Palestinian doctor & Nobel Prize Nominee, Dr. Izzeldin Abuelaish, to speak at Northeastern in the Sacred Space - April 16 3-5pm

Dr. Izzeldin Abuelaish
Nobel Peace Prize Nominee

The Impact of Conflict and War on Children

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The Sacred Space, 2nd floor Ell Hall, Northeastern University

Refreshments will be served following the lecture.

Dr. Izzeldin Abuelaish is an internationally renowned Palestinian gynecologist who grew up in Jabaliya in the Gaza Strip and has spent several years working as an advocate for peace and coexistence in the region. He was the first Palestinian doctor at the Soroka Medical Center in Israel and has worked for many years in the University Hospital in Beer Sheva Israel and as a field OB/GYN in the Gaza Strip. He is currently working at Tel Hashomer Hospital in Tel Aviv conducting research on Palestinian children in Gaza and Israeli children in Sderot, the border town that has been the main target of Gazan rocket fire in recent years, that examines the effects of conflict-related stress. During the recent events, Dr. Abuelaish became the spokesperson from Gaza, speaking by phone to the Israeli press almost daily reporting the situation. On weekdays he travelled to Tel Aviv to work and on weekends he returned home to his children in Gaza. One evening, 10 minutes before he was to be interviewed live by phone on the Israeli news, his house was bombed and three of his daughters and a niece were tragically killed. The news broadcaster assisted in evacuating Dr. Abuelaish and his wounded children to the hospital in Israel where he was working. He has recently been nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts. Throughout all of these tragic events Dr. Abuelaish continues to advocate peace and says “I hope that my children will be the last price.”

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