



NIHR Statement on the Death of a Detainee on Remand

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The National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) has received this morning a notification from the General Directorate of Reformation and Rehabilitation of the death of a 20-year-old Bahraini on remand at a detention center. He was isolated as a precaution in implementation of the preventive procedures and measures applicable to confront the Coronavirus (Covid-19).

The NIHR has also reviewed the statement issued by the General Directorate of Reformation and Rehabilitation about the incident, and the legal measures taken by the administration.

A delegation of the members of the NIHR's Council of Commissioners will conduct a field visit to the center concerned to verify that the precautions and measures taken to preserve the rights, safety and security of inmates are in line with human rights standards. At the same time, the NIHR stresses that the authorities concerned, especially the Public Prosecution and the Ministry of Interior, should take all necessary measures to expedite the completion of immediate investigation procedures.

The NIHR extends its sincere condolences and sympathy to the families of the deceased inmate, calling on Allah Almighty to grant them patience and solace.