

Statement by NIHR on the Revocation of the Citizenship of Sheikh Talib Al Murah and his Family and the Confiscation of their Funds

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The National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) deeply regrets that the Government of the State of Qatar has revoked the citizenship of Sheikh Talib bin Mohamed bin Lahoum bin Sharim Al Murah and 54 members of his family, including women and children, and confiscated their funds.

The NIHR calls upon the Qatari government to rescind this arbitrary decision and to return the citizenship back to Sheikh Talib bin Mohammed bin Lahoum bin Shraim Al Murah and his family, as well as their confiscated funds, as they have not committed any terrorist or illegal acts, calling upon the Qatari authorities to respect the freedom of opinion and expression guaranteed by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and all relevant international covenants and instruments.

The NIHR also calls upon the National Human Rights Commission in the State of Qatar by virtue of its legal position to carry out its assigned role to restore the nationality to Sheikh Talib and his family and to follow up on the recovery of their confiscated funds, confirming at the same time that this humanitarian issue is the responsibility of the National Human Rights Commission in the State of Qatar being a member of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI).