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HONOURING EXCEPTIONAL NURSES AND NURSING AIDES
FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE MEDAL
47th Award

CIRCULAR n° 633

Geneva, 12 May 2019

Florence Nightingale Medal

To the Presidents and Secretaries-General of the National Societies

Dear Madam,
Dear Sir,

In Circular n° 632 issued on 1 September 2018, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) invited the Presidents and Secretaries-General of the National Societies to nominate candidates for the 47th award of the Florence Nightingale Medal.

This Medal – the highest international distinction a nurse can receive – honours exceptional courage and devotion to the victims of armed conflict or natural disaster; it also recognizes exemplary services or a creative and pioneering spirit in the areas of public health or nursing education.

We wish to draw attention to what was emphasized on page 2 of circular n° 632: "...the Florence Nightingale Medal is not intended to crown a career". It was also stated in paragraph A on page 3 of the nomination form that concrete examples of courage and active compassion should be cited and that practical activities on behalf of injured, sick or otherwise vulnerable people should be emphasized.

Having thoroughly reviewed the nominations submitted by the National Societies in the light of the above criteria, we are pleased to announce that the 29 persons listed below have been selected for the 47th award of the medal. Since titles, qualifications and functions do not always have equivalents in other languages, it seemed preferable to publish them as they were sent to us by the National Societies.

AUSTRALIA – AUSTRALIE

Ms Cristina De Leon

Registered nurse. Australian Red Cross Health Coordinator. Active notably with the ICRC in conflict and disaster situations.

Ms Yvonne Ginifer

Registered nurse. Australian Red Cross Health Delegate. Active notably with the Australian Red Cross, the ICRC and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) in conflict and disaster situations.

Ms Denise Moyle

Registered nurse. Active notably with the ICRC and the IFRC in conflict and disaster situations.

BELARUS – BÉLARUS – BELARÚS

Ms Galina Kulagina

Registered nurse. Chief nurse of the State Institution « Republican Centre for Medical Rehabilitation and Balneotherapy, Minsk. Active in the area of Public Health.

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC – RÉPUBLIQUE CENTRAFRICAINE – REPÚBLICA CENTROAFRICANA
Mme Katara Zénaba

Sage-femme diplômée. Vice-présidente de la Croix-Rouge centrafricaine. Active en situation de conflit, et dans le domaine de la formation en Sciences de la santé.

CHINA – CHINE

Ms Hong Li

Registered nurse. Vice President of Fujian Provincial Hospital. Active in disaster situations and in the areas of public health and nursing education.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO – CONGO-KINSHASA

Mme Violette Lakulu Kwewa

Infirmière diplômée. Active en situations de conflit et dans le domaine de la formation aux soins infirmiers.

DENMARK – DANEMARK – DINAMARCA

Ms Anni Fjord

Registered nurse. Medical team leader with Médecins sans frontières (MSF). Active in conflict and disaster situations.

Ms Astrid Opstrup

Registered Nurse. Active with MSF in conflict and disaster situations.

Ms Charlotte Kirstine Boitumelo Ife

Registered nurse. Teaching nurse in Peshawar, Pakistan. Active in conflict situations.

IRELAND – IRLANDE – IRLANDA

Ms Vivien Lusted

Registered nurse. Currently detention nurse based in Maiduguri, Nigeria. Active in conflict and disaster situations.

JAPAN – JAPON – JAPÓN

Ms Masako Akiyama

Registered nurse. Director of the Centre of Maggie's Tokyo. Active in the areas of public health and nursing education.

Ms Kikuko Takeshita (Urata)

Professor of International/Disaster Nursing, Japanese Red Cross College of Nursing Graduate School. Active in disaster situations and in the areas of public health and nursing education.

KENYA – KENIA

Mrs Naomi Ngaruiya

Registered nurse. Project officer to Community Epidemic Pandemic Preparedness Program of the Kenyan Red Cross.

LEBANON – LIBAN – LÍBANO

Ms Ursula Rizk

Registered nurse. Director of Nursing Program, University of Balamand. Active in conflict situations and in the areas of public health and nursing education.

NEW ZEALAND - NOUVELLE-ZÉLANDE - NUEVA ZELANDA

Ms Felicity Jane Gapes

Registered nurse. Active notably with the ICRC and the IFRC in disaster and conflict situations, and in the area of public health.

NIGERIA - NIGÉRIA

Ms Hauwa Liman

Posthumous award

Worked as a Midwife Consultant, as part of the ICRC-supported PHC Team in Rann. She was killed on 15 October 2018.

Ms Saifura Hussaini

Posthumous award

Worked as a Midwife Consultant, as part of the ICRC-supported PHC Team in Rann. She was killed on 15 September 2018.

PALESTINE – PALESTINA

Mr Mohammad Al Hessi

Emergency Medical Technician. Head of the Palestine Red Crescent Society Khan Younis Ambulance Centre. Active in conflict situations.

SOUTH SUDAN – SOUDAN DU SUD – SUDÁN DEL SUR

Nurse Rosemary Kadi Giyang

Registered nurse. Nurse in Charge ICRC Ward, Juba Military Hospital. Active in conflict situations.

SWEDEN – SUÈDE - SUECIA

Ms Maud Amrén

Registered nurse. Active notably with the Swedish Red Cross, the ICRC and the IFRC in conflict and disaster situations. Contributed to the development of the first IFRC Global Health Policy.

