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## Explosion in Kerch

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## The situation

According to the latest information available, the powerful blast rocked a college on 17 October 2018 in the city of Kerch - leaving 18 people dead and more than 50 injured. Among them, there are students of the college under age of 18. The explosive device was reportedly detonated in the canteen of the college, killing and injuring several students and teachers. According to the reports, shooting also took place at the scene of the tragic event, and it is considered to be one of the main reasons of the increased death toll.

Emergency services and ambulances were scrambled shortly after the blast was reported. The injured have been rushed to hospitals. A total of 31 survivors of the Wednesday explosion were evacuated to hospitals in nearby cities.

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Seven people from Red Cross in Kerch were on site from the first hours of the tragic event, providing first aid, and organizing calls for voluntary blood donation. There are plans to mobilise humanitarian aid and financial resources to support families of those injured and killed. According to the Red Cross in Kerch, there are about 900 students studying in the college. Thus, the number of people who may potentially need psychological support could reach 3-4 thousand people. The IFRC is in contact with respective counterparts at the NS so as to look for the need of any possible assistance.

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**Save lives,**  
protect livelihoods,  
and strengthen recovery  
from disaster and crises.



Enable **healthy**  
and **safe** living.



Promote **social inclusion**  
and a culture of  
**non-violence and peace.**