

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS

ICRC delegate killed in an accident in Sudan

The International Committee of the Red Cross was greatly dismayed to learn of the sudden death of one of its delegates in Sudan, Mr. Jürg Baumann, in a road accident on 21 September 1980.

A nurse from the Swiss Red Cross, Mr. Günther Omozik, was also in the car and was slightly injured.

Jürg Baumann was 25 years old and a bachelor; he was first sent to Israel, where he worked as a delegate from February till October 1979 and on 3 October 1979 he took up his new post in Khartoum.

His death has come as a great loss to the ICRC as a whole, which expresses its deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

Protocols : Ratification and Accession

The Embassy of Finland in Berne has forwarded to the Swiss Government two instruments, dated 4 July 1980, signifying the ratification by Finland of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, adopted on 8 June 1977.

The instruments having been deposited on 7 August 1980, the Protocols, in accordance with the relevant provisions, will enter into force for Finland six months after that date, on 7 February 1981.

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The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh forwarded to the Swiss Government an instrument dated 17 April 1980 announcing its accession to the two Protocols additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, adopted in Geneva on 8 June 1977.

This instrument was registered on 8 September 1980 and the Protocols, in accordance with their provisions, will enter into force for the People's Republic of Bangladesh six months after that date, namely on 8 March 1981.

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This latest ratification and accession brings to sixteen the number of States parties to Protocol I (Ghana, Libya, El Salvador, Ecuador, Jordan, Botswana, Cyprus, Niger, Yugoslavia, Tunisia, Sweden, Mauritania, Gabon, Bahamas, Finland and Bangladesh) and fifteen to Protocol II (Cyprus having ratified only Protocol I).