Ms Katarina Öberg Fichtel

Registered nurse. Active notably with the ICRC in conflict and disaster situations.

Mrs Lena Netjaeff

Registered nurse. Active notably with the Swedish Red Cross, the ICRC and the IFRC in conflict and disaster situations.

SYRIA – SYRIE – SIRIA

Mr Mohamed Masun Al-Rifa'i

First-Aid Volunteer of the Syrian Arab Red Crescent. Active in conflict situations.

UKRAINE - UCRANIA

Ms Valentina Basova

Registered nurse. Head of Dniprovskiy and Khortytskiy District Branches, Ukrainian Red Cross Society. Active in conflict and disaster situations.

Ms Nataliia Yakovleva

Registered nurse. Head of Stanitsa Luganska District Branch, Ukrainian Red Cross Society. Active in conflict and disaster situations.

UNITED KINGDOM / AUSTRALIA – ROYAUME-UNI / AUSTRALIE – REINO UNIDO / AUSTRALIA

Miss Kirsty Boden

Posthumous award

Registered nurse. Worked in the area of public health. An Australian nurse working at Guy's Hospital, London, she was killed on 3 June 2017 while helping members of the public during the London Bridge attack.

UNITED STATES – ÉTATS-UNIS – ESTADOS UNIDOS

Dr Janice Springer

Registered nurse. Volunteer Partner International Services, NCD Disability Integration Advisor, Disaster Health Services Manager, American Red Cross. Active in disaster situations and in the areas of public health and nursing education.

Ms Tanya Porter

Registered nurse. Clinical Staff Nurse at Madigan Army Medical Center. Active in disaster situations.

A total of 1'517 medals have been awarded to date.

The medals and diplomas, accompanied in each case by a photogravure portrait of Florence Nightingale, will be dispatched to the National Societies concerned as soon as possible.

We would be grateful if the medals could be presented in the course of the present year and if the Presidents and Secretaries-General could ensure that the presentation ceremony is formal in nature, in keeping with the founders' wishes. Article 5 of the Regulations stipulates the following: "The Medal shall be presented in each country either by the Head of the State, or by the President of the Central Committee of the National Society directly or by their substitutes. The ceremony shall take place with a solemnity consistent with the distinction of the honour conferred."

We ask the National Societies to convey our warmest congratulations to the recipients of the Florence Nightingale Medal.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Chapuis', written in a cursive style.

Jacques Chapuis
President of the Commission for
the Florence Nightingale Medal

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Peter Maurer', written in a cursive style.

Peter Maurer
President of the ICRC



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Circular No. 634

Recognition of the Bhutan Red Cross Society

Geneva, 29 November 2019

To the Central Committees of
National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have the honour of informing you that the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has formally recognized the Bhutan Red Cross Society. The decision was taken by its Assembly and adopted on 28 November 2019. This brings to 192 the number of National Societies that are components of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement (the Movement).

The Bhutan Red Cross Society applied for recognition on 25 July 2019. In support of its application, it submitted a range of documents to the ICRC, including:

- a copy of the Bhutan Red Cross Society Act 2016, which establishes the Bhutan Red Cross Society as a voluntary aid society that is auxiliary to the public authorities in the humanitarian field. The Act sets forth the Bhutan Red Cross Society's commitment to respect the Fundamental Principles of the Movement, to be guided by the principles of international humanitarian law and to adhere to the Statutes of the Movement. The Act also states that there is no other National Red Cross or Red Crescent Society working in the Kingdom of Bhutan.
- the text of the Statutes of the Bhutan Red Cross Society, as adopted by the National Society's first General Assembly held on 6 May 2019.
- a two-year progress report covering the years 2017–2018.
- the Bhutan Red Cross Society's strategic plan covering the years 2018–2020.

Representatives of the ICRC and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies carried out an assessment mission to the Kingdom of Bhutan from 1 to 10 October 2019 and ascertained that the Bhutan Red Cross Society has a structure and a volunteer base enabling it to carry out its humanitarian activities throughout the national territory, particularly in the fields of disaster preparedness and disaster management, health services, first-aid training and blood collection.

On the basis of the various documents submitted by the Bhutan Red Cross Society in support of its application and of the findings made during the joint assessment mission, the Joint ICRC/International Federation Commission for National Society Statutes concluded that the Bhutan Red Cross Society satisfies the ten conditions for recognition as set out in Article 4 of the Statutes of the Movement, and recommended that the ICRC recognize the Society.

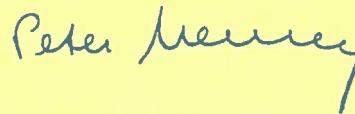
The Bhutan Red Cross Society is presided over by Her Majesty The Gyaltsuen, Queen of Bhutan. The chair of the National Society is Mr Tashi and its secretary-general is Mr Dragyel Tenzin Dorjee.

The National Society's headquarters are located at:

Bhutan Red Cross Society
Deki Lam
Changangkha, Thimphu
Kingdom of Bhutan

The ICRC is pleased to welcome the Bhutan Red Cross Society as a component of the Movement. It hereby accredits the Society, commends it to all other National Societies, and wishes it every success in pursuing and developing its humanitarian work.

FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
OF THE RED CROSS



Peter Maurer
President