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“All human beings are born free and equal in
dignity and rights. They are endowed with
reason and conscience and should act towards
one another in a spirit of brotherhood”

Universal Declaration Of Human Rights
Article I



ADVISORY BOARD

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The establishment of the National Institution for Human Rights in Bahrain is aimed at creating a neutral and an independent institution for the purpose of promoting, developing and protecting human rights. His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, issued Royal order No. (46) for the year 2009, which was later amended by Royal Order No. (28) for the year 2012 establishing the National Institution for Human Rights, which is tasked with promoting, developing and protecting human rights, in addition to establishing human rights values and disseminating awareness of such values, and ensuring they are exercised freely and independently, through working in accordance with the Paris Principles adopted by the United Nations General Assembly resolution No. (134 / 48) for the year 1993.

In order to achieve its goals and desired results for the protection and development of human rights, the work of the National Institution for Human Rights encompasses a number of disciplines, including those covered by the provisions of Article III of the Royal Order establishing the Institution, which includes among other things “the issuance of bulletins and publications related to the objectives and rules governing the Institution related to the promotion of a human rights culture by all available means, in addition to conducting research and studies relevant to local, regional and international conferences and seminars concerned with human rights issues”.

Accordingly, the National Institution for Human Rights has devoted all its efforts to publish a refereed semi-annual journal concerned with legal and human rights issues, aimed at spreading the culture of human rights and its development as well as the advancement of human rights standards within the community. The Bahraini Journal of Human Rights is regarded the first fruits of the efforts made to enrich rights thought relevant to the international human rights law and international humanitarian law, with a focus on topics connected with local, Arab and international issues, in addition to those related to human rights studies, summaries of theses as well as the principles and provisions of local and international judiciary on human rights.

The objective of the Bahrain Journal of Human Rights will only be achieved through the meaningful contributions of intellectuals and specialists in the field of human rights at national, Arab and international levels, especially those seeking to defend humanitarian issues and advocates tackling any violations of human rights.

In conclusion, it is hoped that the Bahrain Journal of Human Rights shall occupy a prominent place among its counterparts in the field, and leave its own clear and distinctive imprint on human rights and legal thought. It is also hoped that subsequent issues will be published in the best form possible in terms of the seriousness and diversity of argument.

Editor-in-chief

JOURNAL OBJECTIVES

The Bahrain Journal for Human Rights (BJHR) is a refereed semi-annual specialized journal issued by the National Institution for Human Rights in Bahrain.

The objective of the BJHR is to disseminate and develop a culture of human rights in all Arab countries, consolidate human rights values and awareness of such values and contribute to guaranteeing the exercise of such values.

In addition to this general objective, the BJHR strives to achieve the following objectives:

1. Function as an open forum for all intellectuals in the field of human rights to enrich legal and human rights through the publication of innovative research in the field of international human rights law and international humanitarian law, with an emphasis on the originality of the research published and its close relevance to the real prevailing situations at national, regional and international levels.
2. Introduce the legal evolution in the field of human rights witnessed in the Kingdom of Bahrain, and how to develop, promote and protect such rights.
3. Make a serious contribution in addressing humanitarian issues in the context of contemporary international law, national legislation and Islamic law, through the publication and dissemination of legal rules and judicial jurisprudence.
4. Follow-up the latest trends of the scientific rights and legal movement within the scope of Islamic studies, national and international law, through introducing modern books and translations as well as a summary of theses and research presented in scientific conferences and symposia.
5. Strengthen the spirit of citizenship by instilling identity and promoting the values of belonging, loyalty to the homeland and the preservation of sound national values .
6. Strive to embrace intellectual diversity and systematic commitment to take advantage of all mature knowledge in the field of legal and human rights thought, especially that which strikes a balance between human rights principles and provisions of Islamic law.

EDITORIAL BOARD

FIRST: EDITORIAL BOARD FORMATION:

1. The Editorial Board consists of:
 - Editor-in-chief (*Secretary-General*) ex officio.
 - Six members representing all academic disciplines and degrees available within or outside the Institution.
 - The editor-in-chief and members of the editorial board shall be appointed by a decision made by the President of the Institution for a period of two years, renewable for a similar period, upon a proposal from the Secretary General.
2. The editorial secretary as well as data entry clerks shall be appointed by a decision made by the editor-in-chief to follow up on all matters related to the Journal, including printing and production in accordance with the general specifications, terms and conditions governing research submission and publication. The editor-in-chief may seek the assistance of one or more language editors in return for financial compensation.
3. The editorial secretary, Journal secretariat and data entry clerks shall report to the editor-in-chief, who shall assign them the tasks necessary for the production of the Journal.

