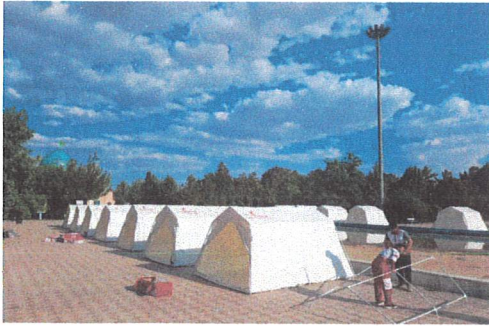


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IRCS provides relief to quake-affected people in Kashmar Society June 21, 2024 - 19:25 TEHRAN - The Iranian Red Crescent Society has provided rescue services to people affected by the earthquake in the city of Kashmar, Khorasan Razavi province. An earthquake of 4.9 magnitude at a depth of 10 km occurred in Khorasan Razavi province, northeastern Iran, on 18 June. The epicenter was located approximately 2 km north-northwestern of Kashmar city. According to reports four people died, 115 were injured (35 hospitalized), and some 900 buildings were damaged, YJC reported. A total of 41 relief teams consisting of 226 rescuers conducted some 76 rescue operations, the IRCS website quoted Yaqoub Soleimani, an official with the IRCS, as saying. So far, seven emergency camps with 340 tents have been established in Kashmar, he added. IRCS services The Iranian Red Crescent

Society (IRCS) offered first-aid training services to more than four million people from March 14 to April 5. Some 63,000 other people also received rescue services. Among 4,370 operations and services carried out by the IRCS, 2,525 were rescue operations, ISNA quoted Babak Mahmoudi, an IRCS official, as saying. The IRCS provided emergency shelters for 3,931 individuals, treated 5,257 wounded people, and transferred 1,567 others to health centers. Moreover, within the framework of a program initiated on March 14, more than four million individuals were trained in first aid by the IRCS trainers, and 400 others received online training. Also, kids were made aware of natural hazards, such as floods and earthquakes, and other dangers using virtual reality or playing games. A training workshop focusing on lowering harms caused by drug addiction was held with the cooperation of the IRCS and

Villa Maraini Foundation of Italy in Tehran in December 2023. Pirhossein Kolivand, the head of the IRCS, and **Massimo Barra**, the head of the **Villa Maraini** Foundation, met on the sidelines of the event. Kolivand stated that drug users encounter severe health issues, suffering from an identity crisis which leads to their exclusion by both their families and society, the IRCS website reported. However, initiative projects, such as Harm Reduction on Drug Addiction, serve the purpose of educating and offering healthcare to these individuals, enabling them to reintegrate into society, reunite with their families, and restore self-esteem. MT/MG