

## **National Institution for Human Rights values the Royal Directives to support low-income households**

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The NIHR's Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights commended the Royal Directives to allocate funds to support low-income households, increase the amount of subsidy the Government grants for of basic food commodities and the amounts allocated for social assistance. The NIHR values such initiatives which form vital support for the rights and needs of citizens, especially in light of the rising living burdens and necessary requirements.

The Committee expressed in a statement its deep appreciation of the Royal Directives emanating from the depth of faith and perception of the King regarding the importance of unwavering support for the economic and social rights to improve the standard of living to ensure a decent life for Bahraini citizens and families. This is as a basic priority and one of the main pillars of the constant royal vision to safeguard rights and welfare. This is particularly true if we realize that to have a society where Bahraini citizens enjoy security, economic stability and decent living respond to the demands of everyday life, which is the primary focus of all the economic and social projects and initiatives, whose strength and essence are the citizen, the basic building block for the construction, progress and prosperity of the nation.

For his part, Chairman of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Mr. Ali Abdullah Al-Aradi, stressed that economic and social rights are given priority in the strategy the NIHR, which is aimed at the development, promotion and protection of human rights. Mr. Aradi pointed out that through its expertise and specialized competencies, the Committee will provide an extensive vision that includes all aspects related to the development and promotion of economic and social development.