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TURKEY/SAKARYA: TRAIN CRASH

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In Brief

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The Situation

Several people were killed and injured last night (22 July) when a high-speed train, en route from Istanbul to Ankara, derailed near Pamukova town of northwestern Sakarya province in Turkey. Officials announced that the death toll was 37 and as many as 60 people were injured. The Disaster Operation Centre (or AFOM as it is called in Turkish) of the Turkish Red Crescent Society confirmed the figures.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The Turkish Red Crescent responded immediately with a team of 5 doctors, 5 nurses and 15 other personnel. Five ambulances, 2 mobile blood vehicles, 3 other vehicles, and 172 units of blood were also dispatched to the crash site. The national society also supplied 200 body bags.

In addition, the Red Crescent forwarded a mobile kitchen, 350 blankets, 400 individual food rations and 1,500 bottles of water to the area. The Turkish Red Crescent team was today (Friday) still on hand to help those in need.

The regional delegation of the Federation in Ankara is in constant contact with the national society. The Red Crescent has the capacity to respond and no international support has been requested.

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