



Statement by NIHR on World Day against Trafficking in Persons 2019

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On 30 July every year, countries throughout the world, including the Kingdom of Bahrain, celebrate the World Day against Trafficking in Persons, in order to highlight the crime of trafficking in persons around the world, which is a violation of human rights, and touches thousands of men, women and children. The UN Office on Crime and Drugs focuses in this year's celebration on the importance of government work in the service of victims of trafficking in persons. Although many States have legal legislation relevant to the Protocol to Prevent Trafficking in Persons, such practices still exist in some countries, prompting the UN Office to call for concerted efforts by all States to achieve cooperation and action against this crime and related crimes, through the use of social networking sites on the two hashtags: #HumanTrafficking and #EndHumanTrafficking.

The NIHR appreciates the significant role of the Kingdom of Bahrain in the fight against trafficking in persons, as the Kingdom continued to be among the most developed and successful countries in combating trafficking in persons (TIER 1) for the second consecutive year as per the US Department of State report 2019 on the classification of countries in the area of combating trafficking in persons, which confirms the success of the adopted policies and measures thanks to the unlimited support by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the King of the country, may Allah protect him, and his directives and vision aimed at safeguarding and protecting human rights in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The NIHR reiterates that it works within its broad mandate, stipulated in its Incorporation Law as per the Paris Principles relating to the status of the national institutions, to follow up the extent of commitment to the international conventions and treaties ratified by the Kingdom of Bahrain in the area of human rights. Furthermore, it calls for continued effective cooperation among all Government and non-government parties to work together to contribute to the fight against trafficking in persons by raising awareness of cases of trafficking in persons and the suffering of its victims and promoting and protecting their human rights.