SECOND: TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. Editorial Board: Roles And Responsibilities
 - Approve the Journal scientific, administrative and financial policies and follow-up implementation.
 - Prepare a list of referees for research and studies submitted to the Journal.
 - Prepare a list of language editors for research and studies submitted to the Journal.
 - Prioritize publication of research papers approved by the referees.
 - Determine the size of and form in which the Journal is produced, the number of copies printed, distribution mechanism, and the bodies and persons who shall be given complimentary copies.
 - Identify areas of publishing, present and future.
 - Consider the extent of expert assistance required in forming the Journal advisory board.
 - Propose the amount of compensation awarded to those performing work for the Journal, and compensation awards given for outstanding research.

(Appendix 1: Initial Research Assessment Form)

EDITORIAL BOARD

2. Editor-In-Chief's Roles And Responsibilities:

The editor-in- chief shall perform the following tasks:

- Exercise oversight of the implementation of the policies and by laws of governing the Journal so as to ensure the achievement of its goals.
- Manage the Journal's scientific, financial and administrative affairs and represent the Journal before other parties.
- Call for and preside at the editorial board meetings.
- Submit the Journal's annual budget and final accounts to the President of the Institution.
- The editor-in-chief may delegate some of his powers to the editorial secretary.

3. Editorial Secretary's Roles And Responsibilities:

The editorial secretary shall perform the following tasks:

- Assist the editor-in-chief in managing the Journal's scientific, financial and administrative affairs.
- Prepare the draft annual budget for the Journal.
- Perform all the operational tasks related to the magazine, including printing, storage and distribution.
- Prepare lists of recipients of complimentary copies, subscriptions and oversee implementation.
- Take all necessary measures to keep on file all correspondence and original copies of research works submitted to the Journal.
- Conduct all communication and follow-up work with researchers, referees and all other parties associated with the publishing process.
- Consult with the editor-in-chief with regard to what action to take with regard research assessment not received form referees or language editors within the specified period, and the possibility of using the services of others.

(Appendix 2: Research Follow-up Form)

ADVISORY BOARD

The Journal editorial board shall nominate an advisory board comprising a number of experienced and competent specialists in the field of international human rights law and international humanitarian law with an excellent scientific and research record. Membership shall be honorary and selection shall take into account following criteria:

- Diversity of specialized areas.
- Diversity of scientific and practical backgrounds.
- Presidents of national institutions for human rights in the Arab world.
- Persons working in the field of human rights.

The names nominated for the advisory board membership shall be submitted for consideration at one of the regular meetings of the Institution for a final decision.

Roles and responsibilities of the Advisory Board:

The advisory body shall perform the following tasks:

- Assess the level of the Journal and its divisions on a regular basis.
- Provide advice to the editorial board on matters related to the Journal, including printing, divisions and production.
- Assist the editorial board in obtaining outstanding reviews and research for publication following refereeing.

JOURNAL ISSUES

1. **Frequency:**

The Journal is published semi-annually (March and September).

2. **Number of copies:**

(1000) copies of each issue shall be printed. The number of copies may be increased as needed, based on the editorial secretary's proposal and the approval of the editor-in-chief.

3. **Complimentary copies and exchange:**

The editor-in-chief may exercise the following rights:

- A. Give copies of the Journal not exceeding a hundred copies of a single issue to natural or legal persons with no more than.
- B. Approve a system for exchange of the Journal with other relevant periodicals.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

FIRST: SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

1. To be accepted for publication, research papers are to be relevant to international human rights law and international humanitarian law, with a focus on the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Arabian Gulf. Other research topics considered are those related to the Arab and Islamic world, the most important developments in the international arena, studies related to human rights, summaries of theses, principles and provisions of local and international judiciary specific to human rights.
2. The research paper submitted has to address the current research topics of interest to the Institution. It has to make a new contribution to the theme it deals with and it should not have been published or submitted for publication to a third party. Additionally, the research paper should not be a part of a doctorate or master's thesis prepared by the researcher.
3. Priority for accepting research for publication in the Journal is based on the following criteria:
 - Research topics relevant to the Kingdom of Bahrain.
 - The date of submission of the research to the editor-in-chief
 - Diversity of research topics as priority for research acceptance will be subject to technical considerations.
4. The researcher has to take into account established scientific and methodological principles adopted in research writing. He/she must rely on primary sources and updated academic references. Work must be documented accurately.
5. The researcher must submit manuscripts in sound and clear language (free of spelling mistakes), and in a systematic manner in accordance with internationally recognized style.
6. Research papers written in both Arabic and English are accepted.
7. Research papers should not be less than 5,000 words and no more than 8000 words (from 25 to 40 typed A4 pages including the appendices, footnotes, and references).
8. An abstract in both Arabic and English should be included, at least (200) words and not to exceed (300) words.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

9. Page format should be organized as follows:

- A4 size paper should be used.
- A 3.5 cm margin should be on the left-hand side of the page, while other margins should be 2.5 cm.
- For Arabic, the font used is (Arabic Simplified), size 14 (Regular) For English, (Times New Roman) size 12 (Regular).
- Sub-headings should be in the same font and size (Bold).
- The distance between lines should be 1.5.
- The distance between paragraphs (24).
- The paragraph left and right margins should be justified.
- Page numbers should appear at the bottom of the page, in the middle.

