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### Tribute to the late Professor Ali Salama A man of qualities and dignity

I knew Dr. Ali Salama since 1974, as a registrar in anaesthesia in Khartoum Teaching Hospital. Our contact was soon severed as Dr. Ali left to United Kingdom for training.

My second encounter with Dr. Ali was in 1989, when he was appointed as Chief Anaesthetist, in the Ministry of Health, and was stationed in Khartoum Teaching Hospital as a base for his administrative and clinical activities.

The total scene of anaesthesia at the time was so shabby and frustrating. The image of anaesthesia was stamped by the other related specialities but Dr. Ali made his aim and fulltime task to alter this situation. He was frustrated by the laxity and indifference of some of the anaesthetist at that time. He tightened his grip over the situation not only by establishing law and order, but also by setting an example of good personal attitude and performance.

Dr. Ali Salama was the first Chief Anaesthetist in the Ministry of Health who gave the post graduate training program in anaesthesia, in the University of Khartoum, his full support and dedicated concern. His participation in training, theoretical tuition and supervision of scientific thesis is well recognized by post graduate students and colleagues.

The full-time and sincere commitment of Dr. Ali was unlimited. There was no limit to his willingness to help, and surprisingly he



could afford the time despite his many and diverse obligations.

Dr. Ali Salama was a man of qualities and fine skills. His positive contribution to other medical institutions was well noted, and respected. He held official offices in the Sudan Doctors Union, and in the Sudan

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Medical Council. He sat also in many important committees, and different organization. He was also one of the Chief Editors of the Sudan Medical Journal.

Dr. Ali Salama was very transparent, very critical of mediocrity and false assumptions, the thing that attracted unfounded criticism towards him. He was faced by unlimited and fierce animosity that propelled him into unjust severe stress that have been the final straw which pushed him into the sad end of a tragic death.

Finally, the contributions of Dr. Ali Salama were not limited only to the local environment, but involved remarkable and well recognized activities in the World Federation of Societies of Anaesthetist (WFSA), the Pan Arab and Pan African

Societies of Anaesthesia where he held key offices.

This short account cannot possibly pay enough tribute to a great man, dedicated anaesthetist and a fine human being like Dr. Ali Salama.

His fatherly attitude to his students and young colleagues, his dedication and exemplary professional behavior will be remembered forever.

May God The Almighty bless him and rest his soul in heaven.

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