



National Institution for Human Rights Statement on Military Court Attendance

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The National Institution for Human Rights in the Kingdom of Bahrain (NIHR) continued to attend the proceedings of the case (1 terrorism 2017) this morning. NIHR representatives observed the report of the forensic team which confirmed that the defendants were not subject to torture and/or ill-treatment.

The NIHR team affirmed that the defendants were able to hear all of the proceedings of the court in the presence of their attorneys and family members. The judge responded to each and every inquiry and request by the defense and gave all parties to the case an equal opportunity to present their pleadings in conformity with the principles afforded in the Constitution of the Kingdom of Bahrain, national jurisdiction and the relevant provisions of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

The NIHR declares that it will continue to attend the proceedings of this particular case and the applicable appellate court in accordance with the jurisdiction of the NIHR as stipulated by law.

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