

**National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) stresses the importance of the speech by High King and reaffirms its commitment to its duty to protect human rights**

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The National Institution for Human Rights stressed the importance of content of the speech of Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa marking the end of the holy month of Ramadan and the approaching Eid Al-Fitr, in addition to HM the King's support and welcome to what has been agreed upon in National Consensus Dialogue. In addition to the emphasis on national unity, HM the King's speech reaffirmed the importance of rejecting extremism and acts violence, adhering to national constants, advocating tolerance, forgiving and overcoming the difficult phase Bahrain has experienced towards "the common future".

The National Institution for Human Rights also lauds what the speech referred to with regard to reaffirming the right of those injured or exposed to ill-treatment or death from various parties to appropriate compensation in accordance with the laws in force in Bahrain. The NIHR welcomes His Majesty's position of not condoning such acts, in addition to his reference the Supreme Judicial Council to follow up what has been mentioned in this context.

The NIHR has lauded what came in the speech on the effort to address many of the consequences that resulted from the developments in the Kingdom - in dealing with the unfortunate events - and especially His Majesty's keenness on the return of dismissed workers and students, and the importance of forgetting the differences of the past and His Majesty's assertion that the final decision on all civilians' cases will be made at the civil courts.

For its part, the NIHR is working closely on following up the developments arising in Bahraini society to ensure the implementation of the directives of His Majesty the King from all sides concerned, including the reinstatement of dismissed students and employees and working to ensure all those exposed to injury, ill-treatment or death receive appropriate compensation in accordance with the relevant laws of the Kingdom in this aspect so as to guarantee His Majesty the King's

continue reformist approach to reaffirm the respect and activation of human Rights in the Kingdom of Bahrain .