

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS
KUALA LUMPUR REGIONAL DELEGATION



2021
**ANNUAL
ACTIVITIES**
REPORT



ICRC



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF REGIONAL DELEGATION

While the full range of repercussions from the COVID-19 pandemic are still unfolding, it has undoubtedly affected all of us in different ways since the beginning over two years ago. Nonetheless, we try as much as we could here in the ICRC Kuala Lumpur Regional Delegation to continue carrying out our activities while integrating new normal working modalities.

ICRC has worked with local authorities since 2010 to improve living condition of detainees facilities – this year saw the launch of multiple trainings to integrate best practices in the management of detention facilities from around the world. These include the launching of the **Nelson Mandela Rules' eLearning modules²** in Bahasa Malaysia, training of officers at the **Kajang Women's Prison** on the **Bangkok Rules**, an international guideline for the treatment of women prisoners and their children and a **workshop with the Royal Malaysian Police** on topics ranging from international standards on human rights and humanitarian principles relating to policing duties – just to name a few.

Our cooperation with local authorities on the promotion of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) also continued with a multitude of activities involving workshops and training sessions for militaries, academia, key government officials and law enforcement agencies. Our long-standing engagement with the **Royal Brunei Armed Forces Defense Academy** was reinforced through initiatives focused on raising awareness on IHL. Besides a lecture on IHL at the National University of Singapore, the ICRC also conducted a workshop with **the Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS)** on issues surrounding data protection in the humanitarian sector. Whilst the ICRC is known for its field operations focused on the aid of victims of armed conflicts, what is often forgotten or left out is the ICRC's

role as the guardian of IHL – the law that is applicable in situations of armed conflict.

The ICRC also worked in collaboration with the **Malaysian Red Crescent Society (MRCS)** and supported their COVID-19 vaccination rollout campaign. Funds worth RM606,000 was provided for this purpose, alongside an additional RM60,000 for the renovation and refurbishment of MRCS' Beaufort and Tuaran branch offices in Sabah – *page 15* will further illustrate our efforts in strengthening the **International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement**. *Page 19* gives a brief overview of our COVID-19 response activities.

Most, if not all, of the work that the ICRC does relies on the cooperation from local authorities and actors. The fact that our activities has continued despite the pandemic is a testimony to our shared desire to help alleviate human suffering.

In Sabah, we restarted our work as soon as movement restrictions were relaxed in Malaysia – we carried out just under 50 initiatives (which can be read about further on *page 13*) including health and hygiene sessions, first aid trainings and competitions aimed to raise awareness about COVID-19 for school children.



Biljana Milosevic

¹ **Nelson Mandela Rules:** Also previously known as the United National Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners which enables countries to strengthen prison management with a view to ensure the secure, safe and humane custody of prisoners.

² **eLearning module:** Self-paced modules to assist users in understanding and applying the Nelson Mandela Rules as the universally acknowledged minimum standard for the management of prisons and the treatment of detainees.

ABOUT US

Founded in 1863, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is an impartial, neutral and independent organisation that operates worldwide in over 90 countries with an aim of helping and protecting victims of armed violence and strife by promoting compliance with International Humanitarian Law (IHL) by all governments and parties to the conflict.

Our presence in Malaysia can be traced to the 1940s. In 1973, we formalised our presence by setting up an office in Kuala Lumpur on invitation from the government. Today, the ICRC Kuala Lumpur regional delegation oversees our activities in Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei Darussalam. With a team of 50 staff members, we work with our local partners in the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, i.e. the Malaysian Red Crescent Society (MRCS), Singapore Red Cross (SRCS) Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) to fulfil our mandate as the reference organization for IHL.

OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES



**INCREASE
ACCEPTANCE & SUPPORT**

**PROMOTE RESPECT FOR
INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN
LAW**



**STRENGTHEN RESPONSE TO
MIGRATION ISSUES**

**STRENGTHEN THE
INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS &
RED CRESCENT MOVEMENT**



**RESPOND TO THE NEEDS
OF DETAINEES**



TOTAL EXPENDITURE

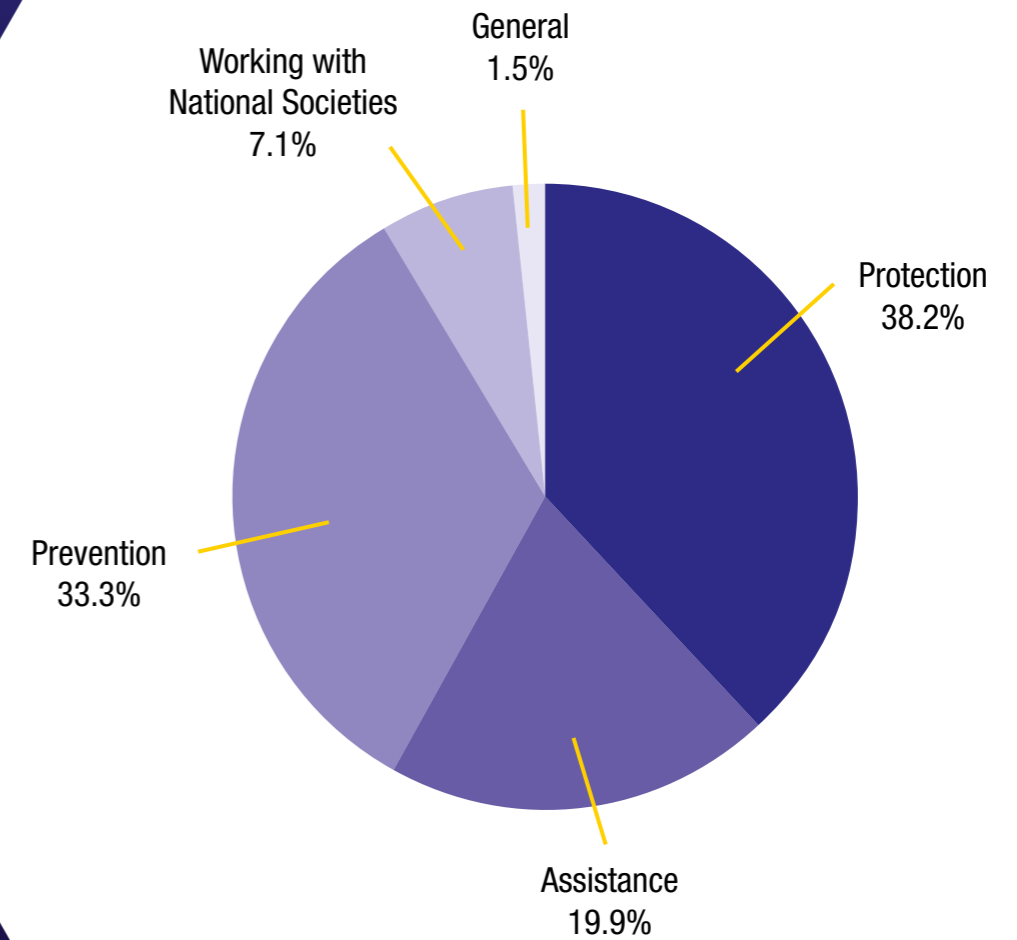
2020

RM 21.1M

2021

RM 22.6M

2021* BUDGET OVERVIEW



RM 22,600,000

**Projected total expenditure for 2021 based on 2021 budget*

VISITING DETAINEES AND ENGAGING WITH DETENTION AUTHORITIES

With the support of the authorities, the ICRC has been visiting prisons and immigration detention centres (IDC) in Malaysia since 2010 to secure **humane treatment and conditions of detention for all detainees**. We support national efforts to improve standards of detention, covering areas such as **health, hygiene, and access to open air for detainees**, among others. We also carry out **Restoring Family Links (RFL)** services, a key programme of the **International Red Cross & Red Crescent Movement**.

