



## Statement by NIHR on World Press Freedom Day

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The international community, including the Kingdom of Bahrain, celebrate the World Press Freedom Day on May 3 each year to commemorate journalists around the world who lose their lives while assuming their duty, and to state the importance of states respecting and adhering to the basic principles of freedom of the press.

This year's occasion is celebrated under the theme “**Shaping a future of rights: freedom of expression as the engine of other human rights**”, due to the multiple crises facing the international community resulting in many challenges that have affected the health and well-being of people all over the world due to the spread of misinformation on the internet that negatively affected human rights.

On the occasion of the World Press Freedom Day, the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) appreciates the constant keenness of the Bahraini press to be at the forefront of support for sustainable development efforts for the benefit of all, and the freedom, transparency and national responsibility it enjoys towards society, noting at the same time the steps taken by the Kingdom of Bahrain to support freedom of opinion and expression and freedom of the press in accordance with the constitutional and legal frameworks it has established.

On this occasion, the NIHR states that it works with its broad mandate to follow-up and monitor 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 for the importance of cooperation between all parties to promote freedom of opinion and expression, in order to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 16 about promoting peaceful and inclusive societies, providing access to justice for all and building effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.