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<b>Country/ entity</b>	Bahrain
<b>Region</b>	Middle East and North Africa
<b>Agreement name</b>	Speech by King Hamad Bin Isa Al-Khalifi on Reform, 1 June 2011
<b>Date</b>	1 Jun 2011
<b>Agreement status</b>	Unilateral document
<b>Interim arrangement</b>	Yes
<b>Agreement/ conflict level</b>	Intrastate/intrastate conflict ( Bahraini Uprising (2011 - ) )
<b>Stage</b>	Framework/substantive - partial
<b>Conflict nature</b>	Government
<b>Peace process</b>	Bahrain: Reform-based peace process
<b>Parties</b>	King Hamad bin Khalifa
<b>Third parties</b>	-
<b>Description</b>	A short statement by King Hamad bin Khalifa on reform in Bahrain, in an attempt to accommodate conflicted groups, emphasizing the role of the media and the issuing of the largest yearly budget in Bahraini history.

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## Groups

Children/ youth	No specific mention.
Disabled persons	No specific mention.
Elderly/age	No specific mention.

Migrant workers	No specific mention.
Racial/ethnic/national group	No specific mention.
Religious groups	No specific mention.
Indigenous people	No specific mention.
Other groups	No specific mention.
Refugees/displaced persons	No specific mention.
Social class	No specific mention.

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## **Gender**

Women, girls and gender	No specific mention.
Men and boys	No specific mention.
LGBTI	No specific mention.
Family	No specific mention.

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## State definition

Nature of state (general)	Page 1, Who doesn't want more efficient and effective governmental performance? Or more efficient legislative representation? Or political and civic societies that operate within the framework of national unity and the rule of law?
State configuration	No specific mention.
Self determination	No specific mention.
Referendum	No specific mention.
State symbols	No specific mention.
Independence/ secession	No specific mention.
Accession/ unification	No specific mention.
Border delimitation	No specific mention.
Cross-border provision	No specific mention.

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## Governance

Political institutions (new or reformed)	No specific mention.
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Elections	Page 1, Based on the aforementioned, the byelection will come as an essential part of the national dialogue to complete the House of Representatives' membership to enhance the participation of all citizens in the development process, preservation of the national achievements, and sustainability of development and growth. We hope and truly wish the participation of citizens of our beloved homeland in these elections in all vacant constituencies, in order to realise the popular hopes of the 2010 elections.
Electoral commission	No specific mention.
Political parties reform	No specific mention.
Civil society	Page 1, Who doesn't want more efficient and effective governmental performance? Or more efficient legislative representation? Or political and civic societies that operate within the framework of national unity and the rule of law? Those who resist such aspirations act against the process of evolution, and ultimately, they cannot stop natural progress of people's lives.
Traditional/religious leaders	No specific mention.
Public administration	No specific mention.
Constitution	No specific mention.

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## **Power sharing**

Political power sharing	No specific mention.
Territorial power sharing	No specific mention.

Economic power sharing      No specific mention.

Military power sharing      No specific mention.

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### **Human rights and equality**

Human rights/RoL general      Page 1, Who doesn't want more efficient and effective governmental performance? Or more efficient legislative representation? Or political and civic societies that operate within the framework of national unity and the rule of law? Those who resist such aspirations act against the process of evolution, and ultimately, they cannot stop natural progress of people's lives.

Bill of rights/similar      No specific mention.

Treaty incorporation      No specific mention.

Civil and political rights      No specific mention.

Socio-economic rights      No specific mention.

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## Rights related issues

Citizenship Rights related issues→Citizenship→Citizen, general

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Page 1, Citizenship's connotation of loyalty, patriotism, pride in its identity and allegiance have all placed a great responsibility on journalists and the media in this crucial phase, which needs to heal the social rift, and work on the rationalisation of public opinion, maintenance of national unity, restoration confidence among all, wisdom and balance to generate positive communication on all levels. The press and the media are the identity of the reform project. We will continue our support to you so that you will be able to play your national role.

