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## LETTERS TO EDITOR

WE HAVE RECEIVED THIS LETTER FROM Dr ZIAD SHARAIHA THE PRESIDENT OF THE AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EAST ASSOCIATION OF GASTROENTEROLOGY, WE PUBLISH IT FOR ITS GREAT VALUE WITH OUR GREAT GRATITUDE AND BEST REGARDS

## <u>Letter from friend</u>

It is with great pleasure that I take the opportunity to congratulate the G/E society of Iraq on their first Gastroenterology Journal.

The young society with able well-qualified specialists has gone long way to achieve excellence and reinstate the vacuum that the unprecedented siege has created.

It is with hard work, perseverance and above all the pride of being an Arab and Iraqi that has moved the Gastroenrerology specialty in Iraq from nowhere, to somewhere.

You have organized your self in such short time, have avidly absorbed and retained update technology, literature, moved to have a well renown center and looked for, very rightly, to attain and help the forefront in planning, and well perceived vision.

It is with this gloomy recent past and struggle at present. We look forward with you at a better future.

You could not have attained this, without sense of belonging to your past present and future.

You have achieved it with dedication and hard work, so congratulation.

Looking at the problem of the Arab word and Iraq in particular, hepatitis with chronic liver disease, infection and all the increase incidence of cancer because of this blockade and the chemicals used in the gulf War. I know that your Journal will try to find solution and offer guidance to the general Iraqi Doctors and their specialist as well.

Signed Dr. Ziad Sharaiha

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