

**Report on the actions and work carried out by  
the Selection Committee for the Council of Commissioners  
at the National Institution for Human Rights**

**1- Royal Order Concerning the Appointment of Members of the Board of Commissioners<sup>1</sup>**

Royal Order No. (39) of 2023 was issued amending certain provisions of Royal Order No. 17 of 2017 regarding the criteria for appointing members of the Council of Commissioners at the National Institution for Human Rights. Pursuant to this Order, a committee called the "Committee for Selecting Members of the Council of Commissioners" was established. The amended Article Three stipulates that:

**"A Committee shall be formed to Select Members of the Council of Commissioners, chaired by the Minister of the Royal Court, and including a sufficient number of experts and human rights defenders. One or more members of the Council of Commissioners may be included among them.**

**A decision shall be issued by the Minister of the Royal Court appointing the members of the committee, and the President shall select one of them as the committee's rapporteur."**

Article 3 bis clarifies the procedures for the selection committee for members of the Council of Commissioners, stating:

**"The committee shall announce the opening of nominations for membership in the Council of Commissioners. The announcement shall include the conditions that must be met by both full-time and part-time members. The committee shall receive nomination applications, examine and classify them, and conduct the interviews and consultations necessary to carry out its duties, in preparation for preparing a list of candidates."**

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<sup>1</sup> Royal Order No. (17) of 2017 Determining the Controls Governing the Appointment of Members of the Council of Commissioners at the National Institution for Human Rights with amendments:  
<https://www.nihr.org.bh/En/MediaHandler/GenericHandler/documents/Download/RoyalOrder17-2017amendments39-2023-En.pdf>

## 2- Resolution No. (1) of 2025 establishing a committee to select members of the Board of Commissioners<sup>2</sup>



On 11 May 2025, His Excellency Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Minister of the Royal Court, issued Resolution No. (1) of 2025 appointing members of the Selection Committee for the Board of Commissioners of the National Institution for Human Rights.

The resolution stipulates that the following shall be appointed members of the Selection Committee for the Council of Commissioners of the National Institution for Human Rights:

With reference to the amendments made to Royal Order No. 17 of 2017 concerning the regulations for appointing members of the Council of Commissioners, and pursuant to Royal Order No. 39 of 2023, which established a committee to select members of the Council of Commissioners, [Decision No. 1 of 2025](#) was issued on 11 May 2025 by the Chairman of the Committee, H.E. Sheikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, appointing the members of the committee, who are as follows:

1. Dr. Faisal Radhi Almousawi
2. Dr. Riyadh Yousif Hamza
3. Amal Salman Aldoseri
4. Ghazi Faisal Alrahma
5. Dr. Khalifa bin Ali Alfadhel, member and rapporteur of the Committee.

The decision authorizes the Committee to seek the assistance of individuals with relevant expertise and experience, who may be invited to attend meetings to provide input or necessary information in support of the Committee's work, without

<sup>2</sup> Official website of the Bahrain News Agency: In implementation of Royal Order No. (17) of 2017, [the Minister of the Royal Court issues a decision appointing members of the Committee for the Selection of Members of the Board of Commissioners of the National Institution for Human Rights.](#)

granting them voting rights. Furthermore, the Committee may establish working groups to examine specific issues and undertake tasks within its mandate to support the achievement of its objectives.

The decision was published in Official Gazette No. 3810 issued on Thursday, 15 May 2025.<sup>3</sup>

