Human Rights Commissioner condemns the killing of the Secretary General of the Syrian Arab Red Crescent

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Dr Abdulrazak Jbeiro, Secretary General of the Syrian Arab Red Crescent (SARC) and head of the Idlib branch office, was shot dead by persons unknown as he was travelling from Damascus to Idlib on 25 January. The car he was in was clearly marked as a Red Crescent vehicle.

Markus Löning, Federal Government Commissioner for Human Rights Policy, issued the following statement today (27 January):

“I condemn the killing of Dr Abdulrazak Jbeiro. Given the current situation in Syria, respect for the work of all humanitarian agencies is indispensable. Their aim is to alleviate the suffering of the civilian population, an aim that must surely be supported by the Syrian Government.

I further call on the Syrian Government to live up to its international obligations to grant ill and injured people unimpeded access to medical care without discrimination or reprisals. People providing medical assistance must not be subjected to intimidation. The staff of international humanitarian organizations must be permitted unrestricted and unimpeded access so that those in need can be given humanitarian assistance in good time.”

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