Kyrgyzstan, A meeting was held between representatives of Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan at the initiative and with the support of the [Kyrgyz] National Red Crescent Society in Batken today to discuss pre-empting conflicts.

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Residents of the border villages of Khushyar [transliterated] from Uzbekistan's Sokh District, Lyakkan [transliterated] from Tajikistan's Isfara District and from Kyrgyzstan's Batken Region, which have a potential for conflict, were also invited to the round table.

“The round table was organized in order to familiarize representatives of the neighbouring countries with the Kyrgyz National Red Crescent Society's programmes on warning people of dangers of land mines, on providing first aid and relief supplies for the victims of domestic tension and potential conflicts, on rescue operations, and to discuss ways of solving the existing problems jointly. Representatives of the three countries admitted at the meeting that all of their states had problems in these areas.

“The questions raised at the meeting are very topical to all of us because we live in one region and are bonded by a centuries-long common history,” the head of the programme on preparing for emergencies and providing relief supplies from the Uzbek Red Crescent Society, Igor Listopadov, said. The exchange of views we had today will help each of our National [Red Crescent] societies clarify our work and coordinate our joint efforts to help people in a critical situation,” Igor Listopadov said.

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