

**Rt Hon James Cleverly MP**  
Foreign Secretary  
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

Sent via email

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Dear Foreign Secretary,

I am writing on behalf of the British Medical Association to urge you and your team to expedite the safe return of Dr Ahmed Sabra, one of our NHS consultant colleagues, from Gaza.

We understand from [news reports](#), and from direct reports from his concerned colleagues here in the UK, that Dr Sabra, a UK national, has been prevented from crossing the border into Egypt due to administrative issues and has been separated from his family. He has been in touch with his colleagues and as such we are aware that he is in immediate danger; all efforts must be made to ensure he is able to evacuate and be reunited with his family.

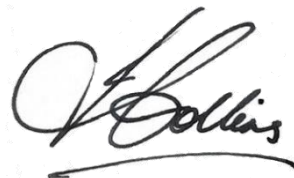
We urge the FCDO to provide assurances that the Department is working with the relevant authorities to provide immediate assistance to Dr Sabra to facilitate his safe return as soon as possible. Furthermore, we would welcome assurances that the FCDO is working to ensure that any other UK doctors in the region are able to evacuate safely should they wish to do so.

If we can offer any assistance, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,



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