As COVID-19 continued its spread in 2021, visits to prisons and immigration centres were suspended due to Movement Control Orders until November 2021. Despite this, our teams maintained close contact with the Prisons and Immigration Departments, and were able to ensure continuity in our delivery of assistance and other punctual support to detention facilities across the country. These included:

1. Assistance to prisons & immigration

- Donation of hygiene items (ie. soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, laundry soap, etc) to the **Sungai Buloh Prison, Kajang Women's Prison, Bukit Jalil IDC, Semenyih IDC** and others
- Donation of a dental chair to the **Prisons Department**
- Donation of items such as books, toys and milk for children at the **temporary detention centre in Beranang**.
- Distribution of PPE items (ie. surgical masks, gloves, aprons, masks, coveralls, etc) to the **Immigration Department** headquarters for distribution to IDCs
- Continuation of the **scabies mitigation campaign** with the donation of washing machines, dryers and hygiene items completed in stages.
- From **November to December 2021**, we resumed our visits to the Kajang Women's and Sungai Buloh prisons, as well as the Bukit Jalil and Semenyih IDCs, and were able to carry out RFL services,



Launch of Training for Trainers courses based on UNODC's eLearning course on the Nelson Mandela Rules. ICRC Kuala Lumpur Regional Delegation also helped with the Bahasa Malaysia translations of these rules.



Delivery of assistance items to the Immigration Department Headquarters.



Head of Regional Delegation, Biljana Milosevic, receiving a certificate of appreciation from Dato' Haji Nordin bin Haji Muhammad, Director General of the Malaysia Prisons Department, witnessed by the Minister of Home Affairs, Datuk Seri Hamzah Zainuddin, during the 231st celebration of Prison Day.

2. Training for detention staff

To promote local-level understanding of global best practises in the management of detention facilities, we collaborated with the **United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime** to launch the Bahasa Malaysia version of the **Nelson Mandela Rules' (NMR)** eLearning modules, kicking off with a pilot project involving over 50 officers from the **Prisons Department** in April. With an expert consultant trainer from the **Kenyan Prisons Service**, we also facilitated two four-day Training of Trainers sessions on the NMR for the department in October to support its ambition to have **all prison staff complete the course by 2022**.

In August, following spikes in COVID-19 infections and the continued need for PPE, our Healthcare in Detention team organised a series of virtual **PPE stock management workshops** attended by representatives from over 20 IDCs across Malaysia.

Together with the **Kajang Women's Prison** and the **Thai Institute of Justice** in November, officers from the women's prison were trained on the **Bangkok Rules**, an international instrument providing guidelines for the **treatment of women prisoners and their children**.

3. Restoring Family Links (RFL) services

Working with the **Malaysian Red Crescent Society (MRCS)** and other National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies under the global **Restoring Family Links network**, we helped hundreds of detainees, including migrants, **re-establish contact with their families**. For instance, the volunteers of the MRCS branch in Sandakan, Sabah, supported the ICRC in delivering Red Cross messages (handwritten messages containing brief family news) to families of detainees.

4. Dialogues & dissemination

We hold confidential dialogues with detention authorities to promote detainee welfare, share observations and recommendations from our visits, and explore other areas of support and collaboration. For this purpose, several meetings were held across the year with Malaysia's detention authorities, including with the **director-general and deputy director general of the prisons and immigration departments** respectively, and with other officials in relevant department units.

We also connected with other actors, including government ministries and agencies, working groups, support organisations, embassies and key individuals on issues related to detention such as detainee welfare, protection concerns, policy reforms, health and hygiene measures and others. These actors included:

- **Ministry of Home Affairs;**
- **Ministry of Health;**
- **National Institute of Forensic Medicine;**
- **Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUHAKAM);**
- **Centre of Excellence for Research in Aids (CERIA);**
- **All Party Parliamentary Group Malaysia (APPGM) for the Reform of All Places of Detention;**
- **UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR);**
- **International Organisation for Migration (IOM);**
- **Somali Women's Association;**
- **Médecins Sans Frontières;**
- **British High Commission;**
- and others.

