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TRAINING AS A KEY ELEMENT IN MANAGING EVENTS OF MASS GATHERING

ANALYSIS OF BAHRAIN’S FORMULA 1 EXPERIENCE

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Abstract

Managing events of mass gathering have been a security and safety issue for centuries. Criminals and terror groups have been targeting such events with mixed success. Many countries including Bahrain, have had previous experiences in managing such events. The threat to security and safety of people and installations will always remain and this paper sought to study the experience of Bahrain in managing the Formula 1 races. The paper presents the way this even has been managed over the years and also aims to identify the major security and safety threats that the country has faced and how such threats have been dealt with.

This paper is limited to one country’s experience in hosting a sporting event. More research should be done and thus the findings could be strongly validated and other security agencies may use this as a platform for continued research

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