



Statement by NIHR on the Prisoners on Hunger Strike at the Correction and Rehabilitation Centre in the Jaw Region

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The National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) announces that the prisoners on hunger strike at the Correction and Rehabilitation Centre in Jaw have decided to stop the hunger strike as of yesterday September 11, 2023 after the actual commencement of the improvement of the services provided.

The NIHR would like to clarify that following the third field visit made by its delegation to the Correction and Rehabilitation Centre, during which it met with the Centre's officials and a number of prisoners, the hunger strikers began having their meals, and reported the actual commencement of the improvement of the services, and that some of those services needed some time or legislative intervention.

A number of prisoners explained to the NIHR's delegation that visiting hours have been reorganized, and the free open-air hours and the numbers allowed for call have been increased. The prisoners made a number of observations related to the improvement of healthcare at the centre, which were recorded by the delegation and will be presented to the competent authorities in Government hospitals.

The NIHR confirms that it will follow-up with great interest all files related to the rights of prisoners in light of the end of the hunger strike, stressing its keenness to consider all requests submitted by prisoners to ensure that they enjoy their rights stipulated in national legislation and relevant international covenants.