



## ICRC+IFRC | Mosul: Put civilians first as fighting intensifies

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As fighting increases in, and around, the Iraqi city of Mosul, the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement reminds all those involved to do everything they can to avoid injury to civilians and civilian infrastructure. It is especially important that health care facilities and personnel are protected.

Up to a million people could be forced to flee the city and its surroundings as the fighting progresses. The entire International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement stands ready to bring assistance to those in need during the coming days and weeks.

Under international humanitarian law, all parties to the conflict must do their utmost to spare and protect civilians and persons who no longer participate in hostilities such as detainees. They must do their utmost to verify that targets are indeed military objects. Safe passage should be provided for those who wish to leave the area. Explosive weapons with a wide impact area should be avoided in densely populated areas.

The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement has been working around the clock during the past few months preparing food, clean water, medicines and other essential items for those in need.