



FROM IRAN: Red Crescent Reports Attacks on Hospitals and Emergency Workers

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Dimitri Lascaris (DL): Thank you for speaking with us today. Could you please start by talking to us about the overall humanitarian situation in Tehran since the beginning of this war? How many civilians have been killed? How many wounded?

Alireza Akbari for Raziieh Alishavandi (RA): I will provide general statistics for you about the citizens and civilians in Iran that were killed and injured as a result of US and Israeli regimes acts of aggression on Iran. All the residential areas and non-military areas that were targeted during this war. There were 81,365 units, this was the number of units, non-military units, civilian units that were targeted.

DL: Does that include commercial or is that only residential?

RA: Including all of them. Infrastructure, emergency, residential, commercial, emergency all of them. And the number of non-military units and complexes in all around Iran except Tehran, the number of them is 61,555. And the commercial units in all Iran, in all provinces and cities, it is 19,020. And the number of residential and commercial centres in Iran is 24,605. And the number of health, medical, and emergency units that were targeted, that was 275 centres.

DL: When she says units, she's talking about buildings, not human beings, she is talking about buildings.

RA: Yes. And the number of schools and the centres for education that were targeted since the beginning of this war is 498. And 17 Red Crescent centres were targeted. And ten members, ten aid workers of the Red Crescent Society were injured and one of them martyred. And three helicopters were affected, impacted. And 48 cars, including ambulances and operational cars, were affected. And the number of students and the educational staff that were killed, 206 martyrs and 154 injured medical health staff and students together. And the majority of these casualties goes to the Minab school in southern Iran that you remember in the beginning of the days of the war that were targeted by US bombs. 21 medical staff killed

and 103 of them injured. Over 18,000 civilians were injured. The number of people killed, that are under the age of 18, is 208. 208 people, younger than 18 were killed. And this was the casualties of the civilians and citizens that were targeted by US and Israeli regimes so far.

DL: May we ask questions now?

RA: Yes, please.

DL: Are the sanctions imposed by the United States and Western countries impeding the Red Crescent's ability to fulfil its mission?

RA: She says that the Red Crescent Society of Iran not only is carrying out its mission but also in the field of humanitarian issues and activities. And it is under the support of the International Red Crescent Society and the communities of Red Crescent Society, the international communities of the Red Creston Society, they have been supporting. And I do appreciate all the countries that have taken a very firm stance regarding the condemnation of these attacks and the killing of the civilians in Iran and all the help that they've given to Iran. I do really appreciate that. So far we have received some help from the neighbouring countries and from our allies and friendly countries; from Russia, China, Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Iraq, India, Azerbaijan. So far we have received help and humanitarian aid from these countries. And it included different types of humanitarian aid, such as medical equipment. food. And I do appreciate them and I'm thankful for their help.

DL: Has the Red Crescent of Iran received any humanitarian assistance from a Western country?

RA: We have had some negotiations. And from the Iranian people living in those countries or some foreigners that they have shown their preparedness and readiness from international communities. Some European countries helped us. They have given the card or number of Iran's Red Crescent Society to them for giving their help; the bank card, the number.

DL: I'm specifically asking about governmental assistance as a Western government.

RA: No.

DL: Do you feel that the United Nations has done enough to assist the humanitarian situation here or should it do more?

RA: The Red Crescent Society, moreover and along with what its mission is, it also carries out some humanitarian aid. All the cases that the civilians are killed daily and all the cases that cross the humanitarian and international law we are documenting them every day. And we are sending them to the UN Council and for international law organisations and agencies related to the United Nations. to UNICEF, to OCHA, and also the International Red Crescent Society. We are sending these crimes to pursue a legal and international case. And persistently be pursued to prevent the occurrence of crimes again and to condemn these crimes. According to international law the non-military people at the medical centres, the

emergency members, the critical infrastructure, they should be respected and they shouldn't be attacked.

DL: Is the Red Crescent involved in surveying damage or attacks relating to Iran's nuclear facilities?

RA: No, it is only about non-military people and critical infrastructure, non-military person, non-militarily issues.

DL: My last question is, in light of the attacks by the regimes of the United States and Israel on Red Crescent personnel, is she concerned about her own safety?

RA: The Red Crescent Society, we are bravely acting every day, shoulder to shoulder to people. Because we are trying to help people, respect people. We do not neglect any single piece of help. Until the last day of work, we will be next to people and shoulder to shoulder with people because we are trying to soothe their problems and their pains. She says our psychological teams help people in terms of their psychology. They are our, what she says, ambassadors of carrying out some psychological help for people to calm them down. She said that they go to every location that has been targeted and support people psychologically, socially. And also we have a kind of messaging system. They provide psychological support. We have some psychiatrists and psychologists, by phone, they provide support for people.

DL: Thank you very much. I appreciate your time.

RA: Thank you very much.

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