

Syria: call for access to people caught up in violence
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The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) deplors the loss of life and injuries that have occurred in violent incidents in Syria since mid-March. It asks for immediate and unimpeded access to those in need.

"It is urgent that emergency medical services, first-aid workers and others performing life-saving tasks swiftly reach those in need," said Marianne Gasser, head of the ICRC delegation in Damascus. "The violence has resulted in a large number of casualties, and we fear that if the situation worsens more lives will be lost."

"The ICRC calls upon the authorities, demonstrators and all others involved to respect human life and dignity at all times," added Ms Gasser. (...)

(...) Since the onset of the violence, the ICRC has been coordinating its response with the Syrian Arab Red Crescent, which has been delivering essential supplies such as first-aid kits, stretchers and other emergency-response equipment. Both organizations have been cooperating with Syria's health ministry to bring aid to violence-stricken areas and are working to deliver medical supplies to hospitals and other health-care facilities in the country. (...)

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