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MK Moti Yogev on his Visit to MDA:

"It is exciting to see the spirit of volunteering"

MK Moti Yogev said this during his visit to the MDA Youth Instructors Course. MK Yogev received an overview of the organization's activities and was impressed by Magen David Adom's youth volunteers who are using their summer vacation for further training



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Severe Attack in Dolev: A Teenager was Murdered, her Father and Brother, MDA Volunteer, were Moderately and Severely Injured

Hamas terrorists threw an explosive device towards a family that was hiking in the area. MDA paramedic Shlomo Perl, who arrived at the scene of the attack within minutes, was shocked to discover that they were his own relatives. The injured father tried to perform CPR on his daughter and improvised an arterial tourniquet for his son, an MDA volunteer from Lod.

On Friday morning, August 23, the family wanted to enjoy the last days of the summer vacation and went for a hike at the Danny spring in the Binyamin area. Their moments of joy were interrupted by an explosion from a bomb thrown by the Hamas terrorists. As a result, Rina, aged 17, was critically injured. Her father, 46-year-old Ethan, was moderately injured, and her brother, 19-year-old Dvir, was severely injured in his abdomen and lower extremities by the shock wave and the shrapnel. The father quickly recovered and called MDA's 101 emergency line, informing during these critical minutes about the nature of the incident, the injured and their condition and sought medical assistance. The dispatch center began sending volunteer and employee teams to the scene, and a military helicopter was also dispatched due the severity of the conditions of the injured.

The father, a medic in his training, tried desperately to save his daughter and performed CPR, but she had suffered severe systemic injury. He checked his son's condition and realized that he had to stop the heavy bleeding he suffered, and that every minute is critical. The father stripped the Tzitzit from his son's body and used it to prepare an arterial tourniquet. Dvir's bleeding was stopped and his life was saved.

Within minutes, MDA teams arrived at the location. Senior paramedic Shlomo Perl was shocked to find that his relatives were lying in the scene. Perl: "When we arrived at the scene it was difficult. I realized immediately that I needed to cut off emotion in order to take care of my family. We saw 3 injured lying on the ground, a man about 46 years old was fully conscious and suffered injuries to his upper body. Beside him lay a young man about 19 years old with injuries to his limbs and upper body, and a girl about

17 years old who had suffered multiple systemic injuries. We performed medical examinations and gave them life-saving medical treatments that included stopping the bleeding and giving medication. We fought for the girl's life for a long time, but her death was later declared.

We quickly brought the men to the MICU and transferred them to a joining point with the military helicopter that landed nearby, which then evacuated them to Hadassah Ein Kerem Hospital in Jerusalem."

The news that it was a senior MDA medic who was caring for his family members, the youngest of them being an MDA volunteer, spread rapidly within the organization. Everyone expressed concern and a desire to help the family. At the funeral of the daughter Rina, just a few hours after the horrific attack, many of the MDA volunteers and employees from Lod Station, the station where the son Dvir volunteered, attended the event.

The father gave a speech from his bed in the hospital, the son lay in the operating room while his sister was buried, and the difficult event brought great sadness to the organization. These days, the father and son are recovering from their injuries at the hospital while their family members are mourning. Members from Lod Station, Ayalon region, and all of MDA are visiting the family home and sharing their grief. As of now, the terrorists responsible for the attack have yet to be caught.





Blue and White Leader Benny Gantz on his Visit at MDA

“The speed and efficiency of the MDA teams is praiseworthy”

Blue and White leader MK Benny Gantz and MKs Orit Farkash HaCohen, Major General (ret.) Yoav Segalovich and Yoel Razvozov were impressed by the advanced technologies in use and the professionalism of the employees and volunteers of Israel's National Emergency Medical and Blood Services Organization. The MKs met with MDA's Director General, Eli Bin and other members of the senior management at the MDA station in Ashdod.

During their visit, MK Gantz and his team were shown the technology in use in the MDA 101 Emergency Dispatch Center and in the field and were given a tour of MDA's unique Command and Control Vehicle which operates at major incidents and when the communications system goes down. In addition, the delegation was shown MDA's different rescue vehicles, which include over 1,200 ambulances and Mobile Intensive Care Units (MICUs), 650 Medi-cycles, electric bicycles, MERVs, helicopters, jet skis and the Sea-balance among others. They also received an explanation of the MyMDA app which in addition to its many functions allows MDA EMTs and Paramedics to receive the caller's GPS position even when the caller cannot communicate their exact address.

