



## **National Institution for Human Rights commends the speech of His Majesty the King on the provision of adequate housing for citizens**

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National Institution for Human Rights commends the contents of the sublime speech of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of Bahrain on the provision of adequate housing by building 40,000 housing units on the occasion of the Kingdom's National day celebration on December 16-17 marking the establishment of the modern Bahraini state in the reign of the founder Ahmed Al Fateh as an Islamic Arab entity in 1783, the 42nd anniversary of its joining the United Nations as a full member, and the 14th anniversary of His Majesty the King assumption to the reins of power.

National Institution for Human Rights asserts the right to adequate housing is one of the most important economic, social and cultural rights as Article 25 paragraph (1) of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states stipulates: "Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and of his family, including food, clothing, housing, medical care and necessary social services. He has the right to secured living in case of unemployment, sickness, disability, widowhood, old age or other lack of livelihood in circumstances beyond his control " also Article 11, paragraph (1) of the International Covenant on economic, social and cultural rights as stipulated that: "States Parties to the Covenant recognize the right of everyone to an adequate standard of living for himself and his family, including adequate food,



clothing and housing, and to the continuous improvement of living conditions, the States Parties undertake to adopt the necessary measures for the enforcement of this right, recognizing in this regard, the essential importance of international co-operation based on free consent. "

Bahrain has joined the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights under Law No. (10) of 2007, bearing the imposed legal, ethical and political responsibility to fulfill the provisions, particularly the right to housing for its citizens and in line with this international commitment.

Article 9, paragraph (f) of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Bahrain explicitly mentioned the states commitment to providing housing, especially for low-income people, as it stipulates that: "the State shall endeavor to provide housing for low-income citizens."

National Institution for Human Rights also confirms that this High directions in the provision of adequate housing and decent living for all citizens, is indeed a human right that will finally contribute to resolving the housing file in the Kingdom of Bahrain, accordingly the National Institution appeals to the esteemed government to quickly implement the Royal Decree in the shortest possible time.

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