



National Institution for Human Rights commends the approval of the Cabinet to the Commission of Prisoners and Detainees Rights

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National Institution for Human Rights commends the approval of the Cabinet, at its ordinary weekly meeting held on Sunday, July 21, 2013, to an independent national mechanism that allows monitoring prisons, detention centers and detainees through the Prisoners and Detainees Rights Commission.

The National Institution affirms that the adoption of this mechanism is a testament to the continued efforts of the State in the support and development of human rights protection mechanisms included in the policies that aim to activate the international conventions at the national level. Torture is a crime, under the international law, which is strictly prohibited, it cannot be justified under any circumstances, according to all relevant international documents. It also expresses the commitment to the recommendations of the Bahrain Independent fact-finding committee and in line with the recommendations of the Human Rights Council in its periodic review and the convention against torture as well as other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

The Kingdom of Bahrain acceded to the Convention against Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment under decree law No. 4 of 1998, article (20) paragraph (d) of the Constitution of the Kingdom states that: "It is prohibited to harm the accused physically or morally".



The National Institution for Human Rights urged, in its statement on the occasion of the international day in support of victims of torture on June 26, 2013, the government to establish an independent national mechanism to monitor prisons, detention centers, care centers juvenile rehabilitation centers, and other places where persons could be detained such as hospitals and mental health clinics in order to verify their detention conditions and the treatment they receive to ensure they are not subjected to torture, inhuman or degrading treatment, that came from within the Geneva recommendations during the discussion of the second national report of the Kingdom of Bahrain in the framework of the Universal Periodic Review held in May 2012 so as to complete the legal system in the state.

It is worth mentioning that the National Institution for Human Rights has recently dispatched a number of its employees to participate in a training course on control and inspection mechanism in prisons and detention centers set up by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Prisons in the United Kingdom.

On this occasion, the National Institution for Human Rights calls for the necessity of uniting efforts by the government and civil society organizations in order to effectively work and cooperate for the promotion and protection of human rights, to act against torture and other Cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment, to help and rehabilitate victims, to punish the perpetrators and to ensure the fight against this crime.

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