

# INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS

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## **The President of the ICRC in Saudi Arabia**

The President of the ICRC, Mr Alexandre Hay, accompanied by Mr Sergio Nessi, Chief of the Financing Division, and Mr G. B. Bacchetta, regional delegate for the Arabian Peninsula, went to Saudi Arabia on a short mission from 25 to 29 March.

There, the President of the ICRC met leaders of the various regional Arab organizations and drew their attention to the increase in ICRC financial requirements because of the extension of its activities throughout the world and, in particular, in the countries of the Near East, where the ICRC is intervening in the conflicts in Lebanon and between Iraq and Iran. It is hoped that these organizations will encourage the countries that are members of their associations to participate more actively in the financing of the ICRC.

The President of the ICRC was first received at Jeddah by the President of the Islamic Development Bank, Dr Ahmed Mohammed Ali, and his assistant, Dr S. Taouti, then by the secretary general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, Mr Habib Chatti, and the deputy secretaries general.

The President of the ICRC then had talks in Riyadh with Mr Abdallah Bishara, secretary general of the Gulf Co-operation Council, and with other notables.

The ICRC sincerely hopes that these approaches will have concrete results that will improve its financial situation and thus facilitate its humanitarian activities.

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## **Egyptian President visits ICRC**

President Hosni Mubarak of the Arab Republic of Egypt visited on 8 June the International Committee of the Red Cross. He was welcomed by ICRC President Alexandre Hay, along with members of the International Committee and senior ICRC staff.