



**Statement by the NIHR on the Follow-up to the Results and Recommendations of the Joint Meeting it organised with Officials of the Relevant Authorities and Representatives of Prisoners at the Correction and Rehabilitation Centre**

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In continuation of the field visits earlier made by a number of commissioners of the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) to the Correction and Rehabilitation Centre (Jaw), the NIHR states that it continues to follow-up on the actions taken with regard to the observations and recommendations it submitted to the concerned authority, through what was agreed upon in the joint meeting organized by the NIHR between officials of the Correction and Rehabilitation Centre, the medical staff affiliated with government hospitals at the Centre's clinic, and representatives of the inmates, to follow-up on a number of issues, including the provision of healthcare to inmates, which is a basic right for all members of the society and is a guaranteed constitutional right.

The NIHR's recommendations concluded with the importance of coordinating government hospitals with the Centre's administration with regard to the provision of appropriate types of healthy food in the grocery store as per the schedule prepared by the nutritionist, especially for requiring cases, the provision of some necessary medical supplies in the grocery store whose possession does not pose a safety risk to inmates, and taking measures to provide medical services to prisoners in a timely manner, since work should be done to ensure that all appropriate conditions are provided to enjoy this right and ensure its continuity, including the continued provision of specialized doctors, qualified nursing staff, medicines and devices and dispensing them in a timely manner, in order to preserve the health of everyone until achieving the highest possible level of health, the provision of all facilities for individuals to enjoy this right, working to find out a clear and organised mechanism for the work of the medical clinic to receive inmates' requests, especially cases that require immediate medical intervention, the provision of medicines at appropriate times, especially during weekends and other official holidays, and quick referral to the clinic doctor, specialists and consultants.

The NIHR also affirms its full commitment to preserving the rights of everyone, especially inmates in correction and rehabilitation centres or pretrial detention centres, in order to ensure that they enjoy their rights stipulated in national legislation and relevant international standards, and that it will continue to deal and communicate with the relevant authorities to find the best ways and means to reach appropriate solutions to improve the quality of the services provided, and to find out a mechanism that ensures the provision of medical service to the inmates in a short time.

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