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Libya: Murder of humanitarian worker condemned

Amnesty International condemns the killing of a delegate of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) on 4 June in the city of Sirte. According to a statement released by the ICRC, Michael Grueb, a 42 year-old Swiss national, was shot dead by armed men as he was leaving a meeting in a car together with two other colleagues. Nothing can ever justify the deliberate targeting of humanitarian workers.

Under its domestic and international obligations, Libya must protect the lives and safety of all persons within its jurisdiction. Amnesty International calls on the Libyan authorities to immediately conduct a thorough and impartial investigation into the murder of Michael Grueb and bring the perpetrators to justice in a fair trial. Humanitarian organizations such as the ICRC must be allowed to carry out their vital work in safety.