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Endeavour regarding increased knowledge about preparations for crisis and war reported to the Government

Well informed and prepared residents form the basis for society's management of dire circumstances. Tasked by the Government, MSB now starts several endeavours to increase private persons' knowledge about crisis preparedness, heightened preparedness and in the extreme, war. Today MSB hands over the final report regarding the task.

The major endeavour this spring will be the brochure *If Crisis or War Comes*. It will be sent out to all households in Sweden during the national campaign Crisis Preparedness Week, May 28 – June 3.

The contents of the brochure address how we can be better prepared for events with severe impact on our society, which, in conclusion, may threaten the freedom and independence of our country.

"It can be everything from extreme weather and serious accidents to IT attacks and military conflicts. In the brochure we present concrete advice and guidelines to make people prepare for everyday life when the society services aren't working," says campaign manager Christina Andersson.

Follows tradition, with new prerequisites

In Sweden, we have a tradition of informing all residents about our common security and preparedness. The last time a brochure was sent to all households were during the Cold War. It was called *If War Comes* and the corresponding information was also included in the phone book.

"We allude to the titles of the earlier brochures, but of course the risks and

threats are different today. Today we describe how our common security is constructed and how you can contribute if something threatens it," says Christina Andersson.

In-depth material - if you want to know more

As a complement to the information in the brochure the website www.dinsäkerhet.se offers films, pod radio, checklists, and translations.

Follow-up on the effects of the information

The brochure will be followed-up by an inquiry about the effects of the information. It will include questions about heightened preparedness, total defence, and the number of people who increased their own crisis preparedness.

Myndigheten för samhällsskydd och beredskap, MSB, har till uppgift att utveckla och stödja samhällets förmåga att hantera olyckor och kriser. Vi bidrar till att samhället förebygger händelser och att vi är beredda när de inträffar. När en allvarlig olycka eller kris inträffar ger vi stöd. Vi ska också se till att samhället lär sig av det inträffade.

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