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<p><b>المادة الخامسة</b></p> <p>يُعمل بهذا القرار من تاريخ صدوره، ويُشر في الجريدة الرسمية.</p> <p>وزير الديوان الملكي خالد بن أحمد آل خليفة</p> <p>صدر بتاريخ: ١٣ ذو القعدة ١٤٤٦ هـ الموافق: ١١ مايو ٢٠٢٥ م</p>	<p><b>قرار رقم (١) لسنة ٢٠٢٥</b></p> <p>بتعيين أعضاء لجنة اختيار أعضاء مجلس مفوضي المؤسسة الوطنية لحقوق الإنسان</p> <p>وزير الديوان الملكي: بعد الاطلاع على القانون رقم (٢٦) لسنة ٢٠١٤ بإنشاء المؤسسة الوطنية لحقوق الإنسان، المتخذ بالمرسوم بقانون رقم (٢٠) لسنة ٢٠١٦، وعلى الأمر الملكي رقم (١٧) لسنة ٢٠١٧ بتحديد ضوابط تعيين أعضاء مجلس المفوضين في المؤسسة الوطنية لحقوق الإنسان، المتخذ بالأمر الملكي رقم (٣٩) لسنة ٢٠٢٣،</p> <p><b>قُرر الآتي:</b></p> <p><b>المادة الأولى</b></p> <p>يُعين عضواً في لجنة اختيار أعضاء مجلس مفوضي المؤسسة الوطنية لحقوق الإنسان، كلٌ من:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>١- د. فيصل راضي الموسوي،</li> <li>٢- د. رياض يوسف حمزة،</li> <li>٣- أمل سلمان البوسوي،</li> <li>٤- غازي فيصل آل رصحة.</li> </ol> <p><b>المادة الثانية</b></p> <p>يُعين د. خليفة بن علي القاضل وكيل الشؤون القانونية والسياسية بالديوان الملكي عضواً ومقرراً للجنة اختيار أعضاء مجلس مفوضي المؤسسة الوطنية لحقوق الإنسان.</p> <p><b>المادة الثالثة</b></p> <p>يجوز للجنة الاستعانة بمن تراه مناسباً من ذوي الخبرة والاختصاص، وأن تدعوهم لحضور اجتماعاتها لمناقشتهم والمشاورات اللازمة، أو تزويدها بالمعلومات التي تراها ضرورية لمباشرة اختصاصاتها، دون أن يكون لهم حق التصويت.</p> <p><b>المادة الرابعة</b></p> <p>يجوز للجنة أن تشكل فرق عمل للقيام بدراسة وتنفيذ بعض المهام الداخلة في اختصاصاتها، بما يساهم في تحقيق غايات وأهداف اللجنة.</p>

<sup>3</sup> Resolution No. (1) of 2025 appointing members of the Selection Committee for the Board of Commissioners of the National Institution for Human Rights, Official Gazette - Issue 3810 - 5-15-2025  
Arabic: <https://www.lloc.gov.bh/PDF/RAC0125.pdf> - English: [https://www.nihr.org.bh/EN/MediaHandler/GenericHandler/documents/PDF/NIHR/1-2025\\_selection%20Committee.pdf](https://www.nihr.org.bh/EN/MediaHandler/GenericHandler/documents/PDF/NIHR/1-2025_selection%20Committee.pdf)

### 3- The first meeting of the Committee for the Selection of Members of the Council of Commissioners<sup>4</sup>



H.E. Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Minister of the Royal Court, chaired the [first meeting of the Selection Committee](#) and highlighted the Kingdom of Bahrain's longstanding civilizational approach - under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa - in upholding human rights principles and promoting the values of humanity, justice, fraternity, and peace. He reaffirmed Bahrain's unwavering commitment to these principles, in accordance with international conventions and legal frameworks.

The Committee discussed organisational procedures related to receiving applications for membership in the NIHR Council of Commissioners, as well as the criteria for member selection.

These procedures are aligned with the provisions of the NIHR Law, the Royal Order regulating the appointment of Council members, and the Paris Principles relating to the status of national human rights institutions, as endorsed by United Nations General Assembly Resolution 48/134 of 20 December 1993.

<sup>4</sup> Official website of Bahrain News Agency: [Minister of the Royal Court chairs meeting of the committee to select members of the Board of Commissioners of the National Institution for Human Rights](#)

#### 4- Announcing the opening of nominations for membership in the Council of Commissioners.



On 26 May 2025, the Selection Committee for the Council of Commissioners of the NIHR announced the opening of nominations for Council membership. Applications will be accepted from Tuesday, 27 May 2025, until Tuesday, 10 June 2025, and must be submitted via email to: [applications@nihr.org.bh](mailto:applications@nihr.org.bh), accompanied by an updated CV, valid ID card and relevant supporting documents.<sup>5</sup>

In addition to the conditions and regulations stipulated in Law No. (26) of 2014 establishing the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) and Royal Order No. (17) of 2017 specifying the regulations for appointing members of the Board of Commissioners at the NIHR, candidates for membership in the Board of Commissioners (both full-time and part-time) must meet the following conditions:

1. Be a Bahraini citizen.
2. Be at least thirty years of age.
3. Be knowledgeable and interested in human rights issues and have made clear contributions to the field of human rights.

