

**ICRC pulls some staff out of Syria due to fighting**  
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GENEVA —

The International Committee of the Red Cross says it is temporarily moving some of its foreign staff from the Syrian capital of Damascus to neighboring Lebanon.

A Red Cross spokesman in Geneva says the move was prompted by security concerns but that a core team of about 50 staff would remain.

Hicham Hassan also told The Associated Press on Friday that the Syrian Arab Red Crescent was suspending some of its operations in the northern city of Aleppo due to heavy fighting.

Hassan says the Red Cross hopes to bring its staff back into the country.

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