



## Statement by NIHR on the Current Developments in the Kingdom of Bahrain

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The National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) is following with deep concern the ongoing developments and current events taking place in the Kingdom of Bahrain, including the targeting and attacks attributed to the Iranian side, which have affected the security of the State and the safety of its territory, and have posed a direct threat to the security of civilians and residents alike.

While the Institution affirms that the protection of the right to life, personal security, and physical integrity constitutes fundamental rights guaranteed under the national Constitution and the international human rights conventions to which the Kingdom of Bahrain has acceded, it stresses that any attack targeting civilians or placing them at risk constitutes a grave violation of international law, particularly the principles of international humanitarian law, which prohibit the targeting of civilian objects and civilian populations under all circumstances.

The NIHR commends the efforts undertaken by the State authorities in these exceptional circumstances, as well as the comprehensive measures and actions adopted to protect citizens and residents and to reinforce security and stability. The Institution affirms that this approach reflects a high level of professionalism and responsibility, grounded in the rule of law and respect for human rights standards, while ensuring a careful balance between national security requirements and the safeguarding of rights and public freedoms.

In this context, NIHR calls upon all citizens and residents to demonstrate awareness and national responsibility, to fully adhere to the instructions and guidelines issued by the competent official authorities, and to cooperate with the relevant bodies in a manner that contributes to the protection of lives and property and the preservation of security and stability.

In conclusion, the National Institution for Human Rights reiterates its commitment to supporting all efforts aimed at enhancing the safety and security of society and to continuing its monitoring and advisory role within the framework of its legal mandate, in a manner that guarantees the protection of human rights under all circumstances.