

'Don't politicise objectives'

Human rights organisation told to be non-political and avoid taking biased stance

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The Kingdom has called upon the human rights organisations not to politicise their objectives and to avoid biased stances. This observation came during a recent forum titled "International Non-governmental Organisations and Institutions between Professionalism and Politicisation", which was organised by Bahrain Center for Strategic, International and Energy Studies (Derasat).

Deputising Foreign Affairs Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa at the forum was the Minister's Assistant for Foreign Affairs Ambassador Abdullah bin Faisal bin Jabr Al Dossari.

In his speech, Mr Al Dossari stressed that "human rights organisations, as their names indicate, are non-political. So they ought to advocate human rights through respect for human rights."

He also talked about the credibility of international human rights organisations, affirming that "they are voluntary and independent from governments."

He asserted Bahrain's respect for non-governmental



Mr. Al Dossari (left) while speaking during the forum.

organisations and its keenness on interacting and cooperating with them within the framework of national laws and on the basis of respect for human rights and relevant global conventions, to which the Kingdom is always committed.

He welcomed the role being played by non-governmental organisations in all fields including human rights, as far as they meet the credibility criteria such as objectivity and non-politicisation of human rights for hidden objectives and agendas.

At the same time, Mr Al Dossari affirmed that "national and international human rights organisations ought to be neutral and transparent and

should respect the law and steer themselves away from being selective, from adopting double standards or exploiting human rights causes to serve suspicious political goals."

"Some of these organisations are in the wrong direction, which affects their credibility. Their reports are biased to serve petty gains and hidden agendas and the information they contain are erroneous as they are not checked with national sources for consistency purposes and thus often turn to be poisonous instead of being neutral in highlighting whatever is positive," Mr Al Dossari commented.

He also cast doubts on

the funding of these NGOs: "There are big question marks with regard to their true goals and whether they are used to defend and protect human rights or used by foreign sides to ignite seditions, tear apart national unity and unrightfully infiltrate nations."

"They should also support national efforts to attain comprehensive and sustainable

development to serve the 2015-2030 development goals that were adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in its 70th Session," he added.

He reaffirmed that "the Kingdom of Bahrain, since its independence, was able to establish a modern democratic state of institutions and order of law that guarantees the right for establishing civil, scientific, cultural and

professional societies and trade unions, on the basis of national foundations and for legitimate goals and through peaceful means as per the conditions stipulated by law."

Several officials took part in the forum including Royal Court Special Envoy and former Information Affairs Minister Sameera Rajab, MP Mohammed Al Maarifi and other experts.

Municipality member demands investigation

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Muharrag Governorate's Seventh Constituency representative Sabah Al Dossari said that the Works, Municipality Affairs and Urban Planning was responsible for the delay of the Seef-Muharrag bridge and demanded an

investigation into the issue.

Ms. Al Dossari said that the residents had been facing difficulties in reaching their homes especially due to delay in the work.

She explained that the road that used to take one minute now needs at least 45 minutes.

The congestion reaches its worst level near the roundabout that leads to the main road, she said.

Highlighting the sufferings of the residents of Arad, Ms. Al Dossari demanded an investigation from the minister to find a solution that would solve the problems of residents.



Pioneer Jassim Al Zayani organised a VIP dinner at Mercure Grand Seef Hotel last night.

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