<sup>5</sup> BNA:

<https://www.bna.bh/en/NIHRopensnominationsforBoardofCommissioners.aspx?cms=q8FmFJgiscL2fwIzON1%2bDhVOTs63oTM1KxKQy3zSqXg%3d>

4. Be of good character, reputation, and conduct.

5. Have an academic qualification.

In addition to the conditions mentioned above, candidates for membership in the Board of Commissioners as a full-time member must meet the following requirements:

1. Not be committed to performing any other work or profession while carrying out their membership duties.

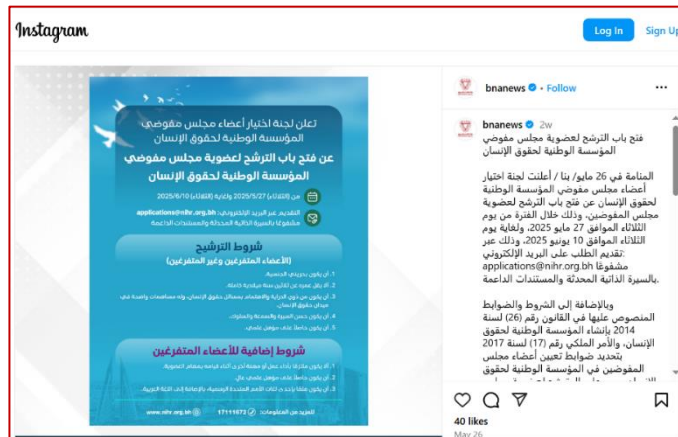
2. Have a high academic qualification.

3- To be fluent in one of the official languages of the United Nations, in addition to Arabic.

Please note that when selecting members of the Council of Commissioners, consideration will be given to representing various segments of society without discrimination based on gender, origin, religion, creed, or disability, with an emphasis on adequate representation of women and minorities. The composition will also include an appropriate number of specialists in legal and human rights fields and other disciplines relevant to the work of the National Institution for Human Rights.

The legislation regulating membership in the Council of Commissioners can be found on the website [www.nihr.org.bh](http://www.nihr.org.bh). For more information, please call 17111672. Please note that any application submitted after the specified deadline or that does not meet all membership requirements will not be considered.

The announcement of opening nominations for membership in the Board of Commissioners was widely published by the Bahrain News Agency on its official website [www.bna.bh](http://www.bna.bh) and Instagram.<sup>6</sup> It was also circulated in all daily newspapers and social media platforms..



<sup>6</sup> BNA Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/p/DKHZvBMIPRG/?igsh=Z2Q0anpseTdhZHd4>

## NIHR opens nominations for Board of Commissioners

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Manama, May 26 (BNA): The selection committee for members of the Board of Commissioners of the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) has announced the opening of nominations for board membership.

Applications will be accepted from Tuesday, May 27, until Tuesday, June 10, and should be submitted via email to: [applications@nihr.org.bh](mailto:applications@nihr.org.bh), accompanied by an updated CV and supporting documents.

In addition to the requirements set out under Law (26) of 2014 on the establishment of the NIHR and Royal Order (17) of 2017 concerning the appointment criteria for board members, candidates for both full-time and part-time membership must meet the following conditions:

- 1- Must be a citizen of the Kingdom of Bahrain.
  - 2- Must be at least 30 years of age.
  - 3 - Must demonstrate knowledge of and commitment to human rights, with a record of tangible contributions in the domain.
  - 4 - Must be of good character and reputation.
  - 5 - Must hold an academic qualification.
- For full-time membership, additional requirements apply:
- 1- The candidate must not be engaged in any other job or profession during the membership term.
  - 2- Must hold an advanced academic qualification.
  - 3- Must be proficient in one of the official United Nations languages, in addition to Arabic.

The selection process will consider fair representation across all segments of society, without discrimination based on gender, origin, religion, belief, or disability. Special attention will be given to ensuring adequate representation of women and minorities, along with a suitable number of professionals in law, human rights, and other fields relevant to the NIHR's mandate.

For more details on the legislation governing board membership, visit: [www.nihr.org.bh](http://www.nihr.org.bh).

For enquiries, contact: 17111672. Applications submitted after the deadline or those not meeting the full criteria will not be considered.

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The announcement was also published on the National Institution for Human Rights' website and Instagram account, to reach the largest possible audience:

أعضاء مجلس مفوضي المؤسسة الوطنية لحقوق الإنسان عن فتح باب الترشح لعضوية مجلس المفوضين، وذلك خلال الفترة من يوم الثلاثاء الموافق 27 مايو 2025، ولغاية يوم الثلاثاء الموافق 10 يونيو 2025، وذلك عبر تقديم الطلب على البريد الإلكتروني: [applications@nihr.org.bh](mailto:applications@nihr.org.bh) مشفوعاً بالسيرة الذاتية المحدثة والمستندات الداعمة.

وبالإضافة إلى الشروط والضوابط المنصوص عليها في القانون رقم (26) لسنة 2014 بإنشاء المؤسسة الوطنية لحقوق الإنسان، وتحديد ضوابط تعيين أعضاء مجلس المفوضين في المؤسسة الوطنية لحقوق الإنسان، يجب على المترشح لعضوية مجلس المفوضين (كعضو متفرغ وغير متفرغ) أن تتوافر فيه الشروط الآتية:

- 1- أن يكون بحريني الجنسية.
- 2- ألا يقل عمره عن ثلاثين سنة ميلادية كاملة.
- 3- أن يكون من ذوي الدراية والاهتمام بمسائل حقوق الإنسان، وله مساهمات واضحة في ميدان حقوق الإنسان.
- 4- أن يكون حسن السيرة والسلمة والسلوك.
- 5- أن يكون حاصلاً على مؤهل علمي.

