



ICBS statement in support of the Cologne Archive
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On the afternoon of Tuesday 3 March, the building of the Historic Archive of the city of Cologne in Germany collapsed along with two neighboring buildings.

According to news reports, rescue workers are searching for people believed to be missing after the collapse.

The building dated from the 1970s and contained some 65,000 original charters as well as valuable collections of maps, images, posters and files.

The International Committee of the Blue Shield conveys its sympathy and support for all those at the Historic Archive of the city of Cologne following this tragic incident.

On behalf of the Blue Shield Organization,

Julien Anfruns,

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