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So moved by plight, unemployed salesman spends savings to join convoy



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Man on a mission to help relieve suffering in Gaza

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IMAGINE being unemployed and on an impulse taking all your savings and spending them on strangers.

That's what kind-hearted Razwan Khan has done.

The 28-year-old was so distressed by the suffering in Gaza that he took money he was saving for a car and spent it on a minibus to donate to people maimed by the fighting.

He bought the 14-seater vehicle last week on impulse and now plans to drive it all the way there himself as part of the Viva Palestina aid convoy led by MP George Galloway.

The former software salesman from Maidenhead has spent more than £1,500 of his own money tracking down the disabled access minibus and sprucing it up.

But with just nine days to go, the former Altwood School pupil is running out of money and is in a race against time to find the funds to complete his charity mission.

He does not have any personal ties to Gaza but was compelled to act when he saw footage from the war zone and heard that the Al-Wafa hospital for amputees had been bombed.

The Simpson Close resident said: "I've got a conscience. It's a human-

ity thing at the end of the day."

Born in the Canadian Red Cross Hospital, he has lived in Maidenhead all his life and said his Muslim upbringing taught him to think of others.

The regular blood donor added: "The footage I have seen recently has opened my eyes and made me realise that everyone is in the position to help."

He added: "If everyone was a little more charitable the world would be a better place."

Already well-travelled, he says driving into the war-torn area does not scare him. His worst fear is that he will not get there at all.

The convoy is due to leave on February 14 and Mr Khan needs another £3,000 to complete the 5,000 journey and then fly home afterwards.

He has launched a desperate appeal for people to help pay for the cost of a service and fuel for the vehicle.

He said: "I have got some money but it's really going to be cutting it fine."

"I don't want to be stuck in the Libyan Desert because I have run out of fuel."

If you can offer Mr Khan a free vehicle service, sponsorship or a donation, then contact him on 07828 130761.

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