



Bahrain Human Rights Watch Society



The Shadow Joint Report from Three Bahraini's Human Rights Organizations for the 4th UPR Cycle (Kingdom of Bahrain)

## The protection of human rights in Kingdom of Bahrain

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Their belief is that freedom of expression and honest opinions are a fundamental right of all the people and a main pillar in building an advanced, developed and prosperous society, we stressed on the role of the media and the press and the National Action Plan for Human Rights.

These rights are not absolute, but may be subject to some restrictions such as the rights or reputation of others or to protect national security, public order, public health or public morals or to confront hatred and to support and perpetuate the values of tolerance, peaceful coexistence and respect for others.



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Freedom of opinion and expression in Bahrain is safeguarded by its constitution that guarantees every person the right to express their opinion without prejudice to the foundations of the Islamic faith and the unity of the people and in a manner that does not provoke division or sectarianism.

The Bahraini constitution also guarantees freedom of the press, printing and publishing in accordance with the terms and conditions stipulated by the law. It is also regulated by the Bahraini Press, Printing and Publishing Law that stressed the need not to prejudice it.

The press and the media in Bahrain have played a distinguished role in the development process of the Kingdom and have undertaken great responsibilities in defending, protecting and promoting human rights and establishing community awareness of human rights.

Bahrain does not suffer from any legislative vacuum regarding the work of the press and the media, but there is a need for amendments as a continuous matter in the state of institutions and law. It is difficult to separate human rights activities at the national level from human rights activities at the international level. The Kingdom, through working on and later on implementing the National Action Plan for Human Rights, unambiguously announces to its people and to the whole world its human rights agenda. 2

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The high number of votes that Bahrain obtained in the Human Rights Council and its membership in the Council three times are a clear expression of the appreciation of the international community of Bahrain's long-standing record and its great achievements that qualify the Kingdom to speak about them with pride in international forums.

The protection of human rights in Kingdom of Bahrain as the basic foundation for achieving development in its various aspects.

The Kingdom of Bahrain, is rich in pioneering human rights achievements and public freedoms.

The kingdom has become a model that enjoys international praise and appreciation, with the availability of national human rights, monitoring and judicial mechanisms that aim to protect human rights in the criminal justice system.

The Attorney General affirmed synergized judicial efforts to cope with the kingdom's future vision to promote human rights. He cited steps taken in this respect to ensure justice and enforcement of the law.



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Measures taken to enhance the kingdom's honourable record in protecting the children's rights and enforcing the Law on Restorative Justice for Children and Their Protection from Maltreatment.

The Public Prosecution was also keen on the effective implementation of the restorative justice systems introduced by the Bahraini legislation, which are based on compensating the victim, removing the damages arising from the crime, and rehabilitating and reforming the offender to return to a useful member of the society.

The Attorney General also pointed out the Alternative Penalties and Procedures Law, being one of Bahrain's most prominent legislative achievements in the human rights field.

The law is also regarded as a significant shift in the punitive policy to a broader scope by going beyond the painful meaning of restricting freedom to another type of penalty that can correct and guide the behaviour of the convict, commensurate with his personal or health conditions, without prejudice to the rights of the victims and the purposes of justice.