Democracy Page 1, We have worked throughout our reign to create a democratic life in which everyone could raise their demands freely through institutions furnished by this democracy. In adherence to these measures, and in support of the initiative of the crown prince, backed by the government and the legislative branch, and affirming what came in the National Unity Gathering's last statement that dialogue is a national strategic choice to reach the required and agreed upon solutions, we instruct both the executive and legislative branches to call for a national dialogue for an optimal outcome for the kingdom of Bahrain, and to take all necessary measures to prepare for this comprehensive, serious dialogue – without preconditions to begin early July of this year, in which all people could participate with their vision of the future.

Detention procedures No specific mention.

Media and communication

Rights related issues→Media and communication→Media roles

Page 1, It is our pleasure to meet with journalists and media personnel in our beloved kingdom. You are the leaders of public opinion, the enlightened power, the mediators and connectors between society's official and civic bodies. You are essential partners in the process of this country's development.

We would like to take this opportunity to underline our great appreciation for your noble work, as well as our everlasting commitment to upholding freedom of expression within the framework of political, cultural and intellectual pluralism. A free, impartial, and independent press is the backbone of democratic progress, and it plays a positive role in strengthening social cohesion, and in disseminating the spirit of affinity and love.

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Page 1-2, We meet today in a time in which the kingdom is proud of the political, defence, and financial support from our brothers in the GCC states, which reflect mutual respect between the GCC countries, and has also led, praise be to Allah, to the announcement of the largest budget in the history of the kingdom, after being approved by the government and legislature. This will strengthen the national economic process, affirming the importance of your media role, enriched by your analytical criticism and constructive opinions. The goal is to stimulate productivity, boost competitiveness, encourage and attract investments, and enhance human resource efficiency to enable everyone to play their role in the process of construction, development, and to create means to a decent life.

Page 2, In conclusion, despite the fact that what has occurred recently in Bahrain has hurt us deeply, we remain determined to honour our commitments before Allah and our people. Our confidence in journalists and in the media is high, and our hopes in you are higher. The Bahraini people are eager to obtain facts to enable them to shape a comprehensive national opinion without division among its people. We confirm to all journalists and media personnel in the kingdom of Bahrain that their freedom is preserved and their rights are safeguarded. Further, no one shall be harmed due to his peaceful, civilised expression of opinion in this state of law and intuitions.

May Allah guide us to the good of the kingdom of Bahrain and its loyal people. Peace, God's mercy, and blessings be upon you.

Mobility/  
access      No specific mention.

Protection  
measures      No specific mention.

Other      No specific mention.

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## **Rights institutions**

NHRI      No specific mention.

Regional or  
international  
human  
rights  
institutions      No specific mention.

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## **Justice sector reform**

Criminal  
justice and  
emergency  
law      No specific mention.

State of  
emergency  
provisions      No specific mention.

Judiciary  
and courts      No specific mention.

Prisons and  
detention      No specific mention.

Traditional  
Laws      No specific mention.

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## Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction No specific mention.

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Natural resources No specific mention.

International funds No specific mention.

Business No specific mention.

Taxation No specific mention.

Banks No specific mention.

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## Land, property and environment

Land reform/ rights No specific mention.

Pastoralist/ nomadism rights No specific mention.

Cultural heritage No specific mention.

Environment No specific mention.

Water or riparian rights or access No specific mention.

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### **Security sector**

Security Guarantees No specific mention.

Ceasefire No specific mention.

Police No specific mention.

Armed forces No specific mention.

DDR No specific mention.

Intelligence services No specific mention.

Parastatal/ rebel and opposition group forces No specific mention.

Withdrawal of foreign forces No specific mention.

Corruption No specific mention.

Crime/  
organised  
crime No specific mention.

Drugs No specific mention.

Terrorism No specific mention.

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## **Transitional justice**

Transitional  
justice  
general No specific mention.

Amnesty/  
pardon No specific mention.

Courts No specific mention.

Mechanism No specific mention.

Prisoner  
release No specific mention.

Vetting No specific mention.

Victims No specific mention.

Missing  
persons No specific mention.

Reparations No specific mention.

Reconciliation No specific mention.

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## Implementation

UN  
signatory No specific mention.

Other  
international  
signatory No specific mention.

Referendum  
for  
agreement No specific mention.

International  
mission/  
force/similar No specific mention.

Enforcement  
mechanism No specific mention.

Related  
cases No specific mention.

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