

## Situation update

1. On 12 May night, a strong sand storm hit Anbar governorate affecting the IDPS camp in Al Habbaniyah Tourist City mostly. 40 tents were damaged and more than 50 IDPs injured due to collapse of the tents. Injuries included children and women with different degrees of severity. Death of one old woman was also reported. Al Habaniya City Police and Civil defense forces were mobilized to assist the IDPs fixing and repairing the damaged tents.



Tents falling down due to sand storm in Al Habaniya Tourist City on 12 May. WHO Photo

2. The 350 families escaped Ramadi to Amiriyat Al Falluja on 15 May were accommodated in the under-construction camp in the city where WHO supported PHC is located. The PHC management- United Iraqi Medical Society (UIMS), in coordination with the city local authority, mobilized their

medical staff and opened the PHC overnight to help these families. Drinking water and electricity were provided.

3. Eight injuries from Husiaba Al-Sharqia area were transferred on 20 May from Al-Khaldia Emergency Hospital by ambulances to Amriate Al-Falluja hospital. Acute shortage of fuel for the ambulances is challenging the referral and other health services in Ameriat Al Faluja City. Al Khalidiya hospital internal medicine and CCU (Coronary Care Unit) is run by two internist doctors and delivery services are maintain in the hospital and Khalidiya PHCC by midwives only.



Bzebiz Bridge, Amiriyat Alfaluja side. WHO Photo

### **Health Services:**

1. Anbar DOH requested WHO support to provide 200 bottles of Oxygen to Amiriyat Alfaluja General Hospital. WHO was also requested to provide sterile disposable surgical gowns for the operation theater. Moreover, Amriate Al-Falluja General Hospital on 17 May requested normal saline and glucose saline due to acute shortage in the two items. WHO technical and logistics teams are coordinating with Anbar DOH the procurement and dispatch of items mechanism.



Map of Anbar governorate. Irin Web

2. The security situation in Al-Khalidiya city remains unstable and many medical staff of Al-Khalidiya Emergency Hospital left the health facility on 19 May to Ameriyat Al Falluja General Hospital. The Blood bank in Al Khalidiya Hospital remains functioning though with moderate services as the hospital is now functioning with two internists, one Urologist and paramedics. The number of injures received by the hospital on 17 May stood at 56, 6 deaths.
3. Head injuries due to collapse of tents on 12 May night were treated in Al Habaniya City PHCC while sever cases were transferred by ambulances of the City Ambulance Centre to Ameriyat Al Faluja General Hospital. Medical staff of the city PHCC visited the affected camp and helped the IDPs in fixing their tents.
4. About 140 injuries of both civilians and security forces were received by Al-Khaldia Emergency Hospital on 15 May. The hospital reported acute shortage of blood bags which was responded to by blood donation from Al-Khaldia populations. WHO, in response, discussed with the Ministry of Health the dispatch of blood bags shipment, a trauma kit, and other medical supplies to the hospital. An assessment of possible immediate transport by WHO logistics to the location is underway.
5. The PHCC in Al-Habaniya Tourist City received on 18 May 571 patients, of which 35 were in need for hospital management; they were transferred to Amraitia Al-Falluja Hospital by ambulances. The PHCC management extended

the facility working hours to two shifts (day and night) to support the new IDPs health needs. 171 patients visited the PHC on the 17th of the current.

## 2. Programmatic Update

1. The Two WHO supported mobile medical clinics (MMCs) handed to Anbar DOH by the Federal Ministry of Health on 17 May were joined by assigned medical teams and moved from Al-Faris Al-Arabi district in Baghdad towards Ameriaht Al Falluja to provide essential health services to IDPs near Bzebiz Bridge at Baghdad side.
2. 20 May, three ambulances with three medical teams from Amriate Al-Falluja Hospital visited the area of Bzebiz Bridge/ Anbar side to treat the IDPs collected there.



WHO supported MMC providing basic health services to IDPs from Anba/ Bzebiz Bridge, Baghdad side.  
WHO Photo

## 4. Human resources

WHO has re-purposed its workforce to support the MOH in coping with the on-going crisis by deploying international and national health professionals to Baghdad to support the on-going response. Two national staffs are dedicated within and out movements to areas with the influx of IDPs to monitor health events and work with the DOHs and the Federal Ministry of Health in the area.

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