

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS

President of Hellenic Republic visits ICRC

The President of the Hellenic Republic Mr. Constantin Tsatsos visited the ICRC on 19 March. He was received by the ICRC President Mr. Alexandre Hay, members of the International Committee, the ICRC directors and leading officials of the League of Red Cross Societies.

After seeing a display of the work of the Central Tracing Agency, President Constantin Tsatsos discussed questions of common interest with the ICRC representatives.

ICRC President's mission to the Middle East

From 27 January to 6 February, the President of the ICRC, Mr. Alexandre Hay, went to Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Oman and the United Arab Emirates. He was accompanied by Mr. Serge Nessi, head of the Financing Division, and Mr. Jean-Marc Bornet, regional delegate. This was the first official visit paid by an ICRC President to that part of the Arab world.

Mr. Hay was everywhere most cordially received by the Heads of State, members of governments and leaders of the National Red Crescent Societies.

In his conversations, Mr. Hay described the ICRC's principal activities throughout the world, particularly those carried out in Muslim countries, and the difficult problems it had to face, especially with regard to its swelling financial requirements, which continued to increase owing to its manifold commitments in areas beset by conflict. Mr. Hay's words attracted keen interest and sympathetic understanding. The personal links forged, resulting from his mission, are bound to lead to permanent and fruitful contacts.