10. Guidelines for using footnotes:

- Footnotes should appear in serial order at the bottom of each page.
 - When writing footnotes, the following method and order should be adopted:
 - For books: author's name, title of the book (underlined), place of publication, publisher, edition number, year of publication, page.
 - For periodicals: author's name, title of research / article (in parentheses), Journal Name (underlined), place of publication, date of publication, number, page.
 - For online references: quote documented data available, link (URL) of the specific page quoted from and browsing date.
11. The researcher should attach a brief biography of his/her academic record and his/her address in detail.
 12. The researcher should, where applicable, the permission of the sponsor that provided financial support for the completion of his/her book.
 13. The Journal shall use Arabic and English language editors to review the research text and modify the terms contained within it, in a way that does not prejudice the content of the research
 14. The research text shall be sent to two referees with expert knowledge in the subject of the research. Referees' observations, if any, will be sent to the researcher to make the necessary modifications to the research, to be carried out within a maximum period of one month.

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15. The shall send the author whose research has been accepted for publication one copy of the Journal and ten complimentary off prints of his/her research after being printed in its final form, in addition to an honorarium to be agreed upon when the contract is signed.
16. The ideas and opinions expressed in the Journal are those of the authors and do not represent the views of the Journal.

SECOND: PUBLISHING PROCEDURES

1. A brief outline of the research topic should be submitted electronically to: *press@nih.org.bh* together with a brief biography of the researcher.
2. The researcher will be informed whether his/her research topic has been accepted within two weeks.
3. In the case of approval of the research for possible publication, the researcher should submit the text of the research electronically to *press@nih.org.bh* within two weeks from the date of receipt of approval. He/she will be notified by e-mail upon receipt of the text of the research.
4. All submitted research is subject to a preliminary review by the Editorial Board, to be completed within a maximum period of six weeks. If approved by the Editorial Board, a publishing agreement is sent to the researcher for his/her signature.
5. Editorial board decisions on research submitted to the Journal are final and the editorial board reserves the right not to explain its decisions. Additionally, the Journal is under no obligation to return research papers received even if these have not been accepted for publication.
6. The research text shall be sent to two referees with expert knowledge in the subject of the research. Referees' observations, if any, will be sent to the researcher to make the necessary modifications to the research, to be carried out within a maximum period of one month.
7. Once published, research studies become the property of the Journal. Accordingly, the researcher is not entitled to have these studies republished - in whole or in part, translated or published in another language - without the written consent of the editorial board.

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8. The ideas and opinions contained in the articles published in the Journal reflect those of the authors. Accordingly, the Journal accepts no responsibility or liability whatsoever for opinions and statements expressed in such articles.
 9. The Journal reserves the right to print any number of studies accepted for publication at any time. Such studies may also be posted on the website of the Institution (www.nihr.org.bh) in PDF or any other format, at any time it deems appropriate.
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RESEARCH REFEREEING PROCESS

A Research paper initially approved by the editorial board is sent to two referees without disclosing the name of the researcher or any reference to his personality. The referees should complete their study and evaluation of research within three weeks of receiving the text.

The referee shall make a decision on the submitted research paper, indicating his/her name and academic rank, in accordance with the following criteria:

1. Determine the extent to which the research submitted complies with formal elements of academic writing in terms of the following aspects:
 - Reference to any earlier studies
 - Identification of research hypotheses
 - Identification of the research objective
 - Accuracy in identifying research questions
 - Identification of research methodology
 - Determination of study divisions
 - Division with regard to the size of sections is carefully balanced
 - Accuracy of the language used.
 - Whether the research paper is repetition-free
2. Determine the extent to which the research submitted conforms to methodological requirements in terms of the following aspects:
 - Research idea vitality
 - Clarity in defining the study framework and methodology
 - Compliance in applying the methods specific to the research
 - In-depth analysis
 - Relevance of the study results to objectives and research questions
 - Accuracy in the use of the basic concepts in the study
 - Logical sequence in addressing research questions
 - Research is contradiction-free
 - Compliance with scientific documentation established rules
 - Practical (applied) significance of the research
 - Appropriateness of references in terms of how recent they were, relevance to subject, how seriously they were used, and their scientific significance.
 - Interdependence and sequencing between sub-titles
 - Novel scientific addition and contribution to the field

