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1. Legislation:

Law No.5 of 1990 concerning civil defence was adopted by Princely decree, and regulations concerning the construction of buildings and establishments also.

2. Mission:

The mission of civil defence is to take all the measures necessary for ensuring the safety of the population, of communications as well as vulnerable sites, public institutions, property and historical patrimony on the occurrence of air raids or other acts of aggression or sabotage, in times of peace and war. Civil defence works for the reduction of disaster consequences, assistance to victims and the continuity of public services in disaster situations and states of emergency. It also intervenes in the fight against fires.

3. Regulations and procedures:

The civil defence decision-making process is centralised. This structure is answerable to the general management of operations of the Interior Ministry.

4. Organisation:

The management of disaster situations, assistance and rescue are the responsibility of the "Civil defence Council" established by decision of the Prime Minister and presided, in accordance with Article 4 of the law on civil defence, by the Minister of the interior. This Council establishes the necessary plans for facing disasters and limiting their consequences.

5. Personnel:

The personnel of the Civil Defence management comprises various grades of military attached to the Interior Ministry.

6. Training:

Training is centralised. Officers and non-commissioned officers have the opportunity to follow intensive training courses in the country and abroad.

7. Equipment :

This comprises Mercedes, Scania, Denis, Helmetru, Weber...equipment as well as diving equipment, tents, stretchers and ultra-sensitive cameras...

8. Finances:

The budget of civil defence is fixed by the Government within the budget allocated to the Ministry of interior.

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