with the design of the system and the interpretation of the data. Training of "partner" (PIA) personnel or community members in specific activities can be provided incidentally by experts and specialists from the specialized government programme.

6b. financing, equipment and supplies

Depending on the recommended strategy a local "partner" (PIA) may be able to incorporate the programme in already ongoing activities at no additional cost with available equipment and supplies. However, where additional equipment and/or supplies are needed, for example insecticide, the disease control programme manager could provide this.

6c. Information, Education, Communication and promotion for community action

IEC is the task of the government but local community-based "partners" are usually best-placed to create community awareness. A well designed and targeted promotional campaign is sometimes required to turn community awareness and knowledge into action. This usually requires special expertise and may have to be supported by the MOH and external partners organizations.

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'Access for All - to Everything, Everywhere', Demands People's Charter on HIV/AIDS.

"Access a basic human right," says former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Bangkok 13th July 2004 : "People living with HIV/AIDS need access to not just medicines, but food, shelter, jobs and other basic human rights," says People's Charter on HIV/ AIDS, an initiative of the People's Health Movement (PHM).

PHM is an international coalition of grassroots movements and health professionals that has a presence in nearly 100 countries.

While the world's response to HIV/AIDS is currently defined by politics, profits and patents, the People's Charter on HIV/ AIDS calls for actions that put people first.

"HIV/AIDS is a global development emergency that requires governments and other agencies to make an all-out response," said Mary Sandasi from Zimbabwe , a PHM delegate to the XV

International AIDS Conference being held at Bangkok , from 11th to 16th July 2004 . "But

there seems to be no sense of urgency."

PHM is launching the People's Charter on HIV/ AIDS at the Bangkok conference.

This HIV/AIDS charter calls for people's action and governmental as well as international initiatives to commit enough resources NOW.

"The charter is an amplifier of people's voices," said Dr Unnikrishnan PV, a spokesperson for the People's Health Movement and ActionAid International. "This is an SOS call for urgent action," he said.

"People living with HIV/AIDS have no access to the basic living resources. That is the real problem," said Dr Delen de La Paz from Philippines. "Over 95 percent of them live in developing countries, and it is high time world shared its resources."

There are over 38 million people worldwide infected with HIV, 25 million of them in Sub-Saharan Africa.

"The clout of multinational drug companies over the survival of those affected by the HIV/AIDS pandemic is a clear indicator that the world needs radical changes," the HIV/ AIDS charter argues.

"Access to treatment is a basic human right" said Mary Robinson former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights while speaking at the conference on Monday.

The HIV/ AIDS Charter recognizes the 'killer effects' of neo-liberal economic policies and free trade agreements pushed by the World Bank and World Trade Organizations and rich countries, especially the USA.

The HIV/AIDS charter calls for people-based action, including legal measures to challenge the exorbitant drug prices brought about by trade agreements in direct violation of the fundamental human right to life. It questions high drug prices and cuts in public health budgets. It criticizes the global military expenditure that has crossed US \$ 960 billion.

The HIV/ AIDS Charter demands that HIV/ AIDS be placed at the centre of primary health care activities and calls for radical, pro-people reforms in the approach of governments as well as UN institutions like WHO and UNAIDS.

"The acid test of WHO's 3 X 5 initiative is in its ability to strengthen primary health care systems," said Dr Thelma Narayan from India. Through 3 X 5 initiative, WHO promises Anti-Retroviral Treatment for 3 million people in developing countries by 2005.

The HIV/ AIDS Charter has been developed through discussions and debates at various levels - local village gatherings to international forums. Various constituencies are extending their solidarity. They include positive peoples' networks, village health workers, women's groups, human rights activists, medical professionals, trade unionists and campaigners working for better access to health care and medicines.

The HIV/ AIDS Charter is also supported by various international agencies including ActionAid International, Italian Raoul Follereau Association (AIFO), Italy, WEMOS, MEDACT, Equinet (South Africa), Global Equity Gauge Alliance, Churches Action for Health, Health Action International and National Front in Defense of People's Health,

Ecuador.

"The lives that have been lost in Africa should not go as waste. Asia , Latin America and rest of the world should learn from these costly lessons" says the People's Charter on HIV/ AIDS.

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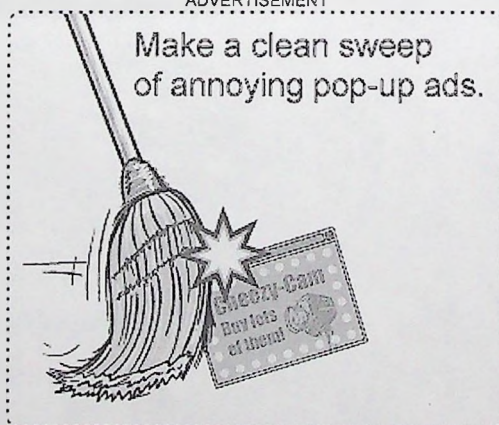
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Statement by the Palestinian Non-Governmental Organizations' Network (PNGO) regarding the Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) declaring the construction of the Annexation Wall a violation of international law

12 July 2004

The Palestinian Non-Governmental Organizations' Network (PNGO) welcomes the landmark Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) of 9th July 2004 which concludes that the construction of the Israeli Annexation Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPT) is a violation of international law, that it must be dismantled and that adequate compensation must be paid to all Palestinians whose land was confiscated by Israel to build the Annexation Wall. The ICJ holds that,

Israel is under an obligation to terminate its breaches of international law; it is under an obligation to cease forthwith the works of construction of the wall being built in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including in and around East Jerusalem, to dismantle forthwith the structure therein situated, and to repeal or render ineffective forthwith all legislative and regulatory act relating thereto...

