

NIHR's Statement on the Occasion of the Arab Human Rights Day

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The Arab Commission for Human Rights celebrates the Arab Human Rights Day that was adopted by the League of Arab States on 16 March every year, which marks the anniversary of the entry into force of the Arab Charter on Human Rights in 2008, within the framework of the League's interest in disseminating and promoting the culture of human rights and highlighting the importance of cooperation and coordination with various concerned institutions.

The theme of this year's Arab Human Rights Day is entitled: "Human Rights and Peaceful Coexistence", due to the great importance of this issue at the present time, which requires the resolution of any disputes by peaceful means with the cooperation of all parties and the work to restore and preserve national unity, which enshrines the principle of peaceful coexistence among the various components of the Arab societies, with the participation of everyone in the process of building these societies and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, which safeguard human rights and promote the principle of peaceful coexistence.

The annual celebration of the Arab Human Rights Day represents an opportunity to review legislations, policies and practices for the respect and protection of human rights in our Arab world, especially after the adoption of the Arab Court of Human Rights statute by the League of Arab States in 2014, which constitutes a qualitative and necessary step in the area of promotion, respect and protection of Arab human rights.



For its part, the NIHR praises the peaceful coexistence among various components and groups of Bahraini society under the reform project of His Majesty King Hamad Bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of Bahrain, may God protect him, and the respect for pluralism and protection of all rights guaranteed by the Constitution of the King of Bahrain and the National Action Charter of Bahrain.

The NIHR is pleased to share this occasion with national and regional human rights institutions and bodies and takes this opportunity to work for the enhancement and protection of human right, for this Day to be a day of attention and interest by the Arab states to the rights of their societies and citizens and a witness to the extent of progress and achievement in support of human rights and promotion of peaceful coexistence, respect for pluralism and acceptance of the other.

The NIHR further stresses its continuous attempts to promote and protect human rights in the Kingdom of Bahrain, which are guaranteed by the Arab Charter on Human Rights, in cooperation with all local and regional partners and stakeholders, in activation of its wise mandate emphasized by its Establishment Law according to the Paris Principles, which govern the work of national human rights institutions, by contributing to the development of policies on human rights enhancement, development and protection in the Kingdom of Bahrain, in order to promote, advance, preserve and protect the human rights principles.

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