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South Sudan: Fleeing conflict in neighbouring Sudan, over 100,000 refugees have flooded into refugee camps in South Sudan's Upper Nile state. With the rainy season now over, a further influx of refugees is a real possibility. The ICRC has stepped up efforts to tackle water shortages, particularly severe in Yusuf Batil camp, and is providing essential items such as mosquito nets and tarpaulins for the refugees who need them most. News footage and an operational update will be published by the middle of November. For further information, please contact Jean-Yves Clémenzo, ICRC Geneva, at jclemenzo@icrc.org or on +41 22 730 22 71 or on +41 79 217 32 17.

Sudan: Updated information about the humanitarian situation and the ICRC's activities in Darfur and elsewhere in the country will be published on www.icrc.org . For further information, please contact Jean-Yves Clémenzo, ICRC Geneva, at jclemenzo@icrc.org
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Central African Republic: It remains difficult for humanitarian organizations to obtain access to the south-east of the country. To help displaced people there, the ICRC is distributing food and other essentials. An operational update will be distributed in early November. For further information, please contact Jean-Yves Clémenzo, ICRC Geneva, at jclemenzo@icrc.org
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MIDDLE EAST

Syria: Take a look at our interactive map and consult regular updates on the situation in the country on the Syria web page, at http://www.icrc.org/eng/where-we-work/middle-east/syria/index.jsp . For further information, please contact Alexis Heeb, ICRC Geneva, at aheeb@icrc.org or on +41 22 730 37 72 or +41 79 218 76 10.

ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

Japan: At a workshop entitled "Exploring Human Dignity," set to take place in Gotemba, Shizuoka, on 24 November, participants will explore the meaning of human dignity and the need to respect and protect the dignity of those who are most vulnerable. The workshop is part of "Mt Fuji," a biannual event of the Japanese Red Cross Society, the aim of which is to encourage young people to take part in humanitarian activities wherever needed. A total of 52 participants from 23 countries and 100 Japanese Red Cross members are expected to attend the four-day event scheduled for 23-26 November. For further information, please contact Hitomi Makabe, ICRC Tokyo, at hmakabe@icrc.org or on +81 3 6459 0752, or Philippe Stoll, ICRC Geneva, at pstoll@icrc.org or on +41 22 730 31 40 or +41 79 536 92 49.

Indonesia: The ICRC is hosting several events to draw attention to the importance of humanitarian principles. From 6 to 11 November, it will organize a regional workshop for peace-keeping officers from 18 countries. On 25 November, it will host a training course in international humanitarian law for bloggers. From 30 November to 2 December, the ICRC and the Indonesian Society of International Law will co-organize a seventh national moot-court competition to promote international humanitarian law among law students. For further information, please contact Patrick Mégevand, ICRC Jakarta, at pmegevand@icrc.org or on +62 811 982549, or Philippe Stoll, ICRC Geneva, at pstoll@icrc.org or on +41 22 730 31 40 or +41 79 536 92 49.

OTHER TOPICS

Reunifying dispersed families – launch of a new website – 13 November: The ICRC is launching a new, totally redesigned website entirely dedicated to the reunification of family members separated by armed conflict, disaster, migration, etc. Check out familylinks.icrc.org to discover how it works and learn more about the plight of people who have lost contact with their loved ones.

A news release will be issued on 12 November, accompanied by a news cut and clip telling the story of a Libyan man who left his country in 1968 and settled in Switzerland. This year, with help from the ICRC and the Swiss Red Cross, he was able to get back in contact with his family and friends. The video shows his emotional homecoming in Libya after more than four decades away.

A new 30-second TV spot, "Have you lost contact with a family member?", produced in eight languages and in an international version for use in times of emergency, presents the new website as a tool for tracing missing family members. Rights free. For more information, please contact Didier Revol, ICRC Geneva, at drevol@icrc.org .

Features, photos and an audio-photo gallery show how reunifying dispersed families can be a challenging task for the ICRC and national Red Cross societies:

- Every day, hundreds of people fleeing armed conflict in the **Democratic Republic of the Congo** end up in refugee camps in **Uganda**. They have had to leave everything behind. For further information, please contact Jean-Yves Clémenzo, ICRC Geneva, at jclemenzo@icrc.org or on +41 730 22 71 or +41 79 217 32 17.

- To help Congolese migrants deported from **Angola** to Western Kasai province in the **Democratic Republic of the Congo**

get back in touch with their families, the ICRC, working together with national Red Cross societies, has opened new offices in Kananga, Western Kasai (DRC), and in Dundo, Angola.
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