



Badr's Ahmed lives in a village near the Palestinian city of Tul Karim, West Bank.

Driving Palestinians to Israeli Hospitals a Path to Peace

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Hospitals in the Palestinian territories don't have facilities with dialysis, chemotherapy, radiation therapy, or other expensive treatments, so children who need these specific types of care are driven to Israeli hospitals. The Palestinian government covers the cost of the treatment but they cannot provide transportation to the facilities because of Israeli law.

Palestinians are prohibited from entering Israel with cars and public transportation is unavailable. The only option before The Road to Recovery was for families to take taxis but they were too expensive for the average Palestinian family.

"At the beginning I took a taxi from the checkpoint to Rambam Hospital in Haifa. It cost me 400 shekels (\$112), but I couldn't afford it. So I had to tell my wife that we would have to stop the treatment," Badr's Ahmed said with tears in his eyes. Ahmed is a Palestinian father of two, Karim and Hlad, who suffer from leukemia. He frequented the Rambam Hospital to get treatment and bone marrow transplants for his children. Worrying about future hospital visits, Ahmed asked other Palestinians how they commuted to the hospital. They simply gave Ahmed, both via telephone number.

Ahmed called Roth one day about getting a ride to an Israeli hospital. Roth replied with a quiet and tranquil voice, "OK, just tell me a few days before the treatment."

"It's been five years since I called Yuval for the first time,

and I haven't had a single problem getting to the hospital, even in the middle of the night," Ahmed recalled. Karim and Hlad are now recovering from successful bone marrow transplants.

When asked if peace was possible between Israel and Palestine, Ahmed answered with a smile, "I don't know if the leaders will achieve an agreement but between Israelis and Palestinians who really want peace, we don't have to wait, peace is already here."



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From Anger to Recovery

In October 1993, two soldiers from the Israeli Defense Army (IDF) hitched a ride home with three Hamas members dressed up as orthodox Hasidic Jews. The two were kidnapped and killed, one was Yuval's brother, Udi Roth. Yuval felt anger not only toward those who had killed his brother but also toward his own leaders and himself as an Israeli citizen for not working for peace.

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Concordia Su for Shamed I

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GIGLIO ISLAND, Italy—The extraordinary righting of the Costa Concordia from its watery Tuscan graveyard has given Italy a boost of sturdy national pride, helping erase the shame many felt after an Italian captain took the cruise ship off course in an apparent stunt, crashed it, and then abandoned ship before everyone was evacuated.

It didn't seem to matter that the chief salvage master was from South Africa or that his 500-member crew hailed from 26 different nations. Italy, bent by two years of recession and such political instability that each day brings relief that the government hasn't fallen, had pulled off an unprecedented engineering feat as the world watched live on television.

"Well done!" editor Aldo Mattoni said Tuesday morning as he surveyed the Concordia, upright for the first time since the Jan. 13, 2012, shipwreck that killed 32 people near Giglio Island.

Premier Enrico Letta also weighed in, emphasizing the importance of restoring the nation's civic pride.

As he personally thanked Franco Gabrielli, the head of Italy's civil protection agency who oversaw the project, Letta said the operation had demonstrated what it means to take responsibility for something, no matter how risky or how high the stakes.

"In this case, the public tragedy of our country was one of fleeing responsibility," Letta said, referring to the captain's early evacuation from the ship and his subsequent refusal to rebound even after being ordered to do so by the coast guard.

"Instead today, thanks to all your work and thanks to this concept of assuming responsibility," Italy's reputation has been restored, Letta told Gabrielli at a ceremony at the government palace in Rome.

A mournful foghorn had sounded off Giglio at 4 a.m. and Gabrielli declared that the Concordia had been successfully righted and had settled onto its new perch on a false seabed. The development now allows



The Costa Concordia

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