The ICJ ruling upholds the principles of International Law and affirms that International Human Rights Law and the Fourth Geneva Convention are applicable to the OPT. The official recognition by the highest international legal authority that the Annexation Wall is a violation of international human rights and humanitarian law lends additional moral strength to the Palestinian people's rightful struggle for an independent state.

PNGO urges local, regional and international groups and initiatives to continue their campaigns against the Annexation Wall unrelentingly. Peaceful resistance to and advocacy activities against the Apartheid Wall on all levels largely contributed to last December's request by the General Assembly of the UN to the ICJ to issue an Advisory Opinion regarding the Wall's legality, without which the recent historic ruling would have been impossible. PNGO thanks all local and international groups campaigning against the Annexation Wall for their commitment and devotion and encourages them to continue on this path. PNGO is in the process of putting together an action plan outlining how the Network intends to organize, implement and coordinate local and international advocacy activities.

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in light of the ICJ's Advisory Opinion,

PNGO calls upon the government of Israel to terminate the construction of the Annexation Wall in the OPT without delay, to dismantle all sections of the Wall which have already been erected, to repeal all legislative and regulatory provisions relating to the Wall and to provide compensation to all Palestinians who have been affected by the Wall's construction.

PNGO calls upon the Security Council and the General Assembly of the United Nations to take concrete steps to stop Israel's violation of international law as demanded by the ICJ.

PNGO calls upon the High Contracting Parties to the Fourth Geneva Convention to take all measures necessary to enforce the provisions of the ICJ ruling, including the imposing of sanctions on Israel.

PNGO calls upon the international community to uphold their legal obligations by putting pressure on the government of Israel to abide by international law and implement the provisions of the ICJ ruling in their entirety.

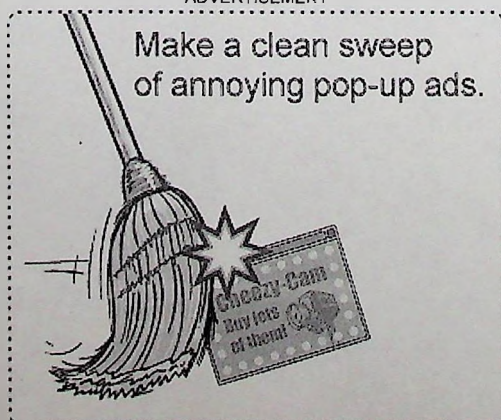
PNGO calls upon the United States of America to stop its material support for Israel which directly contributes to the construction of the Annexation Wall ruled illegal under international law.

PNGO calls upon the European Union to annul its preferential trade agreement with Israel.

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Dear Mwajuma and friends

Attached please find a draft statement. The copy of the same is below. This is not for circulation.

It is indeed a humanitarian crisis fast becoming a political crisis. I have been careful while using the term genocide and put the same in quotes. Stressing it would be stamping a visa for the US forces.

Please read, edit and return ASAP, preferably by August 18th midnight GMT. I will incorporate all comments and we can issue it on 19th early morning. Please use track changes mode if your comments are more than one sentence. Three endorsements and no negative response will be taken as a green signal.

I hope/wish some day PHM will respond - not just through a statement but hands on support for the affected !

Regards and in solidarity

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PS: I have been in touch with ICRC, MSF, OXFAM and others on this through ActionAid. It is an explosive situation.

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PEOPLE'S HEALTH MOVEMENT EXPRESSES SERIOUS CONCERNS OVER THE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN DARFUR, SUDAN.

PHM appeals to the African Union and United Nations to "step in and act"

Bagomayo, Tanzania
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Genocide

• The legal definition of **GENOCIDE**: The international legal definition of the crime of genocide is found in Articles II and III of the 1948 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Genocide. Article II describes the two elements that constitute the crime of genocide:

1. the mental element, meaning the "intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnic, racial or religious group, as such", and
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Dear Pam, Mwajuma and friends

A PHM statement will be ready by today evening. The issues are complex and not just health / humanitarian. The positions taken by some of the humanitarian agencies is bit vague, making it more complex to draft a statement.

The following articles may throw extra light on the "hidden issues" behind the Darfur crisis. I may warn the readers that these may be just two opinions.

Regards

Unni

Sudan Update: Is oil the issue? [two articles]

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 EAD OLDESLOE/JUBA (Own Report) - The foreign ministers of the European Union demand, under threat of sanctions in case of refusal, that Sudan disarm Arab militias. With that the EU follows the demands by the German government which seeks to increase German influence in Sudan with its Darfur policy. In the meantime, the designated autonomous South Sudanese government which is backed by Berlin's anti-Khartoum policy, has awarded the contract for a railroad line worth billions to the German company (Thornaeilen Schweissttechnik - Welding Engineering). A representative of the company confirmed to the editors that the project, carried out by the Germans, serves the development of huge, newly discovered natural resources in the South of Sudan, and is considered a nucleus of a future East African free trade zone. This will cause conflict with the oil interests of the Chinese People's Republic.

