

## **Statement of the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) on the Ministry of Human Rights and Social Development**

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The National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) lauded the Royal Decree No. (60)-2011, issued by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, changing the name and jurisdiction of the Ministry of Social Development to the Ministry of Human Rights and Social Development, stressing that this is a clear and evident indication of the wise leadership's keenness to keep pace with developments of interest to the citizen and the nation, in addition to the great confidence His Majesty attaches to the esteemed Government.

The NIHR regards this royal step as another milestone added to the comprehensive process of reform and development witnessed by Kingdom of Bahrain in various fields, especially in the field of human rights. In line with the NIHR's keenness, and based on the Royal Order No. (46)-2009, which created the Institution and the statement of its terms of reference, the NIHR emphasizes its role in this area, in addition to the importance of serious and fruitful cooperation with the Ministry of Human Rights and Social Development and all State institutions in to support the promotion and protection of human rights in the Kingdom of Bahrain.