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INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS
NEW YORK, 16 DECEMBER 1966

BAHRAIN: NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 4 (3)

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

The above action was effected on 13 June 2011.

(Original: Arabic and English)

13 June 2011

Excellency,

I refer to my letter of 28 April 2011, giving notifications that the Kingdom of Bahrain had exercised its right under Article 4 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, 1966, to take measures derogating from certain provisions of the said Covenant, pursuant to the declaration of a State of National Safety by Royal Decree No. 18 of 2011. A copy of that letter is enclosed herewith.

In this regard, I hereby inform you that by Royal Decree No. 39 of 2011 (a copy of which is enclosed), the State of National Safety was lifted with effect from 1 June 2011, and that accordingly the aforementioned derogations from the Covenant terminated from the same date. In line with Article 4(3) of the Covenant, I would appreciate it if you could communicate this notification to other States Parties.

I also want to make clear that the State of National Safety was declared only once my government had no other option in order to maintain the cohesion, peace and security of the nation and its people.

H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon
Secretary-General of the United Nations
New York

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In terminating the aforementioned derogations, my Government wants to underline its commitment to the letter and spirit of the Covenant, and to express its hope that all stakeholders will work constructively to create conditions conducive to a genuine and constructive national dialogue. My government greatly welcomes your continued support for this process, as a positive encouragement to all parties to engage positively and actively in dialogue.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Tawfeeq Ahmed Almansoor
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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28 April 2011

Excellency,

By Royal Decree No. 18 of 2011, and in accordance with Article 36 (b) of the Constitution, the Kingdom of Bahrain declared a State of National Safety on 15 March 2011, for a period of three months.

In the preceding days and weeks, protestors had occupied key locations in the Kingdom (including its main hospital) and, encouraged and supported by certain external countries and groups, had sought to undermine the country's economic and social life. Further, violent and sometimes deadly attacks were reported against both citizens and expatriates as the protestors sought to create a climate of fear in the country, to undermine its security, and to usurp the legitimate authority of the state.

Throughout, the Government pursued a policy of restraint, and sought a genuine and good faith dialogue with all parties to resolve all issues. Only when it became clear that there was no willingness to engage in dialogue on the part of protestors was the State of National Safety declared, in order to address and overcome the threat to the security, economy and society of Bahrain and its people. In the face of an escalating campaign of disruption, violence and intimidation, the Government was left with no option but to act.

Accordingly, I hereby inform you that with effect from the declaration of the State of National Safety, and for the reasons set out above, the Kingdom of Bahrain has invoked its right under Article 4 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, 1996, to take measures derogating from certain provisions of the said Covenant. These measures are set out in the enclosed Announcements from the Bahrain Defence Force General Command under the State of National Safety, and derogations are accordingly made from Articles 9, 12, 13, 17, 19, 21, and 22 of the Covenant.

In enacting and implementing the above measures, the Kingdom of Bahrain wishes to give the assurance that the derogation from the said Articles is strictly to the extent required by exigencies of the situation, and that the Government will at all times seek to the fullest extent possible to abide by the spirit and intent of the Covenant.

Enclosed are copies of the relevant provisions of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Bahrain, Royal Decree No. 18 of 2011, and the Orders of the BDF Council referred to above.

I confirm that the Kingdom of Bahrain will notify you of the date on which such derogation has been terminated, and that any further measures requiring additional derogation from the provisions of the Covenant will also be notified to you.

(Signed) Tawfeeq Ahmed Almansoor
Permanent Representative

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Bahrain
Rifa'a Palace

5 Jumada II A.H. 1432 (8 May A.D. 2011)

Royal Decree No. 39 of 2011

Lifting of State of National Safety

We, King Hamad bin Issa Al Khalifa of Bahrain,

Having considered the Constitution and, in particular, article 36 (b) thereof;

Royal Decree No. 18 of 2011, declaring the State of National Safety;

And the reports of the authority with responsibility for implementing the provisions of the
aforementioned Decree-Law No. 18 of 2011,

On the basis of the decision of the Supreme Defence Council,

And with the approval of the Cabinet,

Hereby decree the following:

Article 1

With effect from 1 June 2011, the State of National Safety shall be lifted in all parts of
Bahrain.

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Article 2

The Prime Minister, the Commander-in-Chief of the Bahrain Defence Force, the Commander of the National Guard and the Ministers shall, each in their own area of responsibility, implement the provisions of this Decree, which shall enter into force on the day of its issuance and be published in the Official Gazette.

(Signed) Hamad bin Issa Al Khalifa
King of Bahrain

(Signed) Khalifa Bin Salman Al Khalifa
Prime Minister

Done at Rifa'a Palace
8 May 2011

5 July 2011



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