

Statement by NIHR

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The National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) followed-up on what was reported by the social networking sites on the allegation concerning some pupils at Hamad Town Intermediate School for Girls and the concerns raised about the promotion of a prohibited medical drug, and watched a video that contains a talk about practices contrary to the behavior in an educational environment. It also reviewed a statement by the Ministry of Education about taking the necessary measures in this regard, and followed-up with the Ministry of Interior on the same issue.

The NIHR appreciates the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, the Prime Minister, to open a comprehensive investigation of the incident in order to find out the facts, punish the violators and prevent the recurrence of such events, as well as the statement by the Public Prosecutor's office that it would open an extensive investigation and take all the measures as per the law in order to uncover the truth.

The NIHR hereby stresses the importance of the right to education guaranteed by the Constitution, national legislation and international conventions, being a fundamental human right, as well as the importance of providing a safe environment for receiving education and securing human rights.

Through its legal and regulatory position, provided for by its Incorporation Law, the NIHR will follow-up on this important issue with all the concerned parties to ensure that no rights are violated and that everyone enjoys all their rights, including the right to education.