



Statement by the NIHR on the Explosion of an Oil Pipeline near the Village of Buri

Manama on November 11, 2017

The National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) followed with great concern the fire that broke out on Friday evening, November 10, 2017, following an explosion in an oil pipeline near the village of Buri. The NIHR received a statement from the Ministry of the Interior which indicated that the search and investigation showed that the incident was intentional, which caused a number of buildings and vehicles to be damaged by the heat and smoke.

The NIHR condemns this wrongful and illegal act, which constitutes a threat to the lives of citizens and residents as well as a threat to the security, and aims to strike the economy, disrupt the development and stability, in addition to its being a serious violation of human rights, since the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment is an integral part of the full enjoyment of a wide range of human rights.

The NIHR praises the efforts of the civil defense and the security and safety team of the Bahrain Petroleum Company (BAPCO) to quickly evacuate and accommodate the residents of the surrounding zone, control the fire and complete the cooling process in record time.

The NIHR also expresses its thanks and appreciation to the Ministry of the Interior for securing the surrounding houses, ensuring their safety, protecting their property and providing them with all the necessary care, and controlling the fire caused by the explosion shortly after its occurrence.

The NIHR calls on all those whose rights are violated or infringed, especially the right to a clean environment, to call its hotline 80001144 or visit its website www.nihr.org.bh, or to personally attend on the NIHR's headquarters in Seef district Sunday through Thursday.

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