

## **National Institution for Human Rights lauds the contents of the speech of His Majesty the King**

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The National Institution for Human Rights lauded the contents of the speech of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa during his meeting with religious scholars last Monday.

The NIHR said HM the King provided a comprehensive and clear vision for the development of events witnessed by the Kingdom of Bahrain through recently, in addition to the importance of the achievements and gains made in the prosperous era of His Majesty through constitutional institutions and promotion of rights and freedoms, taking Bahrain to the ranks of advanced countries. This came within the framework of the emphasis on the importance of adhering to the national constants and consolidating the values of national unity. This will enable us to overcome the effects brought about by these developments, reject extremism and division among the citizens of the nation and achieve justice in accordance with the legal frameworks that regulate access to rights and guarantee public and private freedoms.

The NIHR also explained that the speech of His Majesty the King showed the Kingdom's orientations in the next stage, whether at the domestic level by respecting rights, freedoms and the commitment to apply the law or externally toward the adoption of realistic policies in dealing with the regional and international scene in accordance with the principle of cooperation and convergence. This comes after the announcement of the end of the state of national safety and the restoration of security and stability to the Kingdom of Bahrain, allowing complementary parliamentary elections to take place now that the situation in Bahrain has returned to normal prior to the events in light of the adoption by the government and civil society institutions of mechanisms for the transition to social stability, and the emphasis on rights and freedoms bolstered by of the State institutions, whether executive, legislative, judicial, with an emphasis on Separation between powers on the basis of cooperation.

Furthermore, the NIHR reaffirmed the importance of the contents of the speech of His Majesty the King High in order to work on internal unity face external and internal challenges and play a constructive role, which seeks to enhance and promote the concept of human rights in the Kingdom of Bahrain in accordance with the principle of neutrality and transparency in dealing with all the issues considered by the NIHR without underestimating the importance of any case examined by the Institution under its terms of reference.

National Institution for Human Rights called on Their Eminence the scholars, imams, preachers and clerics to assume their vital and important role in guiding the citizens and residents to the path of good, righteousness, prosperity for themselves and their country, as reflected in the contents of the speech of HM the King, which stressed the importance of national unity and cohesion among all sects and creeds in the Kingdom of Bahrain to work for the prosperity of the Kingdom of Bahrain and return of normal life to the Kingdom as it was prior to the events it has witnessed.