



## Statement by NIHR on the World Press Freedom Day

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The countries of the world, including the Kingdom of Bahrain, celebrate the World Press Freedom Day on May 3 every year, to emphasise the importance of the independence of the media of all kinds, whether written, video or audio, and to emphasise the need to take a professional neutral stance during press coverage of various issues.

This year's occasion is celebrated under the theme “**Journalism Under Digital Siege**”, to focus on the impact of technology and the significant development of artificial intelligence on journalism, freedom of expression and privacy, and to highlight challenges related to the work of the media.

On the occasion of the World Press Freedom Day, the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) appreciates the important role that journalists and media professionals play in the advancement of the State in a high professional spirit, which helped the Kingdom of Bahrain take prestigious positions in the field of freedom of opinion and expression through its constitutional and legal frameworks, believing in the importance of the press, which constitutes the main pillar and supportive element for all issues of the society.

On this occasion, the NIHR states that it works with its broad mandate to follow-up Bahrain's commitment to the international conventions and treaties it has ratified, which are concerned with the right to expression and freedom of the press, calling on government and private agencies and civil society institutions concerned with the press, media, technology and cybersecurity to unite in order to draw new milestones to reach tangible solutions that mitigate the negative impact of technology and digital development.