

Statement of the National Institution for Human Rights on the occasion of the launch of the website of the Institution on the Internet

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Secretary-General Dr. Ahmed Abdullah Farhan inaugurated the first phase of the website of the National Institution for Human Rights on the Internet in pursuit of National Institution to provide a comprehensive service about its activities for the promotion and protection of human rights and the characterization of the role assigned to it in the dissemination of human rights culture for all citizens and residents of the Kingdom.

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of Bahrain has issued a Royal Decree No. (28) for the year 2012 amending some provisions of the Royal Decree No. (46) of 2009 to establish the National Institution for Human Rights, which undertakes its tasks in the promotion, development and protection of human rights, and act to instill its values and awareness by, and ensures contribution to their free and independent practice through working in accordance with the Paris Principles adopted by the United Nations General Assembly resolution No. (134/48) for the year 1993.

Many points have been taken into account in the site design in order to make it a window for all professionals and for those interested in human rights issues inside and outside the Kingdom of Bahrain. It has various links of national legislations and all international instruments and conventions on human rights, in addition to many sites related to topics concerned with the protection and promotion of human rights.



The site contains the service of submitting electronic complaints in order to facilitate passing all individuals grievances to the institution as it is one of its most important tasks on the basis of Article III, paragraph (e): "receive complaints of human rights, study and refer what the institution envisions as must be forwarded to competent Authorities with efficient follow-up or enlighten whoever is concerned about procedures to be followed and to help them to take, or assist in the settlement with the concerned authorities."

The website will also be a reference for those seeking documents related to human rights. Work is underway on the completion of the second phase of the site, which will be in English.

National Institution site can be viewed through the following link <u>http://www.nihr.org.bh/</u>

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