



**In Memoriam  
Iqbal Mustafa, MD, PhD (1950-2004)**

*Around midnight on July 18, 2004 I had to send some emails to my colleagues that contained very sadness news regarding the passing away of our lovely colleague, Iqbal Mustafa, MD, PhD. On the other day and afterwards, I received many condolences from all over the world.*

*To honor Iqbal as a friend and colleague who had given so much of himself, and in compliance with one of our colleague's suggestion, it is not copious to gather here all of the condolences his colleagues sent. It is begun with my email.*

***Dear colleagues,***

*It is with great grief that I have to inform the passing away of one of our Editor-in-Chief, **Iqbal Mustafa, MD, PhD**, on July 18, 2004. His corpse will be interred on July 19, 2004.*

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*Thank you for your kind attention.*

*Regards  
Dr. Simon Nanlohy  
Managing Editor  
Critical Care and Shock*

It is with deep sadness I read this news, and it is hard for me to understand why this happened, a man with such energy, passion and spirit. I was looking forward to meeting him at the Bali meeting.  
We should think about having a yearly memorial lecture in his name to preserve his legacy. Any other ideas?

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Ouch!! What happened?

Jeffrey Lipman  
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and  
Professor and Head of Anaesthesiology and Critical Care  
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Dear Simon,

It is with great sadness I receive the message of Iqbal's death. He has been an eminent intensivist not only in Indonesia but elsewhere, especially the Asian-Pacific region. He has always been an excellent friend and colleague for many years now and I have difficulty in accepting the news, especially as he appeared in fine health when we last met a month ago. Are you aware of what happened?

With regards,

Tony McLean  
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I am shocked to hear that Dr. Iqbal Mustafa is no more. I always considered him as a good friend and an excellent clinician. It is too difficult to believe this news.  
Can you let me know what actually happened? I look forward to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,  
U N Das  
USA

Dear Dr. Simon Nanlohy,

Thanks for sending me the events that led to the sad demise of Iqbal, a good friend of mine. I always cherished his friendship and hospitality and I very well remember his great personality when I met him during the critical care meeting in Bali in 2001. Most of the sudden deaths, as we know, are due to coronary heart disease, recognised or unrecognised. Being physicians some time, it appears, we do not pay enough attention to our own health. It is both as a result of our own negligence and the result of our preoccupation with patient care.

I will be more than happy to do what ever that is necessary to see that Iqbal's journal: Critical Care and Shock progresses to the best of my ability. I will certainly contribute articles to the journal and review articles that are submitted to the journal. I will also be happy to attend the annual meetings of Critical Care and Shock society. If there is anything else that I can do, please let me know.

Thank you once again and keep in touch.

Sincerely,  
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Dear Dr Nanlohy

It was with great sadness to hear that Dr Mustafa, Editor in Chief, had past away. I couldn't image what happened to him, because I received his last email on the same day. Please deliver my deep grieving to his relatives with my best wishes.

Thank you very much for your attention.

Best regards,

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What a pity! What a shame! Why should Iqbal leave us so suddenly? When I saw him last month in Seoul, Iqbal seemed destined to such greatness. He gave his best lectures ever, as if he knew that he had to leave a lasting impression because he was leaving on borrowed time. Iqbal single-handedly created critical care medicine in Indonesia. It belongs to us all, his friends, to make his legacy live forever and continue to nurture critical care in Indonesia. Also, Iqbal would have like to see us continue to develop the friendship that he made us share, around the world. May his memory live forever!

Ernest

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Simon,

This is indeed shocking and unexpected. Can you share the nature of his demise? Was it natural (perhaps a heart attack) or was it traumatic? This news is very depressing. I had many good visits with Iqbal in Jakarta and feel bad that we had spent very little time together recently. I would like to send a sympathy message to his family expressing my sorry and appreciation for having known him. Who do I send it to?

Phillip Dellinger

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Dear friends,

We in S'pore are indeed shocked by his sudden demise. Barely 2 years ago, we lost the late Dr Ng Kim Swee. Iqbal delivered the inaugural Memorial Lecture for Kim Swee last month in Seoul. Both had been very active members of WPACCM, working tirelessly to improve and raise the profile of critical care in the region.

We have lost another pillar of strength and beacon of light in our community. It is with extreme sadness and reluctance that we have to bid farewell to another close comrade who was in his prime of life. We will all remember him with fond memories and nostalgia. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

Dessmon

Dear friends,

It's a pity to have this very sad news. It is so sudden!!! I just want to say to his family that I am so sad because Iqbal was a good friend and he was always so kind with me. May his memory live forever! A lot of spirit for his family.

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That's terrible and sudden news!  
Can you please transmit to Iqbal's forward the greetings of the entire working group of nutrition and metabolism of the European Society of Intensive Care Medicine, in which he has been actively involved? Thank you.

