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The Situation

Two bombs simultaneously exploded in Zamboanga City, Philippines at 11:30am, 17 October 2002. One bomb exploded in the baggage counter of Shop Orama, while the other exploded in the baggage counter of Shopper Central. The branch president of the Zamboanga City Chapter of the Philippines National Red Cross (PNRC) reported that five people were killed and 60 others were injured. The area was gripped by fear as other bombs were also discovered but they did not cause casualties. Those responsible are unknown.

Red Cross Red Crescent action

Zamboanga City Chapter Disaster Response Teams were immediately dispatched to the scene to provide first aid and take victims to nearby hospitals. A voluntary mass blood donation has been launched to boost the chapter's existing supplies. The PNRC headquarters continues to monitor the situation.

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