All,

The field team of MSF-H in Macedonia and the desk in Amsterdam asked me to send this out to you, for your information.

Please find below information on the MSF-Greece mission to Kosovo/Serbia as provided by the MSF-H-field team and Amsterdam desk. MIND THE PR line & Security (--- not for communication) LINE at the end of this message.

Cheers,

Marieke

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UPDATE ON MSF-GREECE MISSION TO KOSOVO/SERBIA

This information gathered by MSF-Holland HoM, Michel Hofman, on afternoon of 6.5.99 from team from MSF Greece.

Purpose of Mission
Explo humanitarian/medical to Pristina/Belgrade
Assess humanitarian space
Assess needs of health authorities

Convoy Composition
1 truck containing 18 tonnes of surgical items for Pristina Hospital and dental items for Belgrade
2 white Niva vehicles
All clearly marked

Team
Antonis Rigas (log/security)
Odysseus (medical/explo)
Antonis Motoras (medical surgical)
Aristides (translator)
1 x Greek truck driver

Itinerary
08.00 Friday 7th May set off
2 nights Pristina
4 nights Belgrade
Exit through Sofia

Team sat-phone numbers
+871 761 913 324
+871 761 913 327

Athens Desk responsible
Mission apparently organised through Greek Ministry of Foreign affairs

Security

MSF-Holland has made it clear that no rescue attempts can be made, but has clarified that it would be prepared to carry out medivac from Macedonia.

Furthermore, MSF Holland has made it clear that it disagrees completely with the approach chosen by MSF Greece. The consequences are solely theirs. In the mean time, the first priority for MSF Holland is the safety of the people participating in the explo. Therefore, any discussion on this action will be postponed till after the safe return of the mission.

PR

MSF-Holland will clarify that this is MSF mission and that the purpose is a humanitarian/medical explo, with no immediate intention to set up an operation. The number of the Athens desk will be given to the media, but not the sat number.

Please spread this message throughout the network to assure a similar line of communication when being approached by media.

Regards, MSF Holland Field team and Desk.