



Statement of the National Institution for Human Rights on the importance of the supreme implications of His Majesty the king's speech

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National Institution for Human Rights affirmed the importance of the supreme implications of the speech of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of Bahrain, which was delivered on Tuesday during a meeting with a number of press and media specialists. During the meeting His Majesty focused on the Kingdom's capability to overcome the crisis through national unity, the need to heal the social rift, the rationalization of public opinion and the protection of national unity. His Majesty emphasized the importance of continuing the steering wheel of reform in the framework of strengthening the freedom of opinion and the movement towards dialogue for national consensus. His Majesty the King called upon the need to instill the reform project rules and achieve the aspirations of the people for peace and justice.

The National Institution for Human Rights valued in a statement today the sustained efforts exerted by the wise leadership acting to overcome the current crisis and work to build a better tomorrow.

The institution urged all political powers to respond and join the National Consensus Dialogue set to begin in July 2011 according to the mechanisms that will be approved by the legislative and executive authorities in this regard through the guidance given to it by HM the King. It stressed the seriousness of the calls for a return to the unrest and instability witnessed in the Kingdom of Bahrain during the regrettable incidents.



The National Institution for Human Rights stressed the importance of the achievements and gains made during the period of national safety application by reinstating security and stability in the Kingdom of Bahrain, in addition to the actions taken by the wise leadership of the Kingdom of Bahrain during this stage at the directions of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, through activating the role of law in establishing national security and social stability allowing no abuses in this context.

It also stressed the importance of continuing to work on healing the rift and disunity witnessed in the Kingdom of Bahrain due to the regrettable incidents in February and March 2011 forcing the necessity for security intervention to reinstate security and stability to the Kingdom.

This can be fulfilled by the efforts of all official and non-official parties and through emphasizing the role of civil society organizations in order to continue the process of in-house building and reform, and the emphasis on national constants and the support for the reform process pursued by HM the King in this regard as well as the respect for human rights to live in a healthy environment without any threats that may undermine his security and stability.

The Institution stressed the need for the availability of all the rights to protect the democratic gains related to the rights of citizens, and called on the relevant authorities to speed up taking the necessary decisions on the situation of dismissed and suspended employees as well as quickly refer defendants in criminal cases to the competent courts otherwise release them if there is no legal justification for their imprisonment.

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