

## **Statement by NIHR on the Arab Day for Human Rights**

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The Arab Human Rights Committee (the Charter Committee) of the League of Arab States celebrates the Arab Day of Human Rights on March 16 every year, marking the anniversary of the entry into force of the Arab Charter on Human Rights in 2008, after being adopted in Tunis Summit, in order to highlight the achievements of Arab countries in the human rights field, through constructive cooperation and joint efforts.

This year's occasion is celebrated under the theme “**The right to health**”, in order to create appropriate conditions that allow each individual to enjoy the highest possible level of health, especially under the exceptional circumstances of COVID-19 facing all countries of the world.

On the occasion of the Arab Day for Human Rights, the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) highly appreciates Kingdom of Bahrain's professional and humanitarian response to COVID-19 pandemic to protect the right to health without compromising the rights and freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution and international and regional instruments related to human rights.

On this occasion, the NIHR states that it will continue to follow-up and monitor the adherence to international and regional treaties and conventions on human rights, especially the Arab Charter for Human Rights, and calls for continued cooperation and joint action on local, regional and international levels in order to promote and protect human rights.