

King Hamad support to Press hailed

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His Majesty the King, Shaikh Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, was lauded for his stance towards the Bahraini Press, calling for law guarantees for freedom of the Press.

Chairman of the Bahrain Journalists Association Isa Al Shaygi said: "We are proud and privileged for his support to journalists to perform their duties in safety and tranquillity. This is not the first time but on several occasions that His Majesty has confirmed his support for the Press due to the King's faith in the importance of the role of the media in the democratic process in order to be an effective partner in the building up and development of our country without hindrance."

The chairman said: "Journalists hoped and wished to see modern law and a sophisticated Press, and we hope the members of Parliament lift restrictions on the media because the Press should be a responsible partner in the advancement of the homeland with His Majesty directing all state institutions towards their full responsibility in a transparent manner."