



## **Statement by NIHR on the World Press Freedom Day**

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The international community, including the Kingdom of Bahrain, celebrates the World Press Freedom Day on May 3 each year, in honour of journalistic work, and to highlight the influential role of the press in various aspects of life and its ability to shape societal awareness.

On the occasion of the World Press Freedom Day, the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) congratulates all journalists and media professionals in the Kingdom of Bahrain for their tangible efforts in conveying the facts to public opinion, and their pivotal role as an essential partner in the process of reform and sustainable development, praising at the same time the progress and development of the Bahraini press in employing various means to activate its journalistic role in defending the issues of the homeland by word and opinion.

On this occasion, the NIHR points out the full commitment of the Bahraini press, under these exceptional circumstances the world is witnessing from the spread of COVID-19, to the principle of transparency in the dissemination of information through visual, print and audio media, social media and direct press conferences.

On this occasion, the NIHR states that it works with its wide mandate to follow-up Bahrain's commitment to the international conventions and treaties it has ratified, which are concerned with freedom of opinion and expression, and calls for the importance of being objective, professional and adhering to the values of credibility to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 16 on "Peace, Justice and Powerful Institutions".