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## **Northern Ireland**

In 1974, two ICRC delegates carried out a further series of visits—the sixth since the emergency regulations were introduced in Northern Ireland in 1971—to detainees held on the basis of an administrative order. They proceeded to Maze Prison on 7 and 9 May and to Armagh Prison on 9 May.

The delegates spoke freely with detainees of their own choice, without witnesses.

The full text of the report forwarded to the United Kingdom Government was made public by it.

## **Regional Delegations**

The following regional delegations have been set up by the ICRC since 1970: at Yaoundé (for West Africa), Addis Ababa (for East Africa), Caracas (for Latin America), Kuala Lumpur (for South-East Asia) and Beirut (for the Middle East). In February 1974, the regional delegations in Africa were transferred from Yaoundé to Lomé and from Addis Ababa to Nairobi. By making such moves from one capital to another, the ICRC hopes to strengthen the particularly close links that are forged when a regional delegation is set up in a given country. In Cameroon, as in Ethiopia, the regional delegates enjoyed throughout the period of their mission the support of the authorities and the co-operation of the National Red Cross Societies.

A new regional delegation was up at New Delhi, covering the following countries: Republic of Afghanistan, People's Republic of Bangladesh, Socialist Republic of the Union of Burma, Kingdom of Bhutan, Republic of India, Republic of the Maldives, Kingdom of Nepal, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Republic of Sri Lanka. The regional delegate took up his post in December 1974.

The regional delegates established in these bases paid visits to the countries in their respective sectors (see below), and several countries were also visited by delegates-general or other ICRC Senior staff.