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How sad! This is terrible! And also very unexpected (to me). I saw him in Seoul just one month ago, and he looked fine! Could you please transmit my greatest sympathies to his wife? Iqbal has contributed so much to the field of intensive care medicine! We all lost a great colleague and an excellent friend! With all my sympathies also to you and other colleagues who worked closely with him.

JL Vincent

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What terrible news...it is hard to believe after seeing Iqbal so recently. His loss to his family, colleagues, Indonesian Intensive Care and the Asia-Pacific region is immense. After working with Iqbal for almost 18 years on different projects and meetings, going to Indonesia will never be the same again. Let us hope that those of us who bless each day we are here will work to meet his vision for critical care in Indonesia and this region. I will miss Iqbal and his slow smile so badly.

Geoff

We are feeling grief, sadness, sorrow and shock for the loss of such great highly energetic man who was hardly sleeping to achieve tasks that I doubt that any of us can do. But Iqbal's feelings now are totally different from our feelings. Let me tell you what Iqbal believed before and how he is feeling now. Iqbal believed that what we call life is only a road to another everlasting life in Heaven. He believed the mission of man on earth is to worship God not only by praying but also by enhancing the development and civilization on earth, by WORK. He believed in cooperation with all human beings regardless their religion, sex or race. Muslims believe that God rewards devoted hard working, sincere people (like Iqbal) with such noble believe with paradise. The enjoyment of these God's gifts and paradise feeling starts for a good Muslim from the minute he is buried. Iqbal was a good Muslim. That is why his feelings now are contrary to us. That is why he is feeling now restfulness, satisfaction, joy and happiness. We are hoping to meet you, Iqbal, again in Paradise. But till then let us pray for him. ALL OF US.

Mahmoud Elbarbary, MD, PhD, EDIC  
Director, National & Gulf Center for EBM  
Consultant Intensive Care  
Riyadh - Saudi Arabia

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Hi

Like everyone else, I am stunned to learn of Iqbal's death - please pass on my condolences to his friends and family. Should you need any help with the journal please let me know - it is obviously important that the hard work that Iqbal started should continue and flourish.

Kind regards,

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Dear Dr. Nanlohy:

It is a great shock to me to read your e-mail. I simply cannot believe that Iqbal is no longer with us. Although I did not have the pleasure of seeing him lately in Seoul, I am delighted that many of his friends and mine did see him and thought that he gave the best talk of his life. Unfortunately it just goes to prove that life is unpredictable. I am also sorry for Iqbal's wife and children for their loss which is devastating and we will greatly appreciate if you could convey our condolences to them. Please let them know that we all value and cherish Iqbal very much and he is a person who will never be forgotten by anyone of us. May God give him peace and also give the strength to Iqbal's family to bear this untimely loss of this great man. Indonesia will not be the same ever for me without Iqbal. Please let me know what we can do to keep Iqbal's journal a leading journal in the world.

Regards,

Irshad

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Dear Dr. McLean,

I read with great sadness the news of Iqbal's death. We were just together last month in Seoul and were the picture of health. I would like to share with all a picture taken of Iqbal, Xavier Lerverve and myself from that last month in Seoul. May his deeds and benefit to Indonesian Critical Care in particular and Pacific Rim Critical Care in general be long remembered.

Sincerely,

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Simon,

Thank you for this information, as I was interested to know what happened. When we were together in Seoul last month, Iqbal seemed healthier than I had seen him before. My guess is that either a ruptured aneurysm, ischemia-induced ventricular fibrillation or a combination of the two was the etiology of his death based on your report.

Still, I have decided to submit yet another quality basic science manuscript to the journal this month on acute lung injury. I shall be sending it to Dr. Benjamin in New York, but hope that our continued support will keep Iqbal's memory alive in his academic institutions.

Cheers,

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I'm so sorry to hear that Iqbal has passed away. When I met him at Yogyakarta in 1999, he was so enthusiastic about his work for Indonesian intensive care, so full of plans and visions. He achieved a lot. And with Critical Care and Shock he succeeded in installing a respectable journal. As an author, I am glad that I was given the opportunity to contribute a little bit to that journal. At Yogyakarta, Iqbal made me feel very good in his and his friends' company. With him I lost a friend on the other side of the globe. Peace be to his soul.

Erik Michel  
Germany

Dear friends,

Like all of us I am shocked by this terrible news. Iqbal was a so brilliant intensivist and a so nice friend. He introduced us to Indonesia and made us adopted his country. We are indebted to him for a lot of happy hours and for the friendship he provoked around himself. Keeping in mind his comprehensive and human regard on medicine, we have to continue to help in the development of ICU in Indonesia by maintaining our participation to the different meeting and courses he created and developed.

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Thanks so much for giving me this sad news. You know how I was close to him and I'm still very shocked by his disappearances. Please contact me as soon as you want.

