

The *International Review of the Red Cross* is the official publication of the International Committee of the Red Cross. It was first published in 1869 under the title "Bulletin international des Sociétés de secours aux militaires blessés", and then "Bulletin international des Sociétés de la Croix-Rouge".

The *International Review of the Red Cross* is a forum for reflection and comment and serves as a reference work on the mission and guiding principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. It is also a specialized journal in the field of international humanitarian law and other aspects of humanitarian endeavour.

As a chronicle of the international activities of the Movement and a record of events, the *International Review of the Red Cross* is a constant source of information and maintains a link between the components of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

The *International Review of the Red Cross* is published four times a year, in five languages:

French: REVUE INTERNATIONALE DE LA CROIX-ROUGE (since October 1869)

English: INTERNATIONAL REVIEW OF THE RED CROSS (since April 1961)

Spanish: REVISTA INTERNACIONAL DE LA CRUZ ROJA (since January 1976)

Arabic: المجلة الدولية للصليب الأحمر (since May-June 1988)

Russian: МЕЖДУНАРОДНЫЙ ЖУРНАЛ КРАСНОГО КРЕСТА (since November-December 1994)

Articles appearing in the *Review* are accessible on the ICRC Web site, under the heading "Publications/Periodicals", at the following addresses:
in English (from 1995): <http://www.icrc.org>
in French (from 1996): <http://www.cicr.org>

EDITOR: Hans-Peter Gasser, Doctor of Laws, editor-in-chief
ADDRESS: International Review of the Red Cross
19, avenue de la Paix
1202 Geneva, Switzerland
Tel. (+4122) 734 60 01
Fax (+4122) 733 20 57
Internet: review.gva@icrc.org

SUBSCRIPTIONS: one year, 30 Swiss francs or US\$ 18
single copy, 5 Swiss francs
Postal cheque account No. 12 - 5527-06 Geneva
Bank account No. 129.986.0, Swiss Bank Corporation, Geneva

INTERNATIONAL
REVIEW
OF THE RED CROSS



ISSN 0020-8604