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Trustees and CEO of British charity receive apology and libel damages from The Jewish Chronicle

Dr Othman Moqbel (CEO of Human Appeal International) and Dr Hussein Nagi and Mr Mohamad Yousef (both trustees of Human Appeal International) have received an apology and substantial damages from The Jewish Chronicle.

The Jewish Chronicle apologised in relation to articles published in February 2012 in The Jewish Chronicle and on its website TheJC.com, in which it alleged that Human Appeal International, a British charity, had been designated as a terrorist organisation by the US government and had diverted donations to fund terror and to support the families of suicide bombers.

Following the apology, Dr Moqbel said:

“It is regrettable that legal action was necessary and all this could have been avoided if the Jewish Chronicle had carried out due diligence. We are now focused on rebuilding the reputation and trust of our Charity. We hope that in future people will take due care when publishing such serious allegations. There are people out there with an agenda and we would hope that in future the media does not allow such people to mislead them”.

The apology, which was published in the Jewish Chronicle on 31 May and on TheJC.com on 30 May, stated:

‘Human Appeal International

In articles published in February 2012 in The Jewish Chronicle and on TheJC.com, we suggested that Human Appeal International, a British charity, had been designated as a terrorist organisation by the US government and had diverted donations to fund terror and to support the families of suicide bombers. We now accept that these allegations are untrue and apologise unreservedly to Human Appeal International and to those individuals who are involved in its operation. We have paid sums in damages to Dr Othman Moqbel (the CEO of Human Appeal International) and to Dr Hussein Nagi and Mr Mohamad Yousef (both trustees of Human Appeal International) as an indication of our regret.”

As stated in its apology, The Jewish Chronicle has also agreed to pay Dr Moqbel, Dr Nagi and Mr Yousef damages, together with their legal costs.

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