وبالإضافة إلى الشروط المذكورة أعلاه، يُشترط في المترشح لعضوية مجلس المفوضين كعضو متفرغ ما يلي:

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1- ألا يكون ملتزماً بأداء عمل أو مهنة أخرى أثناء قيامه بمهام العضوية.

2- أن يكون حاصلاً على مؤهل علمي عالٍ.

3- أن يكون ملماً بإحدى لغات الأمم المتحدة الرسمية، بالإضافة إلى اللغة العربية.

علماً بأنه سيؤخذ بعين الاعتبار عند اختيار أعضاء مجلس المفوضين تمثيل مختلف أطراف المجتمع دون تمييز على أساس الجنس، أو الأصل، أو الدين، أو العقيدة، أو الإعاقة، مع الحرص على تمثيل المرأة والأقليات تمثيلاً مناسباً، كما سيُراعى أن يضم التشكيل عدداً مناسباً من المختصين في المجالات القانونية والحقوقية وغيرها من التخصصات ذات الصلة بعمل المؤسسة الوطنية لحقوق الإنسان.

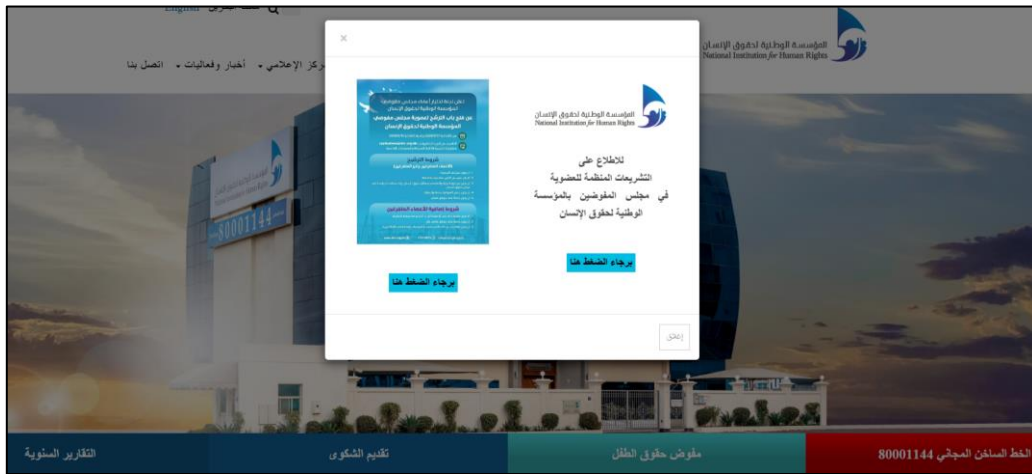
ويمكن الاطلاع على التشريعات المنظمة للعضوية في مجلس المفوضين من خلال زيارة الموقع الإلكتروني: [www.nihr.org.bh](http://www.nihr.org.bh).

ولمزيد من المعلومات يمكن الاتصال على هاتف رقم 17111672، علماً بأنه لن يُنظر في أي طلب يُقدّم بعد انتهاء المدة المحددة، أو لا يستوفي كافة شروط العضوية.

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An announcement has also been placed that appears automatically upon entering the institution's website (in both languages) www.nihr.org.bh, to facilitate easy access for researchers to the legislation regulating membership in the Council of Commissioners:



