

ICRC'S CENTRAL TRACING AGENCY BUREAU FOR THE INTERNATIONAL ARMED CONFLICT BETWEEN THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION AND UKRAINE

* FIGURES AS OF THE END OF FEBRUARY 2026



217,000 missing people,
military and civilians, searched for by
families who have contacted the ICRC



16,600 families
informed on the fate or whereabouts of their
missing loved ones



26,700 personal messages
exchanged directly between prisoners
of war and their families (Red Cross and
Red Crescent messages and oral messages)



**51 Red Cross and Red Crescent
Societies and 36 ICRC
delegations**
working together to bring news
to families looking for their loved ones

The Central Tracing Agency (CTA) Bureau for the International Armed Conflict between the Russian Federation and Ukraine was activated in March 2022 to help prevent disappearances and alleviate the suffering of families who remain without news of their loved ones, either because they have fallen in the hands of the enemy, have been killed or because they fled their homes and have lost contact.

Acting as a neutral intermediary between the parties to the armed conflict, the bureau collects, analyzes, centralizes and transmits information on the fate and whereabouts of military personnel and civilians who have gone missing or have been separated from their families. It strives to ensure they are accounted for and retain family links.

Based in Geneva, the CTA Bureau works closely with Red Cross and Red Crescent partners around the world to support families looking for news about their missing or separated relatives. The ICRC remains committed to do all it can to provide them with information about their loved ones.