



Statement by NIHR on the International Day of Democracy

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On the occasion of the International Day of Democracy on September 15 every year, the international community, including the Kingdom of Bahrain, celebrates this day, as democracy is a universally recognised ideal, and one of the core values of the United Nations, which creates the appropriate environment for the protection and effective realisation of human rights.

The UN has set the theme “**Strengthening democratic resilience in the face of future crises**”, aiming to develop good governance practices in emergency situations since human rights, especially for vulnerable groups, are highly ignored at times of crisis, which require protection as an essential component of the promotion of democracy.

On the occasion of the International Day of Democracy, the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) appreciates Bahrain’s efforts in consolidating democracy through establishing an integrated legislative and legal system, and public institutions that work to strengthen the human rights system by activating the necessary elements of democracy, which are stated by the Constitution of the Kingdom of Bahrain and the National Action Charter.

On this occasion, the NIHR states that it is working to follow-up and monitor the extent of commitment to international conventions and treaties ratified by the Kingdom of Bahrain, which are concerned with the promotion and protection of democratic values, and calls at the same time for unifying national efforts to continue promoting the values of democracy to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 16 on “Peace, Justice and Powerful Institutions”.