Taking the Initiative
 Berlin succeeded with its efforts in the Darfur crisis to expand German influence in Sudan vis-a-vis the Anglo-American powers. The peace negotiations between the central government in Khartoum and the Southern Sudanese rebel organization SPLM/A (Sudanese People's Liberation Movement/Amy), which have been taking place since June 2002 in Kenya, had initially been influenced by the United States and the former colonial power Great Britain.1) The German government demands decisive action against Khartoum and has dominated the direction of the international debate in the Darfur crisis for months.2) Critics noted that Kerstin Mueller, of the Foreign Office, openly considered action by German military forces in Sudan in late December of 2003. Shortly afterwards, at the beginning of 2004, Thornaeilen Schweissttechnik began to negotiate the construction of the railroad line between the Southern Sudanese city of Juba and the Kenyan port city Mombasa.

Against China
 With the award of the rail road project, the German company prevailed over a Chinese one which also had applied for the construction of this transportation link.3) The People's Republic of China has, for quite some time, sought to secure its growing need for energy with independent development of natural oil resources. Presently, Chinese companies are participating in the exploration of Sudanese oil fields and had taken part in the construction of a pipeline to the northern Sudanese Port Sudan, which is now being threatened with a bypass. The German foreign minister negotiated intensively with the Chinese government about the Darfur crisis during his recent visit to the Chinese capital. However, Beijing still refuses to agree to sanctions against Khartoum in the UN Security Council.

Connection
 During a conversation with this editor, the representative of Thornaeilen explained that in the region of the South Sudanese civil war immense oil resources were discovered during the past five years along with extensive minerals (gold, diamonds) which, because of the fighting, could not be developed. According to most recent estimates it could be the second largest deposit in the world. ...For two and one half years" a transport connection

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from Sudan's South to Kenya for the removal of raw materials, in order to avoid crossing "Arab-Islamic territory" in the north of Sudan is under discussion. The representative of the company confirms that the recently awarded railroad line Juba-Mombasa shall establish the "connection with the western oriented world". The German company states that in addition "there will surely be the continuation of a pipeline into the South".

Becoming Indispensable

In the meantime the plans for the railroad advance. The project is not only to open up oil fields but also to connect Southern Sudan with Kenya and Uganda, thus serving the creation of a western oriented economic region in East Africa. Thormaehlen Schweissttechnik explains to this editor that the plans - which began originally with 2,500 kilometers of tracks - now include 4,100 kilometers and "that this is only the beginning." Numerous additional projects (shipping on the Nile, telecommunication, etc.) are planned. "Most of those assume that North and South Sudan will separate" according to the company which is in direct negotiations with the Kenyan government and the leadership of SPLM/A. Thus, South Sudan, Kenya and Uganda plan a "free trade zone based on the European model". The German company plays a central role in this case: "Nothing can be accomplished without the railroad" according to Thormaehlen. The Kenyan press writes that this project lends itself "to changing the political and geographical landscape of the continent."

- 1) Sudan: Oelfirmen verstossen gegen Menschenrechte: www.hrw.org
- 2) See also earlier article Extensive Mineral Resources
- 3) German Consortium to Build Sh230b Railway; The East African Standard 19.07.2004

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Sudan: Round Gaillion

By Stephen Gowans

The United States and Britain are playing the ethnic cleansing and genocide cards. Again. This time in Sudan. And while there may indeed be a genocide going on, it's very unlikely either country cares overly much about ethnic cleansing and the destruction of a people.

After all, they have always been quite willing to live with, even perpetrate, atrocities every bit as vile, if, somewhere down the line, there's a buck in it.

And in Kosovo, where they said there was a genocide planned and ordered by Slobodan Milosevic (but have failed to produce any evidence or testimony to that effect at the Hague Tribunal), and where in the aftermath of the NATO war thousands of Serbs, Jews, and Roma have been driven from their homes, ethnic cleansing has been both a pretext to wage war, and, where it offers no geo-strategic benefit, something to be ignored.

What's more likely to be the case is that the conflict in Sudan provides a compelling pretext for military intervention, one which could eventually see the US and Britain stumble into Sudanese oil wells, while claiming to be rescuing the victims of ethnic cleansing.

Here's what's said to be going on: Arab militias, the Janjaweed, have pursued a campaign of ethnic cleansing, displacing more than one million from their homes in Sudan's Darfur region and driving them into filthy, disease ridden refugee camps in neighboring Chad, (much as numberless Afghans were driven by US bombs into filthy, disease ridden refugee camps in neighboring Pakistan.)

On the surface, it seems simple enough. Ethnic cleansing. Maybe genocide. An obligation on the part of the international community to act. But it's not quite as simple as that.

For one thing, Sudan has oil -- lots of it.

And there's been a 21-year long civil war raging in the country, with the secessionist Sudanese People's Liberation Army, which seeks self-determination in the south, battling the government in Khartoum, not one of Washington's favorites.

The SPLA, backed by the US, is said to employ terrorism against civilians to further its aims -- hardly the kind of organization the US is supposed to be backing, yet precisely the kind of organization the US government takes a shine to, if its interests are served. The US doesn't abhor terrorism so

such as terrorism that works against its interests, rather than for them.

And there's China. Dangerously dependent on US controlled sources of oil, it's involved in a consortium developing Sudan's oil. China needs to cultivate sources of supply outside the US orbit.

Problem is, at every turn, the US is there to thwart its plans. The Shanghai Five, a security organization China established to protect a planned pipeline to carry petroleum resources from the oil rich Caspian Sea, fell apart when the US invaded Afghanistan and set up bases throughout Central Asia along the proposed pipeline route.

