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**MAP**  
MEDICAL AID FOR PALESTINIANS

Medical Aid for Palestinians works for the health and dignity of Palestinians living under occupation and as refugees

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## NEWS



### **MAP Films: Life or Death – Medical Referrals from Gaza**

The strict closure of the Gaza Strip has impoverished and restricted medical services in Gaza. This increases the need to refer patients for treatment outside Gaza. The process of obtaining a referral document is not easy, and when a patient manages to obtain it, he or she then has to wait for a hospital appointment to come through, before applying to the Israeli Authorities for permission to leave Gaza.

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### **Conference and Gaza Visit: Health Under Occupation**

This March, the second annual conference on health in the occupied Palestinian territory was held at Birzeit University. Following the successful conference, MAP lead a delegation into Gaza to investigate the health impact of the ongoing blockade. Richard Horton, editor of The Lancet, describes his visit.

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### **Interview with MAP CEO - Steve James**

"2010 marks the 25th anniversary of the founding of MAP and the need for our work is more vital than ever before. The start of this year marked another sad anniversary, one year on from the 22 day Israeli offensive, and Gaza remains in a desperate state.

MAP worked around the clock during the crisis ensuring that our blood bank facilities and surgical kits saved hundreds of lives. Today we've replenished our emergency response supplies

thanks to the continued generosity of our supporters. In addition our longer term projects are ongoing, including training Gaza's doctors in Primary Trauma Care, building a safe delivery programme for Gaza's mothers and working to combat avoidable blindness caused by infections".

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### **Rayan's Story**

Rayan is a small girl living with cerebral palsy in Bourj al-Shamali camp in Lebanon. The refugee camp is one of the most densely populated in the country and is characterized by its narrow, winding roads, which makes the movement of persons with disabilities very difficult.

That is why MAP is urgently doing all we can to empower people with disabilities to improve their lives.

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### **World Bank report – Checkpoints & Barriers**

An important dimension of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and one that has been extensively documented, concerns Israel's control over the movement of Palestinian people, goods, and resources. Since 1967, control over Palestinian movement has relaxed and tightened, following in part the ebb and flow of the conflict.

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## GET INVOLVED



### **Film: Budrus**

A rousing film about one Palestinian village that tells a much bigger story about what is possible in the Middle East, Budrus introduces us to Ayed Morrar-an unlikely Palestinian community organiser-who unites both Palestinians and Israelis to save his village from the wall. An action-filled documentary, Budrus inspires and challenges us to consider what is possible when people come together for a cause.

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### **Lecture: International Law and Palestine**

"Why History Matters: International Law and the Origins of the Arab-Israeli Conflict"

Victor Kattan will be in conversation with Baroness Helena Kennedy QC (former MAP-President) 6.30-8.30pm, Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March at The Mosaic Rooms, Qattan Foundation, Tower House, 226 Cromwell Road, London, SW5 0SW

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### **Community Fundraising: Sue Cooke's Story**

"As a long term supporter of the Palestinian cause I'm am delighted to find myself working for MAP thanks to Vodafone - World of Difference which is 'sponsoring' my work".

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### **Sponsor MAP in the London Marathon**

MAP's Communication and Media officer, James Denselow, is running the London Marathon for MAP this April. Sponsor him today as he looks to raise over £1,000 for emergency surgical kits.

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## **Dispatches - Children of Gaza**

In December 2008, the Israeli Defence Force unleashed a campaign to destroy the ability of Hamas to launch rockets and mortars into Israel. Around 300 children were among the 1,300 Palestinians that were killed.

After the ceasefire, BAFTA-winning filmmaker Jezza Neumann arrived in Gaza to follow the lives of three children over a year.

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## **Cycle from London to Paris, abseil down Earls Court, or trek in the Chamonix Valley!**

Fundraise for MAP's work in the occupied Palestinian territory and Lebanon.

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