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## Djibouti Minister of Health Djama Elmi Okieh Visited Turkey

Djibouti Minister of Health Djama Elmi Okieh and accompanying delegation paid an official visit between the dates of 13-19 March 2017 in order to have bilateral meetings and make examination.

During the visit, Minister of Health of Turkey Prof. Dr. Recep Akdağ received the guest Minister on 15 March 2017.

At the meeting, issues were discussed about the grant of ten ambulances to the Republic of Djibouti, the treatment of 10-20 Djiboutian patient free of charge as part of 400 patient quota that can be treated in Turkey as per Article 14 of the Basic Law on Health Services no 3359, and the organization of joint health week with Djibouti 2-3 times a year.





## Visit of Representatives of Food and Medicine Agency of Saudi Arabia

Delegation of 9 personnel in the presidency of Food and Medicine Agency of Saudi Arabia Dr. Hisham Bin Saad Al-Jathai visited Turkey between the dates of 6 – 11 March 2017 in order to make examinations at Turkey Medicine and Medical

Device Institution and Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock.

During the visit, the delegation had a meeting with Minister of Health Prof. Dr. Recep Akdağ on 7 March 2017.

## Grant Agreement Signed with TRNC

Undersecretary of Ministry of Health Prof. Dr. Eyüp Gümüş was given the authority to sign grant agreement on behalf of the Turkish Government in the field of health with the countries stated in the annex of the Executive Order dated 22 February 2017 and no. 721 of Cabinet of Minister. The Agreement on Conducting Grant in the Field of Health between the Government of Turkish Republic and the Government of Turkish Republic of North Cyprus was signed by Undersecretary Prof. Dr. Eyüp Gümüş and TRNC Ambassador to Ankara Fazıl Can Korkut in Ankara on 8 March 2017 based on the aforementioned authority.

With the entry into force of the Grant Agreement, Turkish Party will grant to TRNC 20.000 doses of 5-in-1 combination vaccines, 5.000 doses of 4-in-1 combination vaccines, 12.000 doses of Measles-German Measles-Mumps vaccines, 45.000 doses of adult Diphtheria-Tetanus vaccines, 10.000 doses of b-oral polio vaccines (OPV), 18.000 doses of Hepatitis B vaccines, 15.000 doses of Pediatric Hepatitis A vaccines, 18.000 doses of KPA, 50.000 doses of PPD solutions, 5.000 doses of Chickenpox vaccines, 50 doses of Rabies vaccines, 100 doses of Meningococcus vaccines, 100 pieces Snake Antiserums, 50 Tetanus Antiserums, 50 Scorpion Antiserum and 20 boxes of ArtemetherTab 24s medication in 2017.

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## Undersecretary of Ministry of Health of Sudan and His Delegation Visited Turkey

A delegation in the presidency of Undersecretary of Ministry of Health of Sudan paid a working visit to Turkey to discuss the details of the project that aims to share state capacity in the field of Preparedness and Response to Emergency Health Services prepared as part of Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Strategic Health Programme of Action (SHPA) with member states especially with Sudan between the dates of 5 – 8 March 2017.

On the first day of the visit, authorities from TIKA, SESRIC and General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs had a working meeting at the service building of SESRIC. Then a meeting was held at Turkey Public Health Institution in order to share Turkey's experiences on Early Warning and Response.

On the second day, 112 Emergency Call Center was observed on site and then SAKOM division of the General Directorate of Emergency Health Services of Ministry of Health was visited. A bilateral meeting was held between Undersecretary of Ministry of Health of Turkey Prof. Dr. Eyüp Gümüş and Undersecretary of Ministry of Health of Sudan Dr. Isameldin Mohammed Abdella.

A meeting at International Emergency, Disaster Health Training and Simulation Center (URLASIM) of Ministry of Health was organized and representatives from General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs attended the visit. At the end of the visit, it is agreed that the scope of the project would be broadened and TIKA would be integrated to the project.

## Trade Facilitation General Assembly Meeting

World Trade Organization Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) was signed in 2013 and put into force in 2017.

In order to facilitation of execution of the agreement's provisions, "Trade Facilitation Committee" was founded with Prime Ministerial Circular dated 3 December 2016 and no. 2016/27.

Information meeting was held before the first meeting of the committee on 20 March 2017 at the office of Deputy Undersecretary İsmail Kargulu.

The first meeting of the General Assembly was held on 24 March 2017 in Ankara. Authorities from Turkey Medicine and Medical Device Agency and General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs attended the meeting.