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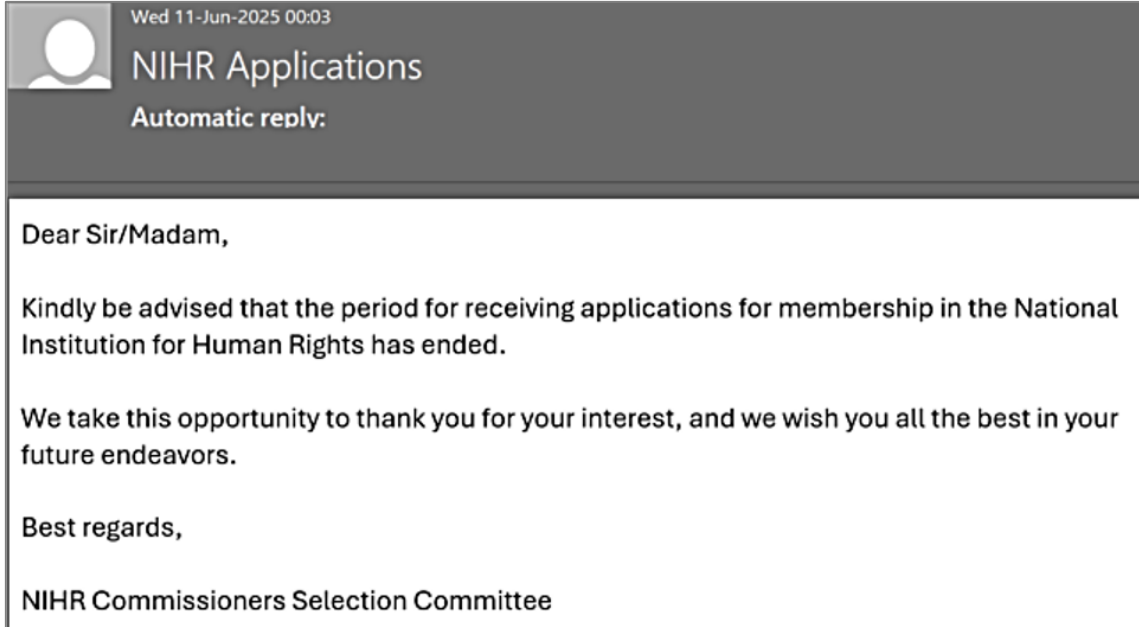
- القانون رقم (26) لسنة 2014، المعدل بموجب المرسوم بقانون رقم (20) لسنة 2016 بإنشاء المؤسسة الوطنية لحقوق الإنسان.
- الأمر الملكي رقم (17) لسنة 2017، المعدل بموجب الأمر الملكي رقم (39) لسنة 2023 بتحديد ضوابط تعيين أعضاء مجلس المفوضين في المؤسسة الوطنية لحقوق الإنسان.
- اللائحة الداخلية في شأن تنظيم وعمل مجلس المفوضين بالمؤسسة الوطنية لحقوق الإنسان.
- مدونة سلوك أعضاء مجلس المفوضين بالمؤسسة الوطنية لحقوق الإنسان.

Legislations regulating the National Institution for Human Rights

- Law No. (26) of 2014, as amended by Decree-Law No. (20) of 2016 establishing the National Institution for Human Rights
- Royal Order No. (17) of 2017, as amended by Royal Order No. (39) of 2023 specifying the rules for appointing members of the Council of Commissioners of the National Institution for Human Rights
- Rules of Procedures on Regulation and Function of the Council of Commissioners of the National Institution for Human Rights
- Code of Conduct for Members of the Council of Commissioners of the National Institution for Human Rights



When the deadline expires, an automatic response will be sent to the email address designated for receiving applications, stating that the deadline has expired:



## 5- The second meeting of the Committee for the Selection of Members of the Council of Commissioners<sup>7</sup>



H.E. Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Minister of the Royal Court, chaired the Second meeting of the Selection Committee of the Council of Commissioners members and commended the interest shown by many citizens in applying for membership of the Council of Commissioners of the NIHR. He noted that their commitment to human rights and representation of different parts of society reflects a genuine desire to support and promote human rights in Bahrain. This effort is in line with the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Majesty's dedication to upholding human rights, promoting the values of humanity, justice, unity, and peace, and ensuring Bahrain's full compliance with international laws and agreements.

Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed emphasised that the committee adhered to the highest standards of transparency in reviewing and categorising all submitted applications, ensuring they met the required candidacy qualifications and standards. This process was conducted following the conditions and criteria for the establishment of the NIHR, and in line with Royal Order (17) of 2017 concerning the provisions for appointing members of the Council of Commissioners.

The selection also complied with the Paris Principles related to the status of national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights, which were endorsed by United Nations General Assembly Resolution (48/134), dated 20

<sup>7</sup> Official website of Bahrain News Agency: [Minister of the Royal Court chairs the second meeting of the committee to select members of the Council of Commissioners of the National Institution for Human Rights.](#)

December 1993. Furthermore, the process took into account the general comments issued by the Sub-Committee on Accreditation within the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI), which are regarded as authoritative interpretative references for the Paris Principles.

Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed noted that the final list of proposed names for membership of the Council of Commissioners will be submitted to His Majesty the King for the issuance of the Order appointing the Board members of the National Institution for Human Rights for the term 2025–2029.

#### 6- Announcement of the Selection Committee for the Council of Commissioners regarding the procedures it has taken.<sup>8</sup>



The Selection Committee issued a press release announced that it had received 112 applications for board membership between Tuesday, May 27, 2025, and Tuesday, June 10, 2025. Of the applicants, 47% were men and 53% women, with 19% holding doctoral degrees and 41% holding master's degrees.

