

Pilot projects have already been launched in some districts in several Spanish cities where volunteers and specialists work together to make social welfare programmes more effective and to stimulate the participation of all in the cause of social well-being.

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## **Dissemination of international humanitarian law**

### **SECOND ARAB SEMINAR ON INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW**

The second Arab seminar on international humanitarian law took place from 15 to 24 November 1986 in Amman. It was organized by the Jordan National Red Crescent Society.

The first seminar of this type took place in Amman in April 1981. It was part of the 'first generation' of regional seminars on dissemination of international humanitarian law. It had been suggested by the ICRC and organized by that institution and the Jordanian National Society.

The opening session of the second seminar was attended by Professor Daniel Frei, a member of the International Committee, representing the President of the ICRC, and Mr. Enrique de la Mata, President of the League. Mr. Yves Sandoz, Deputy Director at the ICRC, and Mr. Fritz Wendl, a legal adviser at the League, took part in the closing session.

Mr. François Gillioz, head of the Middle East desk in the Co-operation/Dissemination Division, took part in all the proceedings, with the aid of Mr. A. Zemmoli, a Tunisian lawyer, who gave invaluable help as an interpreter.

The League was represented at the working sessions by Mrs. Yolande Camporini, Technical Adviser, Statutory Matters/Dissemination, and Miss F. Hamarneh, who works at the League's Middle East desk.

Those taking part, about 60, were representatives from the Jordan National Red Crescent Society and from various government ministries in Jordan (Health, Foreign Affairs, Information and Education) and members of the armed forces and civil defence as well as delegates of the National Red Crescent Societies of the following countries: Bahrain, Djibouti, Iraq, Kuwait, Libya, Saudi Arabia, the Sudan, United Arab Emirates and the Yemen Arab Republic and those of the "Palestinian Red Crescent" and of the "Eritrean Red Crescent".

The seminar's chairmen were Dr. Ahmad Abu-Gura, President of the Jordan National Red Crescent Society and Chairman of the Standing Commission of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, and Mr. Abdel Ghani Ashi, Secretary-General of the General Secretariat of Arab Red Crescent and Red Cross Societies.

The lecturers were all professors of law who tailored their talks remarkably well to the audience, whom they were able to convince. Prominent among the speakers were Dr. Mohammad Aziz Shukri, from the University of Damascus, and Professors Salah el Din Amer and Said Daqqaq, both Egyptian, with whom fruitful links were established.

The work of the seminar, which was aimed both at the Red Crescent and governments, proved to be of a high standard and particularly emphasized the importance of dissemination.

## FIFTH AFRICAN REGIONAL SEMINAR ON INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

For the fifth time, the now traditional African regional seminar on international humanitarian law was held at Yaoundé, from 26 November to 4 December 1986. It was organized by the Henry Dunant Institute and the Institute of International Relations of Cameroon (IIRC), with the collaboration of the ICRC.

This seminar, the purpose of which was to examine the multiple aspects and recent developments of international humanitarian law, was attended by 78 participants from 28 African nations, including diplomats, jurists, university professors, journalists, members of the armed forces and of the National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. About thirty IIRC students were also present.

The opening and closing meetings of the seminar were honoured by the presence of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of