And China also had a deal to develop Iraqi oil -- one that's unlikely to be honored, now that the US has 141,000 troops in the country, and has installed its own people in Iraq's interim government to look out for the interests of corporate America.

Blocking Chinese oil deals in Iraq, scuppering the Shanghai Five, and working to undermine Chinese oil field development in Sudan serves a strategic goal of the US: to limit the rise of a great power rival. Keeping China (along with the European Union and Japan) dependent on the US for access to oil, is one way of ensuring US primacy remains unchallenged.

Is it any wonder then that China is reluctant to approve a proposed UN Security Council Resolution imposing sanctions on Sudan, or that it refused to authorize the US invasion of Iraq (or that the US is seeking one in Sudan, and sought a UN imprimatur to conquer Iraq)?

Face it. The US doesn't care about ethnic cleansing. It's seeking to dominate the oil producing regions of the world: to secure its own oil supply; to ensure oil sales continue to be denominated in US dollars (thus propping up the dollar in the face of a yawning trade deficit); and to ensure strategic competitors Japan, Europe and China remain dependent on the US for access to oil.

It doesn't give a damn about ethnic cleansing. Look around at who the US steadfastly supports. Israel, one of Washington's favorites, was founded on ethnic cleansing. Hundreds of thousands of Arabs were driven into squalid, disease-ridden refugee camps in neighboring countries, where they and their descendants still live, many decades later.

If Washington is so concerned about ethnic cleansing, why isn't it threatening Israel with sanctions and military intervention? And as far as US legislators are concerned, the right of Palestinians to return to the homes they were driven from or fled - a measure that would reverse ethnic cleansing - is completely out of the question.

Indeed, rather than opposing Israel's actions, the US abets the Zionist state, and facilitates the ongoing expansion of its borders -- at the Palestinians' expense. Is this the behavior of a country that abhors ethnic cleansing and genocide?

A closer parallel is Colombia, in which a decades long civil war has raged between the government, right-wing paramilitaries, and Leftist guerilla groups. While the government and paramilitaries have engaged in the same activities the Janjaweed are accused of, US policy has been to support the government, and to oppose the guerillas.

If they can, the US and its British ally will use the civil war in Sudan as a pretext to intervene militarily, to secure control of the country's oil resources, in the same way they've done in Iraq, and in the same way they say soon do - even if there's a Democrat in the White House - in Iran.

Great capitalist powers don't care about the fate of people abroad, or about most people who live within their own borders, for that matter. There's too much evidence of their indifference to believe otherwise. But what they do care about is markets, and opportunities for profitable investment, and sources of raw materials, especially oil.

Civil wars, ethnic cleansing, and genocide come in handy when the commercial interests of a country's business class can be pursued by military means. They offer a ready made justification for invasion. But more than that, these grim events are often outcomes of the very same scramble for markets, investment opportunities and raw materials.

The US, UK and Germany were very much involved in fomenting the ethnic conflict in the former Yugoslavia, encouraging Slovenia, Croatia and Bosnia to secede. The US funneled arms to the Bosnian Muslims, facilitated the flow of Mujahedeen into Bosnia, provided intelligence to the Croats, and, with Germany and Britain, trained and equipped the KLA, among other things.

Once the kindling of ethnic conflict was carefully gathered in a pile, and a spark added, the roaring fire was cited as a rationale to hurry to the scene, with fire hoses at the ready. Problem is, the fire hoses were just

props --pass keys to gain entry. The fires were left to rage unchecked.

And the US, as backer of the SPLA, is hardly innocent of involvement in Sudan's long running civil war, or, through the billions of dollars in aid it provides Israel every year, of the ethnic cleansing carried out by Israel in Palestine.

Western intervention in trouble spots, then, can hardly be meliorative. The West itself is in many instances at least partly, if not wholly responsible for the very conflicts it proposes to resolve through intervention.

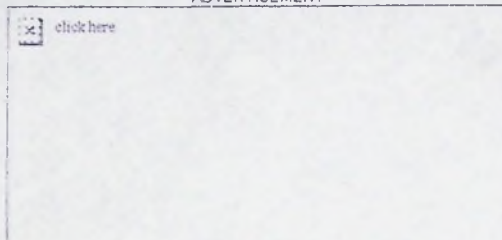
In the long running serial of imperialist intervention, Sudan is just another episode.

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Dear Unni,

You know I am not very fluent in English, but from the definitions that have been given by our colleagues, give us a bit of idea and enables us to think twice on how and whether we use the word or not. What are the consequences of using the term and especially with the US putting itself in the forefront of it as it does on everything. Yes, look at how we can use it, may be with a phrase defining what we mean. It is indeed a kind of cleansing taking place. If we were not afraid of it being misinterpreted by the big cat, then genocide would be a proper word to use, as what is happening in Sudan is not different with what happened in Rwanda or DRC. Please see what and how best you can use the word.

I thank you all again for your inputs and support.

Regards,
Mwajuma

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It isn't semantics. As Maria pointed out there is a legal definition and this means military intervention. See the second article that Unni sent us. That is why he is being correctly cautious.
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Dear Pam,

First of all thanks to those who wrote back.

