



## **Statement by NIHR on the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office Report 2022**

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The NIHR welcomes the report issued on Thursday by the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office for the year 2022 regarding the removal of the Kingdom of Bahrain from the list of countries classified as priority countries for human rights, after the Kingdom was classified among the most advanced countries in the region in the field of human rights reforms over the past years.

The NIHR affirms that this achievement would not have been possible without the Kingdom of Bahrain's full commitment to all international charters and laws related to human rights, which enjoy the royal patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the country's great king, as well as His Majesty's permanent directives to support and develop the field of human rights in the Kingdom and civilized human rights initiatives at the regional and international levels, and the diligent follow-up of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to work on implementing national initiatives and programmes in cooperation with various national mechanisms and civil society organisations, in order to develop and advance the human rights system in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The NIHR believes that what is contained in the report, including the praises of participation of citizens in decision-making through the Shura and Representatives Councils, the active participation of women in the national process, the Kingdom's efforts and global humanitarian initiatives in spreading the principles and concepts of tolerance, peace, love and human coexistence among peoples, and building bridges of communication and dialogue between different religions, cultures and civilisations, expresses the actual reality of human rights in the Kingdom of Bahrain and the extent of progress and development achieved on the ground.

On this occasion, Eng. Ali Ahmed Al-Derazi, Chairman of the NIHR, on his own behalf and on behalf of the members of the Council of Commissioners and the General Secretariat of the NIHR extended his warmest congratulations and blessings to the political leadership for this great achievement, and highly praised the appreciation of His Majesty the King of the country, and His Highness the Crown Prince and the honorable Prime Minister, for the role played by the NIHR Council of Commissioners and its tasks and responsibilities for the development, promotion and protection of human rights, stating that the NIHR will continue to work with its mandate, confirmed by its Establishment Law, to translate the royal directives for the promotion and protection of human rights in light of the Kingdom of Bahrain's commitment to all international covenants and laws related to it in order to improve the human rights system with transparency and independence.