The committee confirmed that it is currently finalizing the proposed list of nominees to be submitted to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, for the issuance of a Royal Order appointing members of the NIHR Council of Commissioners for the 2025–2029 term.

The committee noted the strong response from citizens, particularly human rights advocates from diverse segments of society. It highlighted the notable representation of

<sup>8</sup> [Official website of the Bahrain News Agency](#): In preparation for submitting it to His Majesty the King. The Committee for the Selection of Members of the Council of Commissioners of the National Institution for Human Rights: Work is underway to prepare the final list of names proposed for membership in the Board of Commissioners for the years (2025-2029)

highly qualified academics among the applicants, reflecting a widespread interest in and commitment to participating actively in the NIHR's work.

During the previous period, the Committee worked to sort and classify all applications received, ensuring that they met the eligibility requirements and criteria. Applications that did not meet the membership requirements were excluded, in accordance with the terms, regulations, and criteria stipulated in the law, in addition to the general observations made by the Sub-Committee on Accreditation of the Global Alliance of National Institutions for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, which are considered a legal reference interpreting the Paris Principles.

#### **7- Royal Order appointing members of the Council of Commissioners of the National Institution for Human Rights**

On 12 Aug 2025, His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa issued [Royal Order \(26\) of 2025](#) appointing members of the Council of Commissioners of the National Institution for Human Rights, and their term of office shall be four years.<sup>9</sup>The members are as follows:

- Full-time members are:
  1. Eng. Ali Ahmed Alderazi.
  2. Dr. Malallah Jaffar Alhammedi.
  3. Mohammed Jumaa Fuzeai.
  4. Dr. Maha Saleh Alshehab.
- Part-time members are:
  1. Dr. Hamad Ibrahim Alabdullah.
  2. Daniel Mark Cohen.
  3. Rawdha Salman Alaradi.
  4. Shaikha Hamdi Alsheiba.
  5. Dr. Shaima Abdullah Jumaa Mohammed.
  6. Abdullah Khalifa Althawadi.
  7. Muna George Koro.

Their term of membership shall be four years. This order shall take effect from the date of its issuance and shall be published in the Official Gazette.

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<sup>9</sup> Royal Order (26) of 2025:

<https://www.nihr.org.bh/en/MediaHandler/GenericHandler/documents/Order/ROYAL-ORDER-NO-26-2025-EN.pdf>

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<p><b>المادة الثانية</b> يبدأ هذا الأمر من تاريخ صدوره، ويُشار في الجريدة الرسمية.</p> <p>ملك مملكة البحرين حمد بن عيسى آل خليفة</p> <p>صدر في قصر الرفاع بتاريخ: 18 سبتمبر 2025م الموافق: 12 أغسطس 2025م</p>	<p><b>أمر ملكي رقم (26) لسنة 2025</b> بتعيين أعضاء مجلس مفوضي المؤسسة الوطنية لحقوق الإنسان</p> <p>نحن حمد بن عيسى آل خليفة ملك مملكة البحرين. بعد الاطلاع على الدستور، وعلى القانون رقم (26) لسنة 2014 بإنشاء المؤسسة الوطنية لحقوق الإنسان، المعدل بالتصحيحين رقم (4) لسنة 2016، وعلى الأمر الملكي رقم (17) لسنة 2017 بتحديد خلوها تعيين أعضاء مجلس المفوضين في المؤسسة الوطنية لحقوق الإنسان، المعدل بالأمر الملكي رقم (34) لسنة 2023، وعلى الأمر الملكي رقم (21) لسنة 2021 بتعيين أعضاء مجلس مفوضي المؤسسة الوطنية لحقوق الإنسان، وبناءً على عرض وزير شؤون الملك ورئيس لجنة النظر أعضاء مجلس مفوضي المؤسسة الوطنية لحقوق الإنسان، وبعد المشاورة مع مؤسسات المجتمع المدني ذات العلاقة، أمرنا بالآتي: <b>المادة الأولى</b> تفويض تعيين في مجلس مفوضي المؤسسة الوطنية لحقوق الإنسان، كل من: 1- علي أحمد الرازي، 2- م. م. الله جعفر الحمادي، 3- محمد جمعة ربيع، 4- مها صالح آل خليفة، كثيلاً؛ والأعضاء غير المتفرطين؛ 1- حمد إبراهيم العوف، 2- نائل مبارك كويهي، 3- روضة سلمان العريفي، 4- شيماء عدي التميمي، 5- شيماء عدي جمعة محمد، 6- نوافل خليفة الرازي، 7- عيسى جويش كويهي، وكون مدة عضويتهم أربع سنوات.</p>

## 8- Election of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson<sup>10</sup>

The Council of Commissioners of the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) held its first procedural meeting on Sunday, 17 August 2025, chaired by Dr. Malallah Alhammadi, the most senior member in terms of age. This meeting was held in implementation of the provisions of Law No. (26) of 2014 establishing the NIHR, as amended by Decree-Law No. (20) of 2016.

