Modern medical equipment delivered to Al-Hosn hospital of Patriarchate of Antioch



With the assistance of the Russian Orthodox Church, new medical equipment has been delivered to Al-Hosn hospital in Syria. The hospital, working under the auspices of the Orthodox Church of Antioch, provides treatment to some twenty thousand patients every year.

Mechanical ventilators, X-ray equipment and other medical devices, as well as a power station were brought to the hospital by the Russian military.

The aid was rendered in response to a request sent by His Beatitude Patriarch John X of Antioch and All the East to His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia. Taking part in the charitable project was the Christian Culture and Heritage Support Foundation.

“We are very grateful to the Russian people, Russian President Vladimir Putin, the Russian army, and to Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu. We thank Patriarch John of Antioch and Patriarch Kirill of Moscow

and All Russia, who cooperate closely and, as a result, substantial help is being provided to our Christian communities at this time of hardships," medical director of Al-Hosn hospital, Khalad Yazigi, said, as cited by the Zvezda Russian TV channel.

Al-Hosn hospital is located in Homs province – one of the regions in Syria that have been most severely affected by the hostilities. The hospital specializes in rendering emergency assistance and has units of general surgery, neurosurgery, orthopaedic and plastic surgery, gastroenterology, internal medicine, paediatrics, gynaecology, otolaryngology, ophthalmology, cardiology, oncology, neurology and infectious disease. Hospital personnel include 40 doctors and 100 nurses and technicians.

With the help of benefactors, the Patriarchate of Antioch constructed a new six-storied building to create additional bed space (at the moment 50 people can simultaneously receive in-patient treatment). With finishing works on the sixth floor already completed, a cardiac surgery unit and a cath lab can be soon opened there, thanks to the presented equipment. Russian specialists will help their Syrian colleagues install the new medical equipment.

As Bishop Efraim of Seleucia, secretary of the Holy Synod of the Orthodox Church of Antioch, noted, the Patriarchal Al-Hosn hospital renders necessary medical aid to all local residents, regardless of their religion.

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