



## Statement by the NIHR on the Health Status of Mr. Issa Qassim

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The National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) has followed up with great interest some media reports surrounding the health condition of Mr. Issa Qassim and statements that he has not enjoyed his right to access to healthcare and medical services in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Through its human rights position and its responsibility for the protection and promotion of human rights in the Kingdom of Bahrain, in accordance with its broad mandate emphasized by its Establishment Law, the NIHR states that it has sent its representative to visit Mr. Qassim in Bahrain International Hospital for the purpose of examining his condition and reassurance.

The NIHR asserts that Mr. Issa Qassim receives healthcare, and calls on everyone to respect the right to privacy as one of the human rights and not to politicize the issue.

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