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The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Vienna presents its compliments to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), and with reference to The Convention on Nuclear Safety (CNS) , the mission has the honor to enclose herewith the National report of the Kingdom of Bahrain under the abovementioned Convention.

The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Bahrain avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the International atomic Energy Agency the assurances of its highest consideration.



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CNS National report

Kingdom of Bahrain

Emergency Preparedness

Effective Management of Nuclear & Radiological emergency requires a national plan & arrangement to be in place. A well maintained & shared joint exercise is to be regularly carried out as part of the National Major Civil Contingency Strategy.

Amiri Decree No 5 of 1990 assigned the Civil Defense (Ministry of Interior) as the legal responsible authority during all kinds of Emergency in Bahrain, Including Radiological Emergencies and Active Civil Defense.

The “Civil Defence Council” was established in 1990 following His Royal Highness The Prime Minister’s Directive No.(6) of 1991 in accordance with Amiri Decree No.5 of 1990. The “Civil Defence Council” is charged with the responsibility for developing National Policies that encourage a Culture of Risk Awareness and Risk Reduction so that identified risks are effectively managed and to develop policies that create an effective and efficient response in the event of a National Crisis/Emergency, to successfully manage it and rapidly recover from the consequences.

The Composition of the “Civil Defence Council” is as laid down in His Royal Highness The Prime Minister’s Decree for Reorganisation of the Civil Defence No.55 of 2009.

Minister of the Interior - Chairman

Ministry of Interior includes:

- The Chief of Public Security
- Director General, General Directorate of Civil Defence

Minister of Culture and Information

Minister of Health

Minister of Municipalities & Agriculture Affairs

Minister of Industry, Commerce & Tourism

Minister of Labour

Minister of Works and Head of Electricity & Water Authority

Supreme Council of Environment.

Secretariat – Ministry of the Interior General Directorate of Civil Defence and Office of the Executive Secretariat to the National Committee for Disaster Management.

THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR DISASTER MANAGEMENT (NCDM)

The NCDM is to ensure the Kingdom's Security and Safety by emplacing mechanisms and systems to encourage a National Culture of Risk Awareness and Risk Reduction; by ensuring that all Risks are properly managed and ensuring that comprehensive plans exist so that any Crisis is successfully managed and swiftly recovered from.

The NCDM is legally authorised to act as the focal point for all matters concerning Risk and Crisis Management. The Committee is to act as the executive arm of the Civil Defence Council (CDC) to ensure inter and multi-agency coordination and cooperation of the Nation's Security and Safety resources in time of peace and war.

The NCDM is to carry out the following specific tasks:

- Assess the general state of public safety and recommend plans, programmes and measures accordingly.
- Recommend plans and detailed programs to manage disasters efficiently and effectively and to reduce their effects.
- Recommend and coordinate tasks of Ministries and other agencies involved in disaster management.
- Recommend a list of regulations required to achieve public safety according to existing laws in the Kingdom and to international standards.
- Carry out continuous assessment of general emergency plans and specialised plans of Ministries and other relevant agencies and recommend required amendments and updates.
- Identify and establish volunteer groups for specific areas and follow-up their training programmes.
- Ensure cooperation and coordination with Committees, Institutes, and Organisations specialising in the field of Risk and Crisis Management.
- Carry out any actions or tasks to manage Risk and Crisis as ordered by the Minister of the Interior or the Civil Protection Council.
- Coordinate a Programme for joint exercises and follow-up execution of such programmes.

A radiological Emergency Exercise is conducted on a regular basis and a draft plan was developed to guide the Emergency services for Nuclear & Radiological Emergency.

Moreover, a blood irradiation system was recently introduced in King Hamad University Hospital which contains a radioactive source (CS-17) with radioactivity that reaches up to 1200 Kory (44.4 TB). The system was supervised and approved by the Supreme Council of Environment.