In respect of our strict confidentiality principle, **observations from our detention visits are never shared publicly or with third parties.**

PROMOTING RESPECT FOR INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW (IHL)

To raise awareness on IHL, encourage its compliance and contribute to its development, our teams conducted talks, training sessions, academic lectures and facilitated workshops for militaries, law enforcement agencies, academia and key government agencies and officials. We also engaged with civil society actors, students and the general public through awareness campaigns and other events to foster an environment conducive for the respect for life and dignity, and to gain support for our work.



A talk on IHL under way during a course on Law of Armed Conflict.



Students pursuing Moral Education at University of Malaya attend an IHL workshop.



The International Monitoring Team to Mindanao at the Malaysian Peacekeeping Centre attends a talk on IHL.



Armed and security forces team gave a talk to officers from the Malaysian Armed Forces, Malaysian Police and the Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency.

Malaysia

Centre of Military and International Humanitarian Law* (CoMIHL) at the National Defence University of Malaysia (NDUM)

ICRC-supported courses and talks run by CoMIHL across 2021 offered participants from various backgrounds (military, NGOs, academia) opportunities to build capacities and enhance their knowledge of IHL and related topics, including the protection of women and children in detention and conflict, terrorism & counterterrorism, the Nelson Mandela Rules, Law of Armed Conflict at Sea, and the humanitarian implications of new technologies of war, among others.

Initiatives include:

- 3rd Basic IHL course
- Pilot course for the Royal Malaysian Police from the Special Branch Counter-Terrorism Division
- Virtual talk entitled, “IHL and Intelligence: Detention without trial”
- 2nd IHL on Terrorism and Counter-terrorism course
- 4th Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC) at Sea course

**CoMIHL was formed in August 2017 following a strategic partnership between the ICRC & NDUM, under the auspices of the Ministry of Defense. Through the centre, the ICRC continues to support IHL training for national & regional militaries.*

Enhancing IHL expertise among academia & students

We collaborated with several top-tier higher learning and research institutions in Malaysia such as Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM), Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), University of Malaya (UM), Malaysian Multimedia University (MMU) and the International Institute of Advanced Islamic Studies (IAIS) on initiatives to raise awareness on IHL and related issues. These included:

- A session introducing an exploratory method to teach IHL to youths for teacher trainees of the **UM Education Faculty**
- **Virtual regional academic roundtable** with UiTM on **teaching IHL in the new normal**. The event was attended by participants from Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Timor-Leste, the Philippines and Japan.

- A guest lecture on the roles of various stakeholders in the national implementation of IHL and the screening of movies featuring principles of IHL for UKM’s “**IHL in Malaysia**” teaching project held from May-June.
- Launch of the virtual **6th National IHL Role Play competition with UKM** and the **18th National Moot Court Competition** with **International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM)**. Both competitions saw student teams from the host universities emerge as victors.
- Launch of the **Young Humanitarian Animators Competition** with MMU to create animated products on topics like COVID-19, misinformation, disinformation & hate speech, and others. **The competition runs until 2022.**
- With the support of the **Malaysian Red Crescent Society (MRCS)** and the **National Press Club (NPC)**, the seventh **Young Humanitarian Journalists competition** was organised in partnership with UiTM to encourage budding student journalists to **explore more humanitarian issues in their reporting.**
- In conjunction with the journalism competition, a Facebook live talk on the **Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW)** and a workshop on the **Role of Media in Reporting Humanitarian Crises** were held, featuring speakers from the **ICRC** and **MRCS**, the **Malaysian Foreign Affairs Ministry**, **Astro Awani** and **Soka Gakkai Malaysia.**
- In December, the **Regional Symposium on the Ethics of War & Humanitarian Principles from the Perspectives of the Southeast Asian Ulama** was hosted online by the IAIS, where three scholars from Malaysia and Indonesia presented their original research on the contributions of Southeast Asian Islamic scholars to **humanitarianism and restraint in times of war.**

Engaging the authorities, armed & security forces

In February, our delegates participated in the annual pre-deployment briefing for the **International Monitoring Team (IMT-M16) to Mindanao** where we spoke on our role and mandate as well as activities during times of conflict.

