

Bashir Allaghi (1951–2018)

The Libyan medical community has recently lost one of its infectious diseases and HIV experts. His sudden and unexpected death shocked all his family and friends. Dr. Bashir Allaghi passed away on April 5, 2018, at home in Tripoli at 66 years of age.

Bashir born on December 1, 1951, and lived all his youth in the western part of Libya up to graduation from high school. Following his secondary school, he moved to Benghazi to read medicine at its newly opened medical school. He graduated from medical school in June 1977. He obtained his MBBS from Gar Younis University as a member of the first class of that medical college.

Due to lack of postgraduate training programs in the 1970s, Bashir, like many of his contemporaries, traveled abroad to complete his training in the west of Scotland. After house jobs in Tripoli and Glasgow Royal infirmary, he became a medical registrar in general medicine for 3 years in Hairmyres and Stone House Hospitals (1982–1985). He obtained his MRCP from the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland in 1985. He returned to Libya to become a consultant physician in Tripoli Central Hospital from 1986 to 1996. Following these 10 years, he was appointed as the Head of Infectious Diseases Department in Tripoli Medical Center. He was also the Head of the National AIDS Committee for over 10 years. He remained in that post until his retirement from the public system in 2011 but continued to be active in the private sector thereafter.

Bashir was a modest human being and easy to communicate with no matter if you are a student or a professor. His medical colleagues, nurses, patients, and friends loved him and loved his pleasant manners and attitude.

Bashir will be missed by many of his patients, friends, and colleagues. He is survived by his wife and six children (Anas, Badr, Basim, Yasmin, Nesreen, and Soror). May Allah bless his soul, accept all his good deeds, and forgive all his shortcomings.

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