

Arab League holds ministerial meeting on disaster risk reduction on Wednesday

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Cairo, August 18 (QNA)– The General Secretariat of the Arab League will hold its second meeting at the level of Arab ministers concerned with disaster risk reduction, in Cairo on Wednesday.

Bringing together several specialist from Arab, regional and international organizations, the meeting agenda includes topics related to monitoring natural disasters and following up on the provisions of the Arab strategy for disaster risk reduction.

It also includes the Arab roadmap for preparing for and responding to nuclear and radiological emergencies, and the launch of an Arab project concerned with marine disasters and their reduction.

The participants will select the slogan for the Arab Day for Disaster Reduction for the year 2025, and discuss preparations for the Sixth Arab Regional Platform for disaster risk reduction due in the State of Kuwait in October.

Prior to this meeting, the General Secretariat held today the 6th session of the Arab Coordination Mechanism for Disaster Risk Reduction, an event due to run over three days.

Arab League Assistant Secretary-General and Head of the Economic Affairs Sector, Ambassador Ali bin Ibrahim Al Malki, stressed the importance of this meeting as it is being held amid major repercussions facing the Arab region in terms of climate and environmental changes and serious disasters that have contributed significantly to increasing rates of desertification, forest fires, water scarcity, and other natural variables.

He highlighted the humanitarian disasters such as armed conflicts that have affected the Middle East and North Africa region, noting that the Arab region is considered one of the regions most affected by these variables.