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KENYA: BOMB ATTACK IN MOMBASA

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The Situation

A car bomb exploded at the Paradise Hotel (20 km's north of the coastal town of Mombasa) on 28 November. Fifteen people (9 Kenyans, 3 Israeli tourists, and 3 persons thought to be involved or responsible) have been confirmed dead, while about 80 people have been injured. Reports indicate that the hotel was extensively damaged by the explosion, with debris strewn over the beach.

At the same time, two missiles were fired at a Tel Aviv bound charter plane as it took off from Mombasa airport with some 260 passengers on board. The missiles fortunately missed the plane which later landed safely in Tel Aviv.

Following these two attacks, security measures have been beefed up at the airports, tourist hotels, national parks and other strategic places, including all foreign missions and embassies. So far two suspects have been arrested in connection with the attack. No group has claimed responsibility.

Red Cross and Red Crescent Action

A Kenya Red Cross response team from Mombasa branch was immediately dispatched to the scene and was actively involved in assisting the local authorities with the rescue and recovery process. The Red Cross team consisted of 10 volunteers who provided First Aid to the injured, and tracing officers who helped in retrieving and identifying the dead bodies. Kenya Red Cross counselors also provided assistance by offering psychological support to the survivors of the attack.

A team from the Kenya Red Cross headquarters has been sent to the site to assist in conducting an assessment of the situation. The ICRC and Federation have offered assistance in terms of vehicles, material and personnel. The national society is monitoring the situation.

For a full description of the National Society profile, see www.ifrc.org

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