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FACTS ON BAHRAIN CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (BCHR)

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Bahrain Centre for Human Rights (BCHR)

Bahrain Centre for Human Rights was established in June 2002 with the objective to draw attention to the social and economic human rights situation in the country. The centre fights for a society free from discrimination with equal rights for everyone regardless of gender, religion, ethnicity and employment situation. Methods of work range from grass root mobilization in order to reach the ones who themselves are victims of violations, to campaigns directed at the country's authorities as well as reporting to the UN amongst others.

Vision: A prosperous democratic country free from discrimination and other human rights violations.

Mission:

1. To encourage and support individuals and groups to obtain and defend their own rights
2. To work for democracy and human rights in coherence with international conventions
3. To document and report on human rights violations in Bahrain
4. To influence international actors to create policies in coherence with the Universal Declaration on Human Rights

Objective:

1. To promote freedom and fundamental social, civil and economic rights
2. To prevent discrimination based on ethnicity and religion
3. To organize human rights education
4. To provide support and protection to victims of human rights violations and vulnerable groups in society
5. To be advocates in support of human rights at a local and international level

Activities:

BCHR's activities include information work, advocacy and lobbying, human rights education, seminars, and media campaigns, in addition to providing UN organs and international organisation with reports and documentation. The centre also participates in regional and international conferences and workshops, and has addressed national assemblies in Europe, the EU Parliament, and the US Congress.

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