



Statement by NIHR on Allegations of Ill-Treatment of a Detainee and His Death in Custody

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The National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) has followed reports circulated on social media regarding the death of a detainee (M.A.M.), who was held in connection with a case involving alleged espionage and the transfer of information and data, as well as allegations that he was subjected to ill-treatment or torture.

In this context, the NIHR affirms that the legislative framework in the Kingdom of Bahrain reflects a commitment to safeguarding the right to physical integrity and protecting individuals from any form of cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment. These are fundamental rights guaranteed by the Constitution and are consistent with relevant international human rights conventions and standards.

The NIHR has also taken note of the statement issued by the Ministry of Interior regarding its request for the Special Investigation Unit at the Public Prosecution to initiate an investigation, which has already commenced. The NIHR underscores the importance of conducting these procedures with full professionalism, impartiality, and independence. It will also continue to monitor the progress of the investigation through available mechanisms, including the Inspector General's Office at the National Intelligence Agency and other relevant competent authorities, in a manner that enhances confidence in its outcomes.

The NIHR further emphasizes the importance of ensuring that all detainees enjoy their full legal rights and of strengthening preventive safeguards against any form of ill-treatment, in accordance with relevant national and international standards, particularly the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners (the Nelson Mandela Rules).

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