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*Since his shift started in MSF-run Al Mawasi Primary Healthcare Center at 8 am, MSF surgeon Dr Mohamed Shaath has been hearing intensified bombings near the facility.*

(0:01) Since the beginning of my shift [at 8am], (0:04) there were sounds of bombs and explosions, (0:08) there was a lot of confusion.

(0:11) There was little time between each strike. (0:13) The problem started at the beginning of the shift. (0:16) In the afternoon, it increased a little bit.

(0:19) Even the sound of the planes increased.

(0:21) At about 7 or 8 o'clock [in the morning], we were expecting a normal situation. (0:25) In the clinic, there were three cases.

(0:28) One was tired and the other had a fever. (0:31) We were dealing with them normally. (0:33) Suddenly, there was a loud sound.

(0:36) There were a lot of bombs.

(0:38) We immediately switched to emergency mode. (0:42) We took the patients [that were in the clinic] out [of the emergency room]. (0:44) They were all in a stable condition.

(0:48) We took them out. (0:50) People immediately came to us. (0:52) The injured started to arrive.

(0:53) First received seven injuries. (0:58) Two of them were in life-threatening conditions. (1:01) we dealt with them immediately.

(1:03) We transferred them with the ambulances. (1:05) There were five cases in between danger and stable. (1:09) We immediately took care of them.

(1:10) Of course, we were dealing with them as a team. (1:14) We divided the roles. (1:16) There was a doctor, a nurse, and a hygienist.

(1:18) All of them were present. (1:19) All of them did their parts (1:21) We received two cases.

(1:24) Two of them were dead. (1:27) The first case was a two-year-old child. (1:32) The second case was a young man in his thirties.

(1:36) Two of them were dead. (1:37) There were no signs of life. (1:41) The rest of the patients were treated immediately.

(1:43) They were taken to the hospital. (1:46) Between the hospital in Nasser and the UK-Med Field hospital (1:52) The situation was very bad.

(1:55) There was a state of anxiety for everyone present. (1:57) The bombing was so close to us. (2:00) The sound was very loud.

(2:01) The shrapnel were visible (2:03) Flying all around (2:04) There was smoke.

(2:05) Suddenly the whole area shifted (2:10) we could not afford to be surprised (2:14) We immediately activated our emergency mode.

(2:17) We did not wait to feel anxious (2:20) There was a lot of fear, for sure. (2:23) It was visible on all our colleague's faces.

(2:25) We immediately got up (2:27) We were ready to deal with the situation. (2:28) This is what happened.

(2:31) All the injuries that were in the area. (2:33) They came to us. (2:34) Because we are the first medical point, and closest to the bombing.

(2:37) We were right next to the place. (2:39) that got targeted. (2:41) We had to handle the situation.

(2:42) Even the place [that was struck]. (2:43) If you saw how it looked. (2:46) The blood was on the ground.

(2:49) The smoke. (2:51) The smell. (2:52) Honestly.

(2:53) I can't describe the scene. (2:58) The injuries. (3:00) Most of them were not easy.

(3:02) Between the stomach. (3:03) The head. (3:04) The chest.

(3:05) We needed to intervene immediately. (3:10) We transferred the patients. (3:11) We are now recovering.

(3:13) The team is now starting to realize what has just happened (3:15) we are just beginning to realize. (3:18) what happened.

(3:19) In the end. (3:20) It was our duty to provide urgent care (3:23) But now.

(3:24) The team is now thinking about what happened (3:27) and remembering the moment of the bombing. (3:29) really.

(3:31) They [the team] is in a state of shock. (3:32) The distance between them [the clinic and the site of the attack]. (3:34) God forbid something happens to them.

(3:36) There were only a few meters [300] between us (3:39) and the bombing. (3:42) Thank God.