



NIHR calls on Immediate Release of Bahraini Citizens

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The National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) has followed up, with great concern, the information and news circulated through the media, news channels and social media, regarding the arrest of the Bahraini champion Sami Haddad with a group of his friends, while they were out on a fishing trip in the Bahraini territorial waters, by the Qatari Coast Guard Patrols.

The NIHR expresses its regret for such act, which violates the principles and values of humanity, mainly the principle of good neighborliness, and which also violates a set of human rights and fundamental freedoms guaranteed by international human rights conventions. The NIHR holds the Qatari authorities responsible for the safety and security of those Bahraini citizens and demands their immediate release.

The NIHR calls on the concerned authorities in the Kingdom of Bahrain to promptly intervene to secure the safety of the detained Bahraini citizens and take all the necessary measures to release the immediately and develop mechanisms to protect the rights of citizen fishermen and seafarers and provide them with a safe environment.