The election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson was conducted sequentially. Engineer Ali Ahmed Aldirazi was elected as Chairperson of the Council by acclamation, while Dr. Malallah Alhammadi was elected as Vice-Chairperson by acclamation.

<sup>10</sup> Press release:

<https://www.nihr.org.bh/EN/Organisation/CommissionerSchedule/sched1/17Aug2025.aspx>



During the meeting, members of the NIHR's standing committees were selected and their chairs elected, in addition to the appointment of a Commissioner for Children's Rights. The results were as follows:

- General Rights and Freedoms Committee: Headed by Mohammed Fuzaiya, with Dr. Maha Al Shehabi and Mr. Daniel Haroun as members.
- Detention & Facilities Visitation Committee: Chaired by Dr. Malallah Alhammadi, with membership from Mr. Abdullah Althawadi and Ms. Muna George Koro.
- Complaints, Monitoring, and Follow-up Committee: Chaired by Ms. Rawda Salman Alaradi, with membership from Dr. Hamad Ibrahim Alabdullah, Dr. Shaima Abdullah Mohammed, and Ms. Sheikha Hamdi Alshaiba.

During the meeting, Dr. Maha Al Shehabi was also appointed Child Rights Commissioner at the National Institution for Human Rights.

#### 9- A brief overview of the academic and professional backgrounds of the members of the Council of Commissioners:<sup>11</sup>

**Eng. Ali Ahmed Al-Darazi**, Chairman of the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) since 2021, holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the Russian Friendship University, Moscow, Russian Federation (1994). He is a member of the Advisory Board of the Supreme Council of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (2017-2020), a member of the House of Representatives in the third legislative term (2011-2014), a member of the National Committee for Follow-up on the Implementation of the Recommendations of the Bahrain Independent Commission of Inquiry (2011), a member of the Commercial Arbitration Center of the Gulf Cooperation Council, Dar Al-Qarar (certified arbitrator), a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb), a certified legal mediator, and a human rights activist and parliamentarian.

<sup>11</sup> CVs can be viewed on the National Institution for Human Rights website:  
<https://www.nihr.org.bh/EN/Organisation/CommissionerMain>

**Dr. Malallah Jaffar Alhammadi**, Vice-Chairperson, Head of Detention & Facilities Visitation Committee, holds a PhD in Public Law from the League of Arab States, Arab Republic of Egypt, 2013. He is a member of the Council of Commissioners at the National Institution for Human Rights. Since 2019, he has been a licensed lawyer before the Court of Cassation and the Constitutional Court, an assistant professor of law at the Royal University for Women, and a member of the university's advisory board (2015–2021). He was also Chairman of the Grievances Committee against Decisions of the Committee for Valuation of Real Estate Expropriated for Public Benefit (2014–2016). He previously served as Director of the Legislation and Official Gazette Department at the Legislation and Legal Opinion Authority (2011–2016).

**Mr. Mohamed Juma Fuzaiia**, Head of General Rights and Freedoms Committee, holds a Master's degree in Law from the University of Applied Sciences in the Kingdom of Bahrain (2015). He chaired the Arab Charter on Human Rights Committee at the League of Arab States for the second term (2017–2021), and was a member of the Arab Charter on Human Rights Committee at the League of Arab States for the first term (2013–2017). He is a certified lecturer (Human Rights - Constitutional Law) at several academic bodies and official institutions. He is also a certified mediator at the Commercial Dispute Settlement Center of the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and a certified civil dispute mediator at the Ministry of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments in the Kingdom of Bahrain. He was the Director of the Legal Affairs and Agreements Department at the Ministry of Human Rights Affairs (2012-2016), and the Director of the Legal Affairs Department at the Constitutional Court (2011-2012).

**Mrs. Rawdha Salman Alaradi**, Head of Complaint, Monitoring & Follow-up Committee, holds a Master's degree in Business Administration from the École Normale Supérieure d'Economie et Commerce in Paris (2017) and a Master's degree in Industrial Facilities Management from the Arabian Gulf University in the Kingdom of Bahrain (2006). She has been a member of the Board of Commissioners of the National Institution for Human Rights since 2017. She participated in the National Consensus Dialogue, representing civil society organizations (2011). She is currently the Senior Manager of Human Resources and Training at Aluminum Bahrain (Alba).