If one was closely following the Sudan issue, (this includes Southern Sudan Crisis), it includes both religion and minerals. The current crisis follows the same route with many outside/external influences involved in it including China who abstained in the last security council voting because of its interests in Northern Sudan. It did not want to anger the Sudanese government. And the Germans, Americans (read the articles below for more clarity). Yes, and what else, there is much in the cleansing than ethnic as it might be thought. Ethnic is just part of it which angers us even more. I am wondering, Unni has not responded at all, is he available, reading his emails or somewhere travelling. Please Unni write a Press Statement/Release on this! Lets support each other. African issues should be made known to the world and especially when something like this is happening, we have to show our stand as a group safeguarding the rights of people of the whole world.

Best regards,

Mwajuma

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Dear Pam, Pam, Monica
Unni and I worked
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ideas and suggestions this
morning and just released
the Press statement. Acknowledge
and circulate

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Dear Unni,

Thank you for giving all of us a deadline. We have wasted valuable time on semantics. And English is not the first language for most of us. I know the meaning of genocide. I also know that a person who does nothing, not even lift a finger to type a message, when he/she is aware that genocide is taking place somewhere, is equally guilty of genocide. This is why in my first response to you I urged you to send our strong protest straightaway. Anyway, better late than never. Keep up your excellent work on behalf of PHM. Best wishes, Bala

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Dear Unni and Mwajuma

Thanks for the statement and the explanatory article. I agree that we have to be careful. But I am not sure about genocide in quotes. You have only done that once in any case. In two other places it is not in quotes. If we do not want to use this word, because it is mandatory for foreign, UN, USA etc military intervention, then perhaps we can use other words – mass murder,

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Can others advise. It is a really serious political balance. Those from the African continent may be in a better position to advise.

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Dear Unni,

Thanks a lot. I just sent out a letter wondering whether you are able to receive emails. Yes, I have changed the top of the statement where it originates from, it is not Johannesburg (South Africa), it is Bagamoyo (Tanzania). Please read the article I sent in with my response to Pams letter, may be it can give you more insights.

Thanks for this, as the situation is worsening. I know this is almost nothing, but it is something, it shows our support. May be one day we can get in and say no in one way or another.
Thanks again.

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Dear Dr Ravi Narayan,

Thank you for your message. I am now in Ahmedabad (for trustees meeting of CERC, Consumer organisation) and will contact the B'lore secretariat as soon as I return to Bangalore on 15th. Regards,
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Dear Shakuntala,

Greetings from PHM Secretariat (Global)!

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Best wishes

Ravi Narayan

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PHM-Secretariat

From: "Ravi Narayan" <ravi@phmovement.org>
 To: <secretariat@phmovement.org>
 Sent: Wednesday, September 08, 2004 2:35 PM
 Subject: FWD: query

----- Original Message -----

From: SHAKUNTALA <sakunara@vsnl.net>
 Date: Wed, 01 Sep 2004 14:43:04 +0530

I was going to write in saying that if there is any provision for journalists to cover the PHA II event next year, I would be interested -- but today, I see that PHA itself needs financial assistance (so I am not sure if people like me, can hope to find sponsorship for attending). Anyway, I am putting my interest on record -- I was very eager to join the Bangladesh meet, and had even put together a file of information, but there was no time to find someone to cover the B'lore-Kolkata-B'lore trainfare. (Dr Prem John later said something about my having been one of two journalists who were expected or approved to attend, or something -- I am not sure).

My paper on "Innovative methods of spreading health and nutrition information", based on an itinerant singer of rural A.P. whom I had met, was accepted for presentation at the WONCA conference in Australia 2 years ago, but again, the conference could not cover air fare, so I did not go. If at all possible I would like to report on the various global initiatives on health, to be discussed at PHA II, so I will be grateful for any information on where/whether I should send a formal application for funding (to cover travel and other expenses) to any organisation.

Regards to all of you,
 Sakuntala Narasimhan

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 cc Hnri, Medico

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PHM-Secretariat

From: "PHM-Secretariat" <secretariat@phmovement.org>
To: "Shammy Baweja" <shammy@tehelka.com>
Sent: Friday, September 03, 2004 12:22 PM
Subject: Re:

Dear Harinder,

Greetings from PHM Secretariat (Global)!

The ICMR / ICSSR report is a 1981 report. I think doing a piece on that (the chapter on drugs) alone is a bit outdated, why not add the Jana Swasthya Abhiyan booklet 5, which I mentioned and the current PHM - JSA concerns about the Market concerns taking over from people's needs? This as well, may be a good piece. I can send you some materials but if we could meet, that could be even better. I had meant my letter to be a letter to the editor, since I thought a response from a MD (AIIMS) to your expose would give it even greater value. We are in touch with one of your reporters, Radhika in Bangalore, who attended the Bangalore Urban hearing on Denials of Right to Health Care. She can report the case studies she heard about. We also have leads about unnecessary investigations, unnecessary surgeries and other unethical issues that need your investigations. We have PHM colleagues in many cities and most of us incidentally are doctors as well. Where are you based?

Best wishes

Dr. Ravi Narayan - MD (AIIMS), DTPH (LONDON), DIH (UK)
Coordinator
PHM Secretariat (Global)
Bangalore

(e) Forwarded to Radhika
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From: "Shammy Baweja" <shammy@tehelka.com>
To: <secretariat@phmovement.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 01, 2004 5:55 PM

radhika@tehelka.com
~~rad.78@xhu.com~~
radikmshne@lycos.com

Dear Ravi Narayan,

Thanks for writing in to us. We were equally appalled with our findings and were really disappointed with the conduct of doctors.

