



NIHR attends Military Trial Hearings

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In order to monitor the proceedings of trials and ensure their conformity with the standards of fair trial, the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) attended public hearings in the military judiciary, where it followed-up the proceedings of Case 1 Terrorism 2017, to ascertain the validity of the judicial process and to bring justice to the trail of the defendants, under the powers granted to it as per NIHR's Establishment Law.

By attending the trial hearings, the NIHR asserts that the court's proceedings and handling of the trial has taken into account the basic principles of human rights as well as legal and other controls. The guarantees of a fair trial have further been activated, including taking into account the presumption of innocence and that the defendant is innocent until proven guilty in a legal trial in which he or she is guaranteed the right to defend at all stages of the investigation and trial in accordance with the law, and that every defendant in a felony shall have a lawyer to defend him or her with his or her consent. Moreover, the right to litigation is guaranteed in accordance with Article 20 of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Bahrain and Article 14 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights ratified by Law No. 56 of 2006. The NIHR states that the proceedings have been conducted in public and in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 2002.
