The Red Cross has once again departed from its usual non-partisan stance on political conflicts, in calling for political change to avert a deepening crisis in Gaza, Judea and Samaria. The relief organization, which uses an inverted Swiss flag as its emblem portraying its so-called neutral status, stated in a new report published today that Israeli security measures designed to prevent Palestinian terrorist attacks on Israel could not justify the "enormous humanitarian cost" of its actions in the territories. The report highlighted IDF roadblocks in Judea and Samaria, and the ongoing economic embargo of the Gaza Strip.

Quote: *""Palestinians continuously face hardship in simply going about their lives; they are prevented from doing what makes up the daily fabric of most people's existence. The Palestinian territories face a deep human crisis, where millions of people are denied their human dignity. Not once in a while, but every day," the report reads.*

The report was published prior to the upcoming Palestinian donors' conference, which is to be held in Paris on Monday. The Palestinian Authority has already asked donor nations for around $5.6 billion in aid, which it is expected to receive on certain conditions. British charity Oxfam also intends to publish a report on the humanitarian situation in the Middle East today. Their report is expected to state that unless significant pressure is put on Israel to ease security restrictions in the territories, much of the money pledged at the donors' conference will be wasted. The Red Cross did say in their report that Israel had a right to defend their own people, but added that the Jewish state had denied the Palestinian population the right to lead dignified, normal lives. No mention was made of the fact that the current crisis stems from Hamas' continued refusal to let Israelis lead dignified, normal lives. The report comes a day after a major Kassam attack on Israel in which one woman was moderately wounded when a rocket landed on her house. Hamas also promised today that it is preparing to escalate attacks on Israeli civilians. No mention is made in the Red Cross report of the fact that Hamas squanders international aid. Money which should have been used to ease the humanitarian crisis has been used to pay the wages of top officials in the Hamas terror government. Hamas has also siphoned off EU aid to fund its terrorist activities in Gaza, and has stolen fuel from Gaza hospitals for its own use. If there is any humanitarian crisis in Gaza, it is because an illegal terrorist organization has taken control of the Gaza Strip.

It's not the first time the Red Cross has departed from its politically neutral stance. On the

40th anniversary of the Six Day War, the organization published a report stating that Israel showed "general disregard" for international law in its "occupation" of the territories. They also slammed Israel for its "Judaization" of east Jerusalem, and denounced the peace wall. Again no mention was made of Palestinian terrorism, nor of the Arab nations that brought about this situation in the first place. Only last week I was commenting on World Vision, a Christian charity with a very unchristian view. They also claim to be a non-political organization, but like the Red Cross they will make an exception when it comes to Israel. As we can see, the prophecy of Zechariah 12:2 is coming to pass. Every nation, every denomination and every organization is being drawn into this conflict. The nations of the world are seeking for peace, but it always seems to be the Jewish people that have to pay the price. The Bible states that during the tribulation period, the whole world will be gathered together against Jerusalem to do battle. And in that day the Lord will seek to destroy all the nations that come against His city (Zechariah 12:9). God has reserved the last move for Himself. He has set His King upon His holy hill of Zion (Psalm 2:6). The Bible says that whosoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved (Romans 10:13). Are you saved? Call upon the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation today.

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