

NIHR's Statement on the Renunciation of Violence and Preservation of Social Peace

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The NIHR has followed with great concern the incidents of abductions and assaults on young men and boys in some parts of the Kingdom of Bahrain, where an 18-year-old citizen was killed and two other citizens aged 16 and 26 years were subjected to physical assault resulting in temporary incapacitation of one of them and severe physical and moral suffering of the other while in detention and deprivation of his liberty in violation of law in addition to what was reported on the serious injury of another young man aged 17 years in his head after the exchange of fire and throwing stones between two groups of masked people at dawn on Thursday dated 26 January 2017.

The NIHR also received the news of the Ministry of Interior with more sadness and sorrow on the martyrdom of First Lieutenant Hisham Hassan Al-Hammadi after a shot that killed him.

In this regard, the NIHR cannot but express its strong rejection of these violent and unlawful acts that have targeted the lives of citizens and security personnel and that the use of arms and violence against the state and the targeting of security men or the community is totally unacceptable, stressing that the right to life, security and safety of body are fundamental human rights, which are deemed essential elements in a democratic society.

From this point, the NIHR condemns all acts of violence and urges the promotion of the values of tolerance, justice, the rule of law and respect for human rights and political, civil, economic, social and cultural freedoms and



staying away from anything that might fuel hatred and deepen the division. It further calls on wise people in the community to address the phenomenon of violence and take unified and effective positions and actions to stop all illegal actions that harm the national unity and social cohesion and gains to grant our dear homeland security and stability.

Moreover, the NIHR calls upon all citizens to gather around the wise leadership of His Majesty King Hamad Bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of Bahrain, the leader of achievements and civilizational reforms, in order to continue the reform approach and take our beloved Kingdom to a promising future in all areas, being the symbol of national unity and the guardian of the provisions of the constitution.

The NIHR works to ensure the respect for human rights and adherence to international conventions and charters without prejudice to any of its missions and functional responsibilities in this regard as stipulated in its Establishment Law.

On this painful occasion, the NIHR expresses its sorrow for the martyrdom of a security man and another citizen and extends sincere condolences to the families of the martyrs, calling on Allah Almighty to inspire patience and solace on their families and grant the injured people speedy recovery.

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