

Port-au-Prince, June 16, 2005 (AHP)- Leaders of the Red Cross International Committee (CICR) announced Thursday that their offices in the populist district of Cité Soleil will be temporarily closed down because of the climate of insecurity that prevails in this area.

The two leaders of the institution who made the announcement, Fritz Dorziar and Walde Saugeron, declared that this decision was taken after two volunteers from the Haitian Red Cross were shot and injured last Thursday in the Cité during a confrontation between armed civilians and MINUSTAH soldiers.

According to Fritz Dorziar and Walde Saugeron, activities will resume only after a meeting between all people involved on the need to protect the Red Cross personnel in all circumstances. However, they say they do not believe that the Red Cross volunteers were the bandits' target.

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