We were also invited to participate in the April **Five Powers Defence Arrangements (FDPA) Bersama Shield** command post exercise to observe the **conduct of operations in non-combatant evacuation exercises**.

Upon request, a lecture was conducted for the **Malaysian Battalion (MALBATT) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon** in July, where topics ranging from the role of the ICRC to IHL were covered. Our experts also held sessions on IHL and the Law of Armed Conflict at the **Malaysian Armed Forces (MAF) Defence College** in July, and subsequently for the participants of the **UN Military Expert on Mission Course** (organised by the Malaysian Peacekeeping Centre or MPC) in October. A separate session to introduce the ICRC and **Protection of Victims of Armed Conflict** was later held for the **annual MPC Gender Advisers Course** at the centre in Port Dickson.

Our experts were also invited to explain our role and mandate to an international audience of military officers during the **MAF Staff College Command and Staff Course 50/2021** in November. In December, we organised a two-day workshop for the **Royal Malaysian Police**, exploring the humanitarian consequences associated with the practice of law enforcement powers, in particular the use of force and firearms, search and seizure and the arrest and detention of individuals.



The third installation of the delegation's Facebook Live Talk series in conjunction with one year post ratification of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

Public awareness campaigns & events

2021 marked the launch of **"Human Matters with ICRC KL"**, a Facebook live talk series that discusses humanitarian issues and their interplay with national, regional and global trends. The series launched with three unique episodes, first on the **gendered impacts of COVID-19**, followed by an **"Ask Me Anything" session with our National Society partners in Malaysia and Singapore**, and finally a **discussion on the TPNW and Malaysia's efforts to achieve a world free from nuclear weapons**.

We also ran a series of online campaigns promoting information on the Nelson Mandela Rules, Geneva Conventions, the ICRC's policy on the protection of children, issues related to missing migrants, mental health, and IHL, terrorism and counterterrorism, to name a few.



Workshop held for the Royal Malaysian Police where topics ranging from policing standards, international humanitarian rights law, detention, sexual violence, migration and the use of firearms were covered.

Singapore

Despite limitations imposed by the pandemic, we continued to strengthen our engagements in Singapore through networking and partnerships with key actors. Key highlights include:

- **RSIS-ICRC Data Governance and Protection in Humanitarian Action Workshop 2021:** Co-organised with the **Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS)**, the **March 18 workshop brought together** Singaporean and Malaysian participants from NGOs, government, private sector and academia to discuss data protection issues relating to information sharing, artificial intelligence and digital identities.
- **ICRC-RSIS-AGC Webinar on Hostile Cyber Operations against Critical Civilian Infrastructure:** The webinar involving the **Singapore Attorney-General Chambers, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Defence and Cybersecurity Agency** discussed the threat of cyber operations on critical civilian infrastructure and the applicability of IHL in conflict-related cyber attacks.
- A lecture on IHL was delivered to students at the **Singapore Polytechnic** undertaking the programme **Humanitarian Issues and Challenges**. This programme has been in place since 2017 and was jointly developed by the polytechnic and Singapore Red Cross in consultation with the ICRC.
- A lecture on IHL was conducted at the **National University of Singapore (NUS)** for the **School of Public Health's Humanitarian Emergencies Module**.

Brunei

We continued our long-standing engagement with the **Royal Brunei Armed Forces Defence Academy** in 2021 through various initiatives, including raising awareness on IHL during the **11th Command and Staff Course**. As many as 33 participants attended the course, most of them military officers from Brunei, Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Thailand and the US.

In December, we organised a two-day virtual workshop for the **Royal Brunei Police Force**, covering **IHL, international human rights laws and international policing standards**.



