

## **Statement of the National Institution for Human Rights on the internal political scene developments**

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The National Institution for Human Rights expressed its serious concern and interest in the extreme and unfortunate developments of recent the situation in Bahrain. It also sends its sincere condolences and sympathy to the family of the deceased Ali Abdul-Hadi Mushaima and Fadel Al-Matrook, wishing all the injured citizens of Bahrain speedy recovery.

The NIHR reaffirmed the legitimacy of the right to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly, which are guaranteed by the Constitution and the National Action Charter, which we all celebrate its tenth glorious anniversary these days. The NIHR calls on all sides to show restraint and national responsibility in order to preserve Bahrain's national gains and constants. The NIHR condemned the excessive use of force which resulted in the death of two people and injury to many citizens, and calling for the need for an independent urgent and serious investigation to determine the circumstances and causes of such events. The NIHR also notes stresses the following points:

First: All citizens must join hands and rally behind the Leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of Bahrain, and Leader of historic and progressive achievements and reforms in order to continue the reform approach to take Bahrain to a promising and desirable future in all areas, emphasizing HM the King's ability to contain the internal developments of the situation as a symbol of national unity and protector of the provisions of the Constitution.

Second: The NIHR commends the positions taken by the Bahraini people showing love and loyalty to the Bahraini Leadership, and values the efforts made to by the people to protect national gains and achievements, and develop all potential to boosting the position of the Kingdom of Bahrain. The NIHR also emphasizes the ability of people of Bahrain to contain the internal developments of the situation and maintain he security and stability in the country.

Third: NIHR calls on all sides, institutions and citizens to respect

international charters and conventions which emphasize respect for human rights. It's also vital for the people to join forces and rally behind the Leader and work for the national unity.

For its part, the NIHR strives to emphasize respect for human rights, commitment to international conventions and treaties, and will continue to monitor internal political developments accurately, without any breach of any of its functions and terms of reference in this framework, as set forth in Royal Order on the establishment of the NIHR.