

„Atlas-Boss defames German Red Cross“

Caption: Atlas-boss Fil Filipov (photo) has courted the resentment of DRK's national association Oldenburg by a statement during a dk-interview on June 19. "I am not the Red Cross, those who don't work I will fire", the company boss had said. DRK deputy chief Meike Müller accuses Filipov of defaming members and employees of the DRK by this "unqualified statement".

dk-Interview

Appalled by Filipov

About the dk-interview with Atlas chief Fil Filipov of June 19:

As the deputy president of the DRK national association Oldenburg and a citizen of Delmenhorst I am very appalled at Mr. Fil Filipov's statement "I am not the Red Cross, those who don't work I will fire".

I will not accept that our 3.7 million members and our 116,000 permanent employees and, in particular our 400,000 honorary works are being defamed by this unqualified statement.

With its many full-time employees and the many voluntary, highly motivated and well trained employees the German Red Cross has a high relevance in society; as a recognized welfare organization we furthermore accept a socio-political mission that our state is reliant on. We of the Red Cross "produce" aid and services for which the sentence "Without efficiency no charity" is of highest importance.

Within the international Red Cross and Red Crescent movement, which today comprises 186 national societies, we are committed to seven principles: humanity, impartiality, neutrality, independence, voluntariness, unity, and universality. We endeavor to live and work according to these principles.

This is probably what separates us from Mr. Fil Filipov. I am willing to acquaint Mr. Fil Filipov (in 29 minutes) with the work of the Red Cross.