



NIHR Statement on International Workers' Day

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The Kingdom of Bahrain celebrates International Workers' Day on the first of May each year, in recognition of workers' contributions and their sincere efforts in supporting the path of comprehensive development, as well as their effective role in building and advancing the nation. Workers are regarded as a fundamental pillar of productivity and progress.

On this occasion, the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) commends the vital role of workers across various sectors and affirms the necessity of safeguarding their rights and ensuring their full enjoyment of all rights guaranteed under the Constitution, national legislation, and relevant international conventions. Foremost among these are the rights to decent work, a safe working environment, fair wages, and non-discrimination.

The Institution also values the efforts exerted by the Kingdom of Bahrain in the field of protecting and promoting workers' rights, through the development of the legislative framework and the adoption of policies and programs aimed at improving working conditions, promoting the principles of justice and equality, and entrenching international labour standards. These efforts contribute to establishing a work environment based on respect for rights and duties, reflecting the Kingdom's commitment to its human rights and humanitarian approach.

The National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) affirms that it continues to monitor and assess the extent of the Kingdom of Bahrain's compliance with relevant international agreements and treaties concerning workers' rights, through its oversight and advisory mechanisms, and in cooperation with national stakeholders and civil society organizations. This contributes to promoting the principles of decent work, reinforcing social justice, combating discrimination, and ensuring a safe and fair working environment that preserves the dignity of all workers.

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