



Special report

Iraqi Red Crescent Organization

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Zanjili Incident- Ninawa Governorate

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Background

The violent actions in Iraq continued as more than 60 people were killed and 280 wounded in a massive bomb attack on Wednesday 23 January 2008, at 4:30 pm. The attack destroyed a building and adjacent houses in Zanjili area in Mosul, Iraq's third main city and capital of Ninawa governorate. The Zanjili area lies 3 km to the west of Mosel city center. The residents of the Zanjili area are mainly destitute families.

The attack led to the destruction of at least 100 houses. Initial statistics reported the killing of 28 people, as 28 dead bodies were registered at the Forensic Medicine department. But many families had buried their killed relatives immediately after the attack without getting them registered. This had brought the estimate of the number of killed people to 60; most of them were children, women and elderly.

At least 280 people were wounded in the attack; some of them are in a very critical situation. It is expected that there are still dead bodies buried under the rubble. The Multi-national Forces evacuated some of the critically injured through Mosel airport. Immediately after the attack, the civil defense, emergency teams and security forces surrounded the area and enforced a curfew in the governorate for two days. The chief of police of Nineveh province was killed along with two other officers as they inspected the site of the attack.

The attack targeted civilians, who repeatedly have been the victims of terrorism in Iraq. Such attacks increase the suffering of the Iraqi families who are already living in a very difficult situation resulting from armed conflicts and frequent disasters.

Actions of the Iraqi Red Crescent Society- Ninawa branch

The Iraqi Red Crescent- Ninawa branch had a distinguished role in providing immediate humanitarian assistance to the affected families. Red Crescent teams arrived immediately at the attack site. An operations room was organized at the branch main office, headed by the branch director and included the different program coordinators. The branch carried out a rapid damage assessment and identified the response priorities. The Iraqi Red Crescent actions included:

- Provided first aid to the affected people.



- Established an emergency team, which was dispatched to the site of the attack. The team organized the relief operation and distributed relief and food items to the affected families.
- Provided medical and relief supplies to the Republic Hospital as illustrated in the following table:

Item	Quantity
1. Suture materials (different sizes)	176 cartons
2. Intravenous fluids	10 cartons
3. Gauze rolls (large)	100 rolls
4. Disinfectants, syringes and bandage	2 cartons
5. Stretchers	10 stretchers
6. Emergency wounded Kit	2 sets (A & B)
7. Blankets	300



- Coordinated the relief activities through the operations room with the relevant governmental and non-governmental agencies. There was coordination with the Turkish Embassy to ensure the delivery of humanitarian aid from the Turkish Red Crescent to Iraq within the first 24 hours after the incident. This donation included 300 food baskets and medical items. The Iraqi Red Crescent received these items and delivered the medical items immediately to the Ministry of Health. Also, seven casualties were transferred to one of the hospitals in Turkey.
- Coordinated with the Oil Products Company regarding the distribution of fuel to the affected families. The Iraqi Red Crescent volunteers distributed 100 liters of kerosene to each family.
- Iraqi Red Crescent volunteers set up tents for the families who lost their homes and needed to be temporarily sheltered.
- The branch delivered big tents to the affected schools to facilitate the continuation of the mid-year examinations. Tents will be used as classrooms until re-construction of schools is completed.



Distributed items during and after the Zanjili incident

Item	Quantity	Remarks
1. Food baskets (Iraqi Red Crescent)	450 baskets	Distributed on 24 January 2008
2. Food baskets (Turkish contribution)	300 baskets	Distributed on 25 - 26 January 2008
3. Food baskets (Iraqi Red Crescent)	250 baskets	Distributed on 26 - 27 January 2008
4. Kitchen sets	700 sets	
5. Hygiene kits	700 kits	
6. Blankets	1,400 blanket	
7. Mattresses	1,400 Mattresses	
8. Jerry cans	2,800 jerry cans	
9. Tarpaulin	700 pieces	
10. Tents	52 tents	
11. Kerosene	45,000 liters	
12. Blankets (different kinds)	2,500 blankets	

Needs of Ninawa Branch

The following table illustrates the needs of Ninawa branch to maintain an emergency stock and to continue the relief operation to the affected families:

Item	Quantity
1. Food baskets	500 baskets
2. Relief items	500 shares
3. Kitchen sets	500 sets
4. Mattresses	1,000 mattresses
5. Blankets	3,000 blankets
6. Medical supplies: first aid kits, bandages, disinfectants, water purification tablets, antibiotics, medicines for chronic illnesses	Whatever is available
7. Milk for infants	1,000 cans
8. Bottled water	1,000 box
9. Suits and vests for disaster management volunteers	50 of each
10 Canned food	250 box

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