



Statement by NIHR on the International Day of Democracy

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The world celebrates the International Day of Democracy on the 15th of September each year, since democracy is related in its essence to people, and is based on inclusion, equal treatment and participation.

The UN has set the theme “**Covid-19: A Spotlight on Democracy**” as the theme for its campaign for this year, since democracy becomes critical, as the world faces COVID-19 pandemic, to ensure the free flow of information, participation in decision-making, and accountability when responding to the pandemic.

On the occasion of the International Day of Democracy, the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) expresses its great appreciation for the keenness of the Kingdom of Bahrain to practice democracy under such exceptional circumstances that the world is witnessing as an inherent right guaranteed by the Constitution and international conventions on human rights.

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.