

# NADJMI FOUNDATION

## For A Smile

Dear friends and supporters of the Nadjmi Foundation,

As we closed 2024 and stepped into a new year, the Nadjmi Foundation embarked on an unforgettable mission spanning Shiraz, Zahedan and Tehran. This mission showcased the power of collaboration, education and unwavering dedication to making a difference in the lives of cleft patients and their families.



Alhan's pictures last year (left) and on the 29th of December 2024 (right).

### A Meaningful Beginning in Shiraz

On Sunday, December 29th, our journey began in Shiraz. The morning was spent meeting and evaluating numerous cleft patients, each encounter underscoring the profound impact of comprehensive care. By midday, we celebrated a landmark moment—the inauguration of a new Electronic Patient Database (EPD), developed by a local software company and funded by Nadjmi Foundation, to revolutionize the digital registration and multidisciplinary care of cleft patients. This event was graced by our team from the Shiraz Center of Excellence, the deans of the medical and dental schools, and numerous surgeons from across Iran who had come for advanced training.



Cleft team at Shiraz Center of Excellence



Inauguration of a new Electronic Patient Database.

By 3:30 PM, we transitioned to surgeries, treating children with cleft conditions, nearly half of whom were Afghan refugees. It is alarming that Iran hosts approximately 10 million Afghan refugees, many without access to health insurance. The need for equitable healthcare is immense, and we are proud to have contributed to addressing this critical gap. Our team operated in Shiraz until the evening of January 1st, completing life-changing procedures for many young patients.



Dr. Mahmudi and his residents from Kerman.



Dr. Sharif, Mashhad (upper left)



Dr. Torabi and Dr. Mazidi, Beheshti University in Tehran (upper right)



Dr. Hakim, Tehran (lower left)



Dr. Mardani, Shiraz (lower right)



Dr. Moslemi and his residents From Babol University.



Dr. Roshan Zamir, pediatric surgeon (left) and Dr. Gharibi, ENT surgeon in Zahedan (right)



From left to right: Plastic surgeons Dr. Norouzi, Dr. Amini Far, myself, Dr. Abbaszadeh and Dr. Roestael

### Zahedan: Hope in the Desert

On Thursday morning, January 2nd, I traveled to Zahedan alongside Dr. Hakim, Dr. Torabi from Tehran, and Dr. Moslemi from Babol. Zahedan, receiving only around 100 millimeters of rain annually, greeted us with an unusual but welcome downpour—a recurring coincidence on my visits!



After a brief meeting with the university rector, we began surgeries. Twenty-two surgeons from four specialties—maxillofacial, plastic surgery, ENT, and pediatrics—came from across Iran to participate in cleft surgery training. This diverse group, united in purpose, turned this mission into an extraordinary success. On Thursday and Friday, we operated on 33 patients in five newly refurbished operating rooms. The teamwork displayed by all involved, from surgeons to operating room staff, was truly remarkable.



Cleft Center under construction - Zahedan

I also visited the 700-square-meter Center of Excellence currently under construction by the Nadjmi Foundation. The progress is encouraging, and I am optimistic about its inauguration during my next mission in March.



Zahedan Cleft Center of Excellence under construction.

### A Fulfilling Weekend in Tehran

On Friday night, I flew to Tehran, arriving at 2 AM on Saturday. After a few hours of rest at my sister's home, I headed to Mofid Children's Hospital. Over the weekend, we collaborated with the hospital's pediatric surgeons, performing surgeries and sharing knowledge to improve the care of cleft patients. By Sunday evening, we wrapped up the Tehran leg of our mission, content with the positive impact made.



At 2:30 AM on Monday, January 6th, I flew back to Belgium via Istanbul, my heart full of gratitude and satisfaction.

This mission was unlike any I have undertaken in my 23 years of charity work.

- 80 surgeries performed
- 22 surgeons trained across four specialties
- 33 children treated in Zahedan's operating rooms
- Progress on the Center of Excellence in Zahedan

When I witnessed 33 children undergoing surgeries simultaneously in Zahedan's five operating rooms, I felt a joy unlike any other—an unparalleled sense of accomplishment born of years of planting seeds now in full bloom.

I no longer shoulder this mission alone; it is a shared journey with friends and colleagues.

**"When will the tree of friendship bear fruit? For now, we have planted a seed."**

I am grateful to all the doctors, surgeons and young professionals who joined this mission, sprouting and growing into a remarkable team. Together, we will make future journeys even more impactful.

Your unwavering support and generosity continue to drive the Nadjmi Foundation's mission forward. Thank you for making a lasting impact on so many lives.

**"May my soil turn to clay and bloom into flowers from my essence, for the love of you will never leave my heart."**

With heartfelt appreciation and love,

Nasser

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