RESEARCH REFEREEING PROCESS

Referees' Decision

Referees' decision includes research assessment in terms of the criteria and principles described above, in addition to stating an opinion on the following matters:

- The manuscript is suitable for publication in its present form without any modifications.
- The manuscript is suitable for publication but requires some minor revisions/modifications before it can be accepted (such modifications are clarified to the authors).
- The manuscript is suitable for publication but requires a number of fundamental revisions/changes before it can be accepted, without the need for further refereeing (such changes are clarified to the authors).
- The manuscript is unsuitable for publication; publication is declined.
(Appendix 3: Referees' Form)

PRINTING SPECIFICATIONS

Journal size and design:

The Journal size and printing form are in accordance with the following specifications:

Size (length: 240 mm - Width 170 mm)

Paper used:

- Cover: coated paper (Laminated) not less than 250 grams in thickness
- Inner pages (off-white). At least 100 grams thick

Cover printing: (4 colors)

Inner pages printing: (Black and its Variations)

Cover design:

The cover of the Journal is designed in a manner which highlights the Institution's logo, name of the Journal, number and date of issue and titles of published articles, as shown on the front cover of this Issue zero.

HONORARIA, FUNDING AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

1. Honoraria:

The Journal shall pay the following:

- A token honorarium of (USD 1,000) is paid to the researcher whose research paper has been published.
- A token honorarium of (USD 250) is paid to the referee for each research article refereed
- A token honorarium for the language editor equivalent to established practices in rewarding language editors

2. Funding:

- Financial funding allocated by the Institution as part of its annual budget.
- Subscriptions and sales to the public.
- Donations and voluntary aid the Institution decides to accept, as stipulated in Article 13 of the Royal Decree No. (46) for the year 2009, as amended by the Royal Order No. (28) for the year 2012 governing the establishment of the National Institution for Human Rights.

3. Budget:

Expenditure shall be from the budget allocated to the Journal by the editor-in-chief, in accordance with the administrative and financial rules, regulations and decisions in force in the Institution.

4. Subscriptions:

Individuals	1 year	2 years	4 years
GCC countries	BD 5.000	BD 8.000	BD 15.000
Arab countries	U.S. \$ 17	U.S. \$ 30	U.S. \$ 45
Other countries	U.S. \$ 25	U.S. \$ 40	U.S. \$ 65

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- Appendix (2): Research Follow-up Form
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Appendix (1) Initial Research Assessment Form

No.	Research Title	Researcher's Name	Date Abstract Received	Date of Acceptance Notification	Date final version received	Publishing guidelines conformed to?	Editorial Board decision/ date

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Appendix (2) Research Follow-up Form

No.	Research title	Researcher's name	Sending research to referees and receiving replies						Editorial Board's decision
			Referee (1)	Date research sent	Referee's decision/ date	Referee (2)	Date research sent	Referee's decision/ date	

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Appendix (3) Research Follow-up Form

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Referee's name		Academic rank	
Research title		Date received	

Determine the extent to which the research submitted complies with formal elements of academic writing in terms of the following aspects:	Referee's comments
- Reference to any earlier studies	
- Identification of research hypotheses	
- Identification of the research objective	
- Accuracy in identifying research questions	
- Identification of research methodology	
- Determination of study divisions	
- Division with regard to the size of sections is carefully balanced	
- Accuracy in identifying research questions	
- Accuracy of the language used.	
- Whether the research paper is repetition-free	

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Determine the extent to which the research submitted conforms to methodological requirements in terms of the following aspects	Referee's comments
Research idea vitality	
Clarity in defining the study framework and methodology	
Compliance in applying the methods specific to the research	
In-depth analysis	
Relevance of the study results to objectives and research questions	
Accuracy in the use of the basic concepts in the study	
Logical sequence in addressing research questions	
Research is contradiction-free	
Compliance with scientific documentation established rules	
Practical (applied) significance of the research	
Appropriateness of references in terms of how recent they were, relevance to subject, how seriously they were used, and their scientific significance.	
Interdependence and sequencing between sub-titles	
Novel scientific addition and contribution to the field	
Other comments	

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Referee's decision and comments		
Please select one of the following decisions based on your assessment of the manuscript submitted for publication.		
1	The manuscript is suitable for publication in its present form without any modifications	
2	The manuscript is suitable for publication but requires some minor revisions/modifications before it can be accepted (such modifications are clarified)	
3	The manuscript is suitable for publication but requires a number of fundamental revisions/changes before it can be accepted, without the need for further refereeing (such changes are clarified)	
4	The manuscript is unsuitable for publication; publication is declined	

Referee's name:		Date:		Signature:	
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