The Deputy Head of Regional Delegation in Kuala Lumpur Martin DeBoer (second from front right) meets with the National Security Council of Sabah.

OUR WORK IN SABAH

The ICRC has been active in Sabah since 2013, working alongside the Malaysian Red Crescent Society (MRCS) to run health and hygiene, and community programmes for remote and marginalised communities, with the support of the state's security and health authorities.



The ICRC participated in a COVID-19 vaccination outreach programme by the District Health Office in Nabawan, Sabah for general monitoring.

2021 saw a resumption and ramping up of these activities when movement curbs were lifted, with close to **50 different initiatives** implemented across the year, including:

- 21 **health and hygiene sessions** for **Community Health Volunteers*** (CHVs) at several settlements and remote villages across the state
- 10 **competitions for school children** tackling topics on health and hygiene and COVID-19 awareness
- 6 **health and hygiene role play sessions** for school children
- 7 **refresher first aid training-of-trainer** sessions for MRCS volunteers
- 6 **online health chats** for MRCS volunteers
- 4 sessions of **rapid online training** on community inclusiveness during vaccination roll out
- and various other **health-themed community activities** for villagers.

Together with the MRCS, we also supported the district health authorities in their **polio, measles and COVID-19 vaccination programmes and activities.**

In addition, we provided funding and other forms of technical, material and logistical support to MRCS to aid its operations in Sabah, and held joint dialogues and dissemination activities to **promote the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement** and its work to relevant audiences. For example, an **IHL Virtual Day** with **University of Malaysia Sabah (UMS)** was organised with the MRCS on April 25, during which students were introduced to components of the Movement and were trained in first aid by the MRCS Sabah chapter.

**The CHV initiative is a flagship programme jointly implemented by the ICRC, MRCS and the Sabah Health Department whereby volunteers are trained on how to identify health-related problems in their settlement (ie. polio, measles & COVID-19) and are capable of responding promptly by alerting the district health authorities in the event of an outbreak.*



Session on Health & Hygiene for 100 children at the Alternative Learning Centre.



The ICRC Kuala Lumpur's Kota Kinabalu's office pays a visit to Tzu Chi's Kolombong Recycling Centre in Sabah.

STRENGTHENING THE RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT MOVEMENT

Cooperating with our partners in the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement is integral to the ICRC's mission as it ensures cohesive, efficient and rapid response to situations of armed conflict and other humanitarian emergencies. The ICRC works with the Malaysian Red Crescent Society (MRCS), the Singapore Red Cross (SRC) and Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) on complementary approaches to respond to humanitarian needs in Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei.



Launch of the MySukarela app – a digital application that serves as a one-stop centre for volunteers. The ICRC supported the initiative alongside the Asia Foundation.

COVID-19 response

With COVID-19 compounding humanitarian needs across the world, 2021 saw our National Society partners continue to focus on pandemic response. To buttress their efforts, we provided financial, technical and material support to enable their operations and strengthen volunteer capacities throughout the year.

In Malaysia for example, we provided over RM606,000 in funds to support MRCS' COVID-19 vaccination rollout, covering volunteer mobilisation, ambulance services and temporary shelters, purchase of medical goods and equipment, public communications efforts, and in the development of the society's MySukarela volunteering platform. We also funded the renovation and refurbishment of the Beaufort and Tuaran MRCS branch offices in Sabah, totalling over RM60,000. Earlier in March, our cooperation with MRCS enabled the donation of diapers and formula milk to migrant children at Hospital Kent Sandakan, Sabah, while rice packs, noodles, flour and beverages were distributed to families in six Johor districts by the MRCS Johor chapter in June.

In Brunei, our financial support to BDRCS helped support its operational response cost for transportation and its medical emergency support team.

Other activities

We also continued our collaboration with the National Societies in the joint promotion of IHL and Movement principles, RFL services and in supporting their capacity-building needs.

