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Award of the President of the Ben Gurion University of the Negev to the Barzilai, Soroka and Assouta-Ashdod Medical Centers.

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Award of the President of the Ben Gurion University of the Negev will be offered to the CEOs and Directors of the medical centers of:

Assouta Ashdod, Dr. Barnboym Erez,
Barzilai University Medical Center, Prof, Levi Chezy,
And
Soroka University Medical Center, Dr. Kodesh Shlomi,

Within the framework of the Board of Trustees of the Ben Gurion University of the Negev.

The need for a professional medical response to thousands of injured soldiers and civilians with multiple degrees of injuries within a short period was unique to the events that occurred on October 7, and the Iron Swords war.

The President of the Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Prof Chaimovich Daniel, decided to praise the sacred work of the medical teams of the southern areas of Israel and grant them the "Award of the President" for their dedication and the extra ordinary resilience in face of the distressing and the horrible crisis.

The award of the President is a symbol of gratefulness for the unwavering commitment of the medical centers for the wellbeing of the population of the southern area of Israel. The President stated: "I am honored to express my recognition and appreciation for the exemplary efforts during the most challenging period that the State of Israel has ever known: the massacre events of the 7th of October and the Iron Swords war. The decision is the indication of the dedication and the outstanding resilience of the medical teams".

The President added: "You fulfilled a central position being the front hospitals in the south that offer dedicated care with an uncompromising commitment to saving lives and ensuring the rehabilitation of the wounded. You succeeded quickly and efficiently to recruit medical teams from around the country, while creating a collaborative environment that allowed giving quality treatment to the people of the surrounding areas and the soldiers from the front. The extreme devotion of the professional teams reflects and emphasizes their commitment at these critical times, while keeping a high standard of medical care. We are all partners in periods of peace and war, in preparing generations of medical teams, in collaborative studies and way over to the development of the southern areas of Israel for the sake of the residents. We realize through this partnership the quality and the harnessing of the hospital teams. This recognition is a symbol of respect and deep appreciation that we owe to the work of the medical teams in the south. Your contribution in periods of peace and war for the welfare of the community is greatly appreciated and we are proud to be your partners in those national missions to drive forward the knowledge and doing what is good for the population of the Negev and the state of Israel".

The CEO and Head of the public Assouta Ashdod hospital, Dr. Barnboym, thanked the president of the university and said: "The performance of the hospitals from the beginning of the war proved, once again, that the people of the southern and lowland areas can be proud of what they have. Moreover, our ability to offer life saving procedures in the last few months is a strong proof of the power of the health system during peace and disasters, and a great evidence of the spirit of devotion of all the hospital teams".

Prof Chezy Levy, the CEO and Head of the Barzilai medical center, said: "It is a great honor to me and to the staff of the hospital to earn this appreciation and the award of the president of the Ben Gurion University, along with the other hospitals in the south of Israel. The Barzilai medical center is fighting for the lives of hundreds of injured, beginning from that awful morning of October 7 until now. I feel so moved of this act of friendship of the president of the university, Prof Daniel Chaymovich, and dedicate the award to the precious and exciting team of the Barzilai medical center. I am most thankful to the wonderful staff of the Barzilai medical center who continues to treat the patients and save the lives of the injured with devotion.

Dr. Shlomi Kodesh, the CEO and head of the Soroka university medical center, said: "I am grateful to the president of the university for this appreciation and the acknowledgement of gratitude to the employees of the Soroka medical center who are at the front of the treatment of the injured from the Iron Swords war since the 7th of October. That was the largest mass casualty event from a terroristic attack ever referred within a short period of time, to the only hospital in the area that was under fire itself. All the employees of the Soroka medical center are continuing to fight, with great dedication, side by side, for the lives of the injured, soldiers and civilians, and for the lives of the kidnapped who were brought back to Israel. The professionalism and the sensitivity alongside the determination to save lives, and the response to the day-by-day missions, pass as a thread through all the formations and divisions of the hospital. The award of the President of the Ben Gurion University is heartwarming and strengthens us for life-saving actions.

This award will be officially presented in a ceremony that will be held during the annual session of the Board of Trustees, which will take place on October 2024.