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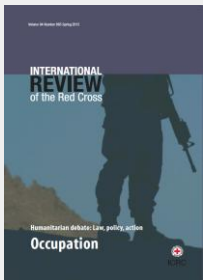
Since the end of the Cold War, humanitarian activity has grown exponentially. Several factors today seem to demonstrate profound changes in this polymorphic sector. These are factors related first to the development of crises and vulnerabilities and the risks that are emerging, second to the environment around humanitarian action and the contemporary challenges to compliance with humanitarian principles, law, and access to victims, and third to new methods and changes in the composition of the sector itself. In this edition, the Review gives the floor to representatives of a number of humanitarian operational organizations and research centres to discuss each of these three aspects of change that we think are critical to the future of humanitarian action.

Vincent Bernard, *Editor-in-Chief*

UPCOMING ISSUES

Future Themes of the *Review* adopted at annual Editorial Board meeting, Beirut, Lebanon, 7-9 March 2012.

- **Occupation**



- **New Technologies and Warfare**
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The International Review of the Red Cross launched special issue "Understanding armed groups and the applicable law" in Melbourne



Last June ICRC Director of Operations Pierre Krähenbühl launched "Understanding armed groups and the applicable law" at the National Office of the Australian Red Cross. The latest issue of the *Review* stimulated discussion on the increasing complexities on the battlefield and the related challenges that the humanitarian sector is facing when dealing with armed groups.

[Live Web Seminar : Engaging Armed Groups](#)

On 26 June 2012 **the Review** co-hosted, together with the **Harvard Program on Humanitarian Policy and Conflict Research (HPCR)**, a live web seminar on the issue of engaging armed groups. The seminar was broadcasted live from the ICRC HQ in Geneva. Speakers David Tuck (ICRC Legal Adviser in Islamabad), Ronald Offeringer (ICRC Adviser for Global Affairs) and Jonathan Somer (Legal Adviser and Programme Coordinator on Children and non-State Actors, Geneva Call) discussed current practices and challenges in engaging armed groups.

[Download the recording of the event](#)

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