Sincerely,

Xavier Lerverve

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Dear Dr. Nanlohy,

I have just received this very sad news about Dr. Iqbal Mustafa and am writing to express my sincere condolences to his family, colleagues and hundreds of friends throughout the world. Just a few weeks ago in Seoul we had long discussions about the forthcoming meeting in Bali and he was very enthusiastic and full of great plans and hopes for this meeting and for the future. Our thoughts go to his family and everyone else concerned at this very sad time.

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Dear Simon,

This shocking news is sad beyond belief. Why must this happen? Having seen him happy and active only a few weeks ago, I have great difficulty accepting this. Iqbal had so much to live for, and he had so much more ahead for intensive care in the region. It is very sad. May we all remember him and may his legacy live on.

Ian Tan

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Dear Simon:

It is with great sadness that I heard the news of the loss of Dr. Iqbal Mustafa. Although I could not be there at the funeral to say my final goodbye to him, I would like to express my deepest sympathy and condolence to his family. However, it is impossible to adequately express my sincere sympathy at this most difficult time for his family. He was liked so much that it is hard to believe that he is no longer with us in this world. His passing will be mourned by all those who loved him.

Respectfully yours,

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Simon,

I'm terribly saddened to hear of this news. Please pass my deepest condolences on to Iqbal's family. He was a wonderful ambassador for intensive care, an innovative and tireless leader, a wonderful man, and a pioneer leading the development of Asia-Pacific intensive care.

Derek C. Angus, MD, MPH  
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Dear Dr Nanlohy,

I was shocked to learn about the demise of Dr Iqbal Mustafa. I had met him only briefly at the critical care meeting in Mumbai in February this year, and was impressed by his enthusiasm. The messages of condolence coming from all his friends from around the world show how popular and respected he was. We will all miss him. Please convey my condolences to his family.

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India

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Dear Ms. Iqbal,

We are shocked at the sudden demise of Dr Iqbal. Word do not express for the loss for your family. We join you to pray for his soul to rest in peace. I am sure God will give you strength in this needy hour.

Yours sincerely,

Manimala Rao

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Dear Dr. Nanlohy:

Thanks to your email to CCM office, I was able to send a message of condolence to Mrs. Mustafa. I too want to express to you my sympathies on the passing away of Dr. Iqbal. He was an amazing individual with his utmost courteous nature, his dedication to serve his profession and his professional colleagues, and the ever present smile on his face. May God bless his soul, and allow you to keep up his good work.

Sincerely,

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Dear Simon:

It was a shock to know that Iqbal died so suddenly. He was a great achiever of difficult tasks. He will always be remembered by all of us. May God almighty rest his soul in peace.

Ahmed Ghali

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Dear Dr Nanlohy,

I have just returned from holiday and have found your e mail message with the devastating news about Iqbal. He was a wonderful colleague and a friend of many years who had an outstanding talent as a clinician and lecturer. I can only add my voice to the many who have already responded to your message in saying how much he will be missed. I last met Iqbal in Paris in April where he gave an outstanding presentation to the World Congress of Anesthesiology.

I shall be at the Shock and Critical Care symposium in Bali next week and hope to have the opportunity of meeting you. Meanwhile may I assure you of my continuing support for the journal? Please let me know how I can help in the future.

With all good wishes,

David Baker  
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Paris

Dear Colleagues:

I would like to express my deepest sympathy for the sudden bereavement of Iqbal Mustafa, MD, PhD last Sunday, 18 July 2004 in Jakarta. This was such a shock to me to lose a very good friend and I want you to know how sorry I am; words can't express, I'm sure, how much you also feel the loss. I didn't want to let the news go by without expressing to you how much I appreciated him during our long years we had spent together.

Dr. Mustafa was an individual whom everyone got along with and enjoyed having around, no matter what the occasion is. He had a very fine reputation as a talented physician who had contributed greatly to the success of Shock and Critical Care Symposium. His project team frequently commented on his creativity, his knack for reading other's mind, and his willingness to work long hours to get the job done.

He was a person who always had a smile on his face and a word of encouragement for those around him. His can-do attitude about anything assigned to his colleagues became contagious in the organization. He was always available to us and showed a willingness to help in any way he could. Day in and day out, he showed the kind of motivation and leadership to all his staff, which has been very much appreciated.

But even more than that leadership position, I have always valued my close and friendly association with Iqbal. There is for most people that one special individual who becomes a mentor, offering guidance, introductions, inspiration, encouragement, solace over failure, and, most importantly, an example of success. For me, Iqbal was that person. No matter what happens in this life, I will always hold a special place for him in my heart. I really found true workmanship and professionalism with him, for it is from those extensive experiences that we have our most treasured reminiscences.

As a memorial to his leadership, friendship, and token of my memories to him, I will be more than pleased to attend the upcoming Shock and Critical Care Symposium on August 13-15, 2004 at Bali International Convention Center, Nusa Dua for my support and enthusiasm to make Dr. Iqbal's unfinished dream a success.

In deepest sympathy,

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