Blue and White leader, Major General (ret.) Benny Gantz: “I would like to thank you for all of

your hard work. During Operation Protective Edge, as Chief of Staff I knew that I could trust Magen David Adom to save both soldiers and civilians. I think that the State must provide solutions and assistance for the emergency services, especially in a country such as Israel where the home front is one of our enemy's main targets. At the end of the day, even with all of the advanced technologies it is the people in the field who come into contact with the citizens of Israel and they are the ones who save lives. They occasionally are the saving angels.”

MDA Director General, Eli Bin: “I would like to thank you MKs Gantz, Orit Farkash HaCohen, Yoav Segalovich and Yoel Razvozov for making time in your busy schedule for visiting us Magen David Adom and learning about our operations both during routine and disaster. Our team's professionalism, the Youth Volunteers, the EMTs and Paramedics are MDA's true strength as Israel's National Emergency Medical and Blood Services Organization. This, along with the technologies which were developed in house, are put to use at the 101 Emergency Dispatch Center, on the ambulances and MICUs, the Medi-Cycles and the other various rescue vehicles operated by MDA all over Israel, all of which you have seen during this important visit to Magen David Adom.”





MDA's System of Operation and Technology on the Way to Ukraine

First assistant to the President of Ukraine, Mr. Sergiy Shefir, and President of Health and Medicine and advisor to the president for health and medicine and head of the State Health Committee Dr. Mikhail Radotsky visited Magen David Adom, and met with senior officials in the organization to learn from MDA technology and methods in order to implement some of these and improve response and arrival times in Ukraine.

Mr. Shefir and Dr. Radotsky were impressed by the advanced technology of Magen David Adom, the ability to activate volunteers, and the response and arrival times. As part of the visit to the National Operations Center, Ukrainian President's senior advisors observed the unique rescue vehicles of Magen David Adom, including ambulances, MICUs, mini electric vehicles and other unique tools, and experience using the MDA emergency ambulance driving simulation system. In recent years, there has been a significant increase in visits by senior medical officials from around the world, who are impressed by the capabilities of Magen David Adom, Israel's national rescue organization. At the same time, MDA officials are participating in professional international delegations.

First assistant to the President of Ukraine, Mr. Sergiy Shefir: "I was very impressed with the technology developed at Magen David Adom and used by the organization in the State of Israel. The territory of Ukraine is larger than the State of Israel, and our population is larger, which challenges us in the area of emergency medicine

and rapid arrival to patients. We intend to invest the best effort, in collaboration with you, in order to make the emergency medical and ambulance operations in our state more efficient. "

Ukrainian advisor for Health and Medical Affairs, Dr. Mikhail Radotsky: "I started my way as a medic and later as a paramedic in Kiev. A few years later, my mother became ill, and we brought her to Israel for treatment. There, I was first exposed to the professionalism and efficiency of Magen David Adom, and I promised my late mother that we would try to bring to Ukraine what we saw here in MDA. We are here on the mission of Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, and we believe that by using your technologies, we will be able to shorten patient arrival times in Ukraine, thereby saving lives. "

MDA Director General Eli Bin: "At Magen David Adom, we are constantly developing our care capabilities for the sick and injured, both in our most advanced technologies in the world, and in the training of volunteers and professional and dedicated employees of the organization, all for the purpose of saving human lives in the State of Israel. We always welcome medical professionals and officials from around the world who come to visit MDA, share knowledge with us, and learn from us. We were honored to host the first assistant to the President of Ukraine, Mr. Sergiy Shefir, and the head of the Medical Commission in Ukraine, Dr. Mikhail Radotsky. I thank them for their visit, and I am sure that cooperation will continue."





Came Back to Life and Donated a Life-Saving Medicycle

About six months ago, Aaron Melzer (73) of Kiryat Motzkin suffered a cardiac arrest and collapsed in the street near his home. Passerbys spotted him, immediately called the 101 MDA emergency line, and began performing basic CPR under the instructions from the medic in the dispatch center. Within 3 minutes, MDA first responder paramedic Itzik Shoshan arrived. Itzik immediately began performing advanced CPR, which included delivering electric shocks from the defibrillator he owns, and transferred him while continuing to perform CPR to the MDA MICU that quickly arrived to the scene. On the way to the hospital, Aaron's heart started to work again and he was back to life.

A week after the incident, Aaron was released from the hospital after a pacemaker was implanted. Therefore, Aaron decided that beyond saving his own life, he wanted to help save another life. Along with his wife Ann and his son Erez, Aaron donated a Medicycle, joining the hundreds of Medicycles operating under MDA, through which medics and paramedics quickly reach the sick and injured, saving lives.

