

National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) stresses the importance of the achievements and gains made by the Kingdom of In Bahrain

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The National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) stressed the importance of the achievements and gains made in the Kingdom Bahrain, during the march reform initiated by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, may God protect him with regard establishing the principles of democracy and human rights, in addition to the focus on peace, security, community stability, rejection of extremism, and internal disagreements and quarrels, in spite of the crisis experienced by the Kingdom of Bahrain during the past months.

In a statement today, on the occasion of the International Day of Peace, commemorated on September 21 of every year, the NIHR called on all community forces in the Kingdom of Bahrain, including civil society all citizens and residents to cooperate organizations, official authorities, rights, uphold the value of in order to reaffirm the respect for human peace and direct efforts towards development as a comprehensive concept, in the political, economic, social and cultural spheres, through the various possible and available means, with emphasis on the importance of the continuation of the democratic process pursued by His Majesty since he took over the reins of power. Furthermore, we all have to reject sedition, extremism and have to respect diversity within the community, cultural, confessional and religious differences in order to work on promoting the Bahraini society and its economic prosperity and progress to solve many of the current problems.

The NIHR also calls on the authorities concerned to expedite resolving the outstanding problems and respond to the NIHR's earlier statements on the importance of solving the problem of dismissed and suspended employees and disposing of cases pending before the courts, whether courts of national safety or civil courts, to reaffirm the respect for law and establish justice in society.

The NIHR also appreciates the efforts of the Government, civil society institutions and individuals in the revival, education and raising awareness among citizens and residents of issues related to the concept of peace, democracy and human rights.

The World's commemoration of the International Day of Peace this year, celebrated on September 21 each year under UN General Assembly Resolution No. (87 /36)-1981, coincides with the date of the opening session of the General Assembly, held every year on the third Tuesday of the month of September, giving the celebrations on the occasion particular significance in light of the discussion of the issues of peace, democracy and development in the world, especially in light of the developments witnessed in the international arena .

On the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of this day's commemoration, the theme for this year's celebrations is "Peace and Democracy: Make Your Voice Heard", in accordance with the preamble of the United Nations Charter which stipulates that the *"United Nations was founded to prevent and resolve international conflicts peacefully and help build a culture of peace in the world"*. The message of the Secretary - General of the United Nations Ban Ki-moon on the occasion also carried a lot of meanings which emphasize the importance of democracy as one of the core values of the United Nations, and its introduction is crucial for the establishment of human rights as it offers ways to settle disputes for the sake of social justice, freedom of the press, purification of the environment, the empowerment of women and the rule of law.

On this occasion, the NIHR stresses the importance of this day due to the global magnitude of the values it represents in light of the current situations experienced by the world involving some transformations requiring concerted international and community efforts in order to establish democracy and achieve social peace, security and stability within individual States as well as universal peace and security in the comprehensive sense. Other values that need to be stressed include reaffirming national cohesion, putting aside differences and bickering among citizens and between citizens and residents, in addition to governments' work in order to promote a culture of peace and awareness of the role of the various authorities in this context.

On the basis of the foregoing, the NIHR calls for the need to evoke the achievements and contributions made both at the local level, within the homelands or at the global level, through the conventions and international treaties in this context.