



Statement by NIHR Regarding the Continued Iranian Attacks Against the Kingdom of Bahrain

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The National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) is following with profound concern and condemnation the continued egregious Iranian attacks directed against the Kingdom of Bahrain. These attacks constitute a grave violation of the State's sovereignty and territorial integrity, and represent a serious threat to national security and societal stability. They also pose direct risks to the rights of citizens and residents, foremost among them the rights to life, personal security, and physical safety—fundamental rights guaranteed under international human rights instruments and conventions.

Referring to its previous statement concerning the current developments, NIHR emphasizes that the continuation of these blatant attacks and the ongoing, unjustified escalation constitute a clear breach of international law and the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, particularly those relating to respect for the sovereignty of States, non-interference in their internal affairs, and the prohibition of the threat or use of force. Such actions further demonstrate a serious disregard for international obligations aimed at protecting civilians and preserving regional peace and stability, while increasing the risk of grave harm to lives, property, and civilian infrastructure.

NIHR stresses that the protection of civilians and the safeguarding of their security and safety are not merely political choices or moral obligations, but legal duties imposed by international human rights law and the Charter of the United Nations. Accordingly, any acts or practices that threaten the security of the population, spread fear among civilians, or undermine stability constitute violations of fundamental rights and freedoms and require a firm international response that ensures accountability and prevents impunity.

In this context, NIHR calls upon the international community, foremost the United Nations and its bodies and mechanisms concerned with human rights and international peace and security, to assume their legal and moral responsibilities and to take urgent and effective measures to halt these attacks, monitor their impact and repercussions on human rights, ensure compliance with the provisions and principles of international law, and work to prevent the recurrence of such violations that threaten regional security and stability and undermine the fundamental rights of individuals.

NIHR also expresses its sincere appreciation for the national efforts undertaken by State institutions in addressing these exceptional circumstances, as well as the comprehensive measures and actions adopted to protect citizens and residents and preserve security and stability. The Institution affirms that these efforts embody the visionary directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of the Kingdom of Bahrain, may God protect him, aimed at safeguarding the nation's supreme interests and strengthening national unity in the face of any threat or aggression.

Furthermore, NIHR affirms that the measures taken by the competent authorities reflect a high level of institutional competence and responsibility and are grounded in the rule of law and respect for national and international human rights standards. These measures demonstrate a commitment to maintaining a balance between the requirements of national security and the protection of public rights and freedoms, thereby ensuring the preservation of societal security and stability and safeguarding the achievements and national accomplishments of the Kingdom of Bahrain.