Aaron, an electrical engineer by profession, a father of 3, a grandfather of 7 and a son of 97 year old Ze'ev, says: "A few weeks after the incident, I had already returned to work, drive, spend time with my family and friends. I have clients who didn't even know something happened because I wasn't absent for a long time."

Aaron also said: "The Medicycle I donated with my

family to save lives in MDA is my huge thanks to the organization that saved my life, which treated me quickly, with dedication and in a professional way. If thanks to this Medicycle arriving quickly to the sick and injured, the life of one more person is saved, I'll be happy. I was thrilled to meet Labib Wahabi, a MDA paramedic who will ride the Medicycle, and I thank Magen David Adom with all my heart, literally."

"Aaron's incident highlights how it is critical in cases of cardiac arrest cases is begin to perform resuscitation quickly, which include compressions and using the defibrillator," **said MDA volunteer and paramedic Itzik Shoshan from Haifa.** "I recommend anyone who can volunteer at Magen David Adom or at least have a First aid course in MDA, so that in a case like Aaron's, he could save lives."





Birth after Birth

An MDA medic delivered his first baby and a second one and about an hour later

It was the night between Saturday and Sunday, when Eran Leffel (24), a volunteer who rides an MDA Medicycle, was called to the Sa'ad family's home in Yanuh village, Western Galilee, to Panar, who was unable to give birth in a hospital, as her birth progressed rapidly. A few minutes after Eran arrived, the baby was born healthy and immediately began to cry.

Less than half an hour later, Eran, who lives in Kfar Vradim, was called in to another case of a woman who was about to give birth in her home in Kisra village. Eran got on the MDA Medicycle and arrived within a few minutes. There, the birth was in an advanced stage, and the baby was on its way out. The baby's father, **Suleiman Sallah Ali**, is a trainee in an MDA emergency medicine course. "I never imagined that I would have to apply the things I learned in the MDA EMTs course before the end of the course, at the birth of my wife," said Suleiman Sallah Ali. It can happen to anyone, and this case has proven to me how much medical training I acquire is important, and can be critical at such moments in life. "

After medical examinations, and when in good condition, the two babies were evacuated by MDA MICUs to the "Galilee" medical center in Nahariya.

"I have been volunteering in Magen David Adom since the age of 15. For a number of years, I have treated the sick and injured, performed CPR and saved lives but never before delivered babies. The first baby I received as a medic on a MDA Motorcycle was very exciting for me, and the second birth that came less than half an hour later was just as powerful and joyful as a birth at home"

says Eran Leffel





MDA Medicycle Matching Dad's

Gabriel Atedgi from Migdal Haemek, is just 7 years old, and already dreaming of being a paramedic on an MDA medicycle, like his father. In honor of summer vacation, MDA paramedic Maor Atedgi decided to fulfill his son's dream, and took several weeks to renovate Gabriel's toy motorcycle, until it looked like a small model of the MDA medicycle.

"I've been volunteering at MDA for 20 years, and around Gabriel's birth, I started riding the MDA medicycle, which helps me arrive faster, and save lives", **said MDA paramedic, Maor Atedgi**, "shortly after Gabriel learned to speak, he began to express his interest in my job and in the medicycle. I was happy to fulfill his dream, and give him a special gift for summer vacation. And maybe one day, he will also volunteer at MDA".

"I was very happy to get the medicycle, and surprised at how similar it was to the MDA medicycle my dad rides", **said 7-year-old Gabriel Atedgi**, "I can't wait to be big enough

to ride a real medicycle like my Dad's, and take care of people who need help".





Dream Fulfillment Birthday

8-year-old Aviad celebrated at MDA

Since he was in kindergarten, 8-year-old Aviad has been dreaming of becoming an EMT. On the eve of his eighth birthday, his parents and friends surprised him with a celebration at the MDA station in Netanya. As part of the visit, Aviad and his friends toured the station and saw the MICUs, ambulances, and the 101 MDA dispatch center. Finally, the family and friends were provided with a first aid session by volunteers' coordinator Reuven Evgi and senior medic Riva Amir. Not only did Aviad enjoy his birthday, but so did his family

and young friends, and at the end of the tour there was a birthday party at the station.

"I once traveled with my family and we passed by a car accident. There were ambulances, with medics and paramedics from MDA, and I was very curious about how they treat the injured, in accidents and in many other cases," said 8-year-old Aviad, "I really enjoyed celebrating my birthday at the MDA station, and I'm already waiting to reach the age when I can be a volunteer myself."