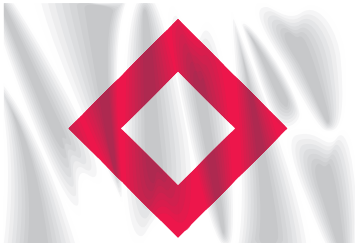


# Red Crystal

The International Red Cross Society is to adopt a new symbol to identify relief workers as neutrals in conflict zones – particularly the Middle East



*At present only  
**Red Cross** and  
**Red Crescent**  
are internationally  
recognised*

**1863: Red Cross** – reversed Swiss flag – established as neutral symbol at **Geneva Conferences**

**1876: Ottoman Empire** adopts use of **Red Crescent** in war with Russia

**1929: Red lion and sun**, used in Persia, recognised by IRCS

**1980:** Lion and sun discontinued after Islamic revolution in Iran



*Red Star of David – **Magen David Adom** – not accepted outside Israel's borders*