



Statement by NIHR on the Dismissal of 27 Bahrainis from Qatari Airways

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The National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) followed-up on the appeal by the Bahraini employees of the Qatar Airways whose contracts have been terminated upon receiving letters from the Station Manager at Bahrain Airport on 5 September 2017 stating the termination of their employment contracts with the company.

The NIHR emphasizes that the right to work and workers' rights are important principles on which the human rights are based, and that the right to decent work is guaranteed in international human rights instruments and is the source of human dignity, family stability and the key to the prosperity of societies.

The NIHR therefore urges all relevant parties, especially the Qatari Airways owned by the Qatari government, to respect this right, based on the principles enshrined in the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the relevant International Labor Organization conventions, the Arab Charter on Human Rights and the Gulf Human Rights Declaration.