
BAHRAIN

Daulat al Bahrain

Area: 622 sq. km

Population: 350,798

Capital: Manama

Head of State: H H Shaikh Isa bin Sulman Al-Khalifa (Amir)

Minister of the Interior: Shaikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al-Khalifa

Emergency Services: 999

The Bahrain Public Security (BPS) is headed by a Director-General, and comprises six divisions: General Duties, Manama, Bahrain Airport, Mina Sulman, Rural North and Rural South. The Manama Division has a largely autonomous administration, and includes a Traffic Control Branch,

which reports to the Directorate of Traffic and Vehicle Licensing, and the riot control Mounted Police Section. There are Police Training Centres at Muharraq and Safra.

Closely associated with the BPS is the Directorate of Criminal Investigation, which is in charge of the investigation and prosecution of criminal offences. It includes mobile and stationary forensic laboratories, the Vice and Begging Squad and the Narcotics Bureau, and liaises with Interpol through the National Central Bureau of International Police. It also maintains a Juvenile Care Unit.

The Public Security Flying Wing, which operates helicopters from Muharraq Airport, serves both the Public Security and the Directorate of Criminal Investigation.

The Bahrain Public Security controls the Directorate of the Coast Guard, responsible for all coast guard work. Patrol boats operate from two harbours: Mina Manama and Mina Sulman. The Bahrain Fire Service is also under BPS supervision.

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