**Dr. Maha Saleh Al Shehab**, Child Rights Commissioner, and member of General Rights and Freedoms Committee. A specialist physician, holds a Master's degree in Occupational Health and Safety from the University of Greenwich, UK, in 2007. She is a human rights activist and member of the Executive Office of the Arab Federation for Human Rights since 2022. She

has also been a member of the Board of Directors of the Bahrain Sports for All Federation, the Executive Office of the Arab Sports for All Federation, and the Bahrain Society for Social Responsibility since 2021. She has also been a member of the Bahrain Society for Occupational Health and Safety since 2003, and a member of the Bahrain Medical Society since 1997.

**Mr. Daniel Haron Cohen**, Member of General Rights and Freedoms Committee, Member of the Board of Commissioners of the National Institution for Human Rights since 2021. He holds a Master of Arts in Economics from Cambridge University, UK, 2010. He has given numerous lectures on the principles and concepts of human rights, the role and responsibilities of the National Institution for Human Rights, and children's rights to several organizations and schools. He also participated in official visits to the Northern Ireland Commission for Children and Young People (NICCY), the Ombudsman, the Children's Law Centre (CLC), the Human Rights Commission, the Equality Commission, the Special Commissioner for Children, and Save the Children Northern Ireland, UK, 2023.

**Mr. Abdulla Khalifa Althawadi**, Member of the Detention & Facilities Visitation Committee, holds a Master's degree in Integrated Services Engineering and Smart Networks from the University of Plymouth, UK, 1999. He is a human rights activist and member of the Arab-European Forum for Human Rights (an NGO), Geneva, since 2023, and a member of the Together for Human Rights Society (a civil society organization), Kingdom of Bahrain, since 2021, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Bahrain Internet Society since 2016. He was also a member of the House of Representatives, Fifth Legislative Term (2018-2022), Chaired the Human Rights Committee at the House of Representatives, and was a member of the Science and Technology Committee of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, Geneva (2021-2022). He was also a member of the Advisory Board of the Supreme Council of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (2020-2023).

**Ms. Muna George Koro**, member of the Detention & Facilities Visitation Committee, holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Jordan (1986), and a Postgraduate Diploma in Peaceful Coexistence from the University for Peace and the Geoya Foundation for Higher Education (2024). She is a Senior Community Affairs Specialist and a member of the King Hamad Global Centre for Peaceful Coexistence since 2018. She is an activist in defending religious rights and beliefs.

**Dr. Hamad Ebrahim Alabdulla**, Member of the Complaints, Monitoring, and Follow-up Committee, holds a PhD in History from the University of East Anglia. In the United Kingdom, 2016, Member of the Executive Office

Committee of the National Plan to Promote National Belonging and Consolidate the Values of Citizenship "Our Bahrain", Dean of the Abdullah bin Khalid College of Islamic Studies, Kingdom of Bahrain, since 2025, member of the Bahrain History and Archaeology Society, since 2012, Assistant Professor of Modern and Contemporary History, College of Arts, University of Bahrain (2017-2020), and held the position of Executive Director at Bahrain Center for Strategic, International and Energy Studies (Derasat) (2020-2025). He is a writer and researcher in contemporary history with numerous publications.

**Dr. Shaima Abdulla Mohammed**, member of the Complaints, Monitoring, and Follow-up Committee, holds a PhD in Law from Ibn Tofail University, Kenitra, Kingdom of Morocco, 2025. Member of the Artificial Intelligence Law Drafting Team, since 2025. Lecturer of Law and Human Rights at several universities and academic institutions, member of the Dispute Resolution Committee at the Bahrain School Sports Federation, since 2024, member of the Arbitration Panel in the Private Sector, since 2024, member of the General Secretariat, Dispute Resolution Center, Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry, since 2023. She is a human rights activist and member of the Board of Directors of the Bahrain Jurists Association, Chair the Association's Media Committee, since 2020. She is a certified arbitrator at the Commercial Arbitration Center of the Gulf Cooperation Council States. Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf, since 2017, and Director of the Legal Affairs Department, at Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI), since 2024.

**Ms. Shaikha Hamdi Alshaiba**, member of the Complaints, Monitoring, and Follow-up Committee. Holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Informatics from AMA International University, Kingdom of Bahrain, 2005. She is an activist for the rights of persons with disabilities and a board member of the Bahrain Disabled Sports Federation, a board member of the Equal Opportunities and Balance Committee in Sports, Kingdom of Bahrain, Head of Human Resources Development, Bahrain Petroleum Company (Bapco) (2019-2022), Events Management Coordinator, Bahrain Petroleum Company (Bapco) (2019), and Human Resources Manager, Vinci Energies, Cegelec, Al Khobar.

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