



MODULE I:

What is the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement?



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OVERVIEW: Youth Action Campaign



Welcome, thank you for joining the International Humanitarian Law (IHL) Youth Action Campaign (YAC)!

The YAC Curriculum has 4 Modules:

1. What is the Red Cross & Red Crescent Movement?
2. IHL: The Basics
3. Annual IHL Theme
4. YAC: Building Your Campaign



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Henry Dunant and the International Red Cross



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One idea – an ocean apart...

To bring humanity to war.

HENRY DUNANT

Battle of
Solferino 1859



CLARA BARTON

U.S. Civil War
1861-1865



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The History of the American Red Cross

- The American Red Cross was founded by Clara Barton as a response to the humanitarian challenges faced during the Civil War.



MISSION: American Red Cross

Prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors.

- The American Red Cross also has a mandate to educate the public about IHL.



THREE INDEPENDENT BODIES, ONE UNITED MOVEMENT



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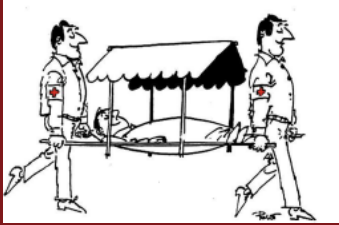
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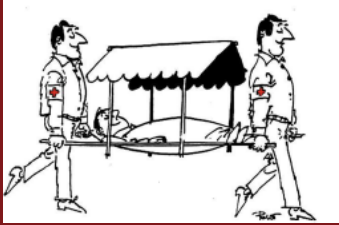
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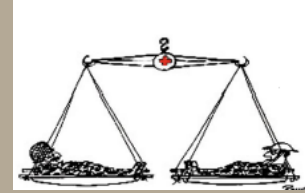
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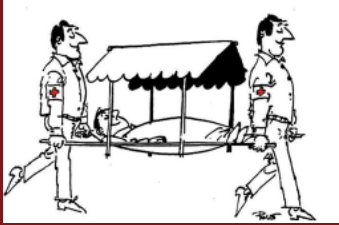
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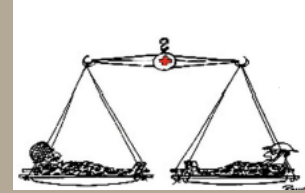
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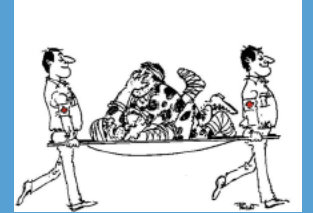
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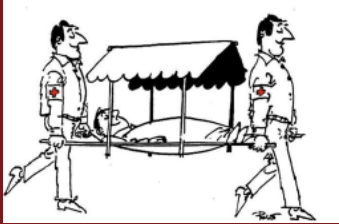
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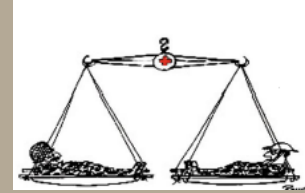
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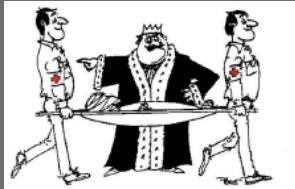
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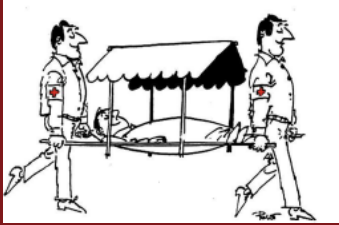
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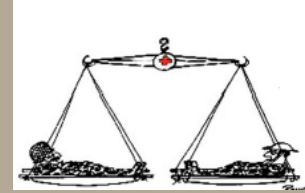
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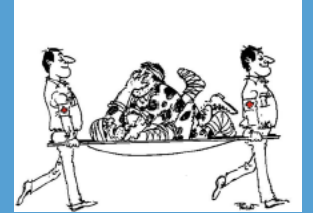
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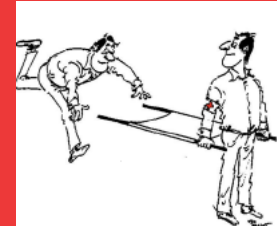
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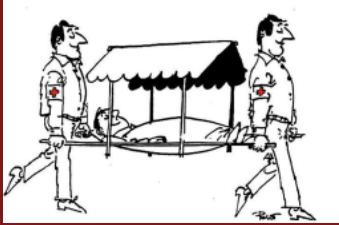
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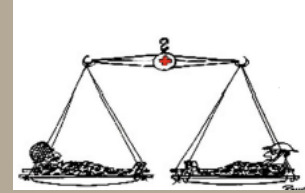
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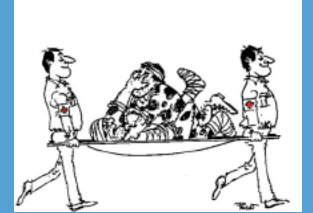
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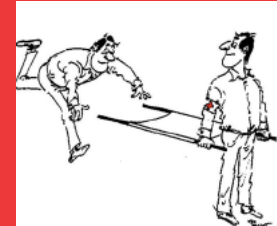
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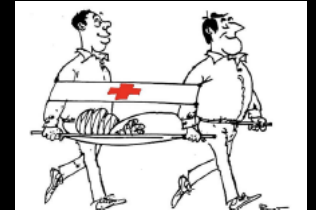
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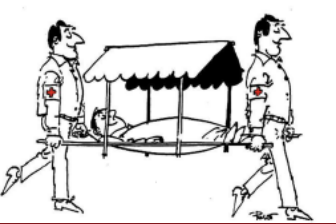
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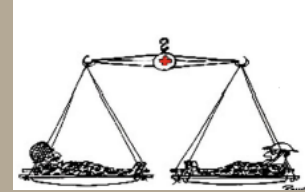
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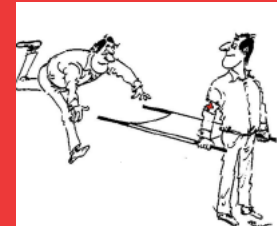
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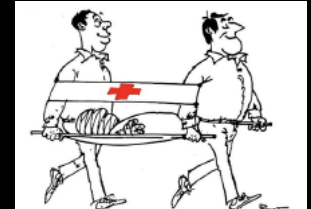
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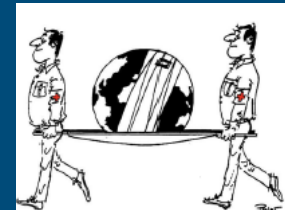
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Universality

Red Cross and Red Crescent societies operate worldwide, and all societies are equal





Discussion

In your opinion, what fundamental principle is the most important to IHL?

Rules of War in a Nutshell: Video



Protection of the Emblems





DISTINCTIVE EMBLEMS

Protective use is using the emblem as a visible sign to claim the legal protection of IHL in times of armed conflict. It should be displayed on personnel, equipment or facilities entitled to the protected status

PROTECTIVE USE





DISTINCTIVE EMBLEMS

The emblems also have an 'indicative use' to identify persons, vehicles, or structures linked to the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement

INDICATIVE USE



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Discussion

How do you think the misuse of the Red Cross & Red Crescent emblems impacts the mission?