



Statement by the NIHR on Injury of a Number of Security

Personnel and Death of a Number of Fugitives

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The National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) has followed-up with great concern the events of injury of 31 security personnel and death of a number of fugitives in a region of the Kingdom of Bahrain during a security operation by police forces aiming at removing a number of legal violations that hindered the movement of citizens, interrupted their interests and endangered their safety.

The NIHR commends the security efforts in spreading out security and safety, through the arrest of 286 people who are security-wanted and convicted in terrorism cases that pose a security threat to the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The NIHR emphasizes that the rule of law within societies cannot prevail unless human rights are protected and vice-versa, as human rights cannot be protected within societies without the rule of law, since the rule of law has played a fundamental role in the consolidation of economic, social and cultural rights in national constitutions, laws and regulations.

On that basis, the NIHR expresses its strong rejection of such violent and illegal acts, which targeted the lives of citizens and security personnel, and stresses that the right to life, security and integrity of the body are fundamental human rights and are essential elements of a democratic society, and that the use of weapons and violence against the State and the targeting of security personnel or the community is totally unacceptable.



The NIHR calls on all parties to exercise restraint and assume national responsibility in order to preserve the national gains and constant values of the Kingdom of Bahrain. Meanwhile, it condemns all acts of violence and urges to promote the values of tolerance, justice, the rule of law and respect for human rights and political, civil, economic, social and cultural freedoms and to avoid anything that would incite hatred and deepen division. It also calls on all wise people in the society to address the phenomenon of violence and take unified and effective positions and actions to stop all illegal acts that spoil national unity and social cohesion and gains, to grant our dear homeland security and stability.

The NIHR also calls for the urgent need to investigate the death of a number of fugitives in order to find out the circumstances and reasons thereof.

For its part, and by virtue of its human rights position, the NIHR will continue to closely monitor the repercussions of the events, aiming to ensure the respect for human rights and adherence to international conventions, treaties and charters by all parties.

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