Do send us the ICMR / ICSSR Report on 'Health for All' and I'll try and do a piece on it.

Look forward to your cooperation

Best wishes
Harinder (Shammy) Baweja
Editor, Investigations

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Main Identity

From: "rupa china" <rupachina168@yahoo.com>
 To: "Ravi Narayan" <secretariat@phmovement.org>
 Sent: Sunday, September 25, 2005 8:08 PM
 Subject: WHO Bulletin -2

Dear Ravi,

Trust you received my earlier mail. Here is a summary of what I want to do with the story I'm planning for the WHO Bulletins, and the questions I think should be asked, as also people who I plan to quote.

Would it be possible for you to give me a brief para that responds to the questions, particularly the first three in your case. Please get back as soon as possible and please tell me if you think this jells, whether there is anyone else I should talk to.

Warm regards,
 Rupa

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Questions:

- How does research work for community?
- What is public money being spent on and what should it?
- Is there an asian/south view versus what contemporary development thinking is preaching?
- How are these results and services currently delivered in a city like Mumbai and how ideally should they be?

Mumbai is a good example of commercial, commodified, high tech oriented health care. Mumbai is also a good example of high profile and high cost civil society making towards a people responsive health care and health research.

Story summary:

International researchers who gathered at the Global Forum for Health Research in Mumbai recently would have done well to look beyond the confines of their five star enclaves to study how an embattled city was coping in the aftermath of the killer deluge that hit it on July 26th. It would have presented them with an idea of how health systems, both private and public, work or do not work, in a typical developing country.

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(3) The Peoples Health Movement which has a strong South Asian base but brings together many other regions in well has a perspective on health health care systems, determinants of health health research and community health action outlined in the Charter. This is a counter current to the dominant top-down, vertical, selective

Add quote from Research for People's Health

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Research can help communities only if the evidence collected and its interpretation can be shared with them in a demystified non-jargon using process to help them understand their problems at individual and/or community level. This would motivate them to access health care or empower them to demand health care responses.

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The biomedical paradigm which affects both the health professionals and the policy makers ends up pushing public money towards secondary rather than PHM - Medic care at the cost of primary care; drug and vaccine and technological research at the cost of social determinants and health promotion / health policy / health system research which would help us to make existing drug and vaccines and technology more accessible to people who need them.

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social action is the new political paradigm emerging in countries of Asia and Africa say experts attending the recent Global Forum for Health Research in Mumbai.

While the overarching trend at the Forum, aimed at bridging the '10/90 Gap' was with drugs, vaccines, diagnostics, bed nets and condoms, as a means of solving developing country problems, a strong southern perspective at this Forum, both in presentations and during 'market place' discussions, emerged to challenge contemporary development thinking.

Research evidence showing the disastrous impact of user fees and withdrawal of public sector subsidies, as in the 14 national Asia-Pacific study of EQUITAP, which was presented at the Forum, was vital to India where this information has not yet impinged on policy makers. A few other presentations presented insights on the problem of the disconnect between policy and delivery at ground level, but there were few clues on how to change it.

The recent killer deluge in Mumbai revealed how the public health system, though neglected in favour of privatisation, still rose to the occasion and came to the rescue of citizens. Health officials and independent consultants who closely work with the health system in Mumbai explain how research can play a vital role in strengthening resource management, both human and operational -- issues that are key to understanding health delivery in developing countries.

Quotes from:

- Mumbai health authorities.
- Independent consultants and NGO's familiar with the Mumbai health system.

Global Forum:

- African delegate: Lot Nyirenda, scientist with Research for Equity and Community Health Trust in Malawi.
- Di McIntyre, Associate Professor at the Health Economics Unit, School of Public Health and Family Medicine, University of Cape Town, South Africa.
- Prof. Stephen Matlin, executive director, Global Forum for Health Research.
- Lucy Gilson, Associate Professor, Centre for Health Policy, School of Public Health, Johannesburg.
- Equitap study.
- Dr.Ravi Narayan, coordinator, People's Health

Some of the events happening towards the Global day of Action

(As of 16.02.2005)

21st Jan 2005 - A Patents Convention was held in **Chennai**

9th Feb 2005 - A workshop was held on the Indian Patents Amendment with other Trade Unions by AMTC India in **Mumbai**

12th Feb 2005 - A City Meeting was held at **Hyderabad** against the Indian Patents Amendment

13th Feb 2005 - At a meeting of the Western Regional Organisations held in **Mumbai**, the Indian Patents Amendment issue was taken up for debate.

15th Feb 2005 - A Workshop is being held in **Kolkata** against the Patents Amendment

19th Feb 2005 - A Patents Convention is planned in **Pune**

20th Feb 2005 - A Patents Convention held by FMRAI in **Mumbai**

21st Feb 2005 - A workshop with the Health Care workers is going to be held in **Bangalore**

26th Feb 2005 - A huge Rally is planned in **New Delhi** against the Patent Amendment

26th Feb 2005 - Dharma organised by AMTC in **Mumbai**

26th Feb 2005 - A Protest in **Bangalore** against the Patents Amendment

26th Feb 2005 - A workshop followed by Rally in **Dharwad** against the Patents Amendment

26th Feb 2005 - Rallies organized at the various **District Headquarters** in **Karnataka** against the Patents Amendment

Dr. Ravi Narayan
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In another initiative a group of environmental activists worked with CHC, a Civil Society public health resource group in Bangalore, India. And initiated a process entitled CHES (Community Health Environment Survey Skill Share) training activists and local people (in communities dealing with a variety of environmental pollutants) – lay epidemiological techniques so that they could collect their own evidence on health effects of environmental pollutants. Many studies have been initiated by these activists with interesting results helping advocacy, public interest legislation, or reports to National Human Rights Council or other such ^{with} ^{action}

Commission and so on.

