

Having signed the golden book, the Mauritanian Head of State conferred with the ICRC officials about the institution's activities throughout the world and more particularly on the African continent.

Accession to the Geneva Conventions

The International Committee of the Red Cross has been informed by the Federal Political Department, Berne, that the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam, in a letter dated 31 October 1973 and received on 3 December, notified the Swiss Government of its accession to the four Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, to which it made some reservations.

The Provisional Revolutionary Government declared that this accession would enter into effect immediately.

Mark of appreciation

On 19 February 1974, at a ceremony that took place at the headquarters of the International Committee of the Red Cross, Dr. Eric Martin, President of the ICRC, presented the ICRC silver medal to Mr. Leo Biaggi de Blasys, ICRC delegate in North Italy for the past thirty years.

The award was made to Mr. Biaggi de Blasys as a mark of appreciation for the constant voluntary and dedicated work he has been performing over this long period in providing assistance to numerous prisoners of war and refugees.
