



Statement by NIHR on the Need to Respect all Religions, Beliefs and Sects

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The National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) reviewed the statement by the Council of Representatives dated January 4, 2017, on the “Need to respect all Religions, Beliefs and Sects” in the Kingdom of Bahrain, and to avoid offending any of them in the media and social media, as well as the importance of continued strengthening of social peace and civil security, and maximising national unity and social cohesion among various people of the same homeland.

The NIHR expresses its absolute support for the call of the Council of Representatives not to offend all religions, beliefs and sects, and the need to respect them, and to adhere to the concepts of religious tolerance and peaceful coexistence that the Bahraini society has experienced in all its sects in the past decades, which is a source of strength and stability for our dear country, and is consistent with the values of accepting the other and respecting diversity and difference, which takes place in the society, and which contributed to making Bahrain a role model at the regional and global levels.

At the same time, the NIHR, through its human rights position, calls on all social spectrums in the Kingdom of Bahrain to the need for constructive cooperation in order to stress the respect for human rights and the values of tolerance and coexistence on which the Bahraini citizen grew up, and which Bahrain has known in its civilisation since ancient times, and calls on for the continuation of directing all efforts towards development, rejecting sedition and extremism, and promoting the respect for religious rights and freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution and international charters and treaties, and regulated by national laws and legislation.