

Jerusalem 245
November 11. 1902.

No. 72.

Forward to F.O.

No. 26 Comm.

Sir,

I have the honour to report to Your Excellency that during the week ended the 8th instant, the number of deaths from Cholera within this Consular district, according to official Returns, was 161. Of these 88 occurred at Gaza; 49 at Lydda; 3 at Jaffa; 2 at Hebron; and the rest in outlying villages.

I beg to transmit herewith an extract from a private letter which

Nov. 3. 1902.
His Excellency
The Right Hon^{ble}
Sir H. O'Connor, G.C.B.
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Consular District

No. 71

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By 51 (no. 10) at

Jerusalem.

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10/11

I have received from Gaza, giving some details regarding the outbreak of the epidemic in that town, but adding that during the last few days there has been a marked decrease in the number of deaths.

I have the honour to be,

With the highest respect,

Sir,

Your Excellency's
Most obedient

Humble servant,

John Dickson

Extract.

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Private letter received from Gaza, dated November 3, 1902.

"The real number of cases could only be ascertained by a systematic house to house visitation & though something of the kind is attempted it is carried out with the thoroughness (usual in this land. Five doctors are supposed to be engaged in this work but only two are actually working & only one of these (our own doctor) can be said to be doing his district thoroughly.

The numbers I give you are those officially reported and as the people

people are doing everything they can to hide both cases & deaths from the knowledge of the doctors & officials these numbers are certainly below the mark. Our native doctor thinks that the deaths have been as high as 150 a day, & though this is perhaps an excessive estimate, I do not think we should be far wrong in adding 40 or 50 per cent to the official returns. These of course refer to the city only. In the villages (which are absolutely without medical attendance) the mortality is much greater.

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There is a man here who has privately appointed watchers to count the burials in the cemeteries & I have applied to him for his numbers which I will send you.

The last three days there has been a very marked decrease in the numbers, & our doctor is very hopeful of stamping out the disease before long. It is proposed now as soon as sufficient soldiers arrive to put a sanitary cordon round the city & so isolate it from the villages. The cases occurring will then be isolated as soon as reported, & in this way we hope the disease will soon die out.

Jerusalem 243
November 15. 1902

No. 73

Sir, With reference to the concluding portion of my despatch No. 69 of the 5th instant, in which I stated that the administration of justice in the Caza of Jaffa left much to be desired, I have the honour to enclose herewith copies of correspondence with the British Consular Agent at Jaffa, as marked in the margin, relative to an assault committed by a police official, named Shokat Levzi, on a British Subject, George

His Excellency
The Right Hon^{ble}
Sir N. O'Connor, G. C. B.

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Forwarded to the
Caza, Dec. 5. 1902

Keppel's return of Dec. 11

h.c.c.

for Genl. Beckwith

Desp. No. 72 of Nov. 11

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