

MOGADISHU ATTACK EMERGENCY RESPONSE 14.10.2017

Following the huge bomb blast that detonated on Saturday, 14th October, 2017, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the Somali Red Crescent Society (SRCS) began rescue efforts assisting the victims of the incident



358

While 358 people have been confirmed dead, amongst them five volunteers of the SRCS, hundreds were injured and many are still missing. In what is possibly the single and deadliest attack in decades, this incident is a painful reminder of the thousands of civilians who lose their lives every year as a direct consequence of the ongoing conflict in Somalia. The ICRC and the SRCS remind all parties that civilians are protected by international and customary laws which must be respected at all times.



FIRST AID

Immediately after the blast SRCS First Action teams provided first aid and ensured the transfer of the wounded to hospitals nearby.



HOSPITALS

Urgent medical supplies were provided to Medina, Keysaney, Daru Alshifa Specialist, Mogadishu City, Somali Sudanese and Kalkaal hospitals. Injuries sustained included fractures and burns. Some were charred beyond recognition. To help manage the influx in support of stretched hospital staff, a mobile surgical team was available.



MISSING

Tracing services and phone calls were made available in support of families searching for their loved ones.



BUILDINGS

The blast in the city's central K5 – an area lined with offices and hotels – leveled buildings and set dozens of vehicles on fire. Days after, bodies were still pulled out from beneath the rubble. The impact of the blast also caused significant damage to the SRCS offices located nearby.

Photo: SRCS Coordination Office destroyed by the blast

NUMBERS

9

The total number of dressing kits dispatched to the hospitals. Each kit can help manage 20 to 25 patients with moderate injuries

2

Weapon Wounded kits sent to Medina Hospital immediately after the blast to treat 100 injured

200

The number of body bags dispatched to help dignified management of the dead.



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