

Three separate shooting attacks in Baghdad killed two construction workers and wounded three, seriously wounded a shopkeeper in the town district and his wife carrying Cabinet adviser Ghassan Alfidil Alfidil to work, wounded him and killing his driver, police said.

In Sasarra, 40 miles north of Baghdad, a roadside bomb killed a farmer on his tractor and seriously wounded two other civilians, said police Capt. Laith Mohammed.

On Saturday night, the corpses of three handcuffed and blindfolded Iraqis were found in the Iraq capital, and police said an Iraqi soldier and the brother of a policeman died.

These latest deaths came as a new Pentagon report estimated that 26,000 Iraqis have been killed or wounded in attacks since Jan. 1, 2004. In the most recent period, from Aug. 29 to Sept. 16, there were an estimated 64 Iraqi casualties each day. According to the report, Iraqi civilians and security forces were killed and wounded at a rate of about 26 a day early in 2004 and at a rate of about 40 a day later that year. The rate increased in 2005 to about 44 a day, and by the end of August it had jumped to about 63 a day.

Princess Dina Mired delivers keynote speech at the UN special hearing session for non-communicable diseases

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Princess Dina Mired speaking at the opening session of the UN General Assembly's hearing in New York

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HRH Princess Dina Mired, Director General of the King Hussein Cancer Foundation (KHCF), delivered a keynote speech at the opening session of the UN Civil Society informal interactive hearing in New York on June 16, 2011.

This meeting came at a crucial time as non-communicable diseases (NCDs) – which include cancer, heart disease, diabetes and chronic respiratory illnesses - have long been overlooked, despite the fact that they are responsible for more global deaths than all other causes combined.

The UN Civil Society hearing is a major part of the preparatory process for the United Nations high-level meeting on NCDs which will be held on September 19-20, 2011. Non-governmental organizations, civil societies, academia and the private sector all gathered at the hearing to determine a united, focused strategy for the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases to be recommended at the UN summit meeting.

During her speech, Princess Dina emphasized the importance of addressing NCDs, particularly in the developing world where nearly 80% of the deaths attributed to NCDs occur. She highlighted the importance of the upcoming UN summit in September, saying “This is our chance to address all the risk factors causing NCDs – tobacco, alcohol abuse, physical inactivity, sugars, fats and salts in food. It is our time to press for NCD prevention programs to be incorporated into health care systems and to ensure that affordable care is available for the treatment of cancer, heart disease, diabetes and respiratory chronic illnesses. In short, this summit meeting is our greatest opportunity to secure a place for NCDs on the global agenda and to focus world leaders on the urgency of the matter at hand”.

While in New York, Her Highness also delivered a keynote speech at a separate Gala Dinner organized by the American Cancer Society under the title “We Can, We Should, We Will Conquer Cancer”, and met with several international cancer organizations and private companies to encourage collaborations with the King Hussein Cancer Foundation and Center.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

King Hussein Cancer Foundation

The King Hussein Cancer Foundation (KHCF) is an independent, non-governmental, not-for-profit institution founded in 1997 by a Royal Decree to combat cancer in Jordan and the Middle East region. KHCF is the legal umbrella organization responsible for the King Hussein Cancer Center (KHCC), the Foundation's medical arm. The Foundation is run by a Board of Trustees comprised of a dedicated group of prominent volunteers chaired by HRH Princess Ghida Talal. The Director General of KHCF is HRH Princess Dina Mired, and Dr. Mahmoud Sarhan is the Director General of KHCC.

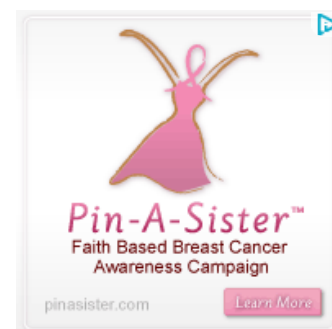
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It is worth mentioning that HRH Princess Dina Mired is an Honorary Co-President of Harvard University Global Task Force for Expanded Access to Cancer Control and Care in the Developing World. She is also on the Presidential Advisory Panel of the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC) and is an Ambassador of the UICC World Cancer Declaration Ambassadors Program. Princess Dina is a LIVESTRONG Global Envoy for the Lance Armstrong Foundation and an Honorary Member of the Mediterranean Task Force for Cancer Control in Italy.



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