

Dear Editor,

Spare me the faux compassion of Mirjana Spoljanic, the head of the International Committee of the Red Cross. It was clear from the ICRC's actions that it selects the people it cares for and about based on political considerations. Those people obviously don't include Israelis.

How do we know? The Red Cross did not visit one single Israeli hostage during the entire time all of them were held in Gaza. These hostages were tortured, raped, starved, abused, and murdered. Not only did the ICRC not visit them, it exerted no meaningful efforts to do so, no efforts to pressure Hamas into better treatment for these poor people, and no tear jerker interviews in the NY Times about their efforts to fulfill their responsibilities to these hostages.

Of course antisemitic bias is nothing new for the Red Cross. After World War 2, many high level Nazi war criminals were given fake identification papers by the Red Cross which permitted them to escape to Arab countries, South America, and elsewhere. These included Adolf Eichmann, Josef Mengele, Klaus Barbie, and Erich Priebke, the butcher of the Adreatine Caves. The Red Cross helped set up "rat lines" so these and many other German Nazis, perpetrators of war crimes and genocide could escape. The Red Cross's feeble excuse that it was deceived into doing this was belied by the extent of its malign efforts to aid fleeing Nazis.

More recently Palestinian terrorists in Gaza have used ambulances with the Red Cross on them to transport weapons and personnel. This has gone on for years without a protesting peep from Spoljanic or anyone else at that organization.

When will the NY Times interview the head of the Red Magen David, the first aid organization in Israel, about the shattered bodies and pieces of bodies it deals with almost daily from Palestinian terrorists? I'm not holding my breath waiting, and no one else should either.

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