

**Statement by NIHR on the High Royal Order
to Reinstate Citizenship of 551 Convicts**

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The National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) highly appreciates the High Royal Order promulgated by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of Bahrain, to reinstate citizenship of 551 whose citizenship had been revoked as per court rulings, and pursuant to the provisions of Article (24 bis) of the Law No. (58) of 2006 on the Protection of Society against Terrorist Acts.

This Royal Order is a deep reflection of the wisdom and vision of the HM the King, being the primary supporter of citizens, the guarantor of the rights of the homeland and citizens and the safety valve of national gains. This High Royal Order strengthens the principles of His Majesty calling for a spirit of tolerance and coexistence and for the benefit of all members of society. These are always the directives and initiatives of His Majesty, which promote national belonging and contribute to the prosperity and pride of the nation.

The NIHR affirms that it works in accordance with its wide mandate stressed by its Incorporation Law to apply all the high royal directives to promote and protect human rights in light of Bahrain's commitment to all international conventions and laws, which are an essential part of Bahrain's culture, genuine Arab identity, Islamic faith and noble values of coexistence, fraternity and pluralism.