



Flight To End Polio Update - June 16, 2023



We'd like to introduce a friend of Flight To End Polio: Dr. Sandeep Munjal, MD, FAAOS. Dr. Munjal is an orthopedic surgeon in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

While Dr. Munjal was in medical school in the 1970's, he had the opportunity to visit with patients and their parents at a polio camp in India. His experiences there inspired him to go into orthopedics. He kindly agreed to share his story with us. In this video, Mr. Munjal tells us what life is like for someone who has contracted polio (both then and now), why everyone should be concerned about polio eradication, and why he supports Flight To End Polio.

To quote Dr. Munjal: *This disease can be eradicated and the problem is real. I do consider that supporting this program is supporting humanity.*

Thank you, Dr. Munjal, for sharing your story. Thank you to Pro Video in Cedar Rapids, Iowa for your time and energy toward putting this video together.

Keep scrolling to continue reading a day-by-day account of our adventure!

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\$3 to
vaccinate
1 child!

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Our primary goal is to raise awareness for the eradication of polio. This can only happen with continued donations.

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June 1-5, United Arab Emirates: Recent notes from the pilots, Rotarian Peter Teahen and PDG John Ockenfels:

Peter: "We continue to receive wonderful support and encouragement as we tell the story of Flight To End Polio around the world. People are committing to spare every child in the world from the horrors of polio... will you?" [Donate today.](#)

Above are photos from our visit to the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque Center, Abu Dhabi. We

also visited the Emirates Palace Hotel, Abu Dhabi.

John: "I was truly blown away by the immensity of the Grand Mosque structure and its beauty. During our tour we learned that the building has capacity for 45,000 worshippers!"

Both pilots agreed this is a must see for anyone visiting Abu Dhabi.







June 7, Pakistan: An incredible day from start to finish!

Peter and John spent the entire day on June 7 traveling to various sites in Pakistan, administering vaccines to children at each stop and learning more about the vaccination efforts of Rotary International and UNICEF Pakistan. Vaccines were given at a resource center in a poverty stricken area of Karachi and on board buses that had arrived in Karachi from the north, carrying refugees from Afghanistan and the north of Pakistan. Each bus into Karachi is stopped at a military checkpoint for safety reasons and then Rotary and UNICEF staff can also speak with each family on the bus to determine vaccinate status, giving vaccines on the spot when needed.

Later, Rotarians from Karachi and surrounding areas greeted them with open arms at evening events and they met with top officials from the Pakistan Polio Eradication Initiative including biologists, dieticians, doctors, pharmacists, etc.

A similar day was planned for June 8: more administering of vaccinations, visiting with dignitaries and local officials, visiting a clean water pumping station that supplies clean water to 20,000 people who would otherwise not have access.

Additional snapshots from the days in Pakistan are in our [photo album](#).



Flight To End Polio on the front page of the June 11 Nagpur, India newspaper.

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For those following along with the technical details of the flight, we are very happy with the trip so far but are experiencing three issues: 1. Our auto-pilot is still not functioning correctly, 2. The plane is using more gas than we were expecting, and 3. We have concerns that we will not be able to secure fuel for the trip from Pago Pago, American Samoa to Hawaii. We continue to work on these issues during down times from events and at night and expect resolution soon. Not to worry!

Our next newsletter will give an update on the India visit.

- Peter Teahen, John Ockenfels and the Flight to End Polio Team



A fun photo from Lahr, Germany: Peter and John hanging on for dear life at Europa-Park theme park, rushing down towards the water!



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