

Dhaka, 2013. The ICRC supports operations such as the Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralysed (CRP) in its vocational training programmes giving a sense of dignity and independence to people with disabilities.

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them. The organisation set up camps to host refugees, provided food and medical services, helped searching missing people and sheltered Biharis and Pakistanis who were not involved in the war.

Besides their support during the war, the organisation carried out large-scale operations in the post-war country. It repatriated 120,000 Bangladeshis and 108,727 Pakistanis in 1973. Those photos at the exhibition were testaments to the organisation's support during the most critical time of the country.

Apart from the Bangladesh chapter, the exhibition hosted photos of its operations during the Iraq war, Syria's conflict, Sudan's conflict, Sierra Leone, and photos of cyclone-ravaged Philippines, which, say the ICRC, can give hope to millions of vulnerable people.

The ICRC's communication delegate Michael Kifle said about the exhibition, "We support people impartially, and for 150 years we have been trying to uphold humanity through standing beside people who are affected by conflict."

The aim of the exhibition was to bring forth the ICRC's works in front of the common people and let them know about the organisation's activities. Many people appreciated the initiative, while some others could not hold back tears as the photos reminded them of the inexplicable horror of wars. Many youngsters did not know of the organisation's role in our liberation war and the exhibition introduced them to our old friend, the ICRC. ■



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Dhaka, 1971. A refugee woman talks about the continuing misery of her family, her grand-children.