HUMANITARIAN ALERT

Imminent Threat received for Immediate Evacuation of PRCS AI Quds Hospital

(29.10.2023) PRCS has just received a new threat by the Israeli Authorities this morning; ordering the team to immediately evacuate Al Quds Hospital, located in Tal Al Hawa in the Gaza city.

Two phone calls were received, with a clear and direct threat, that the hospital must be evacuated at once, otherwise PRCS holds full responsibility for the lives of everyone inside the hospital.

As clarified earlier, PRCS Al Quds Hospital has hundreds of wounded and patients receiving medical care, including in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and Children in Incubators. In addition to approximately 12'000 Internally displaced civilians sheltering at the hospital; as well as PRCS management and operations team, who are still serving hundreds of thousands of civilians staying in the North of Gaza Strip.

All medical facilities and medical missions, as well as civilians are protected under International Humanitarian Law. States Parties to the Geneva Convention, are called upon to ensure respect for the Convention in all circumstances (common article 1). Furthermore, we call upon the ICRC and the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, to intervene to ensure the protection of civilians and the protection of PRCS' teams and facilities in accordance with IHL and in fulfillment of their humanitarian mission.

We call once again on the international community as a whole, The Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, the UN system and the International agencies to act immediately and save Al Quds Hospital, as well as All Hospitals in Gaza from being targeted, and to prevent a humanitarian catastrophe from unfolding.

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