Main Identity

From: "rupa chinai" <rupachinai68@yahoo.com>
 To: <secretariat@phmovement.org>
 Sent: Saturday, September 17, 2005 12:54 PM
 Subject: connect

Dear Ravi,

Hope you dont mind my addressing you so informally as we have briefly met for the first time at the Global Forum, though I have long heard about your work.

I wonder if there is a way to connect with you so that I can familiarise with the issues you are working on in health. If that is possible, my contact is:

Rupa Chinai,
 12B Vaibhav Apartments,
 80 B. Desai Road,
 Mumbai 400 026.
 Res. Tel: (022) 23640168.
 Email: rupachinai68@yahoo.com

I am currently working as an independent journalist, having just finished a book project co-authoring a book with Rani Bang of SEARCH in Gadchiroli district. I used to be in full-time journalism writing on health and development issues. For nine years I was the special correspondent of the Times of India until I resigned two years ago. I have also worked with The Indian Express and The Sunday Observer in the past.

With warm regards,
 Rupa

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Dear Rupa
 Thanks for your mail
 I think the best
 way to be part of all
 that is going on as PHM
 in India (Tara Swasthya
 Abhiyan) is to connect
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 group. I also add my
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 time to time. You can
 also write to Abhaya Shukla
 who convenes the TSA
 (PHM India secretariat
 in Pune) His email is

and also join the global
 PHM Exchange which
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Best wishes
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 cc Abhaya, Claudio

Main Identity

From: "rupa chinai" <rupachinai68@yahoo.com>
 To: "Ravi Narayan" <secretariat@phmovement.org>
 Sent: Monday, September 26, 2005 9:28 PM
 Subject: URGENT: case studies for Bulletin story

Dear Ravi,

Hope you received my earlier message outlining the story I'm working on for the WHO Bulletin. The core theme is how research can help communities access health care. You had mentioned the example of the Bhopal women.

I wonder if you could please help me. Could you please outline this Bhopal case study in two paras or so? I am thinking of citing two case studies as a lead, one could be the Bhopal example, but I need one more, from an individual's story.

The following is what I had got from you when we met in Mumbai. Have I quoted you right? Do you want to improve on it in any way? The Bhopal story needs a few more details. Communities collecting their own data - did that also happen in Bhopal? Any other examples that I could cite? Can you give me an idea of how I can get an individual case study and link it to how research would have helped that person access health services? Do you have such an example?

I would greatly appreciate your response to this message as fast as possible.

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"Communities are now taking the help of young medical college researchers to collect their own data on health and environment. People realise that industry can buy professionals and results can be confused. There is evidence of this new political paradigm in health", Dr. Narayan said.

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 To: "PHM - Secretariat" <secretariat@phmovement.org>
 Sent: Saturday, August 20, 2005 7:41 PM
 Subject: Re: reply from Tom

Dear Ravi,

tk's your response...

I have made contact with TELESUR SATELLITE CHANNEL and will hand them copy of Latin American Health watch and Global Watch.

President Chavez is truly mind-blowing character!! where else does the leader discuss the history of the nation...the continent and at same time brandish books and urge everybody to read more stuff!!

re-PHM - TELESUR canst send me email for Maria Latam coordinator

all best
 Tom

--- PHM - Secretariat <secretariat@phmovement.org> wrote:

- > Dear Tom,
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- > We have sent you the enclosed reply three times
- > already to all your
- > different email ids. Abraham is still in Cuenca and
- > Unni is got back to
- > ActionAid work. Why they are not responding is not
- > clear? Perhaps the mail
- > is not getting thru. You can forward communications
- > to Unni and Abraham to
- > us and we shall reroute to them an see if that
- > works.
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- > We are planning to hand over to the next region in a
- > few weeks but we are
- > alive and ticking though still suffering from PHM /
- > PHA 2 exhaustion. We
- > discovered that our computers are playing up - the
- > date gets changed to
- > January 1, 1999 so I wonder whether our mail to you

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Dr Ravi Narayan
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Fax No: 00 91 80 25525372

Dear Dr Ravi Narayan

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Macmillan Hellas in Greece are preparing to publish the above mentioned titles in January 2006

The Teachers Book is basically the same as the Students Book with the exception it has the answers printed in it. The print run for the Students Book is 7 300 copies selling for 22.35 euros and the print run for the Teachers Book is 2 100 copies also selling for 22.35 euros.

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On behalf of the publishers I would like to apply for permission to include the extract listed below. The rights we require are for Greece only.

With best wishes

Yours faithfully

Paulette Dooler
Freelance Permission Consultant

PHM - Media/Publishers

MATERIAL TO BE USED IN: Kratiko C1 Practice Tests Level C1 Student Book with accompanying Teachers Book

Extract from 'The Globalisation of Culture' by Evelyn Hong taken from www.phmovement.org (August 2000)

Dear Paulette Dooler

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Thanks for the letter requesting permission to use Evelyn Hong's material from her article on 'Globalisation of Culture'. PHM Movement have no problem in giving you the permission as long as the source is mentioned and the website source is okay.

