

## Statement of the National Institution for Human Rights on the occasion of the International Day of Peace

21 September 2014

The National Institution for Human Rights participates in the celebration of the UN International Day of Peace on September 21 of each year based on the decision of the General Assembly of the United Nations No. (36/87) for the year 1981, to be in sync with the date of the opening session of the General Assembly, which is held every year on the third Tuesday from September. The first day of peace was celebrated in September 1982. The General Assembly voted in 2001 unanimously approving resolution No. (55/8282), which decided September 21 as a days to refrain from violence, to cease-fire and to be a day dedicated to strengthening the Institutions and ideology of peace among nations and peoples.

Coinciding with the thirtieth anniversary of the United Nations Declaration on the Right of Peoples for Peace, it has been decided that the theme of the International Day for this year is "The Right of Peoples For Peace" as this anniversary allows a unique opportunity to reaffirm the commitment of United Nations objectives for which it was established and the principles upon which it was based. The Declaration has pointed out that the promotion of peace is vital to fully enjoy human rights.



On this occasion, the National Institution emphasizes the importance of this day to establish a culture of international peace and security, to guard the world against the risk and the ravages of war and violence, to eliminate all weapons of mass destruction and to adopt peaceful option for the settlement of international disputes, to move forward towards a more interlinked relationships and exchange of benefits among nations, hoping that real peace would be based on justice, fairness, equality, truth and respect for human rights and dignity.

The National Institution takes this occasion, to express absolute support for the United Nations calling upon all nations and peoples to adhere to the cessation of hostilities during the day, and to celebrate it by spreading awareness of peace related matters among the public.

Valuing efforts of official bodies and civil society organizations to commemorate, educate and spread awareness among citizens and residents on issues relating to peace, democracy and human rights, the National Institution urges all community sects in the Kingdom of Bahrain to the necessity of cooperation in order to emphasize respect for human rights and the values of peace, to direct efforts towards development and the rejection of sedition and extremism and respect for the rule of law.

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