

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS

Recognition of the Bahrain Red Crescent Society

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*To the Central Committees of the National Red Cross, Red Crescent
and Red Lion and Sun Societies*

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We have the honour to inform you that the International Committee of the Red Cross, on 14 September 1972, officially recognized the Bahrain Red Crescent Society.

The new Society formally applied for recognition by the International Committee on 16 October 1971. Its request was supported by various documents including its Statutes, the Bahrain Government Decree recognizing the Bahrain Red Crescent as a National Society auxiliary to the public authorities, a report on the Society's activities, and a copy of a letter containing a Bahrain Government statement of adherence to the Geneva Conventions.

These documents, which were examined jointly by the International Committee and the Secretariat of the League of Red Cross Societies, showed that the ten qualifying conditions for recognition of a new National Society had been fulfilled.

This recognition, which the International Committee is pleased to announce, brings to 116 the total number of member Societies of the International Red Cross.

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The Bahrain Red Crescent, which was visited in 1971 by representatives of the International Committee and of the League of Red Cross Societies, is active throughout the territory. It is concerned, in case of conflict, with assistance to military and civilian wounded and sick and to prisoners of war. In peacetime, it goes to the aid of victims of natural disasters, alleviates suffering, and takes part in health improvement schemes, including those adopted for the prevention of disease.

The Government of Bahrain acceded to the 1949 Geneva Conventions on 30 November 1971. The autonomous character of the Society is provided for in the Statutes and is guaranteed by the aforesaid Decree.

His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Sulman Al-Khalifa, Head of the State, is President of the Society, which is directed by a Council under the chairmanship of Mr. Hussain Yatim. The Society's headquarters is at Manama.

The International Committee of the Red Cross has pleasure in welcoming the Bahrain Red Crescent to membership of the International Red Cross, in accrediting it and commending it, by this circular, to all other National Societies, and in expressing sincere good wishes for its future and for the success of its humanitarian work.

FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
OF THE RED CROSS

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