

Information bulletin



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Iran: Plane Crash

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Relief workers of the Iranian Red Crescent Society assisted in the search and rescue operation outside the city of Qazvin on Wednesday. **International Federation.**

The Situation

An Iranian passenger plane of Caspian Airlines (Tupolevs TU-154) en route from Tehran, Iran, to Yerevan, Armenia, crashed in a farmland outside the city of Qazvin, shortly after taking off from Tehran's Imam Khomeini International Airport on 15 July 2009, Wednesday. The worst air disaster in Iran in the last years killed all the 168 people on board including 153 passengers and 15 crew members.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Approximately 200 relief workers and an assessment team from the Iranian RC provincial branch in Qazvin was dispatched to the site after the incident. They were supported by several 33-member search and rescue teams, one relief helicopter (MI-17) and some 12-member emergency teams.

In cooperation with the other organisations involved, the Iranian RC relief workers gathered the remains of dead bodies of the 168 people who lost their lives immediately after the crash. They also assisted in collecting the scattered pieces of the airplane. The second and third black boxes of the airplane were found by the Iranian RC relief workers four kilometres away from the site.

Iranian RC relief workers took part in the memorial ceremonies to alleviate the suffering of the families.

How we work

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The International Federation's activities are aligned with its Global Agenda, which sets out four broad goals to meet the Federation's mission to "improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity".

Global Agenda Goals:

- Reduce the numbers of deaths, injuries and impact from disasters.
- Reduce the number of deaths, illnesses and impact from diseases and public health emergencies.
- Increase local community, civil society and Red Cross Red Crescent capacity to address the most urgent situations of vulnerability.
- Reduce intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion and promote respect for diversity and human dignity.

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