

**Lebanese Republic**  
MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR AND MUNICIPALITIES  
GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF THE CIVIL DEFENSE

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N : 19 / C.D.

**M. Salvano Briceno**

**Dear Sir ,**

Due to your letter , dated on February 17 – 2004 relating disaster reduction , we inform you that the Lebanese Civil defense , adopted several measures to reduce the risks of disaster as follows :

- Training of people : 25 000 – 30 000 citizens per year .
- Execution of tests to approve the level of members of Civil Defense and the volunteers .
- Coordination and cooperation with lebanese army and other security forces .
- Purchasing of new rescue and multi purpose vehicles , and making training to Civil Defense members and volunteers .
- Dispatching instructors to I.C.D.O. Geneva and other countries to participate in training courses , relating management of disasters and intervention during the disasters .

I seize , dear sir , this opportunity to assure to you my highest consideration .

Beyrouth 24 / 5/2004

General Director of Civil Defense

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