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D.T.C.A. HYGEIA S.A.: The first successfully treated war victim that came to Greece from Gaza Strip

The first war victim that came to Greece from Gaza Strip was successfully treated in the Diagnostic & Therapeutic Centre of Athens, HYGEIA. This is about a 20-year-old Palestinian, Hanan Doghmosh, who came with her father to HYGEIA with multiple wounds on her entire body 2 months ago and will be discharged on Wednesday 22.07.2009.

Within the framework of its Corporate Social Responsibility plan, in collaboration with the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Health, and in response to a proposition made by the National Centre of Healthcare Corporations (EKEPY), HYGEIA Group accepted to treat and hospitalize free of charge the 20-year-old Palestinian girl who was injured in her house during a bombardment at Gaza Strip in the beginning of 2009.

This is the first incident that came to Greece after time-consuming procedures, at the request of the Palestinian Authorities, and with the efforts of the Greek Government.

During her 2-month hospitalization, 20-year-old Hanan was monitored by a medical team consisting of orthopedicians, pathologists, infectious disease specialists, physiotherapists, nutritionists and other specialists, due to her multiple health problems.

As her treating doctor, Mr. Savvas Sourmelis, Orthopedician-Director of the 2nd Orthopedic Clinic of HYGEIA, stated: "the 20-year-old Palestinian girl's major problem was the defect in the two-thirds of her left hand main bone. Due to the severe inflexibility of her hand, which stayed immobilized for a very long time, her fingers were also ankylosed. During the main surgical procedure, we managed to reconstruct the bone defect with excellent results to date."

"After the end of the operation", added Mr. Sourmelis, "the Palestinian girl was treated with intensive physiotherapy to restore the mobility of her fingers."

The 20-year-old Hanan will be keeping in direct contact with HYGEIA and her treating doctor within the next days. Afterwards, she will go back to her country where she will be under observation and in contact with HYGEIA. Within a year she will come back to HYGEIA for her final reconstruction.

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