

## Statement by NIHR on the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons

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On 30 July each year, the world community, including the Kingdom of Bahrain, celebrates the World Day against Trafficking in Persons in order to remember the dangers of the phenomenon of trafficking in persons as a serious crime and a flagrant violation of human rights, affecting thousands of men, women and children who fall prey at the hands of traffickers, whether in their countries or abroad.

This year's occasion is celebrated under the theme "reach every victim of trafficking, leave no one behind", in order to urge governments, law enforcement agencies and civil society to exert more efforts to identify and support victims, end impunity and work to speed up response and crime prevention.

On the occasion of the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) commends the Kingdom of Bahrain's tireless efforts in the field of combating trafficking in persons, and its full commitment to the standards related to combating this phenomenon by establishing the institutional structure in various government agencies by establishing an integrated system that provides prevention, protection, justice and fairness to all parties without any discrimination, which is reflected by the report of the US Department of State, in which it maintained its international position in dealing with this crime alone by achieving the tier 1 for the sixth year in a row.

On this occasion, the NIHR states that it constantly works to achieve its role in following-up the commitment to the international conventions and treaties ratified by the Kingdom of Bahrain in the area of combating trafficking in persons, and at the same time calls for more awareness in this regard, and encourages those concerned around the world to work to develop policies and manage national resources to enhance preventive measures and end impunity.