

## Statement by the NIHR

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The National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) wishes to emphasize cooperation with the United Nations mechanisms in all the matters relating to human rights in the Kingdom of Bahrain, stressing that the wise leadership of the Kingdom has granted broad powers to the NIHR to exercise its terms of reference and objectives in order to enhance and protect the human rights in Bahrain.

In addition, the NIHR has also submitted its parallel reports to both the Committee against Torture (CAT) and the Universal Periodic Review (UPR), based upon its belief that such rights will be protected and enhanced in accordance with international standards.

The NIHR believes that the Kingdom of Bahrain is exerting its utmost efforts at the national level to prevent any individual violations that may occur, emphasizing that the public policy of the Kingdom of Bahrain has been and continues to be based upon the prohibition of torture as well as other cruel, inhuman or degrading forms of treatment or punishment.

In this sense, the NIHR reaffirms the need for increased cooperation and coordination between international and legal mechanisms and the NIHR in Bahrain, with a view to verify the relevant allegations for the promotion and enhancement of human rights..

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