We are also marking this to Evelyn Hong of the Third World Network in Malaysia. He author so that she can give you her permission with best wishes Ravi Narayan PHM Movement Sec

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ACTIVITY 5

Read the text and do steps 1-5.

[PH:7.5 photo of a group of Indians, dressed warmly because of the snow, a frozen lake if possible, and their team of dogs or horses with them. A picture of the Dene Indians if such a photo is available]

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[Article heading] The Globalisation of Culture

Trade agreements have removed all obstacles and resistance to corporate invasion and control of the Third World. With the liberalisation of telecommunications under GATS, corporate culture is set to rule the world. Today the whole world is wired and plugged into the TV programmes, movies, news, music, lifestyles and entertainment of the North. Satellite cables, phones, walkmans, VCDs, DVDs and retail giants and other marvels and wonders of entertainment technology are creating the mass marketing of culture. Through these channels and networks corporations homogenise the consumer culture of the North.

[heading] Globalisation exposes us all to just one culture

All over the world people of all ages are exposed to the same music, the same sporting events, the same news, sitcoms, soap operas and the same glamorous lifestyle. US corporate culture is available everywhere. Satellite TV has made available viewing anytime of the night and day. More than 75 per cent of the world's population have access to daily TV reception. In South America and Asia, US films and TV programmes dominate the screens. Every week viewers in Malaysia, click with 'Ally McBeal', her angst in her quest for true happiness and love. Young people the world over aspire to the kind of adult relationships found in 'Friends'.

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[heading] Young people everywhere are being targeted

Young people in Third World countries are the largest consumers of the global culture and global corporations are racing to get a piece of the market; even children are not spared. Sony has developed its range of toy-like radios, kids music label and videos for this age group. With MTV, global entertainment reached its apex; today it beams daily to over 200 million households in over seventy countries. The biggest growth potential for pop music is in South America and Asia. Foreign pop brands and local versions and renditions of the same synthesised beat is imitated everywhere. Local artistes belt out songs popularised by the 'Spice Girls', and 'West Life' with the same stage sets, manoeuvres and costumes.

[heading] Local cultures are under threat

The penetration of global music has resulted in the marginalisation of traditional music among cultures the world over. Today, pop music and its local variations can be heard in all social settings from weddings to religious festivals and birthday celebrations. Young people have lost touch with traditional harmonies and traditional tunes: songs and dances which are specific to regions or villages in Third World countries, are no longer heard. Transnational sound has destroyed cultural diversity everywhere, ironically, as Third World artistes consciously imitate their western counterparts. Indigenous music and genres have been hijacked by western musicians and pop bands as free global commodities. Global entertainment is addictive to the young because it is selling an experience and an image. It gives the illusion that we are all connected in this global world. That is why the World Cup fever is such a seismic global event sweeping everyone into its megapresence. In Malaysia, giant screens are installed outdoors and hundreds of fans rave, rant and weep on the fortunes of their favourite teams. Deaths have also been reported as a result of heart attacks brought on by watching the matches.

[heading] *Corporate culture removes our traditions: television fills the gap*
TV offers not only entertainment, it embodies the sheer power and influence of global corporate culture. It has become the most powerful and insidious tool of mass education in the Third World: like an immovable juggernaut it shapes life-styles and values and fills the vacuum emptied by the pervasive collapse of traditional institutions, communities, clans, family, life, and authority. Through Hollywood movies, programmes and global advertising we learn, cultivate and internalise values and lifestyles.

[heading] *A whole way of life is poisoned*
TV not only creates artificial needs, it undermines the meaning of community, wealth and the notion of self. The effects have been particularly devastating among indigenous communities. When TV was introduced among the Dene Indians and Inuit peoples in the Arctic, children lost interest in the native language, they wanted to learn Canadian English; they refuse to learn how to fish on the ice or go hunting. It has ended the tradition of story telling through which the old handed their experience, Indian culture, traditions, oral history and way of life to the young who had a sense of place and their roots. TV makes the young important and the old redundant. 'Young people did not want to be Indians, in fact they hate being Indians - they want to be Canadians and Americans'. The old were silently witnessing the death of their culture. American values as encapsulated in soap operas are eloquently captured in the words of a Dene Indian: 'People are sitting in their log houses, alongside their frozen lakes with dog teams tied up outside, watching a bunch of white people in the USA, standing around their swimming pools, drinking martinis, and plotting to destroy each other or steal from each other. The effect has been to glamorise behaviours and values that are poisonous to life up here. Our traditions have a lot to do with survival. Community co-operation, sharing, and non materialism are the only ways that people can live here. But TV always presents values opposite to those.' It is life and soul destroying and obliterates the richness and diversity of life.

[heading] *Our vital connections are lost forever*

TV has become the agent for the new global corporate vision. In this manner, a whole new generation has been schooled and future generations will be taught. It packages vicarious experience and synthesised canned consciousness severing people from human connections and the real world around them. In like manner, the computer age is inflicting the same subtle damage. Adults and kids alike spend hours surfing or chatting on-line. Like video and film and global entertainment, the computer becomes the substitute for human interactions, community and civic life. Little by little the machine conditions our lives, our consciousness, and we lose the sense of inter-connectedness, human sensitivity and understanding that is vital for survival in the web of life on this planet.

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