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Dear Friends,

I need to take this opportunity to share very sad news from Afghanistan where one of our colleagues and friends Dr. Taj Mohammad from CWS in Afghanistan passed away a few days ago after he was severely injured as a rocket intended for International Military Force facilities, hit his house.

It is a human tragedy that Dr. Taj was at home when the rocket hit his house and caused severe injuries to him. Dr. Taj was brought to a hospital, but unfortunately he passed away before any medical care could be given to him.

Dr. Taj joined CWS P/A in October of 2009 as a medical officer and was 29 years old. He leaves behind his wife, his parents and eight brothers and sisters.

Our colleagues from CWS in Pakistan and Afghanistan are supporting Dr. Taj's loved ones as best they can during these difficult times and we in the US are trying to see what support can be given from here. In the meantime, I would like to request you to keep Taj, his loved ones and all the staff of CWS in Pakistan and Afghanistan in your thoughts and prayers.

Yours sincerely,

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