

BYSHR's Electronic Journalism Freedom and the Role of Blogs in Supporting Human Rights Workshop

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Goals

- Introducing the concept of Blogging
- Help set up blogs, and attract traffic
- Explain the ethics of blogging and basics of criticism within the boundaries of local press law.
- Explain blogging anonymously and overcome website blockage.
- Gather up a community of future bloggers and online activists.

Mohammed AlOthman's Presentation

- The ethics of Journalism
- The Press and Publication Law 47/2002 and its effect on journalism and blogging.
- Outlined Journalists Union analysis on the law and their recommendations on what should be changed and why.

Mohammed Al Maskati's Presentation

- History of trials and tribulations of blogging and journalism in general and the impact of the law and restrictions of freedoms of expression on Bahraini blogs and forums.
- How to blog Anonymously.

Mahmood Al Yousif's Presentation

- The Ethics of Blogging.
- Examples of how implementing those ethics will help not only to protect the blogger legally, but would also make the content of the blog much more professional and credible.

Overview

- Attendees of 15–20, average age of 20.
- First local public event to include bloggers and publicizing the blogging concept in Bahrain.
- Totally ignored by the press.