## 1st Turkey-Pakistan Joint Health Week

Turkey – Pakistan Health Week was held between the dates of 19 – 24 March 2017 at Multan Nishtar University Hospital and Recep Tayyip Erdoğan Friendship Hospital Muzaffargarh of Punjab Province of Pakistan.

Authorities from General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs and specialist delegation of 14 medical doctors in the fields of General Surgery, Pediatric Surgery, Urology, Gynecology,

Orthopedics, Eye Diseases, Infection Diseases, Neonatology, Radiology and Anesthesia and Reanimation from different hospital all around Turkey.

At the health week, 75 operations, 563 Consultation was executed and 470 Pakistani health personnel were delivered 120-hour training.

For the details about Health week, please see Special Supplement.

## Visit of Economic Advisor of French Embassy

Economic Advisor of French Embassy Sylvain Berger and Financial Attaché Ahmet Mert Aydoğdu paid a visit to General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs on 03 March 2017 to have a meeting about Paris Health Week planned to be

organized in Paris between the dates of 15 – 17 May 2017 and invited a delegation of at least 2 – 3 General Directors to have bilateral meetings within the scope of the event.

## Visit to the Autonomous Republic of Adjara of Georgia

Authorities from General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs attended the visit to Batum between the dates of 1 – 4 March 2017 to make examinations at Infectious Diseases, AIDS and Hepatitis-B Regional Center in Batum City and

to discuss the issues about the operation, administration and equipment of Center which is being constructed by TIKA in the Capital of Autonomous Republic of Adjara.

## Foreign Healthcare Professionals with Ongoing Training in Turkey

Training programs of the foreign healthcare staff who are receiving training as observers in the affiliated training and research hospitals of the Ministry are ongoing under bilateral agreements. Within the framework of such programs, a total of 245 foreign health care staff received training as of 31 March 2017 as follows:

Out of 10 foreign healthcare staff:

- Training of 8 Sudan healthcare staff is ongoing in the fields of Brain Surgery, Anesthesia, Emergency and Pediatrics for 10 October 2016-7 April 2017,
- Training of 1 Palestinian healthcare staff is ongoing in the field Pediatrics for 5 September 2016-1 September 2017,
- Training of 1 Azerbaijani healthcare staff is ongoing in the field of Periodontology for 1 March 2017-31 May 2017, at the Research and Training Hospitals.

### Republic of Gambia Ambassador Momodou Badjie Visited General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs

The Republic of Gambia Ambassador to Turkey Momodou Badjie visited General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs on 9 March 2017.

During the visit, the treatment of 25 Gambian patients and training of Gambian Health personnel in Turkey within the context of "Memorandum of Understanding in the Field of Health and Medical Sciences between the Government of Turkish Republic and the Government of the Republic of Gambia" signed between Turkey and Gambia were discussed.

### Meeting between WHO Representatives and President and Deputy President of Turkey Public Health Institution

Director of the Division of Communicable Diseases and Emergency Cases Dr. Nedret Emiroğlu, WHO Turkey Representative Dr. Pavel Ursu and other WHO authorities had a meeting with the President of Turkey Public Health Institution Prof. Dr. İrfan Şencan and Deputy President Dr. Hasan Irmak on 2 March 2017.

At the meeting, issues were discussed about the strengthening of 2017-2021 Strategic Plan of the Ministry of Health and health security of the Plan, activities that could be carried out in the field of Antimicrobial resistance in 2017 and Joint External Audit that could be applied as per International Health Regulations.

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### Diplomat from Ankara Embassy of USA Visited General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs

Daniel G. D. Keen, the First Secretary from Economics Division of US Embassy in Ankara, and Economics Expert Özlem Tunçel Toplu visited General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs on 7 March 2017. At the meeting, opinions were exchanged about potential cooperation fields especially during emergency and disaster cases.

### Visit of Advisor to Deputy Minister of Health of Saudi Arabia

The Deputy Minister Advisor Dr. Fayad Assad Dandashi from Ministry of Health of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia visited Turkey between the dates of 7 – 10 March 2017 to make technical studies and examination in the field of Mental Health and Addiction Treatment which is one of the 22 cooperation fields that was discussed and agreed upon by two Ministers during the visit of Minister of Health of Saudi Arabia Dr. Tawfiq Al-Rabiah to Turkey between the dates of 15 – 19 October 2016.

### Treatment of Foreign Patients in Turkey

As per "Article 14 of the Basic Law on Health Services no 3359" 28 patients and as per Bilateral Agreements and Protocols 84 patients-112 foreign patients in total- were treated in Turkey as of 31 March 2017.



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