In Malaysia, the ICRC x MRCS #NoToNukesMy public awareness campaign commemorating the entry into force of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in January saw robust response from the general public, and drew the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, among others.

With the ICRC's support, the Young Humanitarians Month by MRCS Youth saw over 2,300 youths compete in a series of online quizzes from September to November, covering topics like IHL, COVID-19, humanitarian principles and others.

In Singapore, four workshop sessions were organised from July to August for the newly formed SRC IHL Working Group to build member capacities on IHL towards enabling future dissemination efforts.

In Brunei, a one-hour information and experience sharing session was organised with BDRCS, covering topics such as the history of the Movement, ICRC activities and potential collaborations.

From November to December, the ICRC organised the second edition of the **Digital Marketing in Humanitarian Action Workshop for National Society staff and volunteers in Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei**. A total of 138 from MRCS, SRCS and BDRCS attended the five-day online course where external industry experts conducted interactive and practical sessions to upskill participants in digital marketing and social media management.

HUMANITARIAN DIPLOMACY AND GLOBAL AFFAIRS

We offer our practical expertise in humanitarian matters and IHL via operational and diplomatic means by participating in key multilateral forums, interacting with government representatives, national and regional think tanks, research institutions and the diplomatic community. We also engage with influential religious and civil society networks on humanitarian issues and developments related to our work.

Malaysia

- Meeting with **Datuk Seri Azalina Othman Said**, the Deputy Speaker of the Parliament, to discuss potential areas of support in detention reforms and the implementation of the IHL Handbook for Malaysian Parliamentarians
- Meeting with YB **Nurul Izzah Anwar** on All Party Parliamentary Group Malaysia (APPGM) for the Reform of All Places of Detention
- Meeting with **Eric Paulsen**, the Malaysian Representative to the Asean Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR) on the ICRC's work and operations
- Courtesy visit of the **Swedish, Finnish, Danish, Norwegian and Swiss Embassies in Malaysia** to the ICRC's Kuala Lumpur headquarters
- Meeting with the **Deputy Secretary-General of Multilateral Affairs Dato' Cheong Loon Lai** of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on ways ICRC can collaborate with key ministries.
- Alongside diplomatic representatives and NGOs, participated in the **Foreign Collaborators meeting by the South East Asia Regional Centre for Counter Terrorism (SEARCCT)**, an agency of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs established to train and enhance capacity of law enforcement and government officials on counter-terrorism issues.
- Participated in a roundtable discussion by the **Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS)** Malaysia

and the **Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations (IDFR)** which focused on identifying and updating Malaysia's Foreign Policy Framework following the challenges and developments post COVID-19.

- Invited by ISIS Malaysia to speak at the **Asian Pacific Roundtable (APR)** on the humanitarian situation and challenges in Myanmar.
- Several discussions on humanitarian issues with faith-based humanitarian organisations, including the Global Peace Mission Malaysia, Humanitarian Care Malaysia, and Rohingya Project, among others.

Singapore

- Meeting with the **Attorney-General's Chambers in Singapore** to discuss our work and collaboration related to IHL
- Continued engagement with the **ASEAN Desk of Singapore's Ministry of Foreign Affairs** to further explore its interest in engaging and facilitating ICRC's work
- Completion and presentation of a research project on COVID-19 challenges to the ICRC, by Public Policy students of the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy
- Continued engagements with the **International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS)** on preparations for the annual Shangri-la Dialogue. ICRC President Peter Maurer was slated to attend the dialogue in June but the event was called off on pandemic concerns.

Brunei

- Virtual meeting between the Head of ICRC Delegation in Myanmar Stephan Sakalian and Erywan Pehin Yusof, Brunei's Second Minister of Foreign Affairs and then-ASEAN envoy to Myanmar on humanitarian issues related to the situation in Myanmar



Head of Regional Delegation Biljana Milosevic meets Deputy Secretary-General (Multilateral Affairs), Dato' Cheong Loon Lai to discuss ICRC's work and partnership with other governmental agencies.



