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East Jerusalem Augusta Victoria Hospital inaugurates state of the art PET/CT Scanner funded by Germany and Islamic Development Bank

A ray of hope for cancer patients from the Palestinian territories provided by a new X-ray machine: from now on cancer patients can benefit from a new modern diagnosis apparatus at East Jerusalem's Augusta Victoria Hospital (AVH), financed by Germany and the Islamic Development Bank.

Under the auspices of Mr. Christian Clages, the German Representative in Ramallah and Mr. Hani Abu Diab, Special Advisor to the Islamic Development Bank the CEO of the Augusta Victoria Hospital (AVH) in East Jerusalem, Mr. Walid V. Nammour, and the representative of the Lutheran World Federation, Mr. Lennart Hernader, officially inaugurated a PET/CT scanner which allows modern cancer diagnosis.

Mr. Christian Clages appreciated the valuable work, the AVH is doing, providing exemplary specialized medical care to Palestinians from the West Bank and the Gaza Strip: „Today's inauguration is good news. With this specialised system, the hospital will significantly expand its diagnostic programme and hereby both help cancer patients and improve cancer prevention. Especially against the current difficult financial background, Germany, is very happy to contribute to the strengthening of the Palestinian health sector.”

AVH, managed by the Lutheran World Federation, is a center of medical excellence in East Jerusalem, serving the five million Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza. As one of the six hospitals in the East Jerusalem Hospitals Network, AVH offers specialized care not available in other hospitals in the West Bank and Gaza, including radiation therapy for cancer patients and pediatric hemodialysis.

The PET/CT system, which is a combination of positron emission tomography (PET) and X-ray computerised tomography (CT), is not only able to exactly localise tumours, but also allows statements to be made on the characteristics of the tumour. Germany contributed an amount of 1,2 million USD for this important diagnostic device. The Islamic Banc contributed some 400.000 USD.

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