

Decisions on Humanitarian Convoy to Evacuate Wounded and Sick from Vukovar Hospital – 18 November

1. Representatives of the Republic of Croatia, the Yugoslav Peoples Army (YPA), the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Medecins sans Frontier and the Maltese Cross met on 18 November 1991 and reached the following agreement regarding a convoy to evacuate the wounded and sick from Vukovar Hospital.
2. The Republic of Croatia and the YPA undertook to guarantee: a ceasefire in the area of Vukovar Hospital and along the agreed evacuation route. This guarantee would cover both regular forces and irregular units in the areas in which they would respectively have responsibility for the evacuation operation., The guarantee would include the assurance that the route was clear of mines in the areas of respective responsibility.
3. The convoy will take a route from Vukovar to Prilievo to Luzac to Bogdanovci to Marinci to Zidine. The transfer from YPA to Croatian responsibility will take place at Zidine at the cross road to Henrikovci. The convoy will move at times to be agreed and notified to each side well before evacuation.
4. The YPA will provide suitable military vehicles for the movement from Vukovar to Zidine; the Republic of Croatia will provide suitable vehicles for the remainder of the journey. Both parties will provide suitably equipped and manned ambulances for some 40 seriously ill and lorries or coaches as appropriate for the remaining 360 or so casualties of whom around a third will be stretcher cases.
5. The evacuation will include all those wounded or sick undergoing medical treatment in Vukovar hospital who are judged by the authorities of the hospital to be fit to make the journey.
6. The Republic of Croatia and the YPA will recognise the neutrality of Vukovar hospital during a period covering the evacuation. The hospital will be put under the protection of the ICRC who will advise both parties of the period of neutrality which they require.
7. The Republic of Croatia and the YPA agree that the EC Monitor Mission should monitor the whole of the operation, having full access to all elements of the evacuation. The two Parties will also facilitate the involvement of the ICRC, Medecins sans Frontier and the Maltese Cross, as appropriate, to allow them to play such roles as may be decided in supporting and monitoring the evacuation.
8. This agreement is subject to all parties meeting their respective responsibilities. Any party may withdraw at any time if it judges that the terms of the agreement have not been met. The option of withdrawal would in particular arise if the security undertakings given by the Republic of Croatia and the JNA were judged to have been invalidated.

Signed for the Republic of Croatia

Signed for the YPA