Global Health Speaker Series
School of Public Health, East Campus, Massry Conference Center

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“Investigating an epidemic of birth defects in Iraq”

Presented by

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Dr. Al-Sabbak is the Head of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Basrah Maternity Hospital. He has documented rising cancer rates and birth defects in Iraq and linked them to environmental pollution during the war in Iraq.

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