Teams from Nordic and Swiss embassies in Malaysia on a visit to the ICRC Kuala Lumpur headquarters.



Head of Regional Delegation Biljana Milosevic meets member of parliament Dato' Seri Azalina Othman Said to discuss issues related to congestion in prisons and detention reforms.

ICRC IN THE MEDIA

1. ICRC's armed forces and security coordinator Azhari Abdul Aziz's interview on his experience of coming from the military and joining the ICRC was featured in "The Star"
2. Media coverage on Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons coming into force featured across "Astro Awani" (on TPNW; the role of Malaysia; and #NoToNukesMY campaign), "Sin Chew Daily" and Brunei Darussalam's "Borneo Bulletin"
3. ICRC's spokesperson in Gaza Suhair Zakkout spoke with "Astro Awani"; "Bernama"; "Harakah Daily", and Brunei Darussalam's "Media Permata" on humanitarian assistance and the importance of our work amidst ongoing hostilities
4. Field detention officer Alvin Yap was interviewed on ICRC's work in detention and Restoring Family Links by Malaysia's Chinese newspaper, "Nanyang Siang Pau"
5. A 30-minute interview with the ICRC's Regional Legal Adviser, Sahar Haroon, aired on Astro Awani to explain the Nuclear Ban Treaty



Regional Legal Adviser Sahar Haroon speaks with local news channel, Astro Awani, on the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW).

FACTS & FIGURES

ACTIVITIES OF THE ICRC KL REGIONAL DELEGATION
IN 2021

WORKING WITH ARMED AND MILITARY FORCES

 **1,082**

POLICE OFFICERS,
Malaysia Maritime Enforcement
Agency & military officers

attended workshops & regional
events on international policing
standards, IHL and maritime
issues

 **1,360**

MILITARY OFFICERS
& civilian personnel

attended courses, seminars and
workshops on Law of Armed
Conflict across Malaysia, Singapore,
Brunei, Fiji, Indonesia, UAE, the
Philippines, Australia, Bangladesh,
New Zealand, Sri Lanka

PROMOTING IHL THROUGH TEACHING AND LEARNING

 **305**

STUDENTS, academics
& government officers

attended courses, seminars,
webinars and workshops on IHL

 **67**

STUDENTS,
academics, lawyers

participated in IHL role play and
moot court competitions

VISITING DETAINEES AND ENGAGING WITH DETENTION AUTHORITIES

2 prison facilities; **2** immigration detention centres; **7,890** detainees visited



33,490

PPE Items



11,674

Body Soaps



11,508

Toothbrush



2,000

Reusable Sanitary Pads

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO NATIONAL SOCIETIES

 **RM11,600**

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

to support the Malaysia Red
Crescent Society's efforts to
disseminate its constitution

 **RM60,000**

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

to support MRCS Sabah with the
renovations of their offices in
Beaufort and Tuaran.

FACTS & FIGURES FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE

ACTIVITIES OF THE ICRC KL REGIONAL DELEGATION
DURING THE COVID-19 CRISIS IN 2021

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO NATIONAL SOCIETIES

 **RM606,000**

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

to the Malaysian Red Crescent
Society to support its vaccination
efforts

 **RM30k**

**WORTH OF DIAPERS AND
FORMULA MILK**

donated to Hospital Kent Sandakan
for distribution among migrant
children in the paediatric ward

 **BND15,200**

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

to support Brunei Darussalam Red
Crescent Society in its operation
response for COVID-19

MAINTAINING CONTACT BETWEEN SEPARATED FAMILY MEMBERS

 **550**

CALLS

direct calls and 9 Skype calls made
by detained migrants to their
relatives locally and from
Guantanamo Bay detention camp

 **283**

RED CROSS Messages

 **231**

Oral 'salamat'

OTHER ASSISTANCE PROVIDED

 **RM150k**

WORTH OF FOOD ITEMS

including rice, noodles, flour and
beverages